**COMING EVENTS + ONLINE OPPORTUNITIES
on MANY ISSUES**

* **See below for events occurring every MONTH, EVERY WEEK, EVERY DAY, and those occurring on SPECIFIC DATES.**
* **I will update this calendar from time to time and post each new version
to my blog’s “CALENDAR” category in the home page’s right column.**(This is different from **Local Motive’s Community Calendar at** [**https://localmotive.org/southsoundcalendar/**](https://localmotive.org/southsoundcalendar/)
It appears in a tab in the horizontal bar near the top of my blog’s home page: [**www.parallaxperspectives.org**](http://www.parallaxperspectives.org)
* **Also, I keep posting new information and resources at the various issue categories of my blog,** [**www.parallaxperspectives.org**](http://www.parallaxperspectives.org)

**EVERY MONTH:**

**Climate: Thurston Climate Action Team (TCAT) has active committees that meet monthly**: See their calendar at this link: [**https://thurstonclimateaction.org/calendar/**](https://thurstonclimateaction.org/calendar/)

**Climate: Carbon Free Thurston (Thurston County WA) meets every third Wednesday of the month,** alternating between 3:00 pm and 6:30 pm. For more information and Zoom link please email Tom Crawford at **tom@thurstonclimateaction.org**

**Climate: 2nd Saturday of each month: The Olympia area’s Citizens’ Climate** **Lobby invite you to their monthly meeting** from 9:30 am to 12 noon to promote legislation to put a tax on carbon. Citizens’ Climate Lobby is a non-profit, non-partisan, grassroots advocacy organization focused on national policies to relieve the climate crisis, especially by putting a price on carbon-based fuels. [**http://citizensclimatelobby.org/climate-resolution**](http://citizensclimatelobby.org/climate-resolution) Info: [**www.citizensclimatelobby.org**](http://www.citizensclimatelobby.org)

**Immigrants’ rights: 1st Monday of each month:** The Olympia area’s Strengthening Sanctuary Alliance meets on the first Monday of each month from 6:00 to 8:00 pm (Pacific Time) on Zoom video conference. New members and ideas welcome. Contact**:** **olympia.sanctuary@gmail.com** or email direct to **zeiglerbob@msn.com** or call (360) 570-0848

**Nuclear weapons: 3rd Thursday of each month: Nuclear weapons statewide meeting: Washington Against Nuclear Weapons** meets from 2:00 to 4:00 pm by Zoom video. (The Olympia Coalition to Abolish Nuclear Weapons is an active member.) Info: [**www.wanwcoalition.org**](http://www.wanwcoalition.org) or (206) 547-2360 Olympia area info: Glen Anderson (360) 491-9093 **glenanderson@integra.net**

**Nuclear weapons: 3rd Thursday of each month: Olympia Coalition to Abolish Nuclear Weapons** meets from 5:00 sharp to 7:00 pm by Zoom video. Info: Glen Anderson (360) 491-9093 **glenanderson@integra.net**

**Peace: 21st day of each month: Participate in the Global Days of Listening, a monthly worldwide peace phone conversation** organized by young people in Afghanistan: Info: [**www.globaldaysoflistening.org**](http://www.globaldaysoflistening.org)

**Peace: Olympia’s Veterans for Peace Chapter 109 (the Rachel Corrie Chapter) meets on the first Sunday of each month** from 12 noon to 2 pm. Info about the meetings – or about joining the local mailng list: Mark Fleming **rezdog02@hotmail.com** or (360) 357-1060. Their website is [**www.vfp109.com**](http://www.vfp109.com)

**EVERY WEEK:**

**Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday (and anytime online): “Glen’s Parallax Perspectives” – Each month a new TV interview program focuses on an issue related to peace, social justice, environment, economics, or other progressive issue. It airs three times a week on Thurston Community Media (cable channel 22 in Thurston County WA): Mondays at 1:30 pm, Wednesdays at 5:00 pm, and Thursdays at 9:00 pm.** **Also, people anywhere can watch at any time through Glen’s blog,** [**www.parallaxperspectives.org**](http://www.parallaxperspectives.org). Each program is posted to the blog’s “TV Programs” category and also to categories related to the topic (e.g., “Peace” or “Economics”). Each blog post includes a link to the video and a link to a thorough summary Glen typed up, so you can read what we said during the interview. The thorough summary also includes links to many sources of information. Info: Glen Anderson 491-9093 **glen@olympiafor.org**

**Info about the APRIL TV program: “Nuclear Weapons: History, Science, and the Public”** -- The April 2021 episode of “Glen’s Parallax Perspectives” TV series (also watchable on your computer) helps you understand how nuclear weapons came into existence – and the science behind them – and the public’s reactions to learning about the hard realities. From ancient times, people have wondered how the natural world works. Science and technology evolved so that nuclear weapons have been threatening life on earth since the 1940s. Jim Manista, a member of the Olympia Coalition to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, researched and produced a fascinating and informative audio-visual that is the main focus of this month’s TV program.

**Info about the MAY TV program: “Economic Justice – A Bold New Agenda” --** The May 2021 episode of “Glen’s Parallax Perspectives” TV series (also watchable on your computer starting in late April) helps you understand the economic crisis we are experiencing now – and the long-standing economic problems that have led to our current crisis. We explore problems and solutions for promoting economic justice and fairness for ordinary people. Two guests are experts on a variety of problems and solutions related to economic justice: Bartlett Naylor is a Financial Policy Advocate working for Public Citizen ([**www.citizen.org**](http://www.citizen.org)), the amazingly savvy non-profit organization founded by Ralph Nader half a century ago. Sarah Anderson is a Program Director working for the Institute for Policy Studies ([**www.ips-dc.org**](http://www.ips-dc.org)), a very knowledgeable non-profit organization that has worked on a variety of issues since the 1960s. Glen will post this program to his blog before the end of April.

**Every Monday, Thursday and Saturday: Olympia’s Veterans for Peace Chapter 109 (the Rachel Corrie Chapter) airs its TV Program (“The Veterans Hour”)** at 5:00 every Monday, 8:00 pm every Thursday, and 2:00 pm every Saturday on Thurston Community Media cable channel 22 in Thurston County WA. Also, people EVERYWHERE can watch them at ANY TIME through [**www.youtube.com/n7mea**](http://www.youtube.com/n7mea) Info: Mark Fleming **rezdog02@hotmail.com** or (360) 357-1060. The group’s website is [**www.vfp109.com**](http://www.vfp109.com)

**Wednesdays from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm: Peace Vigil in downtown Olympia WA** in NW corner of Sylvester Park (at Legion & Capitol Way) has persisted every Wednesday since March 5, 1980, regardless of weather or holidays. Please come for all or part of the hour to witness in a friendly way for peace and nonviolence. We provide plenty of signs. Masks required. Space out 6+ feet apart. Info: **glenanderson@integra.net** (360) 491-9093

**Thursdays from 12:00 to 1:00 pm (Pacific Time): Kim Dobson’s “Parallel University”** on KAOS 89.3 FM interviews knowledgeable, interesting experts on peace, social justice, the environment, progressive politics, and other alternative viewpoints. Info: Kim Dobson. 951-4382 **parralleluniversity@yahoo.com** Listen locally at 89.3 FM or anywhere at [**www.kaosradio.org**](http://www.kaosradio.org)

**Fridays from 4:30 to 6:00 pm in downtown Olympia WA: Peace Vigil** at Percival Landing’s south end and SW corner of 4th& Water. Please join us for whatever length of time you can. We provide plenty of signs. The Artesian Rumble Arkestra street band joins us at 5:00 with lively music to support our vigil! The vigil has persisted every Friday regardless of weather or holidays since November 1998. Masks required. Space out 6+ feet apart. Info: 491-9093 Info: **glenanderson@integra.net** (360) 491-9093 and [**www.oly-wa.us/artesianrumble**](http://www.oly-wa.us/artesianrumble)

**Fridays from 5:00 to 6:00 pm in Olympia WA: “Women in Black” Silent Vigil for Peace** on the south side of W 4th Ave near the fountain (across the street from Olympia Oyster House). Women only. Please wear black. They provide signs. Since 1988 “Women in Black” has been a loose network of women worldwide opposed to war and violence. Info: (360) 866-6468 or (360) 866-4768 or **rosemary.b@comcast.net**

**EVERY DAY:**

**Democracy Now! broadcasts news from a progressive perspective on TV and radio and e-mail.** See [**www.democracynow.org**](http://www.democracynow.org). For example, in Thurston County WA people can watch cable channel 22 every Monday through Friday from 5:00 to 6:00 a.m. and 3:00 to 4:00 p.m., and listen to KAOS 89.3 FM from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time (and through [**www.kaosradio.org**](http://www.kaosradio.org), adjusted for your time zone).

**AlterNet (**[**www.alternet.org**](http://www.alternet.org)**), Common Dreams (**[**www.commondreams.org**](http://www.commondreams.org)**), Truthout (**[**www.truthout.org**](http://www.truthout.org)**), CounterPunch News (**[**www.counterpunch.org**](http://www.counterpunch.org)**), and other internet sources send news collections every day by e-mail and post them to their websites.** You may sign up through their websites to receive daily e-mails.

**SPECIFIC DATES**

**COMING SOON: The interesting, informative, enjoyable, practical 6-part series of workshops on “Nonviolent Grassroots Organizing” (facilitated by Glen Anderson) will be offered again from time to time. Information:** [**Sign up NOW for FREE ONLINE WORKSHOPS so you can make more progress on issues YOU care about – Glen's Parallax Perspectives**](https://parallaxperspectives.org/sign-up-now-for-free-online-workshops-so-you-can-make-more-progress-on-issues-you-care-about-2) If you’d like to take this series of workshops when it is offered again, contact Glen at (360) 491-9093 **glenanderson@integra.net**

**Thurston Climate Action Team (TCAT) has a calendar listing many climate-related and environmental activities throughout the month.** See their calendar at this link: [**https://thurstonclimateaction.org/calendar/**](https://thurstonclimateaction.org/calendar/)

**Thursday April 15 to Monday May 17: Global Days of Action on Military Spending:** For one month starting on U.S. federal Tax Day, peace activists worldwide will pressure governments to shift funding and policy priorities from militarism to pressing human, social, and ecological needs. Join many organizations and peace supporters in learning more about the appalling statistics of our misplaced government budgets and how to take action. See more information at [**www.demilitarize.org**](http://www.demilitarize.org)

**Thursday April 15 and the next five Thursdays: Online Nonviolence Course:** Pace e Bene ([**www.paceebene.org**](http://www.paceebene.org)) is an excellent non-profit organization promoting profound nonviolence and organizing for peace and social justice. Now they are offering a 6-week “Nonviolence Online Community Course,” which will deepen your understanding and commitment for nonviolence. It will teach you about the principles of nonviolence, and help you apply your new-found knowledge in the company of other people looking for a better way to create change. Six Thursdays from April 15 to May 20 from 1:00 to 2:30 Pacific Time. Info and registration: [**https://paceebene.org/events/2021/04/15/join-the-nonviolence-online-community-course?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=c2be7da9-f0ae-475a-a04a-a22e8eb68c57**](https://paceebene.org/events/2021/04/15/join-the-nonviolence-online-community-course?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=c2be7da9-f0ae-475a-a04a-a22e8eb68c57) See their website for more printed resources, online courses, etc.: [**www.paceebene.org**](http://www.paceebene.org)

**Saturday-Sunday April 17-18: Progressive Democrats of America (PDA) invites everyone to their 2021 Leadership Conference featuring several important issues:** This two-day event includes opportunities to learn about issues and join with nationwide experts for organizing. Information: [**www.pdamerica.org**](http://www.pdamerica.org) Registration: [**https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYrc-qvqD0qHNUBI8WUKEOvn9HE7KfUgbqh**](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYrc-qvqD0qHNUBI8WUKEOvn9HE7KfUgbqh)

**Sunday April 18: “Power Shift 2021” deals with energy, climate, etc.:** The Power Shift 2021schedule is now live! Info and registration: [**For those who haven’t registered for the convergence yet, you can do so here**](https://u1584542.ct.sendgrid.net/ss/c/PxC_Re9xwNjdFiwYhCSyS8mXqNohy2x4VMUFhLPF4wZL2lEjqX3mP5qF8L2MEj58JwszEzb7vX2vELssGfJ90mR5qlB60pkg5K6sxsm7cyHnCQdU_ujorhQUP_Ma9XOzNNd071y0x6ISGsOZK5uQqncBJSkgoBO_gqu6HmVM3yM-sczWYK5aPnE_HIdZF86acOWt9pXNCmObwlT6zIUBv-Ax9rnoQYMnTYqASf2oSbOF0VmqxrY_yaDXQsu9IicAPVwf3jKeUlGcuJ7xgDubRQv6D22xO5U7vWWE3efo_wE/3ax/F5WpmUNqSHGPsIox9UuLaw/h0/Zgsa2EG_0uioq51yLd5FNExX06Ump3cXBrhVErGBgvY)

**Monday April 19: Participate in the release of “21st Century Policing: The Rise and Reach of Surveillance Technology” with Congresswoman Cori Bush and several anti-surveillance experts and organizers:**  10:00 am (Pacific Time) or 1:00 pm (Eastern Time) As demands to defund the police become louder and harder to ignore the carceral state will work overtime to maintain power. Sitting at the intersection of criminalization and capitalism, surveillance technology opens the door for law enforcement to monitor communities while private companies grow their profits. As long as community safety is defined as the presence of law enforcement instead of as a system to ensure strategic and targeted community investments, surveillance technology will continue to be prevalent. **Click here to register:** [**https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_34VeWpIeQfOsv0AkA779CQ?link\_id=2&can\_id=1d662460c0abb8939c5044c82927552b&source=email-21st-century-policing-the-rise-and-reach-of-surveillance-technology-2&email\_referrer=email\_1144263&email\_subject=21st-century-policing-the-rise-and-reach-of-surveillance-technology**](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_34VeWpIeQfOsv0AkA779CQ?link_id=2&can_id=1d662460c0abb8939c5044c82927552b&source=email-21st-century-policing-the-rise-and-reach-of-surveillance-technology-2&email_referrer=email_1144263&email_subject=21st-century-policing-the-rise-and-reach-of-surveillance-technology)

**Monday April 19: “Braiding Sweetgrass” is the Earth Day feature from Earth Ministry:** It’s at 6:00 pm (Pacific Time). For our Earth Day gathering this year, the Earth Ministry community is reading the book ***Braiding Sweetgrass*** by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Next week on Monday, April 19 we will gather online to discuss the book and reflect together. Kimmerer brings to her writing her identity as an indigenous woman and also her knowledge as a botanist. She offers a lovely perspective on how to enter into a reciprocal relationship with the rest of the living world. We encourage you to support your local bookstore or purchase ***Braiding Sweetgrass*** through Bookshop. If you haven't had a chance to finish reading that's ok, you can still join for the conversation! It will be a time of reflection more than an in-depth book study. **Register here:** [**https://secure.everyaction.com/ZQCHu8T2OUOdzcrADUX5Lw2?emci=7eafe18a-9099-eb11-85aa-0050f237abef&emdi=4120c1e3-719d-eb11-85aa-0050f237abef&ceid=4217103**](https://secure.everyaction.com/ZQCHu8T2OUOdzcrADUX5Lw2?emci=7eafe18a-9099-eb11-85aa-0050f237abef&emdi=4120c1e3-719d-eb11-85aa-0050f237abef&ceid=4217103)

**Monday April 19: “Affordable Housing 101” training at 6:00 pm:** We all know that our housing system is not delivering for everyday people but how can it be improved? The housing market is a complex system that is often shrouded in unnecessary complexity, technocratic language, and anonymous private investments. How can we talk about what we want and how to get it when we do not know what good even looks like? This education session will mostly focus on low income housing and it will cover: Land/Environmental Issues, NIMBY, Who Builds Housing, Funding, Construction, Operations, Housing Health/Accountability. **Register here:** [**https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcqfu-gqD4rG9L3OhSpC\_uzwIIQ2Qw3a01e**](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcqfu-gqD4rG9L3OhSpC_uzwIIQ2Qw3a01e)

**Tuesday April 20: You are invited to join CODEPINK CONGRESS, our new campaign to mobilize co-sponsors and votes for peace legislation! Today focus on the link between militarism and climate chaos.** Prepare for Earth Day by putting militarism on the climate agenda. It is time military carbon emissions were included in all climate data. Join us as we ask our Congress members to be good stewards of the environment by publicly opposing Biden’s $753 billion military budget. 5:00 pm Pacific Time or 8:00 pm Eastern Time. RSVP: [**https://www.codepink.org/04202021?utm\_campaign=cpcongress\_04202021&utm\_medium=email&utm\_source=codepink**](https://www.codepink.org/04202021?utm_campaign=cpcongress_04202021&utm_medium=email&utm_source=codepink)

**Tuesday April 20: A Vision for a Transformative Budget for U.S. Immigration:** Join the Defund Hate Coalition and partners as we unveil and discuss “Beyond the Enforcement Paradigm,” a transformative budget that lays out a vision for re-prioritizing fiscal resources to create a more supportive landscape for the broader reform of our immigration system and outlines what investments our communities actually need. In this conversation, directly impacted community leaders, policy advocates, faith leaders and allies will discuss our collective vision for transformative change needed to make our budgets a tool that brings justice and humanity to the U.S immigration system and much needed investments to immigrant communities. Participate in the webinar/livestream at 4:00 pm (Eastern Time) or 1:00 pm (Pacific Time). Register now: [**https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_v7b4Hge1QO2LKmHf6EKWTQ?link\_id=0&can\_id=1d662460c0abb8939c5044c82927552b&source=email-webinar-a-vision-for-a-transformative-budget-for-us-immigration-webinar-una-vision-para-un-presupuesto-transformador-de-inmigracion-en-los-estado-unidos&email\_referrer=email\_1144171&email\_subject=webinar-a-vision-for-a-transformative-budget-for-us-immigration-webinar-una-visi\_n-para-un-presupuesto-transformador-de-inmigraci\_n-en-los-estado-unidos**](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_v7b4Hge1QO2LKmHf6EKWTQ?link_id=0&can_id=1d662460c0abb8939c5044c82927552b&source=email-webinar-a-vision-for-a-transformative-budget-for-us-immigration-webinar-una-vision-para-un-presupuesto-transformador-de-inmigracion-en-los-estado-unidos&email_referrer=email_1144171&email_subject=webinar-a-vision-for-a-transformative-budget-for-us-immigration-webinar-una-visi_n-para-un-presupuesto-transformador-de-inmigraci_n-en-los-estado-unidos)

**Wednesday April 21: Climate supporters in Thurston County WA can join today’s meeting – and ongoing efforts – of the Carbon Free Thurston (CFT) Campaign.** Meet on Wednesday April 21 at 6:30 pm online. Info: Tom Crawford at 360-280-0242 **tom@thurstonclimateaction.org**

**Wednesday April 21: Sacred Ground: Cultivating Connections Between Our Food, Faith, and Climate:** From 7:00 to 8:30 pm (Pacific Time), celebrate Earth Day with this special event. Saint Mark’s Episcopal Cathedral (an Earth Ministry Greening Congregation) is hosting a virtual community discussion on food justice via Zoom. Information and registration: [**https://earthministry.org/event/sacred-ground-cultivating-connections-between-our-food-faith-and-climate/?emci=7eafe18a-9099-eb11-85aa-0050f237abef&emdi=4120c1e3-719d-eb11-85aa-0050f237abef&ceid=4217103**](https://earthministry.org/event/sacred-ground-cultivating-connections-between-our-food-faith-and-climate/?emci=7eafe18a-9099-eb11-85aa-0050f237abef&emdi=4120c1e3-719d-eb11-85aa-0050f237abef&ceid=4217103)

**Wednesday April 21: Washington (state) Community Rights Network: Support the right of nature and profound local democracy:** WACRN’s State Gathering happens at 6:00 pm Pacific Time. Join the Zoom Meeting at [**https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86306509936?pwd=SUlrNzFKc3d5Ry9iMUd0ejdaOW1yZz09**](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86306509936?pwd=SUlrNzFKc3d5Ry9iMUd0ejdaOW1yZz09) Meeting ID: 863 0650 9936 Passcode: 444146 If you don’t have video you can call in by your location: +1 253 215 8782 Tacoma.

**Thursday April 22 (Earth Day): Two events honoring the leadership of Earth Protectors:** At 6:30 pm (Eastern) or 3:30 pm (Pacific): Environmental Justice: Centering the Voices of Earth and Territory Protectors. Rregister here: [**https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_nQkkl9ntSv6pmskQnMnUSg?link\_id=0&can\_id=1d662460c0abb8939c5044c82927552b&source=email-join-us-for-earth-day-events&email\_referrer=email\_1146415&email\_subject=honoring-earth-protectors-events-next-week**](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nQkkl9ntSv6pmskQnMnUSg?link_id=0&can_id=1d662460c0abb8939c5044c82927552b&source=email-join-us-for-earth-day-events&email_referrer=email_1146415&email_subject=honoring-earth-protectors-events-next-week) – and at 8:30 pm (Eastern) or 5:30 pm (Pacific): Building Movements in Defense of Life Earth Day Gathering, register here: [**https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_ST001DCvTSKAtczeMFq7Wg?link\_id=6&can\_id=4f11de7696f1fb8258af4a5dbc0b9d86&source=email-bmdl-festival-youtube-links-enlaces-de-youtube&email\_referrer=email\_1141534&email\_subject=\_-bmdl-earth-day-gathering-festival-recording-and-more-bmdl-encuentro-para-el-d\_a-de-la-tierra-videos-y-mas&link\_id=1&can\_id=1d662460c0abb8939c5044c82927552b&email\_referrer=email\_1146415&email\_subject=honoring-earth-protectors-events-next-week**](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ST001DCvTSKAtczeMFq7Wg?link_id=6&can_id=4f11de7696f1fb8258af4a5dbc0b9d86&source=email-bmdl-festival-youtube-links-enlaces-de-youtube&email_referrer=email_1141534&email_subject=_-bmdl-earth-day-gathering-festival-recording-and-more-bmdl-encuentro-para-el-d_a-de-la-tierra-videos-y-mas&link_id=1&can_id=1d662460c0abb8939c5044c82927552b&email_referrer=email_1146415&email_subject=honoring-earth-protectors-events-next-week)

**Saturday April 24: Building Political Support for the Nuclear Ban Treaty:** The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) went into effect on January 22 because more than 50 nations have ratified the TPNW and made everything to do with nuclear weapons illegal in their nations. More nations will be ratifying the treaty. Grassroots pressure and local governments are pushing more nations to kick the U.S. and NATO nuclear weapons out of their nations. Many nations’ parliamentarians have officially stated their support for the TPNW. Learn more about this rapidly growing global movement at a zoom event on Saturday April 24, starting at 7:30 a.m. Pacific Time (10:30 a.m. Eastern Time, and running just a little over two hours. Register here: [**http://bit.ly/political-tpnw**](http://bit.ly/political-tpnw) See this exciting post -- [**http://www.nuclearban.us/5398-2/**](http://www.nuclearban.us/5398-2/) -- at [**www.NuclearBan.US**](http://www.NuclearBan.US).

# Saturday-Sunday April 24-25: Building the Religious Left: This is a virtual national conference of the Religion & Socialism Working Group of Democratic Socialists of America (DSA). Saturday’s sessions run from 12 noon to 7:00 pm Eastern Time (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm Pacific Time). Sunday’s sessions run from 2:00 to 7:00 pm Eastern Time (11:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm Pacific Time). Enjoy two days of panels, workshops and skills training to help you build the religious left. Schedule details (speakers, panels, etc.) will be available soon. Register at this link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc-80vsLxWMop5LNN7ElzRl6dqIOL7K4GFp2UVO0YJQfgISww/viewform?link_id=0&can_id=1d662460c0abb8939c5044c82927552b&source=email-save-the-date-for-building-the-religious-left-national-conference-april-24-25&email_referrer=email_1102948&email_subject=register-for-building-the-religious-left-national-conference-april-24-25>

**Sunday April 25: Earth Week Premier event: “The Race to Save the World,” award-winning film screening and panel discussion:** Film shows at 1:00 pm Pacific Time, followed by a 2:40 panel discussion. (Eastern times are 4:00 and 5:40 pm. Many people have taken smart, bold actions to save the environment and the climate, including activists who conducted the ShellNo and Valve Turners’ actions and the young persons who have sued the government. “The Race to Save the World” tells the story of people who work on many fronts for a just transition off fossil fuels, in order to deliver a livable planet for future generations. Great activists will participate in the panel discussion after the film. See much more information and a link to purchase your ticket at this link: [**https://www.backbonecampaign.org/race2save?utm\_campaign=race2save\_1&utm\_medium=email&utm\_source=backbonecampaign**](https://www.backbonecampaign.org/race2save?utm_campaign=race2save_1&utm_medium=email&utm_source=backbonecampaign)

**Wednesday April 28: Working with Local Government” forum** – sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Thurston County WA – will occur online at 6:30 pm (Pacific Time). Local elected officials will help us decode the confusing world of local decision-making. Officials from Lacey, Olympia, Tumwater, and Thurston County will reveal how better public involvement results in better decisions, and how you can help create the community you want. The virtual forum will be held as a town hall panel discussion with audience questions and answers. Register for this unique opportunity at [**https://www.lwvthurston.org/working\_with\_local\_government**](https://www.lwvthurston.org/working_with_local_government)

**Thursday April 29 launches the Saturday-Sunday May 1-2 Plant Sale to benefit the Thurston-Santo Tomás (Nicaragua) Sister Community Association:** This annual event will be held online instead of in front of Jean Eberhardt’s home on Olympia’s West Side. Now you can buy perennials and some annuals to raise money for partial university scholarships for 16 youth in our sister town of Santo Tomás, Chontales, Nicaragua. Masked volunteers have been digging, dividing and potting up the great selection of plants that local folks have been enjoying buying. This year’s plan is different. If you can volunteer, please phone 360-943-8642 (no texts) or write **tstsca@gmail.com** for how you might help (donating plants or volunteering in various ways.) At 5:00 pm Thursday April 29 the online site for our Sat-Sun May 1-2 sale will be available: [**https://thurston-santo-tomas-sister-county-organization.square.site/**](https://thurston-santo-tomas-sister-county-organization.square.site/) On 4/29/21, be sure to check out the sale, whether you’re looking for spectacular red bee balm, a wide variety of fancy iris, native plants, everbearing raspberry canes, tomato plants, Peruvian lilies, asters, ground covers, vegetable starts, culinary herbs, strawberry plants, rhubarb plants, or a myriad of other great growing garden filling plants! A $30 minimum purchase is required. We will complete orders in the sequence received, select our best plants for you and box them up free curbside pickup at specific times. You'll also have the option of free delivery if (1) you purchase at least $50 in plants (or less with rounding up to $50 or more), and (2) you live within 5 miles of the Westside. Order early to get the plants you want. For more information about TSTSCA, visit [**https://oly-wa.us/tstsca/**](https://oly-wa.us/tstsca/)

**Saturday May 1 and additional days: Nonviolence training online from an excellent organization:** Join with Pax Christi USA members and friends from across the nation in our first virtual nonviolence training with trainers from the Meta Peace Team! Pax Christi is a Catholic-based peace/nonviolence organization that includes many additional people. They are partnering with the Meta Peace Team to offer “Active Nonviolence” trainings twice each year. The first training is scheduled for Saturday May 1 from 11:00 am to 3:30 pm (Eastern Time) or 8:00 to 11:00 am (Pacific Time). It includes a 30-minute break for lunch). This virtual session will take place over Zoom and will focus on “Bystander Intervention Skills Training.” Topics include:

* What does it mean, how is it used, and how can good-hearted, well-intentioned individuals radically disagree yet still live in community together?
* What is the difference between passivity and active nonviolence?
* What is empowered peacemaking?
* The emphasis in this training will be on “bystander intervention.” Participants will discover how Jesus taught us to be creatively nonviolent, as well as specific skills, techniques, and tools that are useful both in conflict intervention situations and in daily life.

Read more about the training at this link: [**https://paxchristiusa.org/2021/04/14/register-for-a-virtual-nonviolence-training-specifically-designed-for-pax-christi-usa-members-on-may-1st/**](https://paxchristiusa.org/2021/04/14/register-for-a-virtual-nonviolence-training-specifically-designed-for-pax-christi-usa-members-on-may-1st/)

**Sunday May 2: Fundraiser to support efforts to release immigrants from the Northwest Detention Center in Tacoma:** This event is organized by the Jewish Coalition for Immigrant Justice and the Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network (WAISN) in order to benefit the Fair Fight Bond Fund. It is supported also by the Washington State Religious Campaign Against Torture (WSRCAT). Created as a deportation defense tool, the Fair Fight Bond Fund is a revolving community bond fund that gives immigrants an estimated 70% increased chance of winning their case by bonding them out of detention. The Fair Fight Bond Fund enables immigrants to pay bonds that range from $5,000-$35,000, so they can compile evidence to defend their cases and reunite with their families and community. To date, the Fair Fight Bond Fund has bonded out 40 people from 17 countries. This effort is more important than ever given the unsafe conditions for those who remain in detention during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. Info about the fund: [**https://fairfightbondfund.org/**](https://fairfightbondfund.org/) The online event on Sunday May 2 starts at 6:00 pm Pacific Time. The keynote speaker is Washington State Attorney General Bob Ferguson. The event also features Rabbi Seth Goldstein from Olympia and music. (The NW Detention Center has been officially renamed the NW ICE Processing Center.) Individual registration for this fundraiser starts at $36. Register at [**www.bit.ly/ShareOurHarvest**](http://www.bit.ly/ShareOurHarvest)

**Saturday, May 8: Celebrate Mothers Day by participating in the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action’s activity to abolish nuclear weapons:** Mothers Day was created to be a day for peace. Let’s revive that spirit and message. Today’s event from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Pacific Time will occur both on Zoom and in person at the Ground Zero location, 16159 Clear Creek Rd. NW, Poulsbo WA 98370. Speakers will be Timmon Wallis and Vicki Elson, who co-wrote ***Warheads to Windmills*** and are playing a key role in the worldwide movement to abolish nuclear weapons, the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Vicki and Timmon co-founded [**www.NuclearBan.US**](http://www.NuclearBan.US), which is a 501(c)4 non-profit organization committed to the total elimination of nuclear weapons and the use of all those wasted human, financial and political resources to finally and seriously address the climate crisis and global inequality through a Green New Deal. Longtime nuclear resister, Jesuit, member of the Kings Bay Plowshares 7, and current prisoner of conscience in the Federal prison system, Steve Kelly may also make virtual guest appearance if his busy schedule permits. See information at [**www.gzcenter.org**](http://www.gzcenter.org)

**Saturday May 8: Support voting rights on the Nationwide John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Action Day:** Updates for the[**John Lewis Day of Action**](https://dfadcoalition.org/lewis-day-partners/) See this website for an upcoming mobilization: [**http://www.johnlewisdayofaction.org/**](http://www.johnlewisdayofaction.org/) - Or see this alternate source of info: [**https://dfadcoalition.org/lewis-day/**](https://dfadcoalition.org/lewis-day/) **More opportunities are here:**

* Planning Meetings are Thursdays at 4pm ET - [link to join](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81797759030?pwd=WU5pQkIzTnpXTVEwbzFXbmJjejU1Zz09)
* The first meeting for the Youth Committee will be Thursday at 3pm ET! [link to join](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81797759030?pwd=WU5pQkIzTnpXTVEwbzFXbmJjejU1Zz09).
* National Broadcast committee will meet Tuesdays 4:30 PM Eastern Time.[link to join](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81797759030?pwd=WU5pQkIzTnpXTVEwbzFXbmJjejU1Zz09).
* The Teach-in Committee will meet on Fridays at 1pm ET. [link to join](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81797759030?pwd=WU5pQkIzTnpXTVEwbzFXbmJjejU1Zz09).
* The Votercade planning committee will meet Wednesdays at 4pm ET with the same [link to join](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81797759030?pwd=WU5pQkIzTnpXTVEwbzFXbmJjejU1Zz09).
* Meetings for the communications/ social media committee will be Wednesdays at 2pm ET. [link to join](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81797759030?pwd=WU5pQkIzTnpXTVEwbzFXbmJjejU1Zz09).

**Saturdays (May 8, 15, 22, 29 and June 5, & 12: Intro to Compassionate Listening: Healing Our World from the Inside Out: "I CAN'T TALK TO HIM/HER/THEM!"** Are you stuck when it comes to conversations with friends or family about who voted for whom, personal relationships, or just about anything? We can dig ourselves out of this painful polarization using the practice of Compassionate Listening. We learn to listen and to speak from the heart in order to humanize “the other,” to lower the level of tension in difficult situations, and to bring about shifts in attitudes and behavior. **Compassionate Listening is a personal practice to cultivate inner strength, self-awareness, self-regulation, and wisdom. At this training, you will gain a skill set to enhance interpersonal relations and navigate challenging conversation.** This process can help you bring individuals or groups together to bridge their differences and transform conflict. And most of all, Compassionate Listening is a healing gift to a person who feels marginalized or in pain, in all manner of conflict situations. Join us for a six-session introductory CL workshop led by Yael Petretti: 9:00-11:30 am (Pacific Time) or 12:00-2:30 pm (Eastern Time). The workshop series costs $225. A limited number of $150 tickets are available for those who require financial assistance in order to attend. Information and registration: [**https://www.compassionatelistening.org/events-1/intro-to-compassionate-listening-healing-our-world-from-the-inside-out-with-yael-petretti?utm\_campaign=e285aa4b-393a-4eba-8f78-1ef43592f734&utm\_source=so&utm\_medium=mail&cid=f4e197ae-586a-4bd3-8052-e9a8604bc0af**](https://www.compassionatelistening.org/events-1/intro-to-compassionate-listening-healing-our-world-from-the-inside-out-with-yael-petretti?utm_campaign=e285aa4b-393a-4eba-8f78-1ef43592f734&utm_source=so&utm_medium=mail&cid=f4e197ae-586a-4bd3-8052-e9a8604bc0af)