

Peace and Justice Support Network Events at Columbus 2009

PJSN Bible Study

Wednesday, July 1 and Friday, July 3, 6:30–8:00pm
Location: E151

Rev. Dr. Linda Mercadante, B. Robert Straker Chair of Theology at the Methodist Theological School of Ohio, will present two sessions of Bible study on “Humans Create Scapegoats, God Does Not: Nonviolent Atonement Theory.”



Many Christians understand Jesus’ death in such ways as God substituting a sinless Christ for a sinful humanity, the result of what evil does to good, basic human injustice, an example of moral purity, and/or our role model for a Christian life of sacrifice. But there are other ways as well. Modern work on the concept of ‘scapegoating’ reveals

additional insights that put Christ’s life and death in a broader context. This work, when applied to biblical exegesis, gives us a depth perspective into human violence and God’s redemption. Looking at the arbitrary scapegoating in the Barabas story as well as what it means that “God was in Christ” provides a different ‘take’ on the violence of the cross.

PJSN Network Meeting

Friday, July 3, 8:00 pm,
Location: E151 following Bible study

Gather together with people interested in and working for peace and justice within MC USA to share your work, network, and support one another.

Peace Pitcher Award presentation

Friday, July 3
Location: the PJSN Bible Study, E151

PJSN will award its Peace Pitcher to a leader within MC USA who has been active in peace and justice work over their lifetime.

A Different Drummer Youth Peace Award

For the first time PJSN will award a youth who has followed “the rhythms of peace in their life” with a peace drum at the Youth Convention Saturday Evening between Worship and the concert.



PJSN Display Booth

Come by the PJSN booth in the Mennonite Mission Network display area and support our work by buying PJSN products and pick up free literature.

Rebuilding on the Rock: A New Foundation

Thursday, 3–4 p.m.

Economies built on sand are crumbling around us, but one built on Christ our rock will stand. Join us as we puzzle this through together! The program and house building are suitable for youth, especially. Check for more details.

Peace and Justice Support Network Seminars at Columbus 2009

(This is a partial list. Check Columbus registration book for others and times and locations.)

Wednesday, July 1:

- **Return to the Earth** by Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, Karin Kaufman Wall, Lawrence Hart.
8:45–9:45 a.m. C113
- **Banning Cluster Bombs: A Mennonite Case Study on Advocacy** by Titus Peachey.
3:00–4:00 p.m.; 4:15–5:15 p.m. D231 (both sessions)
- **Drumming for Peace** by Leo Hartshorn
(Adult) 3:00 p.m. Concourse
- **5% Hog the M&M's (Youth)** by Susan Mark Landis.
3:00 p.m. (to be announced)
- **Defending Granny: What Would You Do?** by Tim Nafziger.
4:15 p.m. (to be announced)
- **Peacebuilding in Palestine-Israel: A Follow-up to the 2007 "Open Letter to Mennonite Church USA Congregations"** by Timothy Seidel, Rachele Lyndaker Schlabach
6:45–7:45 p.m. C115

Thursday, July 2:

- **What's available when a crime happens? Victim Offender Reconciliation Program (VORP)** by Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz.
8:45–9:45 a.m. C115
- **Counter Recruiting (Sponsors)** by Fred Suter.
1:45 p.m. (to be announced)
- **Drumming for Peace** by Leo Hartshorn
(Youth) 3:00 p.m. Concourse
- **Iran—More of the Picture** by Doug Hostetter, Gwen Gustafson-Zook, Richard A. Kauffman, Wally & Evie Shellenberger.
3:00–4:00 p.m. C124/125
- **The Church on Immigration: MCC US Immigration Listening Project or "What is the Church Saying about Immigration: MCC US Listening Project"** by MCC U.S. Immigration Network.
3:00–4:00 p.m. D240/241
- **Defending Granny: What Would You Do?** by Tim Nafziger.
4:15 p.m. (to be announced)
- **Risky Peacemaking: MCC and Iran** by Arli Klassen, Nicole Francisco, Loren Swartzendruber.
4:15–5:15 p.m. C113
- **Hidden Women of the Bible (or What We Don't Know Can Hurt Us)** by Linda Gehman Peachey.
4:15–5:15 p.m. C124/125

- **Colombia: Faith & Hope amidst Conflict** by Theo Sither.
4:15–5:15 p.m. D233

Friday, July 3:

- **Re-thinking Columbus: Exploring Native American History with Racism** by MCC U.S. Anti-Racism Program.
1:45–2:45; 3:00–4:00 p.m. D246 (both sessions)
- **John 20 and the Integration of Peace and Mission** by Leo Hartshorn.
3:00 p.m. C112
- **The United States: "A Country of Immigrants" or "A Country under Siege"** by Tammy Alexander.
3:00–4:00 p.m. E151
- **The Body of Christ—Infected and Affected: The Christian Community's role in Transformative Change Within the Context of the AIDS Pandemic** by Dr. Nathan and Dr. Rochele Beachy.
3:00–4:00 p.m. E160 AB
- **A Theology of Peacemaking: an Anabaptist Perspective** by Leo Hartshorn.
4:15 p.m. C112.
- **Counter Recruiting (Youth)** by Fred Suter.
4:15 p.m. (to be announced)
- **Compassion in Action** by Susan Mark Landis.
4:15 p.m. (to be announced)

Saturday, July 4:

- **Congregational Advocacy** by Susan Mark Landis.
10:15 a.m. (to be announced)
- **Middle East 101: Beyond The News** by Timothy Seidel, Rachele Lyndaker Schlabach.
1:45–2:45 p.m.; 4:15–5:15 p.m. . . . C124/125 (both sessions)
- **The United States: "A Country of Immigrants" or "A Country under Siege"** by Tammy Alexander.
1:45–2:45 p.m. E151
- **Soldiers Speak** by Titus Peachey, Panel of Veterans.
3:00–4:00; 4:15–5:15 p.m. E151 (both sessions)
- **Counter Recruiting (Youth)** by Fred Suter.
4:15 p.m. (to be announced)
- **5% Hog the M&M's (Youth)** by Susan Mark Landis.
4:15 p.m. (to be announced)