

Pax Christi USA

NATIONAL CATHOLIC PEACE MOVEMENT



(continued from page 1) These are available online at www.coc.org/election2008. The Sisters of Mercy of the Americas have materials focusing on the issues of Poverty, Earth, Immigration, Nonviolence, Racism, and Women, available online at www.sistersofmercy.org. And the US Conference of Catholic Bishops' Faithful Citizenship election statement and resources are available at www.faithfulcitizenship.org. Additionally, NETWORK, a national Catholic social justice lobby, offers training and workshops locally to empower parishes, local peace groups, and individuals to engage effectively in the election and beyond. Visit their Website www.networklobby.org, and consider organizing a workshop in your area.

Although the elections in November are appropriately the focus of much work these days, we know that building a just, peaceful, and sustainable world is a much larger project than any single election. Pax Christi USA members work for just such a world day in and day out, every year. By deepening our own understanding and commitment to the nonviolence of Jesus, Pax Christi USA members like you continually aid in moving the "arc of history to bend toward justice," to paraphrase Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s famous quote. As an organization, Pax Christi USA connects members, supports local organizing efforts, develops spiritual and educational resources, organizes events, and communicates regularly with members, the public, and political and Church leadership on issues of peace and social justice. It takes time, talent, and

of course, financial resources to make it all happen. So I ask you today to prayerfully consider an extra gift to Pax Christi USA, above and beyond your regular membership dues. These extra gifts from members like you are crucial in providing the organization the ability to do all the important work upon which so many folks rely. So please, take a moment and write a check today and return it with the Pursuit of Peace Fund slip enclosed in this mailing. Or you can visit our secure Website at www.paxchristiusa.org to make a tax-deductible donation online. Whatever amount you can manage to give will be effectively used and deeply appreciated.

Our work continues as we move beyond the election to affect fundamental changes in U.S. policy at home and around the world. I know that I can count on your help as Pax Christi USA continues to bring the Good News of nonviolence and justice, peace and reconciliation to our war-weary nation and world and continues to build a movement committed to the nonviolence of Jesus in our Church and across our nation.

In peace,

Dave Robinson
Executive Director, Pax Christi USA

Job Announcement: Young Adult and Campus Outreach Coordinator

Pax Christi USA, the national Catholic peace movement, seeks a passionate advocate for social justice to facilitate organizing, training, and community-building on college campuses, in high schools, and among Pax Christi USA's 18-35 year-old members.

Qualified candidates for this entry-level position will have a solid familiarity with Catholic Social Teaching, prior involvement (as a participant or leader) in youth and/or campus ministry, and a demonstrated commitment to nonviolence. Facility with communications technologies, knowledge of internet-based organizing and social networking, fluency in Spanish, as well as a clear desire for personal, spiritual, and professional development required.

Responsibilities include extensive travel and interaction with Pax Christi USA's grassroots network of local groups, high school chapters, campus groups, religious communities, parishes, and coalition partners nationwide. Public speaking, event and campaign coordination, writing and editing, working with inter-faith and secular coalition partners, and advancing Pax Christi USA's commitment to anti-racism are among the core duties of this position.

Position based in Washington, DC. Salary and starting date negotiable. Full benefits include health care (including dental), vacation/holidays, training, and ongoing opportunities for growth and development.

Please send resume, cover letter, and two writing samples to:
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PEACEMAKING: Day by Day

"The first thing to be disrupted by our commitment to nonviolence will be not the system but our lives."

- James Douglass

* This quote and hundreds more are available in Pax Christi USA's *Peacemaking Day by Day*, Volume II. To order your copy, visit our Website, www.paxchristiusa.org, or contact our sales department for more information at 814-453-4955, ext. 231 or sales@paxchristiusa.org.

After many long years of raising a voice in the wilderness, those of us committed to nonviolence and an end to the war in Iraq can take some comfort in recent developments and upcoming initiatives. On August 10th, Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari told Reuters News Service that any agreement defining the future relationship between the United States and Iraq must include "a very clear timeline" to withdraw U.S. troops. This is the clearest challenge to the Bush Administration's effort to consolidate power in Iraq through a long-term agreement that would commit U.S. forces to remain in Iraq indefinitely.

But while the Iraqis challenge the terms of any future relationship, it remains critical that we continue to pressure presidential and congressional candidates to end the occupation. On September 20th a bold antiwar initiative will seek to reach a million U.S. voters with a message to end the war and occupation of Iraq. PCUSA is an organizational partner in this Million Doors for Peace initiative. (See the full story on page 6.)

Military occupation will not bring peace to Iraq. What is desperately needed is the emergence of an indigenous, nonviolent movement in Iraq that will bridge ethnic and sectarian divides to build civil society and foster national reconciliation. Even as the occupation and violence continue in Iraq, Iraqi activists have organized a campaign to build just such a nationwide movement for nonviolence. Pax Christi USA has partnered with September 11th Families for Peaceful Tomorrows and others to support this fledgling movement for nonviolence and the development of civil society in Iraq.

More information appears on page 6 of this newsletter.

As we look to the future of our own work to build a nonviolent movement for personal and social transformation here in the United States, we recognize that our efforts will fall short if we do not commit to nurturing the next generation of peacemakers. Therefore, Pax Christi USA is seeking to hire a full-time Young Adult and Campus Outreach Coordinator. A job announcement for this position appears on page 8. I ask you to help us in identifying a passionate and skilled young person to fill this critical position.

With the elections just ahead, a number of organizations have developed excellent briefing materials for Catholics dealing with a range of issues and informed by Catholic Social Teaching. A Common Good Platform was developed through a grassroots process created by NETWORK, Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good, Pax Christi USA, and others who collaborated on the July Convention for the Common Good in Philadelphia, and is available online at www.votethecommongood.org. Excellent briefing materials are also available from a number of organizations with whom Pax Christi USA regularly partners. The Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns' "Loving Our Neighbor in a Shrinking World" includes an election guide, reflections on the Sunday readings, and video resources and is available at www.maryknollogc.org/2008elections/index.htm. The Center of Concern's "Election 2008: Voting the Common Good" provides resources on immigration, international relations, jobs and outsourcing, poverty, Iraq and security, health care, and climate change. (continued on page 8)

PALM BEACH PAX CHRISTI, BISHOP JOIN IN DEATH PENALTY VIGIL

On July 1 during the execution of Mark Dean Schwab by the state of Florida, members and friends of Pax Christi Palm Beach (FL) joined with the Palm Beach Diocese's Respect Life Office in a silent execution vigil on the lawn of St. Ignatius Cathedral. Bishop Barbarito participated along with members of the Office of Black Catholics and the Respect Life Ministry. Television and newspaper reporters were present during the hour of prayer, and the vigil was featured in several media outlets.

PAX CHRISTI ATLANTA/ST. JUDE HOST MIDDLE EAST SPEAKERS ON RECONCILIATION

Pax Christi Atlanta and Pax Christi St. Jude (GA) were privileged to host an amazing afternoon in April, thanks to our friends at Catholic Relief Services. Israeli Rami Elhanan and Palestinian Mazen Faraj, members of the Bereaved Parents' Circle/Family Forum and self-proclaimed brothers, offered their stories and shared their pain at losing family members to the violence in the Middle East. Elhanan's fourteen-year-old daughter was killed by a suicide bomber on her way with friends to buy schoolbooks; Faraj is the third generation to grow up in a refugee camp, now with his own young family, after losing his father to Israeli gunfire as he returned home with the evening's dinner. Both men have joined almost five hundred other Israelis and Palestinians who have chosen a path to peace and reconciliation rather than retaliation. Each hopes membership in the organization will fall rather than grow, as the only membership requirement is loss of a loved one. The movie, *Encounter Point*, is an excellent resource for beginning to understand the complexities of their lives.

PAX CHRISTI NORTHWOODS COMMEMORATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PEACE PASTORAL

Pax Christi Northwoods (WI), based at Holy Family Parish in Woodruff, WI, hosted a program commemorating the 25th anniversary of the U.S. Bishops peace pastoral, *The Challenge of Peace*, on May 4. Michael Cullen, well-known longtime peace activist and now a deacon of the Superior Diocese, gave the main presentation, speaking from his own experience both in this country and in Ireland. A personal friend of Dorothy Day, he named her and others in the peace

movement who have been his mentors. The talk, attended by about sixty people, was given within the context of a prayer service and followed by refreshments and informal sharing. PC-Northwoods was one of approximately thirty local groups to take part in Pax Christi USA's "Ten Days in May" campaign, aimed at commemorating the peace pastoral and renewing the discussion on faith and peace in our time.

PAX CHRISTI MICHIGAN HOSTS PCART SPEAKERS FOR REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Pax Christi Michigan hosted its 27th Annual State Conference, "Neither Servant Nor Master: Sisters and Brothers All," this past spring at Cristo Rey Church in Lansing, MI. The keynoter was Jeanette Rodriguez, theologian, Vice-Chair of the PCUSA National Council, and member of PCUSA's Anti-Racism Team. Twelve workshops were offered, one of which was presented by PCUSA Ambassador of Peace Tom Cordaro on "White Privilege." Among the over 200 participants, at least fifty were Latino/a parishioners of Cristo Rey who came to support their pastor, Fr. Fred Thelen, recipient of PCM's Annual Purple Ribbon for Peace Award, a practice that was initiated in 1993 during the first U.S.-led invasion against Iraq. University of Michigan student Jennifer Mills received the fifth Annual Young Adult Peacemaker Award for her efforts in organizing a bus and inspiring other students, parishioners of St. Mary Student Chapel (Ann Arbor), and even her own father to join the SOA protest/vigil at Ft. Benning, GA.

PAX CHRISTI USA HOSTS OVER 300 PARTICIPANTS AT PRE-CONVENTION EVENTS IN PHILADELPHIA

Pax Christi USA hosted two special events prior to the Convention for the Common Good in Philadelphia, July 10-11. The events—"The War Abroad, The War at Home: Building a Movement to Reverse Course," and a National Catholic Teach-in on the War in Iraq—drew over 300 participants each. Speakers included Marie Dennis, Dr. Arturo Chavez, Tom Cordaro, George Lopez, Frida Berrigan, Dave Robinson, Eric LeCompte, Sr. Arlene Flaherty, Bishop Walter Sullivan, Joshua Casteel, Donna Grimes, Joseph Fahey, and moderator Jean Stokan. PCUSA also celebrated Bishop Walter Sullivan's 80th birthday at the event and recognized Eric LeCompte as the 28th Pax Christi USA Ambassador of Peace.

SAVE THE DATE!

Please join us

PAX CHRISTI USA
the national Catholic peace movement

will present its
2008 Teacher of Peace Award to
Mary Joan and Jerry Park

Founders and co-directors of Little Friends for Peace (LFP)
Since 1981, LFP has taught nonviolence and conflict resolution skills to thousands of children, teachers and caregivers, with the conviction that peace can and should be taught at an early age and practiced every day.

2008 Eileen Egan Peace Award to
Rev. Vien Nguyen

Pastor of Mary Queen of Vietnam Church, New Orleans, LA
After Hurricane Katrina hit in August 2005, Rev. Nguyen led his parishioners in a phenomenal effort to reclaim and rebuild their homes and church. Their extraordinary story is one of faith, hope and the power of community.

Saturday, September 20, 7 p.m.
National 4-H Youth Conference Center
7100 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815
Suggested donation \$20 • Light hors d'oeuvres

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Visit our website at www.paxchristiusa.org

PCUSA at SOA:
Save the Date!

You are invited to join Pax Christi USA for its annual evening of discussion in conjunction with the SOA/WHINSEC vigil outside the gates of Ft. Benning, Columbus, Georgia.

The Pax Christi USA event will be
Friday evening, November 21.

Please watch the Website for the location, date, and speakers.

Keep Hope Alive:
Leave a Legacy of Peace

Leaving a gift in your will to a cause you care about is one of the most meaningful ways to show your support! Please consider including Pax Christi USA in your will and make a difference for generations to come.

The Catholic peace movement's growth and financial stability depend on the generosity of our members like you. A bequest to Pax Christi USA is an excellent way to continue your support and commitment to our shared mission of peace and justice! No matter how large or small your gift, it really will help to continue the work that is so vital for a just world.

For information on remembering Pax Christi USA in your will, or for a free copy of our booklet, "How To Make A Will That Works," which offers answers to many of the questions you may have about writing your will, please contact our Development Department at 814-453-4955, ext. 238, or by email at tessa@paxchristiusa.org

Netroots and Grassroots Mobilize for Unprecedented Anti-War Effort: Million Doors for Peace

by Maude Bauschard, USAction Program Manager

The anti-war movement is preparing for one of its most ambitious activities to date. On September 20th, 2008, the grassroots and netroots will collaborate around Million Doors for Peace (MDP), a national day of outreach to identify and organize an anti-war constituency. Rather than hold a massive anti-war demonstration in Washington that receives little attention from Congress, war opponents will talk to their neighbors and present them with a petition calling on every member of Congress to end the war.

To reach a million Americans in a single day, the MDP coalition will activate 25,000 volunteers in all fifty states. Peace groups have never implemented such an elaborate communication and organizing plan before now, but with new and traditional communications tools available, the coalition anticipates success with this ground-breaking, grassroots project.

The MDP coalition will launch its Website in early September. The site's main feature will include a tool that allows individuals to get involved in MDP activities. The volunteer will enter her or his home address and based on that location can get plugged into local MDP activities.

In some cases, the volunteer may live near MDP coalition partners who are coordinating a traditional, grassroots canvass. Such an activity would include professional canvass training and canvass walk lists (or phone lists), as well as a report-back process that will allow volunteers to share stories, pictures, and video of their day. But most importantly the group canvass will provide a central location to return signed petitions.

However, if volunteers choose not to participate in the group canvass, or if a coordinated group canvass is not available in their area, they will be able to download and print a walk list of forty nearby residents. The volunteer will literally talk to neighbors about ending the war. Afterward the individual volunteers are asked to share their MDP stories along with their final petition. The Website will include other useful tools for these individual volunteers including a canvass training toolkit, instructional video, and messaging materials. All information included in the canvass lists is obtained through public records.

As of August 12th, MDP coalition partners include: Catholics United, Cities for Peace, MoveOn.org, Pax Christi USA, Peace Action, Progressive Accountability, United for Peace & Justice, USAction & TrueMajority.org, and Win Without War. For more information about MDP, please email milliondoors@truemajority.org or call Maude Bauschard at 202-263-4523.

Project for Promoting Nonviolent Solutions in Iraq: LaOnf

Pax Christi USA has joined an International Solidarity Campaign to support LaOnf, a network of Iraqis who are building a nonviolent movement for a free, stable, and peaceful Iraq. The Campaign in the United States is coordinated by Peaceful Tomorrows, the network of September 11th family members working for peace. In addition to Pax Christi USA, additional organizational partners include Voices for Creative Nonviolence, the Fellowship of Reconciliation, and Nonviolent Peaceforce.

The LaOnf network, formed in 2006, connects civil society organizations and associations from across Iraq's ethnic groups and religions and is committed to the belief that a peaceful future for Iraq depends upon strengthening civil society and empowering local peace and reconciliation networks. In two years, the number of groups has reached 100. In 2007, LaOnf member organizations created a week of coordinated nonviolent actions that took place in ten of Iraq's eighteen governorates. The next week of nonviolence is planned for early October 2008.

The first stage of the International Solidarity Campaign involves public education on the movement in Iraq. Pax Christi members are encouraged to host a DVD screening in September of the documentary "Mesalla: Activists in Iraq," which chronicles the 2007 week of nonviolent action organized of LaOnf activists in Iraqi Kurdistan. For more information and to sign up to host a screening, see www.peaceful-tomorrows.org or call Anne Mulderry (member of Peaceful Tomorrows and Pax Christi from the Albany area) at 518-758-6882.

PAX CHRISTI USA PUBLISHES CRITICAL BOOK ON THE "WAR ON TERROR"

At the Convention for the Common Good in Philadelphia in early July, Pax Christi USA hosted the launching of a new book critical of the Bush Administration's "war on terror." The book, *Be Not Afraid: An Alternative to the War on Terror*, was written by Pax Christi USA Ambassador of Peace Tom Cordaro, and hailed as an essential read for peace activists and others by the likes of storyteller and theologian Dr. Megan McKenna; scripture scholar Ched Myers; and Donna Grimes of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Nearly 200 copies of the book were sold at the Convention, with over one in four Convention participants purchasing a copy. The book is available from Pax Christi USA.

PCUSA NATIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Fr. Chris Ponnet was elected to the PCUSA National Council from the regional slate in this year's election; Diane Lopez Hughes and Pearlette Springer were re-elected from the at-large nominees. The first meeting of this National Council was in August 2008.

CORRECTION TO MAY MAILING, PC SOUTH DAKOTA

The May 2008 PCUSA membership mailing contained a news item about John Dear speaking at the "Growing Peace" conference in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, hosted by the Presentation Sisters' Social Justice Team. The notice should have said that the event was co-sponsored by local PC groups of South Dakota.

Pax Christi USA Names Eric LeCompte a PCUSA Ambassador of Peace

Eric LeCompte was named the 28th Pax Christi USA Ambassador of Peace at the Pax Christi USA gathering in Philadelphia, PA, prior to the Convention for the Common Good in early July. The following is from the presentation given by John Kelly, PCUSA National Council member, at the event.

Today we name Eric LeCompte to join 27 others who have been recognized as Ambassadors of Peace during the 36-year history of Pax Christi USA. The Ambassador of Peace is a recognition and designation. The title recognizes the gifts that individuals have given to grow the Pax Christi movement and designates the person as an official representative of Pax Christi.

Eric has been active in Pax Christi chapters and in regions in Minnesota, Illinois, and New York. Eric has served on the national staff of Pax Christi producing action resources, organizing events, and supporting the program work of the organization.

Eric was one of the early organizers of the Pax Christi Young Adult Forum, and he organized national retreats and gatherings that drew upwards of 400 young adult organizers. Eric has planned three national actions for Pax Christi USA, including shutting down the Yorktown Naval weapons station. He has organized or co-organized four national assemblies for Pax Christi USA.

From 2000 to 2007 he served on the National Council, encouraging the organization to be prophetic

and strategic and was elected as the youngest National Council Chair in Pax Christi's history. He served as Chair of Pax Christi USA from 2003-2006.

For more than fourteen years, Eric has been active in movements for social transformation. He has been active in the Catholic Worker movement. He is a writer, organizer, retreat leader, trainer, and a coveted national speaker on human rights and peace.

As the lead organizer for the School of the Americas Watch—over the last nine years—Eric has grown the national organization from three staff people to nine full-time people in three offices, including an office in Latin America. Through his organizing, the national demonstration has grown from an annual demonstration of 8,000 people to more than 25,000. Under Eric's leadership, SOA Watch's most recent measure to defund the school failed by only six votes in the House of Representatives, and this past May they won a vote to force the school to release the names of graduates which the school has been hiding for the last three years. Additionally, SOA Watch has successfully encouraged five Latin American countries to withdraw from the School of the Americas. The campaign has grown to include almost every national religious body and union across the United States.

Today we are pleased to name Eric LeCompte a Pax Christi Ambassador of Peace.

Time to Talk with Iran, Pax Christi Leaders Say

June 12, 2008, Washington, D.C.—Pax Christi USA, the national Catholic peace and justice movement, joined Congressional representatives, current and former presidential candidates, and representatives from organizations at both ends of the political spectrum in promoting direct, bilateral, and comprehensive talks without preconditions between the governments of the United States and Iran. The Campaign for a New American Policy on Iran (CNAPI) and the Enough Fear Campaign organized the “Time to Talk with Iran” event and press conference on the Terrace of the West Side of the Cannon House Office Building on Tuesday, June 10. With the U.S. Capitol backdrop, Pax Christi USA’s Fr. Joseph Nangle, OFM, and Executive Director Dave Robinson joined Representatives Barbara Lee, Lynn Woolsey, Ron Paul, Marcy Kaptur, and Sheila Jackson-Lee, as well as Bob Barr, the Libertarian Party’s Presidential nominee, in calling on red “hotline” telephones to Iran and speaking with ordinary Iranian citizens. The Iranian citizens included a 60-year-old petroleum engineer, a software engineer, a French Literature professor, and a high school student.

“As one of the faith groups supporting this campaign, Pax Christi believes that we are all called to dialogue and reconciliation, not confrontation and obliteration,” stated Fr. Nangle, a Pax Christi USA Ambassador of Peace, at the Campaign’s press conference. “I see real hope here for a new and productive direction in our relations with our sisters and brothers in Iran.”

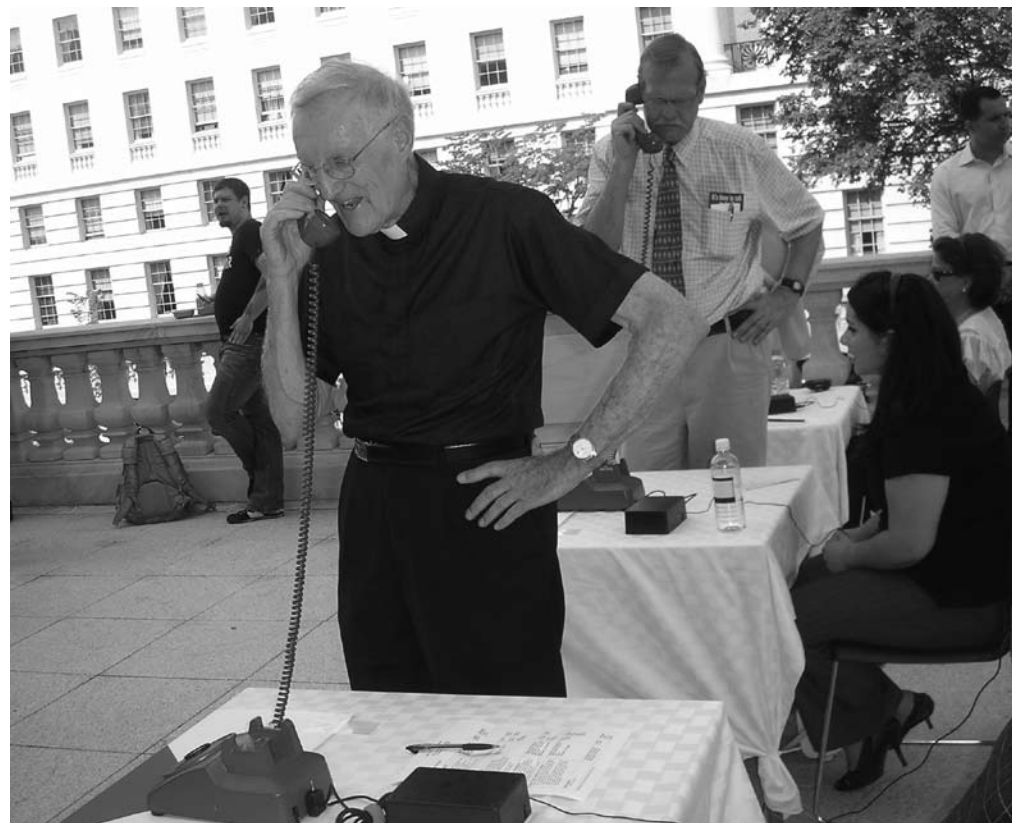
The “Time to Talk with Iran” event was an exercise in civilian diplomacy, allowing Americans and Iranians to

speaking directly and get to know one another. There were more than fifty conversations between Americans and Iranians during the event, focusing on general personal questions and addressing how Iranians feel about Americans and how Americans feel about Iranians. The general sense was that despite the rhetoric between the governments of both countries, Americans and Iranians can and should be friends. There was great emphasis on the need to get dialogue going and wanting better relations.

The Campaign for a New American Policy on Iran, of which Pax Christi USA is an organizational partner, organized the event to build awareness that a military confrontation between the United States and Iran would have enormous human and financial costs, and plunge the Middle East and the global economy into further violence and chaos. The Campaign advocates direct, sustained, and comprehensive talks without preconditions between the governments of the United States and Iran as a realistic way to resolving the long-standing conflicts between the two countries.

Throughout the day, Pax Christi USA members across the nation also participated in a “Call-in to Congress for Diplomacy with Iran,” which generated nearly 5,000 calls using the 800 number set up by the Campaign to Congressional representatives in the House and Senate urging direct diplomacy not war with Iran.

“While the Bush Administration starts up the public relations effort aimed at bolstering its case for war with Iran, organizations and individual citizens from across this country are standing up to say clearly and unequivocally: Dialogue, not war with Iran,” stated Robinson.



Fr. Joe Nangle, OFM, PCUSA Ambassador of Peace, talking to an Iranian citizen, June 10, 2008.

A Walk for the Undocumented

Jim Harney, photojournalist and activist from Maine, diagnosed with terminal cancer, is spending the last months of his life on a walk from Boston to New Haven, CT, to draw attention to the millions of undocumented people who have come to the United States from Latin America. Supported by immigrant groups including *Centro Presente* of Somerville, *Maya K’iche* of New Bedford, as well as religious and community organizations, Harney began his 200-mile walk on August 5th and hopes to conclude in mid-September, giving talks along the way, particularly in communities affected by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) federal immigration raids.

“I believe that it’s incredibly important that we begin to stretch our imaginations so that we begin to identify with the excluded of this planet—with those who are being humiliated, with human beings who are working in conditions that are simply terrible. And every day that they go to work they’re worried about the immigration authorities coming in and grabbing them and separating them from families and putting them in detention camps.” ~ Jim Harney

Harney, 68, states, “I would like to say that I am trying to identify with the crucified of this planet . . . to use my last days to be in solidarity with those who are traveling to the U.S. to find work and who are risking their lives.”

A close friend of Pax Christi Maine and the PCUSA

staff, Harney is an artist-in-residence for Posibilidad, a Bangor-based organization that engages people in conversation around faith and the excluded of society. Harney has traveled for the last two decades to live with people who are poor in Venezuela, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Argentina, Iraq, Colombia, Chiapas, Guatemala, and El Salvador. His photos and narratives powerfully capture the human face of suffering and hope. His Power-Point presentation “Globalization and the Undocumented” deals with the human costs behind the present crisis in financial markets and its relationship to the forces driving Central Americans to make the dangerous journey north.

Jim has asked that Pax Christi USA invite local groups to host him for a speaking engagement, as he wants to spend his last year of life continuing to share his stories and pictures. We encourage you to do so! His powerfully moving presentations will engage and inspire young people, as well as give hope to all. For more information on Jim’s walk and/or to schedule him for a speaking engagement, see www.posibilidad.org or contact Jim and his partner Nancy Minott through: *Posibilidad*, 85 Wiley Street, Bangor, ME 04401; 207-942-3501; jimharney@posibilidad.org

The Mexican American Cultural Center’s 2nd Annual Bilingual Symposium on Immigration: October 10 & 11, 2008

Who is my Neighbor?
Luke 10:25-37

Join us in San Antonio, Texas, for inspiring films, informative workshops, and opportunities to form and strengthen our network of advocacy and service!

This year’s topics and speakers include:

- **“A Story of Becoming a Good Samaritan”**
Mr. Rubén Garcia, Co-Founder of “Casa Anunciación”
- **“Guest Workers and the New Slavery: Global Economic Commodities”**
Jorge A. Bustamante, Ph.D., President and founder of *El Colegio de la Frontera Norte*. He is also a special observer to the United Nations on the human rights of migrants and Associate Professor at the University of Notre Dame.
- **“Who is my Neighbor? Immigration Policy and Catholic Social Teaching”**
Arturo Chávez, Ph.D., President and CEO of the Mexican American Cultural Center

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