



Kathy Kelly

PAX CHRISTI MICHIGAN has the distinct honor of presenting our keynote speaker **Kathy Kelly**: human rights activist, poet, writer, feminist, teacher and prophetic leader. Kathy co-coordinates *Voices for Creative Nonviolence*, (www.vcnv.org) a campaign to end U.S. military and economic warfare. As a co-founder of *Voices in the Wilderness*, she helped form 70 delegations (from 1996 – 2003) that openly defied economic sanctions by bringing medicines to children and families in Iraq. Kathy and her companions lived in Baghdad throughout the 2003 "Shock and Awe" bombing.

More recently, she has visited Gaza, (during Operation Cast Lead, Jan 2009) and Pakistan, (May-June, 2009), writing eyewitness accounts of war's impact on civilians. With others, she has brought attention to the devastation caused by "drones," used in both Afghanistan and Pakistan. *Voices for Creative Nonviolence* has initiated a nationwide Peaceable Assembly Campaign which seeks an end to the U.S. wars in Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan and an end to U.S. support of the continued occupation of the Palestinian territories.

She and her companions at the *Voices* home-office in Chicago believe that non-violence necessarily involves simplicity, service, sharing of resources and direct action in resistance to war and oppression. Kathy will share with us – from first-hand experience - how to get involved in empowered, creative, active nonviolence in a world that desperately needs this. We are fortunate indeed to have this prophetic woman join us to offer these insights for a new world of peace with justice.

Workshops

"Peace Within: Meditation from the Tibetan Buddhist Perspective," Kathy Laritz, Jewel Heart Program Director, Ann Arbor

"Abolition NOW! Commitment to a Nuclear Weapons Free Future," Keith Gunter, Chair, Peace Action of Michigan

"The Jeanie Wylie House: Building a Neighborhood Peace Community," Lydia Wylie-Kellermann, Recipient of PCM's 2010 Young Adult Peacemaker Award, & Erinn Fahey – founders and members of this newly formed community

"Using Language as a Peacebuilder," an interactive overview of nonviolent communication led by Rosemary Doyle, M.Ed., Beth Klerekoper, M.A. and Don Wilson, L.L.P., F.A.D.P.

"Networking, Organizing, Advocating for the Homeless: The N.O.A.H. Project," Amy Brown, Director & Bobbi Thompson of the N.O.A.H Project, Central United Methodist Church, Detroit

"Nonviolent Peaceforce: Global Networking for Peace," Michigan Peace Team (MPT) Co-Founder Fr. Peter Dougherty and Sheri Wander, Member of MPT Core Community

"School to Prison Pipeline: An ACLU Initiative," Mary Bejian, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

"The Power of Peace: Creating a Department of Peace," Colleen Mills, President of the Citizens for Peace

"Faith That Does Justice: Working for Personal and Social Transformation," Adrienne Alexander, Pax Christi USA National Council member & Public Policy student at Univ. of Minnesota.

Lunch Workshop Options

1. **"Building Local Pax Christi Groups,"** Joan Tirak, Pax Christi Michigan Coordinator; Co-founder of Loaves & Fishes Ministries, Lansing
2. **"Young Adult Movement/YAM Caucus,"** Arun D'Souza & Kim Laba, Co-Founders of the YAM Committee & past members of the PCM St. Council
3. **"Fair Trade Food,"** Jim Goetsch, host of the Third World Store resource table at today's conference

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Conference Schedule

- 8:15 a.m. **Registration**
Books & Displays; Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. **Welcome** – Nancy Peters, PCM St. Council Co-Chair; Michael Hovey, Coordinator, Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations, Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit; Carolyn Witte, Principal of Mercy High School and Gabriela Santiago-Romero, Mercy High School Just Peace Club student leader.
- 9:15 a.m. **Opening Prayer**
- 9:45 a.m. **Kathy Kelly**
"Courage for Peace, Not for War"
- 10:30 a.m. **Break/Browsing at displays**
- 11:00 a.m. **Workshops – Session I**
- 12:15 p.m. **Lunch/browsing at displays**
Please consider our Lunch Workshop Options – See Program of the Day
- 1:15 p.m. **Annual Young Adult Peacemaker Award** -
Presented to Lydia Wylie-Kellermann, co-founder of "The Jeanie Wylie Community" in Detroit
- Annual Purple Ribbon for Peace Award** – *Presented to Maria Goretti Beckman, OP, life-long peace activist & past member of the PCM St. Council*
- 2:00 p.m. **Workshops – Session II**
- 3:15 p.m. **Break**
- 3:30 p.m. **Kathy Kelly**
"Build a Better World – Our Urgent Mandate"
- 4:00 p.m. **Q&A**
- 4:15 p.m. **Closing Prayer**

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 high school & 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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www.paxchristimi.org
www.paxchristiusa.org