



Commissioner Bios

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Aisha al-Adawiya is the founder of Women in Islam, Inc., an organization of Muslim women which focuses on human rights and social justice. Ms. al-Adawiya organizes and participates in conferences, symposia and other forums on Islam, Gender Equity, Conflict Resolution, Cross-Cultural Understanding, and Peace Building. She also represents Muslim women's Non-Governmental Organizations at United Nations forums. Ms. Al-Adawiya coordinates Islamic input for the Preservation of the Black Religious Heritage Documentation Project of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture. She also serves as a consultant to numerous interfaith organizations and documentary projects on the Muslim American experience. Additionally, she serves on the boards of numerous organizations related to the interests of the global Islamic community. Ms. al-Adawiya is a guest host and producer of Tahrir, WBAI Pacifica Radio in New York City.

Nkosi Anderson is a second-year Master of Divinity student at Union Theological Seminary in New York. This year he is a field-education intern with The Poverty Initiative. He remains active in a number of progressive struggles for social justice. He holds an MA from Columbia University with a concentration in African American Studies.

Michael Baxter assisted military conscientious objectors during the First Gulf War and the U.S. invasion of Iraq, and has served for many years as a counselor for students seeking discharge from ROTC programs. He is the National Secretary of the Catholic Peace Fellowship, an organization that supports conscientious objectors to war through, education, counseling, and advocacy. In that capacity, he lectures on topics of war and conscience and edits the CPF journal, *The Sign of Peace*. Baxter also teaches theology at the University of Notre Dame with

specialties in Catholic social teaching, war and peace, and the history of Catholicism in the United State. The author of numerous articles in popular and academic journals, he is currently working on a book to be published by Orbis Press, entitled *The Sign of Peace: Essays on War, Peace, and Conscience in Catholic Tradition*.

Michael Blake served in Iraq April 2003 - March 2004, U.S. Army, 92Y, 4th Infantry Division. After my tour I filed for and received Conscientious Objector Status, and an honorable discharge. I joined IVAW in March 2005, attended several national events (Veterans and Survivors March, Silent March in D.C., April Protest in New York City, etc.); and was elected to the IVAW Board of Directors during the Veterans for Peace Conference that took place in Seattle in August 2006.

Curtis W. Book is the Peace and Justice Coordinator for the East Coast office of the Mennonite Central Committee. 1993 to 2005--Pastoral Leadership Training with the Brethren in Christ World Missions in Zimbabwe, Nicaragua and Colombia. 2008 to present-- Peace and Justice Coordinator for Mennonite Central Committee East Coast Region--pro-actively working with Mennonite and Brethren in Christ congregations and conferences in peace education and conscientious objection, anti-racism, immigration, restorative justice and conflict transformation.

Dr. Elizabeth M. Bounds

Associate Professor of Christian Ethics and Director of Faith and the City

Dr. Bounds's interests include peace-building/conflict transformation, restorative justice and the prison system, democratic practices and civil society, feminist and liberation ethics, and transformative pedagogical practices. She is developing programs to teach peacemaking and restorative justice practices within prisons, and also participated in the diasporic processes of the Liberian Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

The Rev. Rita Nakashima Brock, Ph.D., born in Fukuoka, Japan, is a Visiting Professor at the Starr King School for Ministry, Berkeley, California, and Director of Faith Voices for the Common Good (www.faithvoices.org). Her father, a veteran of WW II, was a U.S. Army enlisted man who served two tours in Vietnam as a medic. She was a college professor of religion for twenty years. From 1997 to 2001, she directed the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study Fellowship Program, Harvard University. From 2001-2002, she was a Fellow at the Harvard Divinity School Center for Values in Public Life. Since 2002, she has been an independent scholar, in addition to her nonprofit volunteer work.

Her book, *Saving Paradise: How Christianity Traded Love of This World for Crucifixion and Empire*, co-authored with Rebecca Parker (Beacon, 2008), was chosen as one of Publishers Weekly's best books of 2008.

Elaine Brower is the mother of a US Marine Reservist, Staff Sgt. James Brower, recently returned from his third deployment, 1 in Afghanistan, 2 in Iraq. She is an anti-war activist; is on the National Steering Committee of World Can't Wait and a member of Military Families Speak Out. Her full time professional career is Computer Project Manager; she has worked in the NYC Office of the Comptroller for the last 20 years. Elaine's story and interviews have appeared in the NY Daily News, NY Newsday, NY Times, and she has appeared on shows like *Good Morning America*, *Montel Williams*, *ABC Nightly News*, *Fox & Friends*, *NOVA TV the Netherlands*, *TV Asahi from Tokyo*, appearing in short features as an antiwar military mom with a son in active duty deployment and has spoken on numerous radio programs nationwide. She writes stories posted at OpEdNews.com, Commondreams.org, NextLeftNotes.org, Mother Jones Magazine.

Rev. Pat Bumgardner, Chair of Global Justice Ministry Metropolitan Community Churches. Rev. Pat has been Senior Pastor of Metropolitan Community Church of New York for 19 years. A well-known advocate for social justice, Rev. Pat has led MCC New York in its mission to serve the community. MCCNY has been listed as one of New York City's "50 best places to renew your spirit" thanks to the development of preaching and music ministries under Rev. Pat. She has been an active campaigner for the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people, recently marrying same-sex couples on the steps of City Hall to protest against laws forbidding such marriages.

Ernestine Buscemi has been retired since leaving her position in 1994 as Educational Director for the Mentally Challenged for fifteen years. She holds a double Masters in Education for Gifted and Developmental Science from University of Pittsburgh and University of Connecticut. Ernestine also is a graduate of the School of the Spirit, spiritual direction and pastoral care program (2004 - 2006). Ernestine resides in New York City with her husband and has been a member of Morningside Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) for over 35 years. As a Quaker, she has served on many boards holding various positions: Presiding clerk of New York Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (2006 - 2009); Presiding Clerk of the Quaker United Nations Office and its Executive Committee (2000 - 2004); Friends World Committee for Consultation - Delegate to the United Nations following women and children's concerns arising from HIV/Aids (1998 - 2005); American Friends Service Committee - Member of their International Nominating Committee for the various working committees (1999 - 2003).

Ernestine continues to facilitate workshops on diversity and gives keynote address on spirituality and her journey, and is involved in many other local projects.

William Kyle Caldwell spent eight years in the Marine Corps as a Legal Administrator and Machine Gunner pulling two tours in Iraq (mainly southern Baghdad) as well participating in humanitarian relief for the 2005 tsunami in Indonesia. Somewhere near the end of my second enlistment I came to understand the Gospel of Christ as nonviolent in nature and revolutionary in orientation. At the end of my enlistment I declined reenlistment and relocated to Nashville, TN. Currently I father four amazing children and work alongside Logan Laituri and Centurions Guild, an organization that actually helped crystallize my pacifist convictions. Even more recently I have come to appreciate both the perfections and flaws of the Roman Catholic Communion and have decided to make my local parish home as well becoming Catholic myself. As of July I will hold a B.S. in Religion/Theology.

Oskar Castro is a Program Analyst with the American Friends Service Committee covering issues related to Peace, Militarism, and the Demilitarization of Youth. He has been involved in human and civil rights discussions related to peace activism, political prisoners, and social justice over the course of the last 18 years. Currently Oskar's efforts include working to educate young people about their rights and options as well as how to make an informed decision on whether military enlistment is right for them. He also works to support AFSC's pursuit of nuclear arms abolition, and its conflict transformation efforts. Topics of discussion include: Recruitment Fraud, Conscientious Objection, JROTC proliferation, and Organizing to Provide Youth with Alternatives to the Military.

Father Drew Christiansen, S. J. is editor in chief of the Catholic weekly America. With a Ph. D. in religious social ethics from Yale, he has taught at the Jesuit School of Theology and the Graduate Theological Union (Berkeley) and the University of Notre Dame. He has served as director of the Center for Ethics and Social Policy (Berkeley), been a founding staff member of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at Notre Dame and acting director of the Woodstock Theological Center, Georgetown University. For 13 years, he also served as foreign policy adviser to the the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, where he served as director of the Office of International Justice and Peace from 1991-98. He is co-editor of *Peacemaking: Moral and Policy Challenges for the 90s* (1994) and co-author of *Forgiveness in International Politics: An Alternative Road to Peace* (2004).

Shane Claiborne is a bestselling author, prominent Christian activist, sought-after speaker and recovering sinner. With tears and laughter, Shane Claiborne unveils the tragic messes we've made of our world and the tangible hope that another world is possible. Shane graduated from Eastern University, and did graduate work at Princeton Seminary. His ministry experience is varied, from a 10-week stint working alongside Mother Teresa in Calcutta, to a year spent serving a wealthy mega-congregation at Willow Creek Community Church outside Chicago. During the recent war in Iraq, Shane spent three weeks in Baghdad with the Iraq Peace Team. Shane is also a founding partner of The Simple Way, a faith community in inner city Philadelphia that has helped to birth and connect radical faith communities around the world.

Shane writes and travels extensively speaking about peacemaking, social justice, and Jesus. He is featured in the DVD series "Another World Is Possible" and is the author of the several books including *The Irresistible Revolution*, *Jesus for President*, and *Becoming the Answer to Our Prayers*. Shane speaks over 100 times a year in a dozen or so countries and nearly every state in the US. Shane has given academic seminars at Vanderbilt University, Duke University, Pepperdine University, Wheaton College, Princeton University, Goshen College and Harvard University. Shane also speaks at various denominational gatherings, festivals, and conferences around the globe. Shane's work has been featured in everything from Fox News and the Wall Street Journal to CNN and National Public Radio.

Pat Clark is currently a program officer for the Fund for Nonviolence's Prison Program and Lifting the Voices of Resistance to War program. The Fund for Nonviolence is a Santa Cruz based foundation that cultivates and supports efforts to bring about social change that moves humanity towards a more just and compassionate coexistence.

From December of 2007 until September of 2009, Pat Clark served as Director of the Newark-based Criminal Justice Program of the American Friends Service Committee's New York Metropolitan Regional Office where she worked on reentry of formerly incarcerated issues, monitoring the issues in prisons across the country and the establishment of a center for healing and transformative justice.

Pat's previously worked as the Executive Director of the Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR), an interfaith, international organization with programs in racial and economic justice, demilitarization, nuclear disarmament, and peaceful resolution of conflicts.

Between 2002-2006 she worked with a 36 member national council and 20 staff to lead FOR's Racial and Economic Justice Program, Youth Peacemaker's Institute, Nonviolence Training, Interfaith Peacebuilders delegations to Israel-Palestine, Latin America and Caribbean work in Colombia and Puerto Rico, the Disarmament Program, and the Iraq anti-war program. She engaged in coalition with partner organizations, and served as one of seven commissioners with the Greensboro Truth and Reconciliation Commission from 2004-2006.

Tom Cornell, a life-long Catholic Worker, worked closely with Dorothy Day and A.J. Muste. A co-founder of the Catholic Peace Fellowship and Pax Christi, USA, he counseled a large volume of conscientious objector claimants during the Viet Nam war, and also for the Mennonite Service Committee, US military personnel who refused deployment to the Gulf War of 1991. Tom was a consultant to the US Catholic bishops for their statement on re-institution of draft registration in 1980, when the bishops made a commitment to support CO, and also a consultant for the 1983 US bishops' pastoral letter *The Challenge of Peace*. He served on the staff of the Fellowship of Reconciliation for fourteen years and is now manager, with his wife Monica, of the Catholic Worker farm in Marlboro, New York. Ordained deacon in 1988, he teaches Catholic social justice theory to deacon candidates for the Archdiocese of New York.

Thad Crouch

Howdy, from Austin, Texas! Stoked about TCCW and my role with *Stand With Honor*: honoring freedom of conscience through video and convening the first sacred *iStand Ceremony* to enable troops of conscience and supporters to deeply access the heart's power to stand on our authority of conscience in the face of anything —this June! I'm enthused to meet everyone and discover that to which ya'll are up!

I gather CO clergy support for *Under the Hood Café*; Speak for Catholic *JustFaith* classes; Worship with *St. Hildegard's Community*. BA, Religious Studies, Loyola Univ., New Orleans; Diocesan Devoted Service Medal; Expert Infantry Badge. My conscientious conversion process has led from supporting the Army's School of the Americas to war tax resistance. At the *Institute to Honor Freedom of Conscience's* national assemblies, I envision entire CO congregations enacting "a re-framed SCO" into common practice non-contingent on the state! Who wants to stand together?

Rev. Dr. Kelly Denton-Borhaug is Associate Professor of Religion at Moravian College, where she teaches contemporary Christian ethics and theologies. She has published articles on feminist ethics, ethics and war, torture and Christian understandings of redemption. Her forthcoming book, *U.S. War-culture, Sacrifice and Salvation*, analyzes sacrificial practices and understandings in the United States that animate and sacralize the ever-increasing reality of U.S. militarism. One important aspect of this work is investigation of sacrificial self-understandings that are inculcated in members of the military, as soldiers are acculturated to see themselves as ready to make "the ultimate sacrifice" to ensure the ongoing life of the nation-state. The book will be published by Equinox Publishing House in the Series, "Religion and Violence," later this year. She is an ordained clergyperson in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Frederick R. Dettmer has been a member of Purchase Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) for over 48 years and resides in Pelham, New York with his wife, Nancy Kraus. He has practiced law since graduating from Yale Law School in 1978. Frederick currently combines a solo private practice with substantial service to Quaker organizations, other religious organizations and individuals dealing with legal issues of conscience. These include: Clerk of the Witness Coordinating Committee of New York Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (which oversees NYYM's political and social service committees, such as Peace Concerns, Conscientious Objection to Paying for War, Prisons, etc.); Friends Committee on National Legislation - Representative to its General Committee and formerly member of its Policy Committee; American Friends Service Committee - Member of the Corporation; member of Executive Committee of its New York Metropolitan Regional Office; Counsel to the New York State Council of Churches; Counsel to individuals engaged in rights of conscience law suits involving the payment of war taxes.

Frederick has substantial legal expertise and experience in the areas of rights of conscience and religious institutions, and has counseled GI's and civilians on conscientious objection concerns. While serving on its Policy Committee, he was a principal draftsman of the Statement on Conscientious Objection to War adopted by the Friends Committee on National Legislation on November 14, 2004 (http://www.fcnl.org/priorities/priority_109th.htm#war).

Dr. Glory Dharmaraj is Director of Spiritual Formation & Mission Theology in the Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church.

Valerie Elverton Dixon is an independent scholar and lecturer studying ethics, peace theory, public discourse, and the civil rights movement.

She received her Ph.D. in Religion and Society from Temple University, and she holds an undergraduate degree in journalism from the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University. For nearly ten years Dr. Dixon taught Christian Ethics at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, OH and at Andover Newton Theological School in Newton Centre, MA. While teaching at Andover Newton, she was also a faculty member of the Ph.D. seminar in ethics at Boston College. The classes she has taught include: Ethics of Peacemaking, and Deconstruction in Public Discourse: Reading the Iraq War.

She is founder of the web site JustPeaceTheory.com, and she contributes to the blogs God's Politics and Tikkun Daily Blog. She is a guest voice at the Newsweek Washington Post site On Faith.

Megan Dowdell is a Unitarian Universalist lay leader and PhD student at the Graduate Theological Union. Her teaching and research interests focus on Womanist ethics and health

care, as well as youth ministry and communities of resistance. She lives in Berkeley, California with her cat, Emerson.

Tom F. Driver is the Paul J. Tillich Professor of Theology and Culture Emeritus at Union Theological Seminary in New York. He has also worked as a theater critic, author of books and articles, and a filmmaker. During the 1990s he was Chairperson of the Haiti Task Force of Witness for Peace. Since retiring from teaching in 1992, he has also devoted himself to volunteer work with the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship and the National Religious Campaign Against Torture. He has photographed and edited two videos about the United States' contribution to the violence in Colombia in South America, scripting and narrating these together with Anne Barstow. His books include the following: *Liberating Rites: Understanding the Transformative Power of Ritual*, *Christ in a Changing World: Toward an Ethical Christology*, *Romantic Quest* and *Modern Query: A History of the Modern Theater*.

M. Piper Dumont's perspective is informed by her work as an educator and her core belief that education is fundamental to social transformation. She is doctoral student at Teachers College at Columbia University. Her self designed interdisciplinary doctorate uses cultural studies and environmental justice to inform the development and implementation of Peace Education. She is involved with the World Christian Student Federation and shares their commitment to peace and social justice.

Pieter Dykhorst

Born in South Africa, Dykhorst now lives in Annandale, VA and is a member of the Orthodox Peace Fellowship. Dykhorst served nine years in the US Army before requesting discharge as a conscientious objector. He entered the Army as a young patriot firmly committed to the principles of Just War, but over the years, his Christian faith compelled him in another direction. He continues to struggle deeply with the moral dilemmas inherent in the conflict between serving one's nation and being true to conscience. He has a degree in Philosophy/History and is writing a thesis for an MS in International and Intercultural Conflict resolution. He taught English for two years in Albania, has taught writing for several years, is currently involved in tutoring, and is attempting to start a new career as a high school Social Studies teacher.

Betsy Eggert, attorney and M. Div. Candidate Andover Newton Theological School, Newton Centre, MA

Betsy Eggert began her journey to understand the effects of war on draftees, service members and civilians when, as a young teenager, she read a 1970 book by Dr. Willard Gaylin, entitled *In the Service of Their Country: War Resisters in Prison*, and saw the Vietnam War photography of photojournalist Eddie Adams. She has practiced law for 30 years and worked extensively in

Latin America and Haiti. Currently she is pursuing a Master of Divinity degree from Andover Newton Theological School, focusing upon the ethics of peacemaking and the social teachings of the Christian churches. She is a long-time hospice volunteer and advocate for prisoners' rights. Inspired by the work of noted psychiatrist and expert witness Dr. Stuart Grassian, she has studied and written about the devastating psychological effects of solitary confinement and their constitutional implications.

Rev. Michael Ellick currently serves as the Associate Pastor for Judson Memorial Church. Formerly a Public Finance Analyst, Rev. Ellick is a graduate of Union Theological Seminary and the Pema Ts'al School for Tibetan Buddhist Studies. In the past year, he co-founded New York's "Bailout Theater," worked as an organizer for the New Sanctuary Movement, and been an outspoken critic of the Afghanistan War.

Chaplain Judy Seicho Fleischman is coordinator of the New York metro chapter of Buddhist Peace Fellowship. She is a Zen priest with Village Zendo and a Board-certified, clinical chaplain who has worked in a variety of healthcare settings, including Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, NYU Langone Medical Center, and Housing Works, Inc., an outpatient facility for people living with HIV. She integrates broadly-framed spirituality in interdisciplinary care settings as the foundation for recovery from trauma. Judy holds master's degrees in Physics and in Astronomy and is founder of Sensing Wonder (www.sensingwonder.com), whose mission is to celebrate creativity, connection, and community.

Bill Galvin, Counseling Coordinator at the Center on Conscience & War, is a Vietnam era conscientious objector. He has been working to support conscientious objectors since the early 1970's. He was on the staff of the United Presbyterian Church's Emergency Ministry on Conscience & War, and later the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors. He is active in the Presbyterian Church having served on the Peace & Justice committee of the Baltimore Presbytery and their special task force to address urban violence. He is a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary and sits on the National Committee of the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship and the Board of the National Campaign for a Peace Tax Fund (NCPTF). NCPTF lobbies to extend CO Rights to taxpayers.

At CCW he coordinates and trains military counselors, counsels military personnel, and assists counselors throughout the GI Rights hotline with difficult cases. He also monitors the Selective Service System, and trains draft counselors. He is co-chair of the Board of the GI Rights Hotline and he is involved in all aspects of the Center's advocacy for CO rights. That includes helping to lobby for CO rights, including an end to the draft and related issues. He has rewritten the *Draft Counselors Manual* several times. He is the author of *The Guide for Conscientious Objectors in the Military*, a self-help guide for conscientious objectors in the military. He is currently writing a manual for military chaplains dealing with conscientious objectors.

Martha Gardner is a member of the National Executive Council of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship.

Rabbi Lynn Gottlieb is cofounder and resident of The Community of Living Traditions at Stony Point Center, NY, a multi-faith community devoted to nonviolence and peace advocacy. She is cofounder of the Muslim-Jewish Peacewalk, a contributing editor to Fellowship Magazine and long time member of the Fellowship of Reconciliation. She has lead frequent delegations to Israel and Palestine and Iran with the F.O.R. As one of the first 8 women rabbis, Lynn has served as a congregational rabbi for 37 years and is cofounder of The Shomer Shalom Network for Jewish Nonviolence. She is an author, storyteller, percussionist, Klezmer dancer and wilderness guide. Lynn co-created Citizen Hearings on the Impact of US Weapons on Civilians in Gaza for the American Friends Service Committee in San Francisco as co-director of their Middle East Program, and continues to travel and give workshops on nonviolence and social change.

Naomi Paz Greenberg I am a member of New York Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) and serve on the NYYM Conscientious Objection to Paying for War Committee. Our committee encourages all people of conscience to write a Statement of Conscience about paying for war, first as a personal spiritual exercise, and then, if led, to submit a copy to our committee. I also serve as a New York Representative to the UN for Conscience and Peace Tax International, an NGO with Consultative Status at the UN.

Dr. Richard L. "Dick" Hamm is an ordained Disciples of Christ minister who has served as pastor of congregations, a middle judicatory executive, and president of his denomination (1993-2003). He is currently executive director of Christian Churches Together in the USA (www.christianchurchestogether.org) and a consulting partner with The Columbia Partnership (www.thecolumbiapartnership.org). Dick has served as a vice president of the National Council of Churches and on Central Committee of the World Council of Churches. He has written three books on church renewal (most recently, "Recreating the Church", 2007, Chalice Press). He has just completed service as a trustee of Pacific School of Religion and is adjunct faculty at Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis.

John Helmiere is a graduating M.Div. student at Yale Divinity School. He has been involved in truth-telling, socially-transforming work as part of a variety of organizations and collectives, from Glide Memorial Methodist Church in San Francisco to Amistad Catholic Worker House in

New Haven. He is currently working on a book about practical ecclesiology, based on visits he took to seven of the nation's most socially engaged churches. The book is intended to serve as a resource for churches that desire to create congregational cultures of justice, peace, and mercy. As a minister in the United Methodist Church, he will begin work this summer planting a new faith community in Seattle. John has received support for his work in liberative, congregational ministry from fellowships awarded by the Beatitudes Society and the Fund for Theological Education.

Marinetta Cannito Hjort, MA 05, is a scholar, trainer and consultant on Restorative Justice and Conflict Transformation, with experience in international academic, civil, religious and governmental settings. For ten years she served as the Baptist Chaplain at American University, in Washington, D.C. Marinetta introduced the Restorative Justice (RJ) paradigm in her native country, Italy, and in 2005 conducted a workshop during the National Conference, "Finding Ways to Overcome the Culture of Mafia" in Palermo. Since then, she has been collaborating with the Sicilian anti-mafia movement in exploring ways of applying RJ as a tool for social change in contexts of protracted conflicts. In Mexico, Marinetta regularly collaborates with government officials and community leaders in finding systemic applications of RJ to combat corruption and organized crime. Marinetta holds a Masters degree in Theology from Wesley Theological Seminary and a Masters degree in Conflict Transformation from the Center for Justice and Peacebuilding at Eastern Mennonite University.

Dru Howard is a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) student at Starr King School for the Ministry. She is in her first year of her three-year program. She served her country in the United States Navy for ten years. Her tour of duty took place from December of 1989 to December 1999 at Naval Air Station at Alameda and S.I.M.A San Francisco. Her first tour of duty at Naval Air Station Alameda was aboard the USS Samuel Gompers AD-37. This tour of Duty lasted from December 1989 to December 1993. While on the Gompers she served in the following departments: 1) the Engineering Department; the Repair Department; and the Chaplain. While working for the chaplain, she worked as a religious petty officer (RP). Her next tour of duty took place at S.I.M.A. San Francisco. There she served for the remaining five years of her naval career, from December 1995 until December 1999. At S.I.M.A. San Francisco she served as yeomen for the Repair Division. She served various repair officers and repair boss. Also, she served the commands Commanding Officer (CO) and Executive Officer (XO). In 1999 she was honorably discharged. This was also the year of base closure of Naval Air Station Alameda.

The Rev. Peggy Howland, National Committee of Presbyterian Peace Fellowship (PPF) 1969-present; served congregations in NY and NJ since 1958, Pastor Emeritus of South Presbyterian Church of Yonkers, NY; International Director & Past President of the International Association of Women Ministers; Presbyterian Women's delegate to UN Commission on the Status of Women; Westchester Coalition on Global Poverty and AIDS; church mission visitation in Nicaragua, Colombia, India, Kenya, Cuba, E. Germany.

Presbyterian Church service: Former Moderator of Synod of Northeast and led visits to churches in Middle East, China, Japan, Korea. Former Moderator of Permanent Judicial Commission of Synod of Northeast; four times Commissioner to General Assembly, 1968-1993, chaired committee on Vietnam (1968); National Committee on Self- Development of People.

Education: AB, Univ. of Pennsylvania (Phi Beta Kappa); M.Div., Princeton Theo. Seminary; STM *cum laude*, Union Theo. Seminary, NY.

Honors: 2010 Woman of Faith Award from Presbyterian Church (USA) for "Women with a Peaceful Heart: Guiding Paths of Peace"; 2008 Peaceseeker Award from PPF.

Charon Hribar is a doctoral student in Christian Social Ethics at Drew University, with a concentration in Women's Studies and currently works as the Curriculum Development and Replication Coordinator for the Poverty Initiative at Union Theological Seminary. She became involved with the Poverty Initiative as a student at Union where she attained her Masters in Divinity in 2007.

Charon has a particular interest in the use of Poverty Truth Commissions to confront the structural violence that creates poverty in the United States and around the world. Other areas of interest include social movement studies; examining the intersections of race, class, gender, and sexuality in relation to liberation movements; and transformative pedagogy. She received her B.A in English from Mercyhurst College (Erie, PA) with minors in Religious Studies, Dance, and Marketing.

Richard T. Hughes is Senior Fellow in the Ernest L. Boyer Center and Distinguished Professor of Religion at Messiah College. Several of his 17 books have implications for the Truth Commission. *Christian America and the Kingdom of God* (Illinois 2009) unmask the claim that America is a Christian nation by comparing it with the biblical vision of the kingdom of God -- a kingdom of peacemaking and justice for the poor. *Myths America Lives By* (Illinois 2003) explores basic beliefs that many Americans hold about their nation---that America, for example, is a chosen and innocent nation, ushering in the golden age for all humankind. Beliefs like these undermine efforts to acknowledge national wrong-doing, especially in the context of war. *How Christian Faith Can Sustain the Life of the Mind* (Eerdmans 2001) is a ringing call for openness to a diversity of ideas on the part of believers.

George Hunsinger is the Hazel Thompson McCord Professor of Systematic Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary. In January 2006 he founded the National Religious Campaign Against Torture. A former assistant to the Rev. William Sloane Coffin, Jr., he has a long history of anti-war and human rights activism. He is an ordained minister (Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.)

and president of the Karl Barth Society of North America. From 2003-2008 he represented the PCUSA in the Faith and Order Commission of the National Council of Churches. He recently completed a book called *The Eucharist and Ecumenism: Let Us Keep the Feast* (Cambridge University Press, 2008). Another of his recent books is: *Torture Is a Moral Issue: Christians, Jews, Muslims and People of Conscience Speak Out* (Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2008). He is married with two children and two grandchildren.

Rev. Dr. Alice Hunt serves as President of Chicago Theological Seminary, a premier institution for educating transformative religious leaders for progressive Christianity focusing on academic excellence, passion for social justice, and courage in response to challenge. Prior to moving to Chicago, Dr. Hunt served as academic dean at Vanderbilt University Divinity School. A Hebrew Bible scholar, Rev. Hunt holds a Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University. Her current research focuses on the Bible in relation to the U.S./Mexico immigration issue. Hunt was ordained at the historic Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church, National Baptist Convention, in Nashville, Tennessee and holds dual standing with the United Church of Christ. Involved in the broader issues of religious affairs and theological education, Hunt serves on the Board of Commissioners for the Association of Theological Schools; chairs the Historical Books section for the Society of Biblical Literature's international meeting and has chaired the American Academy of Religion Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession.

The Reverend Dr. Alvin O'Neal Jackson is a native of the Delta of Mississippi. He attended Chapman College in Orange, Calif. and graduated with honors from Butler University in Indianapolis, Ind. with a bachelor's degree in sociology. He received his Masters of Divinity degree, also with honors, from the Duke University, School of Divinity, Durham, N.C. in 1973. In 1991 he completed the course work and was awarded the Doctor of Ministry degree from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio.

Dr. Jackson has also received honorary degrees from Rhodes College, Memphis, Tenn.; Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, Va.; Bethany College, Bethany, W.V.; Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas; and the Southern California School of Religion, Los, Angeles, Calif.

He has served as pastor of Loudon Avenue Christian Church, Roanoke, Va., associate pastor, Second Christian Church, Indianapolis, Ind. For almost 20 years, Dr. Jackson was Senior Pastor of Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church of Memphis, a congregation that experienced phenomenal growth under his leadership. For seven years, he served as Senior Pastor of National City Christian Church and President of the National City Christian Church Foundation of Washington, DC. In September 2006 he became Senior Pastor of Park Avenue Christian Church of New York City. He is married to the former Tina Brown of Roanoke, Va., and they have one son, Cullen O'Neal Jackson of Memphis.

Mark C. Johnson, Ph.D., became the executive director of the Fellowship of Reconciliation/USA on March 1, 2007. A 1969 graduate of The College of Wooster in Ohio, and with a 1981 doctorate in sociology from Columbia University in the City of New York, he did his alternative service as a conscientious objector in Lebanon, living and teaching in Beirut for six years. He held various positions with the YMCA from 1981 to 2006. From 2002-2006, while employed by the YMCA of the USA, he was active with the emergent Alliance for Middle East Peace. He is married and has three adult children. He lives in Stony Point, New York near the Nyack, New York headquarters of FOR. www.forusa.org.

Dr. Anne Klaeyen is Leader of the New York Society for Ethical Culture, established in 1876 as a religion of ethics; the first Humanist Chaplain at Adelphi University in Garden City, NY; and served the Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island as Leader from 2002 to 2008. She holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from Hebrew Union College and Master's degrees in Business Administration from New York University and in German from the State University of New York at Albany. In addition to her work as Society Leader and chaplain, Dr. Klaeyen is a member of the Board of Governors of the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice, where she represents the American Ethical Union, and an active participant in Empire State Pride in the Pulpit, New Yorkers Against the Death Penalty, the Interfaith Peace Alliance, and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. She has given presentations on forgiveness at the World Fellowship Center in Conway, NH, and the American Friends Service Committee's Center for Healing and Transformative Justice, and the New York State Office for Mental Health. Last December, Dr. Klaeyen represented Ethical Culture at the Parliament of the World's Religions held in Melbourne, Australia. She lives in Park Slope, Brooklyn, with her husband Glenn Newman, President of both the New York City Tax Commission and the Tax Appeals Tribunal. They were married at the Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture, where they became members and served on the Board of Trustees (at different times). Their children Andrew and Emily graduated from the Children's Sunday Assembly program.

The Rev. Mark Koenig serves as the coordinator of the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). He has worked on issues of peace and justice on all levels of the church in situations ranging from rural communities to urban centers. He remains heavily involved in the church's antiracism work. In his current position, he leads workshops on various issues related to peace and justice, writes and edits print and electronic publications and resources, preaches, and provides the content for the program's Web page. He is editor of the publication, *Presbyterians and Military Service*.

Kasim Kopuz is the Imam of Islamic Organization of the Southern Tier at Binghamton, New York, since 1993. He serves also as jail chaplain at Broome County Jail. Kopuz graduated from the school of Islamic Law at Al-Azhar University in Cairo. Then he earned LL.B from the School of Law at Istanbul University, in Istanbul. At Binghamton, he earned an MA in Middle East history from Binghamton University, currently working on his PhD in Middle East history. He has taught classes with Professor and Rabbi Lance Sussman on World Religions at BU and lectured on Sufism at Broome Community College. He has given public speeches on Islam and Muslim cultures at various forums. He is a member of Interfaith Clergy Network of Broome County, NY (http://interfaithbroomecounty.com/Interfaith_Clergy.html), Broome County Council of Churches (<http://www.broomecouncil.net/>), and American Correctional Chaplains Association (<http://www.correctionalchaplains.org/>). He is married to Zumrut Kopuz and together they have three children, named as Hafsa, Zehra and Hamidullah Kopuz.

Rev. Peter Laarman is executive director of Progressive Christians Uniting, a network of individuals and congregations based in Los Angeles. This year PCU is attempting to build a new statewide faith-based network to address California's acute governance crisis from a fresh religious and ethical perspective. PCU also focuses on theological renewal, LGBT advancement, criminal justice reform, and the environmental/green economy challenge. At the request of the Evelyn and Walter Haas Jr. Fund, Peter coordinated three years of research and development work leading to the just-announced social marketing campaign called "Believe OUT LOUD"--a campaign aimed at improving the quality of the Christian conversation nationally around queer sexuality issues. Peter is an essayist and contributing editor for the online magazine Religion Dispatches. He worked as a community organizer and a communications/policy specialist in the U.S. labor movement for 20 years before training for the ministry. Ordained in the United Church of Christ, Peter served as senior minister at New York's Judson Memorial Church from 1994 until 2004. Last year he received the William Sloane Coffin Peace and Justice Award from the alumni of the Yale Divinity School.

Daniel Lakemacher Prior to his discharge as a conscientious objector in September 2009, Lakemacher was a Petty Officer Second Class in the United States Navy. His experiences working in the prisons at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba caused him to reconsider the justification for America's current wars, and ultimately for any war at all. Ever the outspoken advocate for his beliefs, Daniel started the website <http://WarIsImmoral.com> while still enlisted. Recently he has taken a development position with the Center on Conscience & War, an organization whose support and advice Daniel credits as being indispensable in obtaining his honorable discharge.

James Lavoy is a senior undergraduate at Moravian College in Bethlehem, PA. His major is Political and Social Theory with an emphasis on community building, peace, and justice. In the Fall, he will be attending Moravian Theological Seminary to pursue a Master's of Divinity, so that he can join the Clergy of the Moravian Church, an historic peace-advocacy denomination.

Kristen Leslie, an ordained United Methodist minister, is a Lecturer in Pastoral Care and Counseling at Yale Divinity School in New Haven, Connecticut. She received a B.A. from the College of Wooster (Ohio), a M.Div. from Yale Divinity School, and a Ph.D. in Pastoral Counseling from the Claremont School of Theology (California). She is the author of *When Violence is No Stranger: Pastoral Counseling with Survivors of Acquaintance Rape* (Fortress Press, 2003). From 2003- 2005, Dr. Leslie served as a consultant to the Chaplains at the United States Air Force Academy as they worked to provide appropriate care to survivors of sexualized violence. While doing this work, Leslie documented the growing problem of Christian proselytizing at the Academy and in the United States Military in general. In 2005, she testified in front of a subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee on matters related to proselytizing in the U.S. Military.

Rev. Dr. Gabriella Lettini
Convener of Commissioners

Gabriella Lettini was born in Torino, Italy. Lettini is Associate Professor of Theological Ethics and Aurelia Henry Reinhardt Director of Studies in Public Ministry at Starr King School for the Ministry - Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA. She directs the Master of Arts in Religious Leadership for Social Change (MASC).

Lettini holds a Ph.D. from Union Theological Seminary in New York. She has published on issues of sexuality, syncretism, theology and cultures, U.S. and global liberation theologies, feminist theologies, movies and religion, religion and politics, religious traditions and the "other." Lettini is an ordained minister of the Waldensian Church in Italy.

Her current work focuses on issues of poverty, racial justice, grassroots activism and the ethical imagination. She was a Commissioner and a Convener at Poverty Truth Commissions in New York and the major organizer of the first Bay Area Truth Commission. She is a member of this TCCW organizing team and a board member of Faith Voices for a Common Good.

Andrea Levine is the Project Coordinator for the Veterans' Sanctuary, Inc and studied Community Health Education at Ithaca College. She is looking forward to organizing resources and community support, planning fundraising events and initiatives, as well as researching programs, providers, and educators. <http://veteranssanctuary.blogspot.com/>

Nan Levinson is a writer, teacher, and journalist, reporting on civil liberties, politics, culture, technology, and travel for publications in the U.S. and abroad. She wrote about Conscientious Objectors during the first Gulf War in her book, *Outspoken: Free Speech Stories*, and is now working on a book about the new GI resistance movement. Levinson was U.S. correspondent for the international magazine, *Index on Censorship* and served on the advisory board of the Free Speech Policy Project. She teaches journalism and fiction writing at Tufts University. Previously, she worked in arts administration, including stints at the National Endowment for the Arts and as Executive Director of the British American Arts Association.

Daniel C. Maguire, Ph.D., is Professor of Moral Theological Ethics at Marquette University. A former Roman Catholic priest who received a degree in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, one of the world's major Catholic universities, he is the President of the Religious Consultation on Population, Reproductive Health, and Ethics. He is the author of over 150 articles which have appeared in the *New York Times*, the *Atlantic Monthly*, and *USA Today* and he has written several books, including *The Horrors We Bless: Rethinking the Just-war Legacy*, *A Moral Creed for All Christians*, *Whose Church: A Concise Guide to Progressive Catholicism*, and *Sacred Choices: The Right to Contraception and Abortion in Ten World Religions*. He lives in Wisconsin.

Miriam Marton is an attorney in New York City. She focuses her pro bono work on representing applicants for asylum in the United States who have survived various forms of persecution and torture in their home countries. Prior to becoming an attorney, Ms. Marton was a social worker whose focus was survivors of trauma.

Ray McGovern works with *Tell the Word*, the publishing arm of the ecumenical Church of the Saviour in inner-city Washington; he leads the section "Speaking Truth to Power." Born in the Bronx and educated at Fordham, he served as an Army infantry/intelligence officer before working as a CIA analyst from 1963 to 1990. His duties included morning briefings with the *President's Daily Brief*.

In early 2003, when it became clear that intelligence was being cooked to "justify" war on Iraq, a handful of intelligence community alumni, including Ray, created Veteran Intelligence Professionals for Sanity. Six weeks before the war, VIPS formally told the President that attacking Iraq could not be justified by intelligence and warned, "The unintended consequences are likely to be catastrophic."

McGovern holds a Certificate in Theological Studies from Georgetown. He and his wife, Rita Kennedy, a native of Brooklyn, have 5 children and 8 grandchildren.

The Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt is senior minister of The Fourth Universalist Society in the City of New York. A graduate of Yale University and Drew Theological Seminary, and a former editor at the New York Times Book Review, she is author of three books, including her memoir, *Unafraid of the Dark*, a contributing editor of *UU World*, and a prolific blogger (<http://revrose.com>). Her years of service to the UUA have included work as a member of the Committee on Urban Concerns and Ministry; chair of the Board of Starr King School for the Ministry; and a member of the Panel on Theological Education. Rev. McNatt currently represents the Metropolitan New York District on the UUA Board of Trustees. She is also a founder and active member of the UU Trauma Response Ministry. She lives in New York City with her husband, Robert and their sons, Allen and Daniel.

Robert Emmet Meagher, Professor of Humanities, Hampshire College, has taught religious studies and theology at Indiana University and the University of Notre Dame. He has also held visiting chairs and professorships at numerous colleges and universities, including Trinity College Dublin and Yale University. His publications include over a dozen books, as well as translations and original plays. His most recent book is *Herakles Gone Mad: Rethinking Heroism in an Age of Endless War*. He has offered workshops on the translation and contemporary production of ancient drama at colleges and universities here and abroad, and has himself directed productions at such venues as the Samuel Beckett Centre, Dublin and the Nandan Centre for the Performing Arts in Kolkata, India. In recent years he has directed and participated in a range of events and programs concerned with healing the spiritual wounds of war in veterans, their families, and their communities.

Rich H. Meyer has been a field worker and staff member for Christian Peacemaker Teams since 1997. Most of his work has been in Israel/Palestine. In 2004 Meyer lectured in Korea and Japan on "The Weakness of Armies: lessons from Israel and Iraq."

Meyer worked in Lesotho with Mennonite Central Committee from 1981-87, living on the South Africa/Lesotho border 1984-87. In 2002 he and Brenda H. Meyer co-authored *_Conflict Studies for Lesotho_*, sixteen lessons on conflict transformation for Basotho high school students.

In 1980 Meyer co-founded the Registration Information Center in Goshen (Ind.) when President Carter instituted registration for 18-21 year-old males.

David B. Miller is an ordained Mennonite minister and Associate Professor of Missional Leadership at the Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN. Miller has been pastor of congregations in Goshen, IN and State College, PA and taught at Hesston College (KS). He was the founder of the Centre Community Peace Team, a nonviolent riot prevention team, a founding board member of the State College Interfaith and Community Coalition Against Violence and Prejudice, and has served on the Board of Directors of the Center on Conscience and War in Washington, DC. His is a graduate of Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary (M.Div.) and Columbia Theological Seminary (D.Min.). His doctoral project, *The Missional Church and the End of Christian Social Ethics* received the Telford Award for the integration of social ethics and Christian ministry.

Zachary Moon is completing his Master of Divinity at Chicago Theological Seminary. He has served as a chaplain for the Veterans Administration and will continue this work after graduation this spring. In 2002, he was a student at the University of Natal and studied the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission process. In 2005-2006, he worked in Greensboro North Carolina with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission process held there. Zachary is the son of a Vietnam Veteran.

Jim Murphy: Vietnam Service: Radioman 1st MOBAF 1966 and 1972ndCS '68 - QuangTri City, DaNang. Peace Activist since 1971 as a member of Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW). He participated in Dewey Canyon III and the 'takeover of the Statue of Liberty' during Christmas 1971. He lobbied Congress on the issues of Agent Orange and 'Vietnam Syndrome' (PTSD). As an educator, he was Director of Education at Shon Tai Wilderness School (juvenile delinquents) and later was a high school dean for 25 years at West Side Alternative HS in Manhattan where he retired. He coordinates New York Veterans Speak Out, a C-R program in New York schools, coordinates Ithaca Veterans Peace Council, is on the advisory board of Veterans' Sanctuary (a forthcoming Ithaca area peer-centered program for Iraq and Afghanistan veterans), advocacy and referral for Iraq and Afghanistan veterans. His new project is to network war veterans' writings on the internet under the auspices of the Fellowship Of Reconciliation (FOR). The International FOR has American war vets and Yesh G'vul (anti-war Israeli veterans), Canadian veterans, U.K. veterans, veterans of the Algerian War (France) and Australian veterans. Jim was a member of the 1st peace delegation by F.O.R. that went to Iran in 2005. He is quietly in touch with teachers and veterans (Iraq-Iran War) from Tehran to help support their desire for non-violence change.

Rev. T. Kenjitsu Nakagaki is a resident minister of New York Buddhist Church; Former President of the Buddhist Council of New York ; Vice President of the Interfaith Center of New York; and Clergy on Call for Columbia University. He was ordained in 1980, and came to USA in 1985 as overseas minister from Hongwanji Temple, Kyoto, Japan. He served Seattle Buddhist Church (1985-1989), Parlier Buddhist Church, CA (1989-1994) and New York Buddhist Church (1994-present). He is an author of *No Worry, No Harry, Eat Curry: New York Bozu Indo o Aruku* (published by Gendai Shokan 2003) in Japan. He has been active in peace movement. He has been organizing International annual Peace Day to commemorate Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bombing since 1994, and also organizing the annual 9-11 WTC Memorial Floating Lanterns Ceremony on Hudson River since 2002.

Rev. Dr. Rebecca Ann Parker is President and Professor of Theology at Starr King School for the Ministry, the Unitarian Universalist member school of the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California. Starr King School educates religious leaders through multi-religious, counter-oppressive theological education that builds just and sustainable communities (www.skism.edu). Dr. Parker's theological work critically engages the problems of religiously-sanctioned war and recovers an alternative Christian ethic of love for life, non-violence, and communities of justice and care. She is co-author with Rita Nakashima Brock of *Proverbs of Ashes: Violence, Redemptive Suffering and the Search for What Saves Us* and *Saving Paradise: How Christianity Traded Love of This World for Crucifixion and Empire*. Her newest book, co-authored with John Buehrens, *A House for Hope: The Promise of Progressive Religion for the 21st Century* (Beacon Press) will be released in May 2010.

Jeff Paterson is the project director of Courage to Resist--an Oakland, California-based organization dedicated to "supporting the troops who refuse to fight" with political, legal, and material assistance. Mr. Paterson was the first U.S. military serviceperson to publicly oppose, and later be imprisoned for resisting the 1991 Gulf War. On August 30, 1990, active duty Marine artilleryman Corporal Paterson was taken to the Pearl Harbor brig after sitting down on a military airstrip in order to resist deployment. He was the first of about one hundred military resisters to publicly oppose Desert Storm, the beginning of direct U.S. military intervention in Iraq.

Alexander Patico is the North American Secretary for the Orthodox Peace Fellowship, and a conscientious objector. He is a member of the US Committee for the WCC's Decade to Overcome Violence, and of the Washington, DC -area group YesMEP ("Yes, We Can: Middle East Peace"). Patico has degrees in philosophy and cross-cultural training, served in the Peace Corps in Iran in the late '60's, and is a co-founder of the National Iranian American Council. He was a peace delegate to Iran in 2006 under the auspices of the Fellowship of Reconciliation. Patico had a 30+-year career in international education and international development, most of it

with the Institute of International Development. He has visited 38 countries and worked with people from a hundred more. He lives with his wife in Columbia, MD.

Dr. Jack Patterson was a Conscientious Objector during the Vietnam War and worked as a staff member of the American Friends Service Committee on Peace Education from 1968 to 1998. At that time I became the Quaker Representative to the United Nations and served in that capacity until 2006. I have a doctorate in education from Columbia University's Teachers College and a Masters of Divinity from Chicago Theological Seminary.

Titus Peachey, Director of Peace Education for Mennonite Central Committee U.S. Titus served with the Mennonite Church as a conscientious objector to war in Vietnam from 1970-1973, and later worked in Laos in post-war development from 1980-1985. He returned to Laos in 1994 to help launch the Unexploded Ordnance Removal Project which continues to this day. He continues advocacy work on the elimination of landmines and cluster munitions. Titus also does counseling on the GI Rights Hotline Network which receives calls from active duty members of the military and their families who may be seeking information regarding the regulations that apply to various types of discharges. As part of his peace education work, Titus encourages churches to mentor their youth and offer alternatives to military enlistment.

Garland Robertson, Minister

Garland graduated from Mississippi State University commissioned as an Air Force 2nd Lieutenant. He flew missions for the Army's 5th Special Forces in Vietnam followed by tours as an instructor pilot and a missile crew commander. He earned a MDiv and PhD in Theology, then returned to active duty as a chaplain.

Following Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in 1991, Garland wrote a letter to the local newspaper. Local military officials reprimanded Garland; eventually he was diagnosed mentally incompetent and directed to be discharged. His attempt to clarify the role of a uniformed chaplaincy resulted in a federal court ruling that although encroaching on the establishment clause, the military had reason to dismiss undesirable officers.

Garland is pastor of the Mennonite congregation in Austin, Texas. He organizes the annual National Assembly to Honor Freedom of Conscience, is a member of the Iraq Christian Peacemaker Team, and is founder/administrator of the Institute to Honor Freedom of Conscience.

Rev. Philip G. Salois

Vietnam Veteran • Chaplain • Counselor

Father Phil, as he is known and cherished by countless veterans, is currently Chief of the Chaplain Service for the VA Boston Healthcare System. After graduating from high school, giving college a try, and going to work as a workman's compensation claims adjuster, Philip Salois was drafted into the U.S. Army and trained as an infantryman. In March 1969 he found himself in Vietnam, where, leading a rescue mission, he won the Silver Star. Several years later he entered the seminary and was ordained a Catholic priest in 1984. Fr. Salois was the first person to be named National Chaplain of the Vietnam Veterans of America, a title that he holds to this day. In 1989, he founded the National Conference of Viet Nam Veteran Ministers, an organization for those who served in Vietnam as enlisted men and women and later answered the call to ordained ministry. The founding purpose of this organization was to share personal trauma stories with one another on the level of faith and spirituality. Since then, the National Conference of Viet Nam Veteran Ministers has developed a Spiritual Healing Weekend Retreat Program for combat veterans and their spouses or significant others and continues to serve as a clinic for wounded PTSD-ridden ministers. Four years ago the name of the organization was changed to International Conference of War Veteran Ministers to invite military chaplains from other English-speaking countries to join as well as veteran ministers from post-Vietnam wars.

Daniel A. Seeger, the Religious Society of Friends, served for almost thirty years as Executive Director for peace and community justice programs of the American Friends Service Committee in the New York metropolitan area. Then, he was Executive Director for Pendle Hill, a Quaker center for study and contemplation. In 1957, when he refused induction into the armed service, the Selective Service refused his application to be a conscientious objector. With the Quakers' help, he challenged their denial. The U. S. Supreme Court's United States of America v. Daniel A. Seeger (1965) positive decision for him aided the claims of subsequent conscientious objectors. His interest in the Truth Commission stems from his journey as conscientious objector and his life work as a pacifist. Although opposed to war in any form, he also believes "it is important to stand witness with anyone whose convictions prevent her or him from cooperating with a specific project to employ violence to resolve human conflict."

Rev. Ken Sehested is co-pastor of Circle of Mercy in Asheville, N.C. A graduate of New York University and Union Theological Seminary (N.Y.), he was the founding director, in 1984, of the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America, a position he held until 2002. In that work he traveled to more than 20 countries on every continent as a speaker, journalist and conflict mediator. He has received the Dahlberg Peace Award of the American Baptist Churches USA; the Martin Luther King Jr. award of the Mid-South Peace and Justice Center in Memphis; the Grace Lee award for peacemaking by Warren Wilson College in Asheville, and a plaque of recognition for human rights advocacy in Latin America by the 2006 *Segundo Encuentro* of Baptist theologians in the Caribbean and Latin America. An award-winning author, his writing and poetry have appeared in more than two dozen magazines and books.

Donald W. Shriver is former president of the Faculty of Union Theological Seminary and professor of Christian Ethics, 1975-96, emeritus. He has served as a local Presbyterian minister and university minister in North Carolina, as professor of ethics in Emory University before coming to New York City in 1975. Among his two recent books (Oxford U. Press) are *An Ethic for Enemies: Forgiveness in Politics* and *Honest Patriots: Loving a Country Enough to Remember Its Misdeeds*. The latter received the \$200,000 Grawemeyer Foundation prize for a book in religion. He is a former president of the Society of Christian Ethics (1979-80) and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations since 1988. Late in the World War Two years he was drafted and served a year in the U.S. Army Signal Corps. He is a native of Virginia and holds degrees from Davidson College, Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, Yale University Divinity School, and Harvard University.

Peggy L. Shriver is former Assistant General Secretary of the National Council of Churches for Research, Evaluation, and Planning (1976-99). She is author of six books, including two books of poetry and an ecumenical study of world peace written for the NCC. Her *The Bible Vote* (1980) was one of the earliest studies of the new religious right. She has been active in many community organizations in North Carolina and New York. Her husband and she have three children and four grandchildren. She is a native of Iowa and a graduate of Central College, Iowa, from which she also holds an honorary doctorate. Both she and her husband have traveled extensively and have been closely related to justice and reconciliation issues in S. Korea, N. Ireland, S. Africa, and Germany.

Rev. Sam Smith is an ordained minister in the Church of the Brethren and has been a Youth Pastor for the past 15 years. He has a Diploma from Moody Bible Institute in Pastoral Studies, a B.A. from Wheaton College in Sociology and a Master of Divinity with an emphasis in Peace Studies from Bethany Theological Seminary. Currently he is a Doctor of Ministry Candidate in Youth, Family and Culture at Fuller Theological Seminary. Rev Sam's area of concentration at Fuller centers in Youth and Militarism.

In addition, he is the Chicago Chapter Chair of The Fellowship of Reconciliation, serves on the National Council of the Fellowship of Reconciliation USA where he is co-chair of the Program and Membership Committee and sits on the Development Committee. Rev Sam also is a member of the prestigious Historic Peace Churches/Fellowship of Reconciliation Consultative Committee. For the past six years, Rev Sam has been one of the primary promoters of the I Will Not Kill Campaign.

Eda Uca-Dorn is the founder and editorial director of Method Nine Books, an independent publishing house bringing underrepresented voices for peace and justice to print. She has worked as an organizer and peace educator with several faith-based peace organizations and recently founded Hosanna! People's Seminary, a community organization facilitating trans-

denominational and interfaith opportunities for the study of modern biblical theology and liberating theologies. She lives in Washington, DC with her husband Mike.

Rick Ufford-Chase is the Executive Director of the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship. He serves on the National Council of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, the Steering Committee of Christian Peace Witness for Iraq. While serving as the Moderator of the 216th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA), Rick was instrumental in the founding of No2Torture. He is the co-founder of the Community of Living Traditions, a multi-faith, residential community dedicated to the study and practice of nonviolence.

Jason Vance is an M.Div. candidate at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary and expects to graduate in May of 2010. Jason lives in Lansing Michigan with his wife, Rhonda. He works at Habitat for Humanity of Michigan assisting the AmeriCorps Program Director. Jason also serves on the leadership team at Delta Community Christian Church, affiliated with the independent Christian Churches/Churches of Christ from the Restoration Movement. Jason was enlisted for nearly six years in the Michigan Army National Guard with the 126th Press Camp Headquarters. He served in Public Affairs throughout the United States, in South Korea, and Bosnia-Herzegovina. Jason began the process of becoming a Conscientious Objector, but instead was honorably discharged when accepted into the graduate program at AMBS.

Peter Vander Meulen lived and worked in Central America, Asia, the Caribbean, and West Africa for over 20 years before becoming the denominational Coordinator for Social Justice and Hunger Action of the Christian Reformed Church - a denomination of 280,000 members. As such he is responsible for leading justice education and direct advocacy work of the CRCNA. He is past co-chair of the Micah Challenge USA and board member of Bread for the World, US. He presently serves on the Micah Challenge International board and as a consultant to the World Alliance of Reformed Churches' Covenanting for Justice Process. He has three grown children and resides in Grand Rapids, Michigan with his wife, Margaret.

Jose N. Vasquez, Executive Director, Iraq Veterans Against the War (IVAW)

Jose Vasquez served fourteen years in the US Army and Army Reserve. In January 2005 he applied for conscientious objector status requesting immediate discharge from the military, which was approved in May 2007. Jose has served as president of the NYC chapter, board member, and Winter Soldier organizer. In addition to his role as the Executive Director, Jose is pursuing a Ph.D. in cultural anthropology at the CUNY Graduate Center where he is conducting

research on militarization and the politics of sacrifice among veterans in contemporary American society.

Rabbi Arthur Waskow has been a creator and leader of Jewish renewal since 1969. In 1983, he founded and has since been director of The Shalom Center <www.shalomctr.org> -- a prophetic voice in Jewish, multi-religious, and American life that draws on Jewish and other spiritual and religious teachings to work for justice, peace, and the healing of our wounded earth. In 1996 Rabbi Waskow was named by the United Nations one of forty “Wisdom Keepers” -- religious and intellectual leaders from all over the world who met with the Habitat II conference in Istanbul. In 2007, Newsweek named him one of America's fifty most influential rabbis. He has spoken at the Interfaith World Dialogues in Madrid and Vienna called by the King of Saudi Arabia and at the World Interfaith Conference on the Climate Crisis called by the Church of Sweden, as well as at many other interfaith conferences on peacemaking and healing of the earth. In the most recent book of his 21 books, he is one co-author, along with Benedictine Sister Joan Chittister, OSB, and Sufi Murshid Saadi Shakur Chisti, of *The Tent Of Abraham: Stories of Hope and Peace for Jews, Christians, & Muslims*.

Rev. Dr. Traci C. West is Professor of Ethics and African American Studies at Drew University Theological School (Madison, NJ). She is the author of *Disruptive Christian Ethics: When Racism and Women's Lives Matter* (2006) and *Wounds of the Spirit: Black Women, Violence, and Resistance Ethics* (1999), and the editor of *Our Family Values: Same-sex Marriage and Religion* (2006). She is a clergy member of the United Methodist church. The expression of her activist concern about violence and truth-telling include: joining an interfaith clergy peace delegation trip to Iraq in 2003, lobbying for the inclusion of sexual orientation and gender identity in federal hate crimes legislation in 2009, and teaching about ethical responses to violence against women at her seminary during this 2010 spring semester.

Jennifer E. Whitten is a M.Div. student at Starr King School for the Ministry, the Unitarian Universalist seminary of the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA. Witnessing the transformative effects of Nonviolent/Compassionate Communication in interpersonal and small group situations led to her interest in the applications of deep listening and empathy on a systemic basis. As former college faculty in the fields of literature and writing, Jennifer has taught a generation of students that includes many U.S. service members and their spouses, relatives, and friends. Working with these students to help them articulate their experiences and concerns during the current wars in Iraq and Afghanistan has deepened her respect for the complexity of international conflict and its impact on participants. It has also increased her commitment to working towards peaceful conflict resolution, and to exploring its spiritual and societal aspects through poetry, fiction, and nonfiction writing.