# Coordination and Cooperation to Achieve Peace and Social Justice



MUPJ's 30th Annual Conference on Peace, Justice, & the Environment

Celebrating the lives of Vivienne Shub, June Wing, Howard Ehrlich and Katherine LeVeque

Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church 905 Frederick Road Catonsville, MD 21228 http://www.salem-catonsville.org/

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30 years ago, participants in Maryland's first conference on peace, justice and the environment 1986 formed Maryland United for Peace and Justice (MUPJ) as a means to coordinate and support efforts to create a more peaceful, just and sustainable world.

Our 2015 conference celebrates MUPJ's three decades of energizing and supporting progressive Maryland groups and individuals. Please join us as we continue our crucial and exciting activities!

# Friday, May 1st

6:30 – 7:15 pm: Potluck dinner and housing arrangements for out-of-town participants

7:15 - 7:30 pm: MUPJ business meeting

7:30 - 8:15 pm: Liz McAllister and Ray McGovern: "Standing up to empire - then and now!"

8:15 – 9:00 pm: Preparation of conference site and materials

Saturday, May 2nd

8:00 – 8:20 am: **Registration:** Table setup, bagels, cream cheese, coffee, tea

8:30 - 8:50 am: Welcome by Pastor Dave Asendorf, Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

9:00 – 9:50 am: Featured Speaker I: Phyllis Bennis, Institute for Policy Studies, The Mess in the Middle East: What can we do?

## 10:00 – 10:50 Workshop Session I:

- 1. Scott Ward, "Seize the story, Save the world: Communicating effectively in a new and dynamic landscape"
- 2. Tom McCarthy, "The Cyprus Friendship Program: A Proven Teen Model for Peace"
- 3. Kara Annenson, Just Kids, Incarceration of Juveniles: Is this Justice?
- 4. MJ and Jerry Park, Little Friends for Peace, Non-violence in all settings: beyond Ferguson: Working with the Police Academy, building relationships

#### 11:00 - 11:50 pm Workshop Session II: various classrooms

- 5. MJ Park, Little Friends for Peace, Live peace, Teach peace: Can we learn and use tools of non-violence?
- 6. Bahram Zandi, Co-chair, International Committee, Green Party US: May Day, A Blueprint for Cooperation for Change
- 7. Paul Jay, Senior Editor of <a href="www.theRealNews.com">www.theRealNews.com</a>: Speaking Truth to Power on the Internet

12:00 noon – 12:30 pm: Plenary Session: Participant speedy-input on new MUPJ website and proposed quarterly MUPJ summit meetings

12:05 - 12:30 pm – 1:10 pm: **Gourmet Lunch and Glorious Music.** Catering by Catonsville Gourmet with vegetarian option (www.catonsvillegourmet.com) Entertainment by Pastor Gloria Jones Swieringa

1:10 pm -1:55 pm: Benjamin Peace Awards: Gandhi Peace Brigade at DuVal High School, Lanham, MD

2:00 - 2:50 pm: Featured Speaker II: Martin Fleck Program Director, for Physicians for Social Responsibility, "Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons"

## 3:00 - 3:50 pm: Workshop Session III:

- 8. Dan Kahn, The Peace Alliance, "Creating Political Will for Peace the Power of Your Relationships."
- 9. Howard County Friends of Latin America: Hope for Cuba Today
- 10. Laila El-Haddad, Howard County Committee for Palestinian Rights:"Is a Lasting Peace still possible in Israel/Palestine?"

# 4:00 - 4:30 pm: Plenary Celebration

Participant input, 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary cake, and Ethiopian Iced Coffee

## WHERE, WHAT & HOW

Directions to the conference site Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church is on Frederick Road (MD 144) in downtown Catonsville.

From the Baltimore Beltway (I-695): take Exit 13 (Frederick Avenue/MD-144) west. The church is on the left shortly after the fire station.

From Ellicott City: take Frederick Road (Main Street) east to downtown Catonsville. Salem will be on the right shortly after the post office.

Maryland United For Peace & Justice A statewide meeting of Maryland activists in 1985 agreed to present an annual conference on peace and justice (the environment was added later.) MUPJ was started following the first statewide conference in April 1986 to promote networking and to organize the annual conference.

**MUPJ/Institute for Positive Action (IPA)** MUPJ/ IPA, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt affiliate, promotes education for nonviolence, social justice and a sustainable planet.

Fred Benjamin Peace Awards Open to all public, private and home-schooled high school students throughout Maryland and D.C.; entries can be literary, artistic or musical.

Home Hospitality Home hospitality will be available for out-of-town attendees. Please indicate on the registration form if you need or can provide Hospitality.

**Information Tables** We will provide tables organizations to distribute or sell literature or other materials. Please indicate your interest on the registration form if your group would like to use a table.

**Environmental Concerns** Salem Church premises are smoke-free. Please help keep them scent-free by not wearing perfume, cologne or after-shave. And be sure to place trash and recyclables in the marked containers.

## **OUR WONDERUL CO-SPONSORS (as of 4/1)**

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## MUPJ gives special thanks to ...

- Salem Lutheran Evangelical Church and Pastor Rev. David Asendorf for very gracious hospitality.
- Art Milholland and Luann Mostello for generous support.



#### **HOW TO REGISTER**

Conference fees cover the catered lunch and help meet other conference expenses.

You may register later or onsite, but registering by April 25<sup>th</sup> will ensure we order enough food.

Please reduce the amounts listed below by \$5 if you register by April 25:

- \$35 is the regular fee for an individual
- \$20 is the regular fee for students, retirees, second members of a family

If these amounts would make it difficult for you to attend, please let us know: we are flexible!

Please complete (or photocopy) the items below and send with send your check made out to "MUPJ/IPA" to:

MUPJ-IPA C/o Paulette Hammond, 401 Westshire Rd. Baltimore, MD 21229

Name:	
Address:	
City Zip	
Best phone(s)	
Email:	
Organization (if any):	
Please let us know by April 25 <sup>th</sup> whether You wish to have an information table You need a ride You can offer a ride You need lodging Friday night You need lodging Saturday night You can offer lodging	

We welcome new members, as well as renewals! To join MUPJ, please include with your registration a *separate* check made out to "MUPJ/IPA."

Annual individual membership dues:

• \$15

Annual organizational membership dues:

- \$25 (less than 50 members)
- \$35 (50 to 499 members)
- \$45 (500 or more members).

### For more information:

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