

Jubilee Grassroots Training Conference
May 19-20, 2006
First Unitarian Church
1101 SW 12th Ave Portland, Oregon.
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SCHEDULE:

Friday, May 19th

8:45 - 9:30 – Registration & coffee/snacks – view Jubilee regional displays & visit lit tables (Fuller Hall)

9:30 - 10:00am – Welcome, opening reflection, orientation & Q&A

10:00am - 11:00am – **Plenary** – The Movement and the Moment from the perspective of the Global South – Magda Lanuza, Nicaraguan economic justice activist

11 - 11:15am – **break** - view Jubilee regional displays & visit lit tables

11:15am - 12:15pm – **Plenary** – The Movement and the Moment from the Perspective of our work as part of the Jubilee USA Network – Neil Watkins, National Coordinator, Jubilee USA

12:15 - 1:15pm – **Lunch**

1:15 - 2:45pm – **Workshop Session #1** –

A. Lobbying Congress at the grassroots – How can grassroots activists run effective and successful campaigns to get their Senators and Representative to support the Jubilee vision of debt cancellation? If my local Representative has already signed on to the Jubilee Act, what's next? – Debi Kar, Communications and Advocacy Coordinator for Jubilee USA & Kolleen Bouchane of RESULTS

B. Answering the hard questions – Neil Watkins

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C. Growing the Base – Enrolling new members, events, partnerships, strategies, non-traditional outreach organizing models, strategic relationships – Beth Poteet of Witness for Peace and Carol Welch of the Millennium Development Campaign

D. Jubilee Congregations – Organizing for Jubilee in faith communities – how to involve new faith communities & maintain relationships with existing Jubilee Congregations – Kristin Sundell, Outreach and Congregations Coordinator for Jubilee USA and Alice Woldt of Jubilee Northwest. (Parish West)

2:45 - 3:00pm – break (FH)

3:00pm - 4:30pm -- Workshop Session #2

A. Debt and MDGs with Alex Baumgarten (FH)

B. Media Training -- How can local Jubilee members do effective, local media work at the grassroots level to raise awareness, educate the public, and pressure decision makers to support the Jubilee vision of debt cancellation? – Jubilee USA co-chair Abbey Fisher of Jubilee York, PA and Debi Kar of Jubilee USA (Daisy Bingham room)

C. Sabbath Economics and Jubilee Economy with Rev. Dale Stitt and Rev. Rich Lang of Jubilee Northwest

D. Debt and Trade: How to link and cooperate with labor movements with Paul Thiers of WSU Vancouver and Andy Szatkowski of Jubilee OR, and Edie Raselle, Minister for Labor Relations and Community Economic Development, Justice and Witness Ministries, United Church of Christ

4:30 - 5:15pm – Closing Plenary – report backs from the first 2 workshop sessions and a closing reflection (FH)

5:15pm - 6:00pm – Networking/free time

6:00pm - 7:00pm – Catered Dinner (FH)

7:00pm - 8:30pm – Public Presentation Marie Clarke Brill of Africa Action in dialogue with Nicaraguan activist Magda Lanuza on the impact of debt in Latin America and Africa. (FH)

Saturday, May 20th

9:00 - 9:20am – Welcome back, opening reflection, check-in & schedule update (Main Street Sanctuary)

9:20 - 10:50 -- Workshop Session #3 –

A. The Spiritual Call to Jubilee Work: Rev. Chris Laing, co-chair Jubilee OR and Kristin Sundell of Jubilee USA (Parish Hall East)

B. Lobbying Congress at the grassroots – How can grassroots activists run effective and successful campaigns to get their Senators and Representative to support the Jubilee vision of debt cancellation? If my local Representative has already signed on to the Jubilee Act, what's next? – Debi Kar of Jubilee USA & Kolleen Bouchane of RESULTS (FH)

C. Grassroots Power and Mobilization in the Global South as the Foundation for Addressing Poverty and Food Insecurity - what are the implications for our work as US-based debt campaigners – Mhizha Chifamba of Washington office on Africa

D. Answering the Hard Questions – Neil Watkins

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11:00am - 12:15pm – Plenary session – **The Sabbath Year – 2007** – Facilitated discussion & brainstorm

12:15 - 1:30pm – Lunch (Courtyard and Parish Hall Center)

1:40 - 3:10pm – Workshop Session #4 –

A. Debt, Climate Change, and Oil with Scott Parkin of Rainforest Action Network and Michelle Mederios of Friends of the Earth

B. Outreach to Youth and College Campuses – Diane O'Brien, Jubilee Outreach and Congregations Fellow, Alessandra Harris of Jubilee South Bay, CA, Dave-Bola Moyo of Jubilee Oregon Network, and Tejan Muata, AFSC Atlanta

C. The Debt Boomerang – Using City resolutions for debt cancellation to make the Connection between local and global issues in our work for economic justice – Sarah Anderson & Saif Rahman with the Institute for Policy Studies (Parish Hall Center) – both confirmed

D. Anti-Oppression Training -- How international debt dominates communities of color internationally & its implications for our work in the United States (Chapel)

3:10 - 3:30pm -- Snack break (Courtyard)

3:30 - 5:00pm -- Plenary -- Sunday workshops report-back, wrap up, identifying future action steps, & conference evaluation

closing reflection

5:00 - 6:00pm -- Free time

6:00 - 9:30pm - Jubilee at Fernando's Hideaway – 824 SW First Ave. near the Max line and within walking distance of the conference – featuring live performances by African and Latin American musicians! No-host bar and tapas for purchase. Check it out at <http://www.fernandosportland.com/>