

## Catholics for Peace and Justice

### March 2009 Newsletter

This month marks the 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the war and occupation of Iraq. It also marks the 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a grassroots movement of Catholics, now called Catholics for Peace and Justice, who came together to oppose the war and confront the silence of the leadership of our Church. On Thursday, March 19, at 7 pm we will once again join together to continue our vigil. Our Prayer for Peace will lead to a Rally and March in community with other peace and justice organizations in our area on Saturday, March 21. Details on both these events are in the Newsletter.

Second, I apologize in advance for the length of the newsletter this month. At the same time, its length broadly demonstrates the commitment of the many people in our community who yearn for peace and justice in our world and are willing to commit themselves to the journey.

May God continue to grant us the faith to believe we can "Make a Difference" in this world.



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## **Prayer Service for Peace Commemorating the Beginning of the War in Iraq – Thursday, March 19, 7pm**

On Thursday, March 19 at 7 pm Catholics for Peace and Justice will once again gather together at the Joan of Arc Chapel on the Marquette campus to commemorate the beginning of the war in Iraq, the founding event that brought Catholics for peace and justice from Southeastern Wisconsin together in a grassroots community to pray and act for peace. On this 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the war, confronted with an extension of a promised withdrawal, in the wake of escalating violence in Israel and Afghanistan, we must continue our efforts to seek peace.

**Speaker Fr. G. Simon Harak**, Director of the Marquette Center for Peacemaking, will address the issue of **Peace in Iraq and the Middle East**. Please plan to join us for this important service. All are welcome and invited. Please promote within your parishes and personal networks.

[Flyer](#)

Directions to the Joan of Arc Chapel <http://catholicsforpeaceandjustice.org/doc/CampusMap.pdf>

**NEXT PRAYER SERVICE FOR PEACE:** Thursday, April 23, 7 pm at St. Alphonsus in Greendale.

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## **SSND Special Peace Service: 6th Anniversary of the Iraq War – Thursday, March 19, 4pm**

**From S. Lillia Langreck**

Peace Service at Notre Dame of Elm Grove, 13105 Watertown Plank Road

4:00-4:30 prayer Service in APR Room (room near the lobby entrance)

4:30-5:00 Public witness on Watertown Plank Road

Please join us in praying and advocating for PEACE.

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## **Rally & March on the 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Iraq War and Occupation – Saturday, March 21, 1pm**

Milwaukee. Yes We Can: End the Occupation of Iraq & Afghanistan! Fund Human Needs Not War! Saturday, March 21 at 1 pm at Civic Square/Clas Park, 10<sup>th</sup> and Wells (south side of the Milwaukee County Court House). Sponsored by the Milwaukee Coalition for a Just Peace – a consortium of peace and justice organizations in southeastern Wisconsin.

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## **2009 Peace Conference: “Cultivating Global Peace: Nurturing the Seeds Within” – Sunday, April 19**

**Save the Date for Sunday, April 19th, 2pm - 5:30 pm** for the annual greater Milwaukee peace conference to be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church West at 13001 W. North Ave. Brookfield. The conference is free and all are invited to attend. Catholics for Peace and Justice is co-sponsoring this event.

### **Featured Speakers:**

**Philip Chard**, Psychotherapist & Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel columnist, will speak on “War’s Unseen Wounds: The Impact on Psyche and Soul”. Chard will examine the psychological and spiritual wounds that war inflicts on both individuals and our collective psyche and culture.

**Dr. Robert Ricigliano**, Director of the UWM Institute of World Affairs and UWM Peace Studies Program, will share his experience with international conflict mediation and creating conditions for peace.

**Plus**, we will have speakers on local efforts to empower people to act collectively for peace and justice.

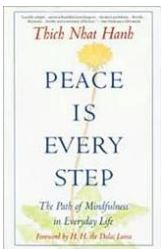
**Major Sponsors:** Candlelight Coalition, Unitarian Universalist Church West, and Catholics for Peace and Justice

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## **Just Books – Peace is Every Step by Thich Nhat Hanh**

### **From Jim, Marni and Carol**

Join the new CPJ Book Club, JUST BOOKS. Maybe you’ve heard of the successful “Seattle Reads” or “Oprah’s Book Club”, where large numbers of people read the same book at the same time, followed by optional one-time group discussions. CPJ has started its own similar club to get a large number of folks reading a peace/justice related book in order to raise consciousness on the topic. Our second book is described below. The book is available on line and from book stores. Information on the optional one time group discussions will follow via email.



In the rush of modern life, we tend to lose touch with the peace that is available in each moment. World-renowned Zen master, spiritual leader, and author Thich Nhat Hanh shows us how to make positive use of the very situations that usually pressure and antagonize us. For him a ringing telephone can be a signal to call us back to our true selves. Dirty dishes, red lights, and traffic jams are spiritual friends on the path to "mindfulness" -- the process of keeping our consciousness alive to our present experience and reality. The most profound satisfactions, the deepest feelings of joy and completeness lie as close at hand as our next aware breath and the smile we can form right now. Lucidly and beautifully written, *Peace Is Every Step* contains commentaries and meditations, personal anecdotes and stories from Nhat Hanh's experiences as a peace activist, teacher, and community leader. It begins where the reader already is -- in the kitchen, office, driving a car, walking a part -- and shows how deep meditative presence is available now. Nhat Hanh provides exercises to increase our awareness of our own body and mind through conscious breathing, which can bring immediate joy and peace. Nhat Hanh also shows how to be aware of relationships with others and of the world around us, its beauty and also its pollution and injustices. The deceptively simple practices of *Peace Is Every Step* encourage the reader to work for peace in the world as he or she continues to work on sustaining inner peace by turning the "mindless" into the mindFUL. "This book of illuminating reminders bid us to reorient the way we look at the world...toward a humanitarian perspective." --Publisher Weekly

In this modern spiritual classic, a world spiritual leader and Zen master shows how to adapt simple Zen principles for daily living and the way to peace--the first practical book on the subject since Zen Mind, Beginner's Mind. Peace Is Every Step offers ways to use everyday events--washing dishes, eating a meal, sitting in traffic--in the quest for peace and fulfillment.

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### **The World Social Forum – Presentation by Participant George Martin – Tuesday, March 3**

#### **Marquette Center for Peacemaking**

George Martin, a national and worldwide leader in Peace and Justice issues, has just returned from Brazil, where he presented at the "World Social Forum" - the largest gathering of progressive groups in the world. George Martin will present to us on what he saw and heard there and will speak on the issue of militarism and human suffering. Please join us on Tuesday, March 3rd, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm on the Marquette Campus in Marquette Hall 200. Free and open to the public.

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### **Fast and Prayer for Peace**

#### **From MU Peace**

Every Wednesday in Lent, starting Feb. 25th and continuing on March 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th from 4:30-5:30pm a group of citizens will hold an hour of prayer and fasting on the Marquette University campus in an effort for Marquette University "To Stop Military Training for War on campus." "Teach War No More". Email MUPeace@nonviolentworm.org or call 414 379 4162 to find the location for a particular Wednesday.

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### **Peace Action Educational Series on Occupied Palestine – March**

#### **From S. Virgine Lawinger**

Four Wednesdays in March at 7 pm. Location : Peace Action Center, 1001 E. Keefe, Milwaukee

March 4: Anna in the Middle East: A Jewish-American's stories of occupied Palestine

March 11: Occupation 101

March 18: The Iron Wall

March 25: Eyewitness Account of the Occupation

Documentary films, presentations & discussion - Please call 414-964-5158 for more information and to register for this free series (or just come).

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### **Familias Unidas Campaign - Reunion for Immigrant Families – Sunday, March 22**

#### **From Carl Malischke**

Just yesterday, February 24th, the Obama administration executed the FIRST WORKSITE RAID of his administration outside Seattle in Bellingham, WA. Twenty-eight workers, including three mothers, were chained and arrested as part of an ICE enforcement operation in a factory in Bellingham.

[\(http://www.immigrationforum.org/\)](http://www.immigrationforum.org/) For more information on the raid go to:

[http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/nationworld/2008781541\\_webraid24m.html](http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/nationworld/2008781541_webraid24m.html), and,

<http://www.bellinghamherald.com/590/story/806909.html>

If you visit these stories, you will see a lot of ugly comments being posted which reflects the sentiments of some in our country.

I know you don't share those sentiments. In fact, I know that you care. I know you as people of faith and solidarity.

I know that you care about the estimated 12 million "undocumented" who are here, continue to come, or have been deported.

I know you care about justice, and a just mechanism for immigration.

I know you care about families, and family unity.

### **But what can you do about it, you ask?**

Well, what I'm counting on is that you resonate with Jesuit Fr. Dean Brackley who teaches at the University of Central America in San Salvador, when he said "...the faith requires that we, too, stand with them, that we be a Church of the poor." (for a Lenten reflection read the two part message of Dean Brackley at [http://www.thinkingfaith.org/articles/20090218\\_1.htm](http://www.thinkingfaith.org/articles/20090218_1.htm), and [http://www.thinkingfaith.org/articles/20090220\\_1.htm](http://www.thinkingfaith.org/articles/20090220_1.htm))

One thing you can do is to find out what's really going on with our immigration system and policies and practices. To see how people in our communities are being affected. And to show your concern and support. And to pray and work for reform.

### **How, you ask? By being part of the FAMILIAS UNIDAS Campaign!**

On Sunday afternoon, March 22nd, at St. Adalbert's Catholic Church here in Milwaukee, beginning at 5pm, over 1000 people are expected to show up for a rally and reunion of immigrant families. This is an event for the entire state of Wisconsin, organized by churches from around the state. This event is one of 15 similar events supported by the National Hispanic Caucus with leadership provided by Congressman Luis V. Gutierrez from the 4th District of Illinois in Chicago. (go to: <http://luisgutierrez.house.gov/PRArticle.aspx?NewsID=1359> ) From our own 4th District Congresswoman Gwen Moore also be in attendance as testimony to her support.

The purpose of the event is to continue the drive for comprehensive immigration reform in the first 100 days of the Obama administration. The purpose of the event is also to affirm families, especially immigrant families from our own communities here in Milwaukee and throughout Wisconsin and the entire country. (goto: <http://www.charityadvantage.com/CentroRomero/Familiasunidas.asp> )

This is an interfaith gathering. Many church pastors and leaders will be there. With our support immigrant citizens of the United States will muster the strength to give testimony. Congressional and civic leaders will be there. Members of many faith communities will be coming together as members of the one Body of Christ. And we will affirm and support the immigrants in our midst, especially those whose families are being torn apart by our current immigration laws and enforcement actions. And we will demand comprehensive immigration reform.

You'll be hearing more about this event soon. I hope you will BE THERE.

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### **A Nation of Immigrants: Exploring Immigration Policy Reform. Saturday, March 28**

Join us at an educational forum as local experts discuss the history of immigration, current immigration policies, and the contributions of immigrants to our economy. Local immigrants will also share their personal immigration stories.

Registration – 8:30 a.m.: Program – 9:00 a.m. – Noon - Carroll University Union, Second Floor Ballroom (corner of East Ave. and College Ave., Waukesha)

This event is free and open to the public. Contact Sarah Hawks with questions at 262-547-0887. Event Sponsored by SOPHIA [Stewards of Prophetic Hopeful Intentional Action]

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## **Meeting Legislators at the State Capitol – March 10 and 31**

### **Catholics at the Capitol – Tuesday, March 31**

A day of education and advocacy, sponsored by the Wisconsin Catholic Conference (WCC), for all those interested in learning more about Catholic Social Teaching and the call to the faithful to advocate for justice. Participants will attend breakout sessions on social justice issues and meet with their legislators.

The conference schedule, agenda, and registration forms are available on the Archdiocese web site at <http://www.archmil.org/aboutus/ShowEvent.asp?ID=7202&date=3/31/2009>

To facilitate travel, the Office of Social Justice Ministry has chartered a coach bus for the conference. The cost for the bus is \$20.00 per person, round trip with pick ups at State Fair and Goerke's Corners. Details and registration can also be found at <http://www.archmil.org/aboutus/ShowEvent.asp?ID=7202&date=3/31/2009>.

### **Interfaith Gathering at the Capitol – Tuesday, March 10**

In today's economic crisis and during this difficult budget season, faithful voices are needed to ensure that Wisconsin's laws and policies embody the values of compassion, fairness and the common good.

Join us for the first biennial People of Faith United for Justice, a one-day interfaith gathering at the State Capitol in Madison to meet with legislators and their staff to advocate for issues that are important to our community and the residents in the state of Wisconsin.

Come to learn more about key issues, build relationships with legislators and experience the energy that comes from working with others for justice to help bring about policies that embody the values that matter to you. (Visit our website at [www.interfaithconference.org/events.htm](http://www.interfaithconference.org/events.htm) for more information about the advocacy issues.) Visit

<https://s07.123signup.com/servlet/SignUp?Info=&P=1531998191158273500&PG=1531998182300> for details and schedule.

Tuesday, March 10, 2009, 9:30 am - 4:00 pm at Bethel Lutheran Church, E.L.C.A., 312 Wisconsin Avenue, Madison, WI. Registration & Lunch: \$25/person by March 3. After March 3: \$35 (lunch not guaranteed) Questions? Contact Nicole at 414-276-9050 or [nicolec@interfaithconference.org](mailto:nicolec@interfaithconference.org)

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## **An Evening with Jonathan Kozol: Public Education, Poverty, Race and Segregation - Monday, March 9th**

UWM Distinguished Lecture Series: 7:30PM - Union Wisconsin Room. Advance tickets: UWM Students FREE, \$5 Non-UWM Students, \$10 General Public. Door: \$8 Students, \$10 Staff/Faculty/Alumni, \$12 General Public

Join us for an evening with Dr Jonathon Kozol, internationally known author and spokesman on issues relating to educational reform, urban education, and social justice. Dr. Kozol has researched, written and devoted four decades of his life to issues of education advocacy and social equality. Jonathan Kozol embodies a fusion of intelligence, experience, and resolve. Some books by Kozol include Death at an Early Age (National Book Award), Rachel and Her Children (Robert F. Kennedy Book Award), Savage Inequalities (New England Book Award), The Shame of the Nation (New York Times bestseller), and Letters to a Young Teacher.

Tickets may be purchased at the UWM Bookstore by calling 414-229-4201 or 1-800-662-5668. For more information, contact UWM Union Sociocultural Programming, 414-229-6998.

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## **Hunger in Our World – A Lenten Invitation from St. Gabriel - March**

### **From Barb Schultz**

Accept a Lenten Invitation: In light of the theme of Solidarity for Catholic Relief Service's 2009 Operation Rice Bowl, the Human Concerns groups of St. Gabriel and St. Mary of the Hill parishes in Hubertus invite you to a series of presentations during Lent focused on hunger.

A complex combination of factors including an increase demand in food and energy, low food stocks, poor harvests and weak credit has contributed to a global food crisis impacting not just people in the developing countries. We see it here at home with rising food prices in our local stores. The worldwide financial downturn is making matters worse for the poor among us.

We offer these sessions as an opportunity for you to enrich your Lenten journey within our faith community. We sincerely hope you will be able to attend some or all of them.

### **An Overview of Catholic Social Teaching - March 1, 6:30-7:30 pm at St. Gabriel**

Catholics for Peace and Justice (CPJ) is a Catholic organization of laity and clergy whose beliefs and actions are rooted in Sacred Scripture and Catholic social principles. Using USCCB's Communities of Salt and Light, Barbara Schultz, a member of CPJ and St. Mary of the Hill parish, will present an overview of Catholic Social Teaching and the role of our parishes in the social ministry of the Catholic Church.

### **Catholic Relief Service's Operation Rice Bowl - March 8, 6:30-7:30 pm at St. Mary of the Hill**

This Lent, our faith community will join millions of U.S. Catholics by participating in Operation Rice Bowl. Learn about Catholic Relief Services and how our participation in Operation Rice Bowl is an act of Solidarity with our brothers and sisters in need.

### **Hunger in our Community - March 15, 6:30-7:30 pm at St. Gabriel**

Charlene Malson, Director of the St. Boniface-St. Gabriel Food Pantry relates the services of this ministry to the hungry in our Germantown-Richfield Community and how it works. Hear the personal story of a witness and how you can be involved.

### **Responding to the Call to Solidarity - What can I do? - March 22, 6:30-7:30 pm at St. Mary of the Hill**

Hunger Task Force is a private, non-profit community organization that exists to prevent and alleviate hunger in our community. Laura Richards, Organizer for "Voices Against Hunger" shares experiences of hunger and poverty in Milwaukee and the 2009 Advocacy Agenda for the Hunger Task Force.

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## **Community Organizing - Attend COMMON GROUND U Training**

### **From Debra Schneider**

**What is Common Ground U?** It is an opportunity to learn about community organizing, how it works, and how to build power as an organization.

Common Ground U is designed to strengthen the leadership capacity and culture of organizations participating in Common Ground and to teach leaders the skills necessary for successful public action. Individuals or parish groups associated with Catholics for Peace and Justice [i.e. members or newsletter subscribers] can attend Common Ground U.

### **Institute Topics**

- WHY ORGANIZE? The history, traditions and values of our religious and secular organizations.
- HOW TO ORGANIZE individual relational meetings, listening sessions, research, negotiations and action.
- HOW TO STRENGTHEN our institutions. Intentionally engaging people in a relational, action-oriented and reflective culture.
- HOW TO DIFFERENTIATE between general problems and concrete, winnable issues.
- HOW TO NEGOTIATE for the common good.

### **Who should attend?**

Individuals who are interested in learning about community organizing and how to lead successful actions  
Individuals who would like to be on Catholics for Peace and Justice core team for Common Ground.  
Individuals who are interested in participating in a Common Ground action team on Health Care, Housing, Youth, Jobs, or Crime.

[The Brochure with Registration form can be found here.](#)

### **TRACK 2– SATURDAYS, MARCH 14 AND 21**

LOCATION: Bayview United Methodist Church, 2772 S Kinnickinnic Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53207

DATE: Saturday mornings, March 14 and 21

TIME: 8:15 am to 1:00 pm

[a continental breakfast will be provided]

**COST - \$15 MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY, March 9** (scholarships are available) – make checks payable to Southeastern Wisconsin Common Ground.

**TO REGISTER** – Fill out the [registration form in the attached brochure](#) and send with your \$15 registration fee to: Southeastern Wisconsin Common Ground, 833 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53233.

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### **The Muslim-Catholic Women's Dialogue on Religion and Community – March 19**

**From Thelma Walker**

Thursday, March 19, 6:30-8:00pm, Lumen Christi Catholic Church, 11300 N. St. James Lane, Mequon, WI

This events is free and open to the public. Questions may be directed to the Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Concerns, 414-769-3483 or [longdinj@archmil.org](mailto:longdinj@archmil.org).

For further details and a flyer announcing all events for 2009, go to <http://www.archmil.org/events/ShowEvent.asp?ID=7348&date=2/19/2009>

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### **Peacemakers the al-Risala Way with Dr. Irfan Omar – March 18**

**Marquette Center for Peacemaking**

Wednesday, March 18, 4 - 5:30 pm, AMU 163. Dr. Irfan Omar received the Center for Peacemaking's 2008 Rynne Fellowship to study "Peacemakers the al-Risala Way: Wahiduddin Khan's Theology for Nonviolent Activism." He will share his research with the Marquette and Milwaukee communities. Sponsored by the Marquette Center for Peacemaking.

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### **The Dhamma Brothers: A Documentary on Meditation Practice in Prison – Wednesday, March 25**

Two Free Screenings with a Panel of Experts including the Filmmaker:  
March 25 at 7 p.m. in the UWM Union Theatre, 2220 E. Kenwood Boulevard

An overcrowded maximum-security prison—the end of the line in Alabama's correctional system—is forever changed by the influence of an ancient meditation program.

The Dhamma Brothers tells a dramatic tale of human potential and transformation as it closely follows and documents the stories of the prison inmates who enter into this arduous and intensive program. It challenges assumptions about the nature of prisons as places of punishment rather than rehabilitation and raises the question: Is it possible for these men, some of whom have committed horrendous crimes, to change?

[http://www4.uwm.edu/hbssw/news\\_and\\_events/dhamma\\_brothers.cfm](http://www4.uwm.edu/hbssw/news_and_events/dhamma_brothers.cfm)

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## **Faith and Sustainability**

### **From Carol Waskovich Coordinator, Urban Center for Sustainability**

One of the church members gave me a book the other Sunday that she was sure I would appreciate since it related to my work with the Urban Center for Sustainability. I recognized the author right away – Clive Cussler – and it was a book I hadn't read. If you're familiar with Cussler's novels, you know you're in for a good action-packed mystery, sprinkled with science. It only took a few chapters for me to know why my friend thought I'd find the book interesting. Blue Gold is all about greed, control, and money. But the gold in this case is water. Drought, the low levels of the Great Lakes, polluted rivers and streams are going to make clean fresh water a very valuable resource and the bad guys very rich.

Sound like pure fiction? I'm afraid not. As one of the characters says, "Fresh water is less than ½ of 1% of the world's total water stock. What remains is seawater, or it's locked up in ice caps or in the ground. A lot of our water is too polluted to use. And the world needs more of it every day." This can be a real outcome of climate change according to real scientists. What are we going to do when we start running out of water or other resources? What are we going to do when people from the desert West come back to the Great Lakes area? We have only the water we have. And there won't be Cussler's action heroes to make things right for us.

That's the same question Margaret Swedish asks in her book, Living Beyond the "End of the World": A Spirituality of Hope. What kind of people are we going to be? Are we going to get beyond our affluence, our mind-numbing consumerism and those technologies that keep us from seeing reality and the limits of the resources of our planet? What kind of people are we going to be when world population hits 9 billion and all of us need water, food, work, shelter?

I invite you to spend some time with Mother Earth, consciously rejoicing in her gifts that we take for granted; repenting of our greed in wasteful, unthinking usage.

I invite you to consider doing one thing to protect the earth today. Maybe together we can be the action heroes to make things a little bit better.

Save the date: Saturday, April 25, noon to three: Earth Care Resource Fair at Blessed Trinity Parish, 38th Street and Courtland. Green Living to Bring Peace!

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## **Sustaining the World, Sustaining Our Souls Luncheon Lecture Series - 5 TUESDAYS IN MARCH**

Sponsored by the Peace and International Issues Committee of the INTERFAITH CONFERENCE of GREATER MILWAUKEE

March 3, 19, 17, 24, 31 2009, Noon to 1:30 p.m. at the First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee – a Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 1342 N. Astor St., Milwaukee

\$45.00 - series of five, \$10.00 - individual sessions, Includes a simple vegetarian lunch

March 3, 2009 – 'Living Beyond the "End of the World"', Margaret Swedish, Director, Center for New Creation and author

March 10, 2009 – "Global Warming in the Driver's Seat", George Stone, Ph. D., Dept of Physical Science, MATC

March 17, 2009 – "Great Lakes Water Woes: The Waukesha Conundrum", John Krezowski, Ph.D., Director, University Safety and Assurances, UW-M

March 24, 2009 – "Global Economy", Mary Botari, Director of Global Trade Watch's Harmonization Project

March 31, 2009 – “One Chicken, Two People, Three Meals – An exploration of our food system, how we lost our way, and how we can get back on track”, Young Kim, Executive Director of the Fondy Food Center

Margaret Swedish will open our minds and hearts with a reflection related to each speaker’s message.

For more information, call the Interfaith Conference at 276-9050, or <http://www.interfaithconference.org/events.htm>

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### **Interfaith Earth Network Youth Event - "Realize the Worth of Serving the Earth" – March 29**

Join other high school youth gathering from different congregations to become better acquainted with the natural link between ecology and faith. It's important for our young people to get excited about ecology, and to build relationships with people of different faith traditions. It's also important for adults to lead the way, and encourage them to attend, even if stretches them beyond their comfort zone!

Details are included the flyer which can be found at <http://interfaithearthnetwork.org/IENFiles/YouthGroupEvent.3.29.09.pdf> . Please contact Lisa with your estimate of how many young people you will be bringing. She would like to hear from you by March 1 regarding your plans to attend.

**Date: 29 March 2009 - 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

Location: Plymouth United Church of Christ, 2717 E. Hampshire Street, Milwaukee, WI 53211

For more information contact Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart at 414-545-6006 or at [lisa@tomorrowspresent.org](mailto:lisa@tomorrowspresent.org)

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### **Sustaining Cities: Urban Lost and Found - Annual International Conference - April 17-18, 2009**

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[http://www4.uwm.edu/CIE/research/conferences/Sustaining\\_Cities/index.html](http://www4.uwm.edu/CIE/research/conferences/Sustaining_Cities/index.html)

Big, rich, and first world: Cities fitting these descriptions have garnered much attention in their efforts to be sustainable. Yet how are other communities faring? This conference examines the impact of development on big cities but also on small towns. It considers urban redevelopment of old industrial cores as well typically unexamined spaces that have become the new nexus of social and cultural interaction.

Program: [http://www4.uwm.edu/CIE/research/conferences/Sustaining\\_Cities/program.html](http://www4.uwm.edu/CIE/research/conferences/Sustaining_Cities/program.html)

Participants: [http://www4.uwm.edu/CIE/research/conferences/Sustaining\\_Cities/participants.html](http://www4.uwm.edu/CIE/research/conferences/Sustaining_Cities/participants.html)

To Register: [http://www4.uwm.edu/cie/conference\\_reg.cfm?con\\_id=20](http://www4.uwm.edu/cie/conference_reg.cfm?con_id=20)

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### **The US and the Changing Global Order - April 2**

George F. Kennan Forum on International Issues. Institute of World Affairs - UWM Center for International Education

**Pabst Theater - April 2, 2009, 4 - 6 pm.**

Join the Live Broadcast on Wisconsin Public Radio - 90.7 FM (WHAD)

#### **Featured Panelists:**

Thomas Donnelly - Resident Fellow at the American Enterprise Institute

Nina Hachigian - Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress

Moderated by: Ben Merens - Wisconsin Public Radio

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### **Alverno College Discussions on the Middle East**

#### **"Journey from the Land of No: A Girlhood Caught in Revolutionary Iran" – Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30–8:30 p.m.**

Lively discussion of Roya Hakakian's best-selling book "Journey from the Land of No: A Girlhood Caught in Revolutionary Iran." Hakakian's moving memoir recounts her past as a girl growing up in the second largest Jewish community in the Middle East -- Tehran -- during the takeover by the Ayatollah Khomeini. She vividly paints pictures of a changing Iran -- from what at first seemed like an exciting liberating revolution in 1979 to what evolved as a reign of religious persecution, censorship and political strife. Alverno College professors Zohreh Emami and Amy Shapiro will facilitate the discussion. This event is offered by the Institute for Educational Outreach. This book is available in the Alverno Bookstore (414-382-6334). Fee: \$25. Call 414-382-6200 for information.

#### **Alverno Debate, "Our" Middle East/Whose Middle East? Official Versions/Historical Perspectives, Thursday, April 23, 7:00-9:00 p.m.**

No part of the world seems to bewitch or bewilder us Americans as much as the Middle East. Arguably, there are probably more divergent perceptions and misperceptions about this part of the world than any other geographic area. The one thing many of us agree on is the need to better understand the people, politics, history and culture of a region that has become so intertwined in our own fate and fortune. Join us for an intriguing and engaging evening of discussion among panelists who have exceptional expertise and familiarity with the Middle East. Program is free and open to the public.

Alverno Event Calendar [http://www.alverno.edu/news\\_events/calendar.html](http://www.alverno.edu/news_events/calendar.html)

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### **UWM Great Decisions Series on International Issues for March**

Great Decisions Series 2009 - UWM's Institute of World Affairs introduces its 2009 "Great Decisions" Series. Featuring an array of prominent experts, the series will convene Tuesday evenings, January 20 through March 10, from 7 PM until 8:30 PM in the UWM Union's Union Ballroom. The Union is located at 2200 E. Kenwood Boulevard in Milwaukee. Admission: FREE for Institute of World Affairs Members, UWM Faculty & Staff, and all area students. \$5 for the General Public.

March 3: Russia: Confrontation or Partnership with Irina Bystrova of the Russian Academy of Sciences/Fulbright Scholar

March 10: Global Food Crisis: Rethinking the Economics of Hunger with Erick Fernandes of The World Bank

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### **Prayer Reflection**

#### **James 4.1-7a**

[1] What causes wars, and what causes fightings among you? Is it not your passions that are at war in your members? [2] You desire and do not have; so you kill. And you covet and cannot obtain; so you fight and wage war. You do not have, because you do not ask. [3] You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. [4] Unfaithful creatures! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. [5] Or do you

suppose it is in vain that the scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit which he has made to dwell in us"? [6] But he gives more grace; therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble."  
[7] Submit yourselves therefore to God

### Prayer

God of Love, our hearts desire you above all else,  
yet we allow our hearts to wander from you to other wants  
and dissent your contemplative presence.

Bless our Lenten pilgrimage and the journey of our heart  
so that we may draw closer to Your Word,  
Your Unconditional Love, Who dwells in us.

May each day of our Lenten journey reveal more clearly our sacred communion with you,  
and bring your peace and justice to the violence in our world,  
particularly in the Middle East.

We ask you this, Source of all Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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