

# Acting On Faith



Social Justice Ezine of Saint Mark's Cathedral

APRIL 2009

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**THE MISSION** of Church in the World Ministries at Saint Mark's Cathedral is to work boldly for justice, reconciliation and peace among all people, to resist injustices perpetuated against the earth and its inhabitants, and to engage the entire community of Saint Mark's by creating awareness of and fostering responsibility for our impact on the world.

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## *Ecumenical Prayer with Music from Taizé*

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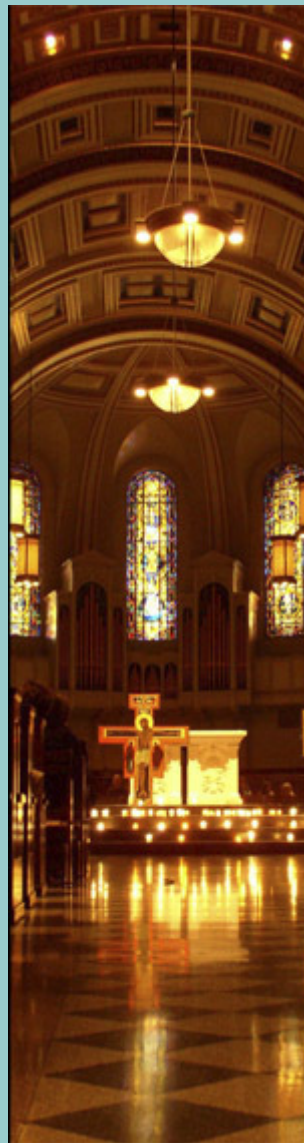
**6:30pm**

**St. James Cathedral  
804 9th Avenue**

On April 24, the Friday evening Taizé prayer service at St. James Cathedral will be a special vigil for climate action and climate protection. Our faith calls us to care for Creation and to stand in protection of the poorest and most vulnerable humans, ecosystems, and species that will be most harmed by climate change.

Please join us for prayer and meditation on the beauty of creation and the call for climate justice. A reception will follow, with a chance to meet other people of faith who are interested in prayer, reflection, and action on behalf of God's Earth.

Co-sponsored by St. Mark's Cathedral and Earth Ministry/Washington Interfaith Power & Light



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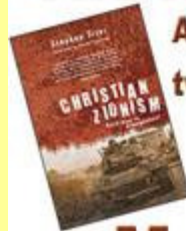
# CHRISTIAN ZIONISM WHAT IS IT?



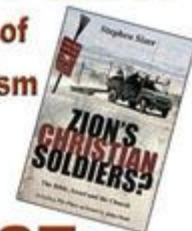
**Political Impact in the World Today**

**Join us in the Green Lake Community  
A world expert talks about this  
controversial subject !**

**The Rev. Dr. Stephen Sizer**



**Anglican Scholar and author of  
two books on Christian Zionism**



**published by  
InterVarsity Press**

**Monday, April 27**  
**6:30 Finger Food, 7:30 Program**  
**ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**111 N.E. 80th Street**

**Sponsors: Episcopal Bishop's Committee on Israel/Palestine,  
Mid East Focus Initiative of Saint Mark's Cathedral, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church,  
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## TWO FILM FESTIVALS

(see complete information below)

Thursday April 23rd to Sunday May 3rd

**14th Annual**

**Seattle Jewish Film Festival**

Friday April 24th to Sunday April 26th

**Social Justice Film Festival**

**Microcredit & Oikocredit**  
**Small Loans for Sustainable Development**  
**Oikocredit Northwest present:**

## **Terry Provance**

Executive Director of Oikocredit USA

### **"Saving Grace: Credit and Empowering the Powerless"**

An information session on how thousands of investors took action to bring about social change - and what we can do today

**Wednesday, April 22, 2009 4:00 - 5:30 PM**

Bellevue First Congregational Church  
752 108th Ave NE

Bellevue, WA



Learn how socially responsible investments rather than donations can make lasting changes in the lives of those in need. Terry Provance is a powerful advocate for Oikocredit, a pioneer in the field of microfinance and investing for maximum social impact.

For further information email to: [oikosupportnw@gmail.com](mailto:oikosupportnw@gmail.com)

Event Sponsors: Bellevue First Congregational and Oikocredit Northwest USA, a support association of Oikocredit, an ecumenical cooperative microcredit lender promoting global justice by challenging people to share their resources through socially responsible investments, empowering disadvantaged people with credit.

APRIL / MAY 2009

# Yom Hashoah

April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009

*Holocaust Remembrance Day—Community Commemoration*

2:00 Remembrance Service at the Holocaust Memorial  
Stroum Jewish Community Center, 3801 East Mercer Way, Mercer Island, WA

Lead by Rabbi Beth Singer, Temple Beth Am  
Music by Cantor Marina Belenky

Candle-light walk from the memorial to Herzl-Ner Tamid  
Conservative Congregation

2:30-4:00 Program at Herzl-Ner Tamid Conservative Congregation  
3700 East Mercer Way, Mercer Island, WA

"Stories Among Us: A Conversation with Holocaust Survivors"  
Holocaust survivors Bob Herschkowitz, Susie Sherman, Henry Friedman,  
and Klaus Stern will share their stories and answer questions from the  
audience. This town-hall style program will encourage discussion and foster  
understanding. Everyone is encouraged to attend and participate!

Moderated by Don Porter, independent video producer, formerly of King 5 TV.

Winning entries from the Jacob Friedman Holocaust Writing and Art Contest  
will be awarded and shared.

Washington State  
**HOLOCAUST  
EDUCATION  
RESOURCE CENTER**  
*teaching & learning for humanity*

April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Come hear  
Magda Schaloum, Holocaust  
survivor of Auschwitz

Yom Hashoah Program at Hillel at the  
University of Washington  
Hillel UW, 4745 17th Ave NE, Seattle, WA

6:30 pm Candle-lighting and  
Remembrance Service

7:00 pm "Witnesses to the  
Holocaust: Hillel Speaker Series"  
Magda Schaloum, Holocaust survivor

Co-sponsored by JConnect Seattle and  
Hillel at the University of Washington

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## Sunday, April 26th from 1 - 4 PM

### Resource Fair

Temple Beth Am, 2632 NE 80th St., Seattle.

The Church Council of Greater Seattle is convening a series of resource fairs throughout King County this spring.

Are you worried about your household financial situation? Come to this resource fair to learn about mortgage assistance, refinancing, utility assistance, and basic food, and learn about resources for rental assistance. Come and talk with a parish nurse about your health concerns or a counselor about resources for mental and spiritual support. Know that you are not alone.

Watch for more information in the Weekly Update and on the Church Council's website,  
[www.thechurchcouncil.org](http://www.thechurchcouncil.org)

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## Sunday, April 26th from 7:30 - 9 PM

### Palestinian-American poet Suheir Hammad

Town Hall (downstairs)

Hedgebrook, a retreat for women writers, and Whit Press launch the innovative Hedgebrook Writers Series with an evening of readings and conversation from three dynamic, rising-star poets. The program features award-winning Palestinian-American poet Suheir Hammad (pictured), who will read from *Breaking Poems*, along with Nigerian poet Uchechi Kalu (*Flowers Blooming Against a Bruised Gray Sky*) and Ruth Forman (*Prayers Like Shoes*), whose poems have been described as "alive and kicking." Presented by Hedgebrook, with Whit Press and Elliott Bay Book Company. Tickets are \$10/\$5 students and seniors at [www.hedgebrook.org](http://www.hedgebrook.org) and at the door. Call 360/321-4786 for more information. Sunday, April 26, 2009, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM. Downstairs, enter on Seneca Street



SIFF 14 GO GREEN

Opening @ Cinerama Theatre

SEATTLE JEWISH

FILM  
FESTIVAL

American Jewish Committee presents

14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SEATTLE

# JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

Thursday, April 23 to Sunday, May 3, 2009

Venues: Cinerama, SIFF Cinema, MOHAI. Check schedule and locations



*The 4th Annual SAACP Angel Dinner*  
*a fundraiser for*  
*Seattle African American Comfort Program*  
*West Seattle Golf Club*

*Saturday April 25, 2009 6 PM \$50 donation*

The Seattle African American Comfort Program (SAACP) is a non-profit founded in 2003 to advocate, coordinate and create culturally respectful services for African Americans facing life-threatening illness or end-of-life.

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# **Social Justice**



# **Film Festival**

**APRIL 24th - 26th, 2009**  
**at THE GRAND ILLUSION**  
**CINEMA in SEATTLE**

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Sunday, April 26 from 6:45 - 9 PM

## An Overview of Islam as It Relates to the Arab Culture

Our Lady of the Lake Parish Jubilee Hall,  
8900 35th Ave. NE, Seattle

Our Lady of the Lake Peace and Justice Committee invites you to attend a presentation, "An Overview of Islam as It Relates to the Arab Culture," by Huda Giddens. The presentation will follow the 5:30 p.m. mass.

Huda Giddens, a Palestinian Christian, is the founder of the Giddens School in Seattle, which emphasizes cultural education and diversity. From 1986-1998 she spoke her native Arabic as she trained teachers in Gaza at the request of the American Friends Service Committee and then at Catholic Bethlehem University. She developed a massive preschool program for the Bedouins, who are Arab and Muslim and citizens of Israel living in the Negev Desert in South Israel. Enjoy an evening with a sparkling teacher with a deep understanding and love of the Arab world.



**iLEAP.**  
the future of  
grass-roots development  
in the majority world

wed., april 29  
7 p.m.

Come join this moderated conversation with the 2009 iLEAP International Fellows as they debate the promise, problems and future of development in the Majority World. These Fellows hail from Uganda, Zambia, India and Liberia and are leaders in their respective organizations where they are committed to working for change at the grass-roots.

The iLEAP Fellowship program works to expand and deepen their understanding of social change through an integrated curriculum built around the methodology of reflective practice and the concept of critical service.

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2326 Sixth Ave. in Belltown

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# MAY AND BEYOND

Friday, May 1st, 7 PM

## Susan Galleymore

First Methodist, 621 Tacoma Ave. South Tacoma

Susan Galleymore, the mother of a U.S. soldier, made international headlines by taking the extraordinary and dangerous step of traveling to Iraq to visit her son stationed on a military base in the so-called Sunni Triangle, north of Baghdad. What she found in Iraq challenged her to continue her journey interviewing mothers in war zones including Iraq, Israel and the West Bank, Lebanon, Syria, and Afghanistan, as well as in the U.S. These powerful first-person stories offer dramatic insight into the impact of war on mothers, families, communities, and cultures around the world. Susan is on a book tour. Her book is *Long Time Passing: MOTHERS SPEAK ABOUT WAR & TERROR*. Believing that the stories of ordinary people caught in war must be heard, the author took time off work between 2004 and 2008 to travel to, meet with, and listen to each person whose story is shared here. "As I wrote in *Long Time Passing*, when "my son was deployed to Afghanistan in 2003 I awoke from nightmares almost every night: the knock on the door, uniformed military personnel on the doorstep, 'We're sorry to inform you' images of my son disabled like the soldier in *Johnny Got His Gun*, bombs raining on a family's home while a mother screamed out her children's names" She was one of the early co-founders of Courage to Resist and is also a GI Rights counselor. One of her goals "...is bringing in the connection between recruiting and the devastation of both our US families and the Iraqi and Afghan families ... and Lebanese, Israeli, and Palestinian too." With Art. Free and open to the public. info <http://www.mothersspeakaboutwarandterror.org>

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Saturday, May 9, 2009

## Mom Says: Use Words Not Weapons!

Join the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action for a traditional vigil and direct action at the gates of Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor on . Honor our mothers, and create hope for the children, as we work together to abolish nuclear weapons.

Gather at 8:30 a.m. at the Ground Zero Center, 16159 Clear Creek Rd. NW, Poulsbo, WA, for nonviolence training and action planning. At 2:00 p.m., we'll walk or ride to the Bangor gate(s). Bring sack lunch, snacks, water, umbrella, warm clothes, money to donate, a peaceful spirit. For driving directions and more information go to [www.gzcenter.org](http://www.gzcenter.org). To offer or request a ride, contact Rosy Betz-Zall, 206-782-9305, <[rbetzall@gmail.com](mailto:rbetzall@gmail.com)> or Anne Hall, 206-545-3562, <[annehall@familyhealing.com](mailto:annehall@familyhealing.com)>.

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Wednesday, May 6th, 7:15 PM

## Water in the Holy Land

Leffler House Living Room, Saint Mark's Cathedral

The Mideast Focus Initiative and Eco-Spirituality Ministry of Saint Mark's Cathedral are presenting a program on water in the Holy Land.

Doug Thorpe and Diana Gale will talk about their eco-spirituality trip to Israel/Palestine, with an emphasis on water. Diana was the director of Settle Utilities who implemented recycling for Seattle residents. Doug is a professor at SPU with a long time interest in both the environment and Palestine

Also presenting is Hank Landau who went on the Church Council trip to the Holy Land in 2008, and is a member of Engineers without Borders. Water is his particular issue.

Peace in the Middle East has a lot to do with water! Come and learn more about the issue that is critical to Palestinian Christians.

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**Wednesday May 6th, 7 PM**

## **WHAT NEXT FOR IRAQ**

**Seattle First Baptist Church, 1111 Harvard Avenue at Seneca, Seattle**

Iraqi Raed Jarrar Speaks on 'WHAT NEXT FOR IRAQ' a free informative evening of talk and question and answers. What will Iraq Look like after the occupation? What is the Obama plan for Iraq? Raed Jarrar is an Iraqi political analyst, architect, blogger and consultant to the American Friends Service Committee. After obtaining a leaked copy of the proposed Iraq Oil Law, he translated it into English for a wider readership. Mr. Jarrar will discuss the proposed Obama Administration occupation withdrawal of US troops and probable implications to the reconstruction of Iraq.

Jarrar was born and raised in Baghdad and is half Iraqi and half Palestinian. Jarrar, along with his family, compiled a series of blogs into *The Iraq War Blog, An Iraqi Family's Inside View of the First Year of the Occupation*, which was published by Second Chance Publishing in June of 2008. The book explores, through their words, how their lives were affected as the American military and coalition allies devastated the city. They persevered through night attacks and daytime missile strikes that oftentimes wreaked destruction to their home by blowing doors off hinges and breaking windows. The Jarrar family, while chronicling their daily lives amid the destruction, also provides descriptive analyses of the political climate that resulted from the American occupation of the country. Jarrar also founded Emaar, an NGO that carried out humanitarian work in southern Iraq.

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**Sunday, May 9th 5 - 9 pm**

## **ROLE OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN GLOBAL CHANGE**

**Seattle Museum of History and Industry, McCurdy Park,  
2700 24th Ave. E, Seattle**

The New Narrative: Local Voices for a Global Future. The Global Oneness Project invites you to a free film event recognizing the ROLE OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN GLOBAL CHANGE. Join us to exchange ideas, foster relationships, and strengthen the changes already happening in our world. 5 pm Pre-Event Reception, 6 pm Main Event. Featuring short films from the Global Oneness Project, Interactive cafe-style conversations; Guest speaker Orland Bishop, founder of ShadeTree Multicultural Foundation in Watts, Los Angeles, and a pioneer of innovative approaches to urban truces and restoring community;

Q&A with filmmaker Emmanuel Vaughan-Lee. The Global Oneness Project is documenting a growing understanding of what it means to be part of one interconnected, interdependent world. Since 2006, the Project has traveled to six continents, gathering stories from individuals and organizations working in the fields of sustainability, conflict resolution, social justice, spirituality,


indigenous wisdom, and politics.

Participating Organizations: Yes! Magazine, Worldchanging, Heritage Institute, Power of Hope, Unity Seattle, The Berkana Institute, Whidbey Institute, Interra Project, Scallops, Earth Ministry, Giraffe Heroes, Youth Media Institute, For the Grandchildren, Satyana Institute.

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*Please join us for*

*Just Desserts*



*A Benefit for Noel House Programs*

*Friday May 15th 7pm - 9 pm  
at the Palace Ballroom*

*Gourmet dessert*

<i>Dahlia Bakery</i>	<i>Macrina Bakery</i>
<i>Bakery Nouveau</i>	<i>Flying Fish Restaurant</i>
<i>Dilettante Chocolates</i>	<i>Kingfish Café</i>
<i>Café Ladro</i>	<i>Sazerac</i>

*and many more...*

*Enchanting live music*

*Spirited auction*

*A wonderful opportunity to treat  
yourself and help others*

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Martin Luther King, Jr. County Labor Council  
Education Committee Presents

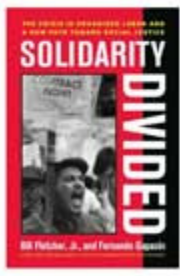
# BUILDING A LABOR MOVEMENT WITH CHANGE WE CAN BELIEVE IN

## A Discussion with Bill Fletcher, Jr.



Co-author of *Solidarity Divided* (UC Press, 2008), Bill Fletcher, Jr. is co-founder of the Center for Labor Renewal, a columnist, and a long-time activist. He served as President of TransAfrica Forum and was formerly the Education Director and later Assistant to the President of the AFL-CIO.

Candid, incisive, and accessible, *Solidarity Divided* is a critical examination of labor's current crisis and a plan for a bold new way forward into the 21st century.



Both events are **FREE**. Sponsored by the Martin Luther King, Jr. County Labor Council, National AFGE 11th District and AFGE 3937, and the UW Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies.

For more information, call (206) 543-7946 or e-mail [pcls@u.washington.edu](mailto:pcls@u.washington.edu)

**Wednesday**  
**May 20**  
**5:00pm**  
**Seattle Labor**  
**Temple**  
Hall One, 2800 First Ave

**Thursday**  
**May 21**  
**1:30pm**  
**University**  
**Bookstore**  
4326 University Way NE

Wednesday, May 20th, 7 pm  
**ISRAEL & PALESTINE:  
AFTER THE SIEGE OF GAZA,  
Is There Hope For A Just Peace?**

**Woodland Park Presbyterian Church**

N 70th St. and Greenwood Ave. N, Seattle

Phinney Neighbors for Peace & Justice presents our third spring forum, *ISRAEL & PALESTINE: AFTER THE SIEGE OF GAZA*, Is There Hope For A Just Peace? With Kit Siemion, Code Pink activist recently returned from a two-week delegation to Gaza; and Raya Fidel, Israeli-American feminist and author of *Shattered Hopes in Palestine: Which Way Forward for Arabs and Jews?*

## SAVE THE DATE

Fall 2008 - Spring 2009

The Way of Contemplative Wisdom: The Scriptural Tradition. In a three-part offering, Charles Radican, a longtime student of the wisdom tradition in Christianity, will explore wisdom as a quality of consciousness evoked through prayerful study of texts in our Christian scriptural heritage. Classes will be offered on The Psalms, the Gospel of Thomas, and the Gospel of Philip fall, winter, and spring terms respectively. Throughout the series, the approach will be contemplative and experiential. You may sign up for the whole series at the beginning of the year or for each term individually. Please find more information on the St. Andrew's website at [www.saintandrewsseattle.org](http://www.saintandrewsseattle.org) or call The Center office at 206.517.3938.

## ONGOING EVENTS



### The 18th of Every Month

Vigil for Peace in the Middle East. People of all faith traditions are warmly welcomed for readings and community prayer. At Saint Mark's in Thomsen and McCaw Chapels all throughout the day. Visit [www.pepm.org](http://www.pepm.org) and click on "Peace Vigil" or call Tom Walker for more information at 425.641.9247.

### Every Sunday

Saint Mark's Compline service of ancient sung prayers allows for a time of quiet meditation, prayer and music in this sacred space. For more info, visit [www.saintmarks.org](http://www.saintmarks.org) or call 206.323.0300. 9:30 p.m.

### Every 2nd Sunday

Walk a Prayer Labyrinth at Seattle First Baptist Church on Capitol Hill (1111 Harvard Ave). Call 206.325.6051. 6 - 8 p.m.

### Most 1st Mondays

Jubilee 2000 NW Coalition

7 p.m., at 900 University St, Seattle; meeting, working for DEBT RELIEF for world's poorest nations, Study the issues, plan actions and report on them, so that we can be as effective as possible in joining other concerned people around the globe to cancel the debt. Open to new members! For more information Mary Margaret Pruitt 206.382.3785 or <http://www.jubileenw.org>

### Every 3rd Monday

Catholic Parents of Gays and Lesbians Support Group meets at St. Benedict's Parish (N 49th St. & Wallingford) Contact: 425.462.9411 or 206.542.2549. 7 p.m..

### Every 4th Monday

Sustainability Circles, a Support/Social Change Group whose goal is to share information, discover ideas for action, and focus on the well being of people and the planet. Issues include the 100-mile diet, living a cancer-prevention lifestyle, and other natural ways to live in a more healthy manner. At Cecile's (711 N 60th St). For more info, visit [www.phinneyecovillage.net](http://www.phinneyecovillage.net) or contact [cecile@simplicitycircles.com](mailto:cecile@simplicitycircles.com) or 206.783.1152. 7:30 p.m.



### Every 4th Tuesday

Northwest Biodiesel Meetings (Phinney Ridge Center, Blue Building, Rm 4) Contact: Aaron Kahn at [akahn@windermere.com](mailto:akahn@windermere.com) or [www.nwbiodiesel.com](http://www.nwbiodiesel.com). 7 p.m..

### Wednesdays at Noon

Noon Jazz Worship Service at Plymouth Church (1217 6th Ave). Call 206.622.4865 or visit [www.plymouthchurchseattle.org](http://www.plymouthchurchseattle.org).

### Every 3rd Wednesday

The Interfaith Task Force on Homelessness (ITFH) meets at Saint Mark's Cathedral (in Bloedel Hall). Contact 425.442.5418 or email [itfh@comcast.net](mailto:itfh@comcast.net) or visit [www.itfhomeless.org](http://www.itfhomeless.org) for more information. Meetings at noon.

### Every 3rd Wednesday

Interfaith Book Club welcomes new members anytime. Comprised of members from local Christian, Jewish, Muslim, and Buddhist communities, there is always an interest in interfaith dialogue and learning. At the home of Jerry Schneider (932 11th Ave, Seattle). Contact [penelope\\_koven@yahoo.com](mailto:penelope_koven@yahoo.com).

### Thursdays

Spirituality on Tap, an opportunity for individuals in their 20's and 30's to meet one another and to learn a new prayer style for spiritual growth as adults. The event takes place on Thursday evenings beginning Sept 20th and rotates to new parishes every month. Locations and topics to be determined. For more information, check the Ignation Spirituality Center website at [www.ignatiancenter.org](http://www.ignatiancenter.org) or visit 206.329.4824. 6:45 p.m.-8:30 p.m.



### Every 2nd Thursday

Seattle Cuba Friendship Committee meets at Central Lutheran Parish House (1710 11th Ave). Contact 206.523.1720 or email [warner@scn.org](mailto:warner@scn.org) 7 p.m..

### Every Friday

Friday Film Nights at 7:30 p.m., the Saint Mark's film night, is a community of film lovers, social activists, and lifelong learners who gather to watch and discuss compelling films from around the globe in order to expand our worldview about people, the environment, current issues, cultures, and global spirituality. Together we watch and discuss foreign gems, dramas, documentaries, family films, and American blockbusters. At Saint Mark's in Leffler House Living Room (1245 10th Ave E, Leffler House). For more information, contact Kevin Meadows at [FilmNights@saintmarks.org](mailto:FilmNights@saintmarks.org) or check the schedule online at [www.SaintMarks.org](http://www.SaintMarks.org).

**April 24**

**Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter and Spring, (2004)R.**

In the midst of the Korean wilderness, a Buddhist master patiently raises a young boy to grow up in wisdom and compassion, through experience and endless exercises.

**May 1, 2009**

Broken dreams and oratory from the streets of Seattle

**GREAT SPEECHES FROM A DYING WORLD (2007, NR, 92 minutes)**

"A unique and compassionate exploration of the hard luck, wrong turns, and broken dreams that reside on the streets of Seattle. This unsettling and honest documentary uncovers the stories and struggles of 9 Seattle homeless people who recite famous speeches from history .....from Shakespeare to JFK to Chief Seattle."

From the 2006 award-winning director of "Walking to Werner" (Seattle Int'l Film Festival, Northampton Film Festival, Newburyport Documentary Film Festival)

**May 8, 2009**

Women's rebellion against tradition and authority

**MOOLADE (2004, NR, 124 minutes)**

"An inspiring story, set in Burkina Faso, about a group of women who stand up for their rights against the traditions of their village; When a woman shelters a group of girls from suffering female circumcision, she starts a conflict that tears her village apart. Moolaade illuminates the agonies of women in some parts of Africa and leaves you admiring their bravery and resolve."

Winner: Cannes Film Festival, National Society of Film Critics Awards, Los Angeles Pan African Film Festival, Marrakech Int'l Film Fest

**May 15, 2009**

Transformation, hope and beauty amid squalor and cruelty

**BORN INTO BROTHELS (2003, NR, 85 minutes)**

"An inspiring documentary that chronicles the transformative journey of a group of extraordinary children in Calcutta's red light district and shows how beauty can be found in even the most hopeless of places. A remarkable and moving story about the power of art to transform lives."

Winner: Academy Award, FullFrame Documentary Film Festival, International Documentary Association, Independent Spirit Awards, Los Angeles Film Critics Association, Sundance Film Festival, Seattle Int'l Film Festival, Bangkok Int'l Film Festival, Nat'l Board of Review

**May 22, 2009**

Generosity and friendship in the most unexpected of situations

**WAKING NED DEVINE (1998, PG, 91 minutes)**

"A delightful comedy that tells the story about a small town in Ireland called Tulaigh More, where one of their 52 inhabitants wins the lotto jackpot of nearly seven million pounds. When nobody claims

it, the town goes on a search to find out why. They find the winner, but ..... Find out what ensues, as the community learns the importance of friendship and the value of money."

Winner: New York Comedy Festival, National Board of Review USA, Paris Film Festival, Satellite Awards, Guild of German Art House Cinemas, Gijon International Film Festival, Marco Island Film Festival

### May 29, 2009

Faith, superstition and miraculous acts

#### **HIMALA (1982, PG, 124 minutes)**

"Miracle (the title, as translated from Tagalog) is set in a marginal barrio awash in folk religiosity and superstition. Desert-like, poor, and believed to be cursed, the veritable nowhere land craves for a miracle. The miracle incarnate is Elsa, a deceptively simple young woman who claims to have seen the Virgin Mary and who becomes the self-styled star of a miraculous healing crusade. The turn of events are steered by the tensions between faith and faithlessness as the community navigates through some rude awakenings. "

Winner: Chicago Int'l Film Festival, Metro Manila Film Festival

### Every Friday

Meaningful Movies presented by the Wallingford Neighbors for Peace & Justice. At Keystone Church (5019 Keystone Pl.). Visit <http://www.meaningfulmovies.org/> for a list of upcoming films and post-film discussions. 7 - 9:30 p.m..



### Every 2nd Friday

Monthly Gathering for Spirituality and the Arts at St. Joseph's Parish Center (732 18th Ave E). For anyone interested in exploring the connection between spirituality and the arts in a community of fellow seekers. Contact Christine Paintner at 206.329.3110 or [sacredcenter@aol.com](mailto:sacredcenter@aol.com) to RSVP or be placed on the email list. 9:45AM - 12:30 p.m.

### Every 1st Saturday

Monthly meeting of the Interfaith Network of Concern for People of Iraq (INOC) at Keystone Congregational Church (5019 Keystone Pl.). Visit [www.concernforiraq.org](http://www.concernforiraq.org) or call 206.632.6021. 3 - 5 p.m.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



### Would you consider becoming a volunteer for the Episcopal Ministry at the King County Jail?

Matthew 25:36 reads, "I was in prison and you came to visit me." A compassionate heart and a non-judgmental manner are essential. Present the Mercy and Grace of God to a population that is largely unconnected to the church and a group of people that usually has been underserved by society. The inmates are welcoming and open to pastoral ministry requesting prayers. Some training is required. Mentoring is available; new volunteers are partnered with the more experienced. Men's services are 6-7:30 p.m. first and third Mondays, and second and fourth Wednesdays.

Women's services are 3-4:30 p.m. every Friday. Visits to individual inmates can be arranged to suit your schedule. If interested, please contact Daphne Burkhalter at 206-283-6269,

**Habitat for Humanity** Help to build affordable houses around the Seattle area with Saint Mark's

Habitat for Humanity crew on the 1st Saturday of every month. An orientation is required for first time volunteers. Contact Gordon Miller at 425.427.8172 [gmliller@seattleu.edu](mailto:gmliller@seattleu.edu) or Mary Mullen at 206.789.0303 [marymullen@aol.com](mailto:marymullen@aol.com).

**Noel House Shelter** at Saint Mark's Cathedral is in need of female volunteers to greet the women in the mornings from 6-7AM and to serve breakfast before they leave. This shelter is open every night and is always in need of women to help out. Please contact Liz Shea at 206.782.1608 or [ginsengshea@msn.com](mailto:ginsengshea@msn.com) or Norva Osborn at 206.285.3432 or [norva@ix.netcom.com](mailto:norva@ix.netcom.com).

**Hiking Trail Volunteers** - As the Pacific Northwest Region of the Forest Service deals with budget cuts and increasing costs of trail repairs due to 2006 winter storms, volunteers are in high demand. If you regularly enjoy the beautiful trails in the Northwest, consider also helping to maintain and repair trails by signing up with the Washington Trails Association (WTA). No previous experience necessary. Visit [www.wta.org](http://www.wta.org).



**Seattle Cancer Care Alliance** is recruiting volunteers with daytime/weekday availability to assist patients and families as drivers or tour guides, guest services, child playroom and playgroups, physical therapy volunteers, patient education and resource volunteers, tutors, and labyrinth hosts. A 2-session orientation is required. Visit [www.seattlecca.org/aboutscca/volunteer.htm](http://www.seattlecca.org/aboutscca/volunteer.htm) or call 206.288.1072 for more info.



**Bridge Ministries for Disabilities Concerns** offers many volunteer opportunities to support and expand work with persons with physical and/or developmental disabilities, including Friend-to-Friend (one-on-one relationships), Circles of Friends (support groups), Administrative Support (equipment, office, or mailing), Special Event Volunteers, and On-Call Volunteer Opportunities (moving team, errands, miscellaneous projects). To sign up and for more info, contact Colleen Dodson, Volunteer Coordinator, at 425.828.1431 x113 or [colleend@bridgemin.org](mailto:colleend@bridgemin.org).

**MudUp.Org** is collecting volunteers for its massive multi-year effort to protect and restore Puget Sound's shorelines. Get dirty, take the mud pledge, and sign up on the calendar for muddy activities for the whole family. Visit [www.mudup.org](http://www.mudup.org) for info and calendar.



**Senior Services Transportation Program** seeks volunteer drivers who are available weekdays to give a lift to local seniors who can't drive or take the bus to their medical appointments. Drivers use their own vehicles and choose where and when they want to drive. Mileage and parking reimbursement and supplemental liability insurance is provided. For info, call 206.448.5740 or visit [www.seniorservices.org](http://www.seniorservices.org).

**The Women's Housing, Equality and Enhancement League (WHEEL)** needs volunteers to help teach various skills classes at the Women's Empowerment Center and/or people to provide composition books and art supplies for the writing and arts programs. Contact WHEEL at 206.956.0334 for more info.

**The Homelessness Project (THP)** has several volunteer opportunities for willing workers, including movers (helping those in emergency shelter transition to new homes), office administrators, special event assistants, and website design and update specialists. Contact Lynn Gordon at 206.525.1213 x3110 or [lgordon@thechurchcouncil.org](mailto:lgordon@thechurchcouncil.org) or visit [www.thpinfo.org](http://www.thpinfo.org). Volunteers will need to complete a volunteer application and pass a WA state background check.



**Roots Young Adult Shelter Volunteers** are needed to keep the ROOTS shelter open every night, providing dinner, laundry services, clothing.

showers and welcome to young people who are homeless or without adequate housing. Contact Katrina Hale at [katrina@rootsinfo.org](mailto:katrina@rootsinfo.org) or 206.632.1635 or visit [www.rootsinfo.org](http://www.rootsinfo.org).

**Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Volunteer.** If you want to speak up as an advocate for neglected and abused children, train as a CASA volunteer. Must be 21 with excellent references. Volunteers should apply in advance to complete a background check and interview. Call 206.296.1120 or visit [www.metrokc.gov/kcsc/depcasa.htm](http://www.metrokc.gov/kcsc/depcasa.htm).

## MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES

**The Healing Our Planet Earth Media Center** is now Online.

[www.HealingOurPlanetEarth.org](http://www.HealingOurPlanetEarth.org). Since we launched the new videos of the conference two weeks ago, more than a thousand visitors have come to the HOPE site to experience the "virtual conference" on-demand. Watch our videos of the presentations by Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori, Dr. Sallie McFague, and Bishop Steven Charleston, Bishop Greg Rickel, the Q&A sessions, and Genesis Covenant Panel. Invite those who weren't there to attend our "virtual" conference online. The Media Center also has all of the videos from the Olympic Sculpture Park event.



**The Seattle Community Network** website hosts a large ongoing calendar of local *Peace and Justice Events*, similar but more extensive than this Acting On Faith Ezine calendar. Visit <http://www.scn.org/activism/calendar/> to read about more ways to become actively involved in your community.

**Seattle Indy Media Center:** <http://seattle.indymedia.org/>

**Democracy Now!** is now on Seattle TV & radio. Radio - KBCS 91.3 FM, 5:00am, 6:30pm; Cable TV - SCAN Ch. 77 & 29, 8:00am

**Alternative Radio** (KEXP 90.3 at 6AM on Saturdays; KUOW 94.9 at 8PM on Wednesdays) Alternative Radio is a weekly one-hour public affairs program offered free to all public radio stations in the U.S., Canada, Europe, South Africa, Australia, and on short-wave on Radio for Peace International. AR provides information, analyses and views that are frequently ignored or distorted in other media. Established in 1986, AR is dedicated to the founding principles of public broadcasting, which urge that programming serve as "a forum for controversy and debate," be diverse and "provide a voice for groups that may otherwise be unheard." The project is entirely independent, sustained solely by individuals who buy transcripts and tapes of programs. Its headquarters, with five paid staff, are located in Boulder, Colorado. AR reaches over 125 radio stations and millions of listeners.



**Puget Sound Voices** (KSVR-FM), a half-hour weekly program airing at 5PM on Tuesdays on 91.7 FM Skagit County, has scheduled another three months of weekly half-hour interviews.

The new winter program schedule of interviews on legislative issues and personalities and our archived fall programs are on our web site at <http://ksvr.org> and [www.pugetsound.org](http://www.pugetsound.org).

**Speaking of Faith** (KUOW) Hosted on Sundays at 4PM by Kristen Tippett, this radio broadcast looks at issues of religion, meaning, ethics, and ideas. Visit <http://speakingoffaith.publicradio.org/index.shtml> to listen to past shows on topics such as "The Ethics of Eating," with guest Barbara Kingsolver, "Latino Migrations and the Changing Face of Religion in The Americas," "In Praise of Play," and "Science and Hope" with physicist George Ellis.

**The Worldwide Radio Network**, broadcast on Tacoma 90.7 FM KXOT, plays programs from all across the map, including Radio Sweden, Voice of Russia, China Radio International, Canadian Radio 1, South Korean Radio, and Australian Radio. Visit the Kxot website at <http://www.kxot.org> or the Worldwide Radio Network site at <http://www.wrn.org> for more information.

The World Affairs Council has a regular email newsletter with upcoming events related to politics, social justice, and local reforms. To subscribe to this newsletter, visit <http://www.world-affairs.org/newsletter.cfm>.

### SEND INFORMATION TO THE EZINE!

If you know of events, opportunities or information that may be relevant to this newsletter, please send it, in paragraph form with the contact info, dates, times, prices, and applicable web addresses to the [Ezine@saintmarks.org](mailto:Ezine@saintmarks.org).

### FEEDBACK WELCOME.

We have heard from many people who enjoy reading the Acting On Faith Ezine, but we are also interested to know how often you use the Ezine to attend events in Seattle. Please send us your feedback at [Ezine@saintmarks.org](mailto:Ezine@saintmarks.org) as we continue to develop this tool!

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