

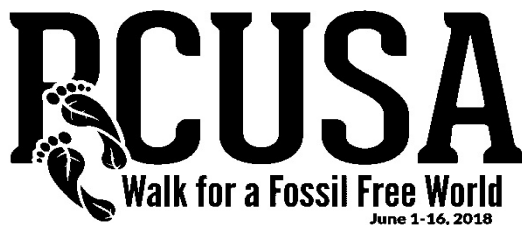
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Presbyterians and Allies To Walk 260 Miles to PC(USA) General Assembly to Ask for Church Divestment from Fossil Fuels

By abby mohaupt, Madison NJ and Sarah Prager, Wallingford CT



The effects of fossil fuels on our world and its people are dramatic--and so is the action many will take this June to stand against investing in the fossil fuel industry.

Participants in the PCUSA Walk for A Fossil Free World will travel by foot from Louisville, Kentucky, the headquarters of the Presbyterian Church (USA), to St. Louis, Missouri, the location of the PC(USA)'s 223rd General Assembly. The journey of 260 miles will take from June 1 to 16, 2018, coming to a close at the opening of the General Assembly that goes from June 16 to 23. Each night of the walk will include teach-ins and worship centering on the stories and experiences of people on the front lines of climate change.

"As a pastor, I plan to participate on the Walk because I believe our denomination must always stand alongside the most vulnerable of society," says Rev. Neddy Astudillo. "Climate change is demanding from us not just to support with money those who suffer its symptoms, but to look at its root causes and do whatever is in our hands to avoid it. As an immigrant to the US I feel God blessed me by bringing me to this country, but I can not forget those who suffer from the impacts we produce on the environment."

Walkers like Rev. Astudillo will be making a statement to those voting on an overture (or church resolution) at the General As-

sembly which asks that the Presbyterian Church (USA) divest from fossil fuels. Though early in the process, twenty-one Presbyteries have already concurred with the overture, and votes are pending in several more.

Those walking believe it's time for the denomination to put its money where it's faith is and that the PCUSA must join the movement that has already taken trillions of dollars out of the industry. By doing so, the denomination would no longer profit from an industry that has contributed to climate change which exacerbates natural disasters like the recent hurricanes in Puerto Rico that is home to 78 Presbyterian congregations.

"The Presbyterian Church has a long history of caring for creation through worship, education, and advocacy. Divestment is the missing step in our love of God's creation," said rev. abby mohaupt, moderator of Fossil Free PCUSA, a project of Presbyterian Peace Fellowship.

Other pastors are joining the walk to encourage the PCUSA to live up to its current investment standards of the denomination. "I am going to walk to General Assembly because fossil fuels are killing God's earth. One of our Presbyterian parameters on investing is that the church invests only in companies that do no harm. Fossil fuels are doing great harm," says the Rev. Dr. Eric Ledermann of Tucson, Arizona. Ledermann, mohaupt, and Astudillo are all part of the team organizing the walk.

Those interested in walking in all or part of, donating to, planning, sponsoring, or endorsing the PCUSA Walk for a Fossil Free World can find more information and get in touch with organizers at www.pcusawalk.org or contact rev. abby mohaupt, awmohaupt@gmail.com



Overture Asks GA to Address Gun Violence

The PPF Gun Violence Prevention Working Group invites your session to ask your presbytery to send the following overture to the 223rd General Assembly. The Rationale can be found at www.presbypeacefellowship.org/ga223 (or write your own!) The deadline for presbytery action is May 2, 2018.

On Praying for a Movement of the Spirit to Engage Presbyterian Congregations in Nation-Wide Action to Prevent Gun Violence

The Presbytery (or Synod) of _____ overtures the 223rd General Assembly to:

1. Confess that, in spite of 50 years of Presbyterian advocacy to reduce gun violence, we have been paralyzed by fear of the gun and ammunition lobby and our church has not adequately applied the power of God's love to the issue of gun violence, with over 1,600,000 Americans dying from guns since 1968 and many millions more wounded, orphaned and devastated by gun violence.

2. Commend

--All prior General Assemblies which have created church social witness policy for steps such as universal background checks, greater gun safety and a ban on assault weapons.

--Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for their creation of the films "Trigger: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence" and "Tapestry: Reweaving the Fabric of Community after Public Violence" and the book *Recovering from Un-Natural Disasters*, as well as for their faithful presence, on behalf of the PC(USA), with communities impacted by mass shootings;

--The Office of Public Witness, Office of the Stated Clerk, the Office of the General Assembly, the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy, the Peacemaking Program, Self-Development of People, Presbyterian News Service, the Presbyterian Collegiate Ministry Network and other agencies of the church for their witness during 50 years of Presbyterian policy for sensible steps to reduce gun violence;

--Those congregations, colleges, camps and office facilities in the Presbyterian family which have voted to post signs on their buildings similar to the "No Guns in God's House" signage called for by the 221st (2014) General Assembly as a witness against the proliferation of guns in our society, and all other congregations that have studied, prayed and acted on this issue in other ways;

--All pastors who include the mission of reducing gun violence in creating liturgies and in their preaching, and all Christian educators who offer gun violence prevention resources for study groups and libraries.

--The Presbyterian Peace Fellowship for its creation of the *Gun Violence Prevention Congregational Toolkit* and other resources for local Presbyterian congregations on this issue;

3. Call upon God to wake us up from seeing gun violence as normal and to grant divine courage to our more than 10,000 churches that we might foster a nation-wide conversation on gun violence in every community; specifically, to stand in prayer during the 223rd General Assembly, to share this overture, rationale and prayer with the presbyteries and synods, to share it in any other way possible and to encourage every General Assembly commissioner and observer to continue to pray when they go home for a movement of the Spirit to engage our churches in study and action to prevent gun violence. May every congregation know that the whole church has prayed for them and for God's intervention through them in the face of a gun violence epidemic. In love, may our churches help our country enact sensible steps to prevent gun violence from murders, suicides, accidents, family disputes and mass shootings.

4. Suggested Prayer:

Gracious God, whose mercy never ends, whose Spirit brings the Kairos moment for change:

We confess our past willingness to abide the deaths of over one million, six hundred thousand souls lost to gun violence since 1968 -- the children, the parents, the distraught, as well as millions more injured, ruined, orphaned, widowed. Help us to comprehend this carnage and not become numb.

*We commend and give thanks for the long witness of the General Assembly and all Presbyterians who are already engaged in preventing gun violence. We call upon you, Lord; we have nowhere else to turn. Galvanize all of us, **every congregation in the Presbyterian Church**. Wake us up in our pews and our lives; do not let Christ find us asleep on this watch. Rather, Lord, grant to our church members, both those of us who own guns and those of us who do not, a unity of purpose to change the national debate on gun violence. Show us the way to study, prayer and action at the local community level.*

At all the places where you are proclaimed, give us courage to stand against principalities and powers. Grant us the joy of using the gifts that you provide -- energy, intelligence, imagination and love-- to help our communities and our nation heal from this sorrow and tragedy. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

A Peacemaker's Calendar

March 25 - April 1 – Holy Week. We are challenging congregations to create a gun violence prevention-focused service for Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae or for Good Friday or other days in 2018 Holy Week. If your church plans to incorporate this into your worship, please let us know at info@presbypeacefellowship.org

April 6 - 9 – Colombia Accompanier Training, Stony Point, NY, for those discerning whether to serve as nonviolent accompaniers in Colombia. Room and Board are provided. Contact Lora Burge (Lora@presbypeacefellowship.org)

April 17 – Deadline for presbyteries to submit overtures with financial implications to the 223rd General Assembly.

April 20 – Compassion Peace and Justice Training Day at New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C. Gather with your fellow Presbyterians to look at how our church can confront white supremacy and nativism while supporting refugee and migrant populations in our country and abroad. Register at presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/washington/advocacy-training-weekend/

April 20 - 23 – Ecumenical Advocacy Days. Join us in Washington for “A World Uprooted: Responding to Migrants, Refugees and Displaced People.” As we witness historically high levels of migration, we also find that racism, sexism, Islamophobia, xenophobia and other forms of discrimination are also on the rise in our communities and used for political gain. At the root of this global upheaval and migration are the push factors of violent conflict, climate change, and corruption which often intersect with one another. (advocacydays.org)

April 29 - May 12 - Presbyterian Peacemaking Program Mosaic of Peace Conference in Israel/Palestine. Email rachel.anderson@pcusa.org for information.

May 2 – Deadline for presbyteries to submit overtures without financial implications to the 223rd General Assembly.

June 1 - June 16 – PCUSA Walk for a Fossil Free World
Our walk will take us from Louisville, Kentucky (the headquarters of the Presbyterian Church (USA)) to St. Louis, Missouri, in time for the PC(USA)'s 223rd General Assembly. The walk will ask members and friends of the PCUSA to put their bodies on a journey for environmental justice – and to call on the PCUSA to divest from the fossil fuel industry. We're taking the dramatic action of walking 260 miles because the effects of climate change on our world and its people are dramatic. (presbypeacefellowship.org)

June 16-23 – 223rd Presbyterian General Assembly, St. Louis. (Register at www.pcusa.org) Let us know if you are going! Email GA@presbypeacefellowship.org

June 16 – 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m., Progressive Presbyterians Issues Briefing, Centenary United Methodist Church 55 Plaza Square, St. Louis. Sponsored by the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship, Presbyterian Voices for Justice, the Israel/Palestine Mission Network, Presbyterians for Earth Care, and Fossil Free PCUSA. Join us for breakfast and briefings on all of the issues for progressive commissioners, advisory delegates, and observers. No ticket required but please RSVP to GA@presbypeacefellowship.org or register at presbypeacefellowship.org.

June 20 – 7:00 a.m., The Peace Breakfast at the 223rd General Assembly, honoring 2017 Peaceseeker Abby Mohaupt for her leadership on environmental issues and 2018 Peaceseekers Liz Theoharis and William Barber, organizers of the Poor People's Campaign. Dr. Theoharis will also be our keynote speaker. Order tickets through GA ticket sales or at presbyterianpeacefellowship.org/breakfast2018

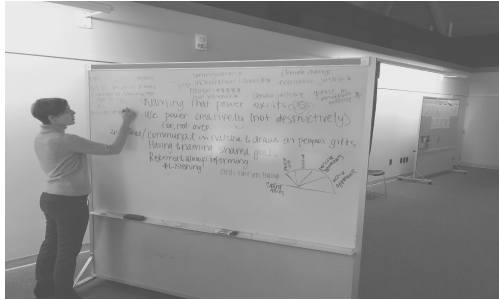


June 21 – 12:00 noon, Presbyterian Writers Guild Luncheon honoring Jim Atwood for his books on gun violence prevention.. Purchase tickets through General Assembly ticket sales.

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PMA Antiracism Study Guides Now Available

By Art Hunt, Hamden CT



PPF Executive Director Emily Brewer leads Facing Racism class at New Haven church. Photo by Art Hunt

We (Activist Council members Mary and Art Hunt) recently facilitated adult education classes on each of the six study guides in the Presbyterian Mission Agency's *Facing Racism: A Vision of the Intercultural Community* at the First Presbyterian Church in New Haven, CT.

Week 1 – Bible study – establishes the Biblical imperative to dismantle racism and work for racial justice. Week 2 – The Beloved Community - establishes a goal for our antiracism work. Week 3 – a history of PCUSA antiracism efforts – reminds us of the progress we build upon and the significant work that remains. Week 4 – defining racism - introduces a common language to talk about race, racism and white supremacy. Week 5 – racism's continued impact – is a reality check that adds urgency to our work. Week 6 – Our faithful response – provided an opportunity to begin to consider our response as a community of faith.

The structure of the guides grounded us in scripture and guided us along our path. Our observations:

Although each guide was designed for a one hour conversation, and we taught the guides in one hour Adult Education classes, each session was rushed. We recommend two hours if possible.

We related what we were learning to our local community as much as possible.

We invited expert guests to help lead each class and their knowledge and perspective was enriching.

It is important to understand the intersectionality of the "ism's" – racism, classism, imperialism, sexism, heterosexism, colonialism, antisemitism to name only the most obvious – and how they are used to control and even destroy lives; how they establish the standard against which everyone is judged and the oppression this judgement enables.

Understanding Critical Race Theory is helpful to understanding the impact of racism on health care, education, police interactions, incarceration, employment, wages, voting rights, neighborhoods & housing, immigration, and savings and wealth; and how the privileged benefit from that impact.

There are terrific tools to help your community of faith develop their response including strategic planning, asset mapping and the concepts of "connect, amplify, advocate, accompany, impede and celebrate" introduced in the book *No Innocent Bystanders*.

We and our guest leaders recommended additional resources for several of the classes. These included:

The Condition of Black Life Is One of Mourning by Claudia Rankine in the June 22, 2015 New York Times Magazine
White Debt by Eula Biss in the December 2, 2015 New York Times Magazine

The Role of the Church in Facing the Nation's Chief Moral Dilemma, address delivered by Martin Luther King Jr. on April 25, 1957.

We Are the Racist Culture, By Sue Washburn in Presbyterians Today, September 20, 2017

THANK YOU, PPF! We Did It!

Our year-end Advent fundraising campaign is always a nail-biter! Well, this year we met our 2017 budget goal of \$80,000, with a little extra to start us strong in what will be one of the most active years ever for PPF. Thank you to all for digging deep. Thank you to all who helped work on the campaign.

Perhaps we should call 2018 not just an active year, but "an Activist Year." A few years ago, PPF set out to create a national community of peace activists, a new Activist Council. We have nearly 120 activists now, arising from across the church and serving in PPF Working Groups such as General Assembly Planning, Colombia Accompaniment, Anti-Racism Work, the Middle East, Gun Violence Prevention and the challenge of a generation: Climate Change and Fossil Fuels. All of this is coordinated and supported by a small and impassioned staff team and a volunteer Executive Committee.

Your financial support to PPF makes this work possible. Every General Assembly year is a big push for us, but the PCUSA Walk to witness for Fossil Fuel Divestment in 2018 will be a historic opportunity and a significant area of fundraising for PPF, possibly costing an extra \$50,000. Your Activist Council approved this gigantic step because we know that we can count on you – individual supporters, families and congregations across this great fellowship that connects us to one another and to the nonviolence of Jesus Christ.

Every dollar counts! If you know of dollars we need to follow up on, please be in touch. Get out your walking shoes! Again, thank you.

Emily Brewer, Executive Director Art Hunt, Deputy Director Jan Orr-Harter, Chair, PPF Development Working Group

Educate Your Congregation on Drone Warfare

By Richard Killmer, Interfaith Network on Drone Warfare

In the last decade, Drone Warfare has rapidly escalated in war zones as well as in areas where war has not been declared. Up to 80 countries, as well as non-state actors such as ISIS, now have drone warfare capability. Great moral, ethical, and theological issues are raised by this development, but to date there has been relatively little public debate on it. The **Interfaith Network on Drone Warfare (INDW)** has produced five half-hour videos, together with discussion guides that explore the moral, policy, and religious dimensions of this new and troubling development. Military, international law, proliferation, human rights, and policy experts are featured, along with religious leaders from a wide range of faith traditions. Each video screening can be followed by a 25-minute guided discussion, for which there are study guides with suggested questions, and still finish within the normal one hour allotted for adult education.

Visit www.interfaithdronenetwork.org for a preview and to access the videos. For a limited time, your group can earn \$100 for viewing and reviewing one of these films. Here's how: Congregations choose one of the five films that they wish to show. You can download a film on the website: www.interfaithdronenetwork.org or request a DVD from INDW. There is a study guide for each film, There is also a form where those individuals wanting to receive occasional email from INDW can sign.

After the screening, the leader of the group or some other participant will prepare a review and a description of the responses by the class to the film. The leader then sends to INDW the review and the list of those wishing to receive emails. INDW will send a check for \$100 to the congregation to be used as the congregation wishes. It is expected that many congregations will use the funds for their peace and justice work or another mission effort.

Please let Rev. Richard Killmer know if you are willing to participate in this project (richardkillmer@gmail.com or 207-450- 7242) or if you have any questions or if you wish to discuss the project. This effort will be a huge help to INDW's work on drone warfare.



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Presbyteries are Joining Call for Divestment

By Laurie Fisher, Kansas City MO

All across the U.S., Presbyterians are calling on the PCUSA to divest from fossil fuel securities. Fossil Free PCUSA supporters, lay people and clergy, are taking a prophetic stand in saying that since use of fossil fuels is harming creation, it is wrong for us to profit from that harm. People are organizing in presbyteries to bring the Overture to Divest from Fossil Fuels to a vote. Hudson River Presbytery approved the overture in July and since then many other presbyteries have voted or scheduled a vote to concur. From New England to the West Coast, to the Heartland, to the South, to coal country, to areas of considerable fossil fuel infrastructure, votes are being taken, many registering a "significant yes." Fossil Free PCUSA expresses its gratitude to its many contacts and others within congregations and committees who are making this prophetic stand possible.

Make your presbytery next! Visit www.fossilfreepcusa.org for a copy of the overture (which is now available in Spanish, Korean, and English.)

There are also overtures coming to General Assembly calling for increased awareness of environmental racism and environmental injustice. Your presbytery can support those overtures too! Contact us through our website (www.fossilfreepcusa.org) if you'd like to help us spread the word on overtures or if you want to be involved in strategy for General Assembly. (*Fossil Free PCUSA is a project of the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship.*)

Join PPF's General Assembly Witness

By Marilyn White, Austin TX

The Presbyterian Peace Fellowship is supporting overtures on Fossil Fuel divestment (discussed above), reducing gun violence (see page 2), the conflict in Syria, and Peace Churches. Texts and rationales for all of these overtures can be found on the PPF website (www.presbypeacefellowship.org). The deadlines for presbyteries to approve overtures and forward them to the GA are April 17 (overtures with financial implications) and May 2 (no financial implications).

We are also seeking volunteers to help support these overtures at the 223rd General Assembly in St. Louis, June 16-23. No experience required! Please email ga@presbypeacefellowship.org for more information.

Blessed are the peacemakers...



Jim Atwood. Photo by Della Orr-Harter

Congratulations to PPF Activist Council member **the Rev. James E. "Jim" Atwood**, who has been named the recipient of the 2018 David Steele Distinguished Writer Award by the Presbyterian Writers Guild (PWG). Jim is the author of *of Fundamentalism and Where it is Taking America* and *America and its Guns: A Theological Exposé* as well as other works.

"Jim Atwood started out writing books to encourage preaching with humor," wrote **the Rev. Jan Orr-Harter**, Aledo, TX, chair of the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship Endowment Fund, in nominating him for the honor. "He ended up as the primary voice of the

Christian church in sounding the alarm about the gun violence epidemic that killed 36,000 Americans in 2016. This recognition by the Presbyterian Writers Guild not only honors the urgent work of Jim Atwood, but speaks well of the whole Presbyterian Church for its focus on gun violence prevention."

Jim will receive the prestigious award at the Presbyterian Writers Guild's General Assembly luncheon June 21 in St. Louis. He was previously honored by the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship which selected him to receive its 2014 Peaceseeker Award.

"I was and continue to be amazed over this honor," Jim said. "I will be long gone when America's unique gun pandemic is fully repealed and replaced by God's blessed peaceful community. But with a grateful heart I accept this award on behalf of all who speak up and speak out against our shameful scourge of gun violence. All who seek peace should regard this award and recognition as their very own. It is but one more signal to our nation that people of faith will continue to raise our voices as we fight to make our constitutional right to live in domestic tranquility a blessed reality."



Thank you to **Kathy Dean** who served as PPF's bookkeeper for the past 2.5 years. Kathy will continue to be involved in our work, especially with our Fossil Free PCUSA project.

Welcome to **Christa Galvin** who is PPF's new Financial and Administrative Assistant. Christa graduated from Marshall University in Huntington, WV with a degree in sociology. Most recently, Christa worked at a non-profit in Camden, NJ called the

Neighborhood Center, an organization dedicated to providing a safe and educational space for children of all ages in a city plagued by violence and poverty. Christa lives in Swedesboro, NJ with her husband, Lou, and daughter, Rosalita. In her free time, Christa enjoys riding roller coasters and traveling to classic amusement parks (like her father... Yes, she is **Bill Galvin's** daughter!)



Presbyterian poet **J. Barrie Shepherd** has published *Bench on the Bluff*. Barrie says, "A chapbook is a small collection of poetry, generally no more than 40 poems, that often centers on a specific theme. Thus defined, *Bench on the Bluff* clearly fits the chapbook model. Its 30-plus pages offer a scattering of poems set down across five years of residence at Piper Shores retirement community in Scarborough, Maine. Situated on a bluff overlooking the open ocean, Piper Shores provides both setting and inspiration for these verses. Yet, as the reader will discover, the poetic muse is to be found in more than physical surroundings. Over time, and multiple and varied exchanges with other residents, I have drawn both inspiration and fascination from fellow watchers on the bench, fellow witnesses of the many moods of sea and sky, fellow participants in the pageant of the seasons, the passage of the years. My hope is that these lines may evoke in the reader something of the quiet, rare reflection one may find while seated at the bench on the bluff.

Barrie is donating the net proceeds of book sales to his local church food pantry. To order your copy, send a check for \$12 (includes postage) to the Rev. J. Barrie Shepherd, 15 Piper Road K325, Scarborough, ME 04074



PPF's **Gun Violence Prevention Working Group** has been busy! They have drafted an overture for sessions to consider (see p. 2), and have distributed Gun Violence Prevention Toolkits to more than 350 Presbyterians in 44 states. Chair **Margery Rossi** will lead a workshop with case studies on what local churches are doing on gun violence prevention at the Next Church Gathering, Feb. 26-28, in Baltimore.

They are challenging congregations to create a gun violence prevention-focused service for Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae or for Good Friday or other days in 2018 Holy Week. If your church plans to incorporate this into your worship, please let us know at info@presbypeacefellowship.org

Stay Tuned for news on a free national training webinar for Presbyterians and other denominations working on gun violence prevention.



Elizabeth Welliver and Art Hunt hang PPF banner on the border wall in Nogales during the SOA Watch vigil in November. Photo by Will White

Walking Them Home

By Lora Burge, Chicago IL

I represented the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship in Honduras as part of a delegation of 50 international ecumenical leaders during the week of the inauguration of Juan Orlando Hernandez to his second term of presidency. JOH, as he is known, stacked the high court with magistrates who allowed him to run again last November. And when the opposition candidate Salvador Nasralla was gaining a significant lead on election day, the electoral tribunal's counting system mysteriously went down. And when the counting system was back online again JOH had miraculously taken the lead, and ultimately JOH was declared the winner.

In addition to the fraud and corruption surrounding JOH, his party, and his second presidential win, there has also been a profound militarization of Honduras in recent years and a harsh repression following the fraudulent presidential elections. Suffice it to say, he is not popular.

In the days leading up to the inauguration, our delegation was pretty much "on call" to be present at demonstrations and our experiences at protest actions primarily remained peaceful. That has not been the case for Hondurans—the death toll since the election is at least 31 with injury and illegal arrests much higher.

So, on inauguration day, we found ourselves by the side of the road: making friends, hearing stories, watching the cars go by and yell, "Fuera JOH!"

One group feared the possible repression from the plentiful police and military forces when their toma (road block) on the highway ended. The answer was simple: let's walk them home. So we did. Down the muddy lane, past many African palm farms, and eventually into their small town.

On the one hand, we got them home safely. On the other hand, there were so many more protests nationwide. On the way home we stopped at another toma further down the same stretch of highway. Again, we stood at the side of the road making friends, hearing stories, watching cars go by. Watching as protest leaders again and again approached the line of security forces in riot gear to remain in communication. Eventually, as traffic dissipated and rain and darkness set in, the protest dissipated. We took the leaders of this toma with us in the bus for a distance to make sure they could not be followed by the security forces.

Unfortunately, we could not walk everyone home. I'm glad we could make a positive impact in the El Progreso area. I ask you to please pray for the Honduran people living through this political crisis and consider the ways that you can stay informed and advocate against military aid to the country.

SOA Watch Gathers for Cross-Border Encuentro

By Roy Bourgeois, founder of SOA Watch

It was solidarity at its best!

After gathering for 26 years at the main gates of Fort Benning, home of the SOA/WHINSEC, our SOA Watch movement, once again, went to the U.S./Mexico border on November 10-12. People of all ages and backgrounds, from throughout the U.S. and Latin America, gathered in large numbers on both sides of a huge wall separating Nogales, Mexico and Nogales, Arizona.

This wall that separated us is a symbol of what the U.S. has done to the people of Latin America through its foreign policy for many years. And it is rooted in racism, militarism, and economic exploitation.

In our struggle as activists, we have learned that where there is injustice, silence is complicity. Today, the lives and future of so many of our Latin American sisters and brothers are at stake—including our 800,000 DACA recipients.

More than ever before, the voices, support and actions of everyone in our SOA Watch movement are needed. Let us build bridges not walls! Hope not despair! Equality not discrimination!



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Liz Theoharis and William Barber to Receive 2018 Peaceseeker Award

The Presbyterian Peace Fellowship will honor the Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis and the Rev. Dr. William Barber with the 2018 Peaceseeker Award at the Peace Breakfast on June 20 at the 223rd General Assembly in St. Louis. They will receive the award for their work with the Poor People's Campaign: A Call for Moral Revival. This new Poor People's Campaign picks up where the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. left off 50 years ago when he turned his focus to uniting poor people across lines of race and geography and pushing their priorities onto the federal agenda.

The Poor People's Campaign focuses on making health care accessible and affordable, addressing criminal justice disparities, protecting and expanding voting rights, and creating good jobs as moral issues, not political ones. "This is not about left versus right," Dr. Barber said at the launch of the campaign in 2017. "There are certain things that are not left or right, but they are the center of authentic moral values—like love, like justice, like mercy, like caring for the least of these."

The Reverend Dr. Liz Theoharis, an ordained PC(USA) minister, is the Co-Director of the Kairos Center and a Founder and the Coordinator of the Poverty Initiative. She has spent the past two

decades organizing with the poor in the United States, working with and advising grassroots organizations such as the Coalition of Immokalee Workers, the Vermont Workers Center, Domestic Workers United, the United Workers Association, the National Union of the Homeless and the Kensington Welfare Rights Union. She is the author of *Always with Us?: What Jesus Really Said about the Poor*.

The Reverend Dr. William J. Barber II is a member of the national board of the NAACP and the chair of its Legislative Political Action Committee. From 2006 to 2017 he was president of the NAACP's North Carolina state chapter. Beginning in April 2013, Barber led regular "Moral Mondays" civil-rights protests in North Carolina's state capital, Raleigh. Barber has served as pastor of Greenleaf Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), in Goldsboro, North Carolina since 1993. In 2014, he founded Repairers of the Breach, a non-profit organization "formed to educate and train religious and other leaders of faith who will pursue policies and organizational strategies for the good of the whole and to educate the public about connections between shared religious faith." In 2016, he delivered a speech at the Democratic National Convention.

Tickets to the Peace Breakfast may be purchased through General Assembly ticket sales or on the PPF website at presbypeacefellowship.org/breakfast2018.