

# Jeanette Rodriguez



PAX CHRISTI MICHIGAN has the distinct honor in presenting **Dr. Jeanette Rodriguez** as the key-note speaker for our 27<sup>th</sup> Annual State Conference. Jeanette is Professor of Theology and Religious Studies at Seattle University and former President of the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians in the United States. Her scholarly focus includes theologies of liberation, cultural memory, and religion and social conflict. She received her Ph.D. in Religion and the Personality Sciences at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California, and is the author of *Our Lady of Guadalupe: Faith and Empowerment Among Mexican American Women*, and *Stories We Live*, as well as numerous articles on U.S. Latino/a Theology and women's spirituality. Vice-chair of the Pax Christi USA National Council, she is also an integral part of Pax Christi USA's Anti-Racism Team (PCART). Jeanette references fellow theologian Jon Sobrino, who states, '...Jesus gives us a glimpse of what a true church might look like by narrating the parable of the Good Samaritan, who was moved to pity, and this mercy suggests a sense of compassion, a specific kind of love, which is the basic principle of the activity of God.' Jeanette goes on to say "All major religious traditions as expressed in the Koran, the Hebrew Scriptures and the Christian Scriptures have a clause about welcoming the stranger. So finally, the ideal human being is one who interiorly absorbs in her innards the suffering of another." We welcome Jeanette as she sets the tone for this important Conference.

## Workshops

**"Anti-Arab, Anti-Muslim Racism in the U.S.,"** Rosina Hassoun, Ph.D., Adjunct Assistant Professor, Michigan State University

**"Armistice - Giving Youth a Voice,"** Street Theater as activism: Michigan Peaceworks Youth Activist Network, Ann Arbor (*MORNING ONLY*)

**"Confronting Anti-Immigrant Initiatives in Michigan,"** Juan Escareño, Lead Organizer for the Gamaliel Michigan Civil Rights for Immigrants project, together with panel of Cristo Rey's CRI local group (*SPANISH & ENGLISH*)

**"Environmental Justice: History and Issues,"** Bunyan Bryant, Ph.D., Arthur F. Thurnau Professor and Director of the Environmental Justice Initiative, University of Michigan School of Natural Resources and Environment

**"Immigration: Storm Over the Land,"** Elena Herrera, Co-founder of Centro Obrero, the Workers' Center in Southwest Detroit; instructor in Social Justice program at Marygrove College, Detroit

**"Racism and the Economic Divide,"** Joan Jackson Johnson, Ph.D., Director, Human Relations and Community Services, City of Lansing

**"Racism & Militarism: The Dance of Death,"** Fr. C. Peter Dougherty, Michigan Peace Team: Co-Founder & Outreach Coordinator (*AFTERNOON ONLY*)

**"Trafficking in Persons – Shadows of Modern Day Slavery,"** Annette M. Sinagra OP, Corporate Responsibility Analyst, Portfolio Advisory Board, Adrian Dominican Sisters

**"White Privilege: A Challenge to the Growth & Success of the Peace Movement,"** Tom Cordaro, a Pax Christi USA Ambassador of Peace and member of the Pax Christi Anti-Racism Team. He works as the Justice & Outreach Minister for St. Margaret Mary Parish in Naperville, IL.

### Lunch Workshop Options

- "Building Local Pax Christi Groups,"** Joan Tirak, Pax Christi Michigan Coordinator; Co-founder of Loaves & Fishes Ministries, Lansing
- "Starting a Racism Dialogue Circle,"** Grace Potts, PCM St. Council Member; Partner, Insight Unlimited LLC, Non-profit, Community, and Grassroots Consulting
- "Young Adult Movement/YAM Caucus,"** Arun D'Souza, PCM St. Council & YAM Committee Member & Kim Laba, YAM Committee Member & past member of PCM St. Council

## Conference Schedule

- 8:30 a.m. **Registration**  
Books & Displays; Continental Breakfast
- 9:15 a.m. **Welcome** – Nancy Peters, St. Council Co-Chair, Pax Christi Michigan; Bishop Carl F. Mengeling, Diocese of Lansing; and Fr. Fred Thelen, Pastor, Cristo Rey Church
- 9:30 a.m. **Opening Prayer**
- 10:00 a.m. **Dr. Jeanette Rodriguez**  
Keynote Address: "The Samaritan Church & the Principle of Mercy"
- 10:45 a.m. **Break/Browsing at displays**
- 11:15 a.m. **Workshops – Session I**
- 12:30 p.m. **Lunch/browsing at displays**  
Please consider our Lunch Workshop Options – See Program of the Day
- 1:40 p.m. **Annual Young Adult Peacemaker Award** - Presented to Jennifer Mills, Member of Ann Arbor Pax Christi  
**Annual Purple Ribbon for Peace Award** – Presented to Fr. Fred Thelen, Pastor, Cristo Rey Church & past Chair of PCM State Council
- 2:00 p.m. **Workshops – Session II**
- 3:15 p.m. **Break**
- 3:30 p.m. **Dr. Jeanette Rodriguez**  
"The Spirituality of Non-Violence"
- 3:45 p.m. **Q&A with Jeanette**
- 4:15 p.m. **Closing Prayer**

### Cristo Rey Church

201 W. Miller; Lansing, MI 48910  
Emergency: 517- 927-8689

NOTE: Facility is not handicapper accessible, but does have an electric chair lift on the stairs.

## PAX CHRISTI MICHIGAN Statement of Purpose

Pax Christi Michigan is a region of Pax Christi USA, which in turn is a section of Pax Christi International. The name of this Catholic peace movement means *Peace of Christ*. Our members include a broad spectrum of the church - lay and religious women and men, clergy, bishops, parents, educators, and students. Groups of members interested in coming together have established local Pax Christi communities throughout the state and on college campuses.



Pax Christi Michigan adopts as its own the Statement of Purpose of Pax Christi USA, part of which reads:

*Pax Christi intends to contribute to building peace and justice by exploring and articulating the ideal of Christian nonviolence, and by striving to apply it to personal life and to the structures of society.*

Pax Christi has four priorities in determining programs and actions:

- ∅ Spirituality of Nonviolence and Peacemaking
- ∅ Disarmament, Demilitarization, and Reconciliation with Justice
- ∅ Economic and Interracial Justice in the United States
- ∅ Human Rights and Global Restoration

Since its struggle in these areas arises from a Gospel vision of peace, Pax Christi asks its members to ground their peacemaking in prayer and reflection on the Peace of Christ - *Pax Christi*.

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