

Community Church of Boston
A Peace and Justice congregation since 1920

sunday forums

October 2009
Sundays at 11:00a.m.

October 4th -- GORDON SCHIFF, MD

"Homecoming Sunday"

Dr. Schiff will discuss the current status and prospects for U.S. health care reform. He will present his perspectives on why a non-for profit public national health insurance plan (aka Medicare for all or single payer) is the best approach for access, cost, and quality and ways current congressional approaches detour from the road to real reform. His emphasis will be on the quality-enhancing role of a universal public plan. He will update the congregation on ways they can help advocate for needed reform of the health system.

Gordon Schiff is a practicing internist and Associate Director, Center for Patient Safety Research and Practice, Brigham and Women's Hospital and Associate Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School.

October 11th -- Indigenous Peoples' Day

"Tantanka Wopila" ("Thank You, Buffalo Nation")

We will watch and discuss this 20-minute video about the extermination of the Buffalo and how it was carried out by the U.S. government, led by Gen. William Sherman, to starve all Native Americans they could not defeat in war. By the late 1800s/early 1900s, the last surviving herd in North America was in Yellowstone National Park--the grandparents of most of today's existing herds. However, they are now threatened by the Cattle Associations of Wyoming, Montana, North & South Dakota, which want unchallenged use of the park.

October 18th -- Non-Violence or Violence to Resolve Conflict (part I)

SUZANNE BELOTE SHANLEY

"Non-Violence and Reconciliation with Nations at War"

Suzanne Shanley was co-founder in 1982 with her husband of the Agape Community, now at Ware, MA. Agape is a "lay Catholic, residential community which includes ecumenical outreach and practice, rooted in a vision of prayer, evangelical simplicity, non-violent education & witness in the world."

Agape folk participate in actions against war, peace vigils, tax resistance & civil disobedience when called. The community will have just hosted its annual St. Francis Day celebration--an Interfaith Dialogue on War and Peace.

October 25th -- Non-Violence or Violence to Resolve Conflict (part II)

LANA HABASH

"Pacifism through the Eyes of Its Victims"

People around the world continue to resist the genocidal violence of Anglo-American colonialism and imperialism by the means available to them. Pacifists maintain that non-violence is the only legitimate response. What effect does the promotion of pacifism have on the struggles of colonized people and the survivors of western imperialism? Join us for a discussion of pacifism-- through the eyes of its victims.

Lana Habash is a Palestinian mom and organizer. Her work focuses on the struggle to free Palestine and other anti-racist/anti-colonial struggles. She is a member of the New England Committee to Defend Palestine, the Qawem Coalition, and Jericho Boston.

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