

Community Church of Boston
A Peace and Justice congregation since 1920

sunday forums

May 2013
Sundays at 11:00a.m.

May 5th -- TINA CHERY

"Transforming Pain and Anger into Power and Action"

Tina Chery is the founder and president of The Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, named in memory of her 15-year-old son who was murdered on his way to a Christmas party with a group he had joined about three weeks earlier: Teens Against Gang Violence. The Institute was founded in 1994 to assist and support families of homicide victims in the City of Boston. Today, the Peace Institute works with schools, families (both of victims and offenders), and communities to promote peace and unity. It is a place for families to turn in the wake of violence, offering resources and counsel to help those confronted with the death or arrest of a loved one.

May 12th -- Mothers' Day & Nakba Commemoration

ZENA OZEIR

"65 Years Later: The Ongoing Nakba"

Zena will give a talk commemorating the 65th anniversary of the Nakba, or the "catastrophe", which displaced over 750,000 Palestinians in 1948. The talk will explore the work that is being done regarding the Right of Return of Palestinian refugees, including the Right of Return Conference that she recently helped organize this past April at Boston University. Since this talk is occurring on Mother's Day, she will also be discussing the gendered facet of life under Israeli occupation, thus revealing the contradiction of speaking about the rights of Palestinian women without highlighting the occupation, colonialism and other forms of gendered violence.

Zena Ozeir is President of Boston University's Students for Justice in Palestine and was a co-organizer of the Right of Return Conference that was held at Boston University this spring.

May 19th -- SISTER CLARE CARTER

"Buddhism in the Modern World"

Sister Clare Carter is a member of the Nipponzan Myohoji Japanese Buddhist order, which focuses on healing modern civilization from materialism and violence by bringing human beings back to their spiritual foundations. The basic practice of the order is walking, beating a prayer drum, and chanting the prayer Namu-myoho-renge-kyo in order to bring peace into the world. Following this teaching, she has participated in many local and regional walks, and in some international walks such as the Interfaith Pilgrimage for Peace and Life from Auschwitz to Hiroshima (1995), and retracing the journey of the trans-Atlantic slave trade in the Interfaith Pilgrimage of the Middle Passage (1998-1999).

May 26th -- Memorial Day weekend

COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

"Healing from Tragedy and Resisting a Bigoted Backlash"

Community Church of Boston is located in Copley Square, not far from the finish line of the Boston Marathon where fatal bombings took place on 4/15. Events such as these challenge our communities in several ways as we deal with trauma from the bombings themselves, the ensuing police and military response, and the predictable xenophobic and Islamophobic backlash. Join us for a guided community discussion as we sort through feelings and ideas about how we might best respond.

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