

**Community Church of Boston**  
*A Peace and Justice congregation since 1920*

# sunday forums

**September 2008**  
Sundays at 11:00a.m.

## **SEPTEMBER IS BACK TO SCHOOL MONTH!**

**September 7th -- Homecoming Sunday**

**JASON LYDON**

**"The Impact of Education in Our Lives"**

After a long time away from one another we come back together to celebrate our community, tell stories of our summer, and inspire ourselves about the season to come. Please remember to bring a stone, shell, or water symbolic of or from your adventures this summer. As September is Back-to-School themed, Jason's talk will be on the impacts of Divinity School in his life, from his mother and step-father meeting at BU Divinity School to the implications Jason's enrollment in Divinity School has on the Community Church.

**September 14th -- BOSTON YOUTH ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**

**"Youth Organizing Around Public Transportation"**

BYOP is a youth-led, adult-supported organization that works for social change and justice in the Boston area. Each year BYOP youth organizers choose a number of campaigns to work on in individual schools as well as on a citywide basis. One of the major campaigns continuing from last year is the campaign for the youth way on the MBTA. This campaign focuses on the rights of young people to have access to affordable and equitable use of the MBTA for school, after school programs, and work.

BYOP has been located on the 5th floor of the Community Church of Boston since summer of 2005.

**September 21th -- JESSE MERMELL**

**"You Can't Judge Learning with a Standardized Test"**

The National Center for Fair & Open Testing (FairTest) advances quality education and equal opportunity by promoting fair, open, valid and educationally beneficial evaluations of students, teachers and schools. They also work to prevent the misuses of testing practices that impede those goals. FairTest places special emphasis on eliminating the racial, class, gender & cultural barriers to equal opportunity posed by standardized tests and preventing their damage to the quality of education.

Jesse Mermell is executive director of FairTest and former executive director of the Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus (MWPC), a non-profit, non-partisan organization founded to increase the number of women in elected and appointed position in Mass. It provides hands-on assistance to women who are at the forefront of Mass politics; during Mermell's tenure, MWPC-endorsed candidates for elective office enjoyed a win rate of over 90%! An activist in the Mass Democratic Party, she is a member the Brookline Board of Selectmen and the board of directors of the Planned Parenthood League of Mass Advocacy Fund.

**September 28th -- ACTIVISM AS A SUNDAY**

**"Youth Way on the MBTA"**

After learning about the campaign for the Youth Way on the MBTA the Community Church of Boston will spend the 4th Sunday of September taking action in solidarity with young people struggling to gain access to equitable public transportation. This Sunday will be the first of others to come where we spend our time as a congregation taking to the streets and including public witness as part of our regular routine.

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Park at the Back Bay Garage for \$3 on Sunday until 1:30 with a special sticker available from the church.

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