

COALITION for Peace Action UPDATE



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Working for the global abolition of nuclear weapons, a peace economy, and a halt to weapons trafficking

35th Annual Interfaith Service & Conference for Peace **Seal the Deal on the Iran Nuclear Issue**

Sunday, November 9

11:00 AM Interfaith Service for Peace, Princeton University Chapel

The Interfaith Service is free and open to the public; a free will offering to benefit CFPA will be received

Sermon by: Nontombi Naomi Tutu



Nontombi Naomi Tutu is the daughter of Archbishop Desmond Tutu. She was born in South Africa and has had the opportunity to live in many communities and countries. She was educated in Swaziland, the US and England, and has divided her adult life between South Africa and the US. Her professional experience ranges from being a development consultant in West Africa, to being program coordinator for programs on Race and Gender and Gender-based Violence in Education at the African Gender Institute at the University of Cape Town. Dr. Tutu is the recipient of four honorary doctorates from universities and colleges in the US and Nigeria and is pursuing a Masters in Divinity at Vanderbilt University.

Conference for Peace, 1:30 – 5:00 PM

(Reservations required to guarantee seating for Conference; see coupon on back page)

Nassau Presbyterian Church, 61 Nassau Street in Princeton



Nontombi Naomi Tutu, (see above)

Amy Goodman, Executive Producer, “Democracy Now!”

Jamal Abdi, Policy Director, National Iranian American Council

*Ariane Tabalabai, Stanton Nuclear Security Fellow,
Harvard University*

To register individually and/or organizationally co-sponsor the Conference, see response form on the back.



Peace Voter 2014

I'm proud that the Coalition for Peace Action (CFPA) pioneered the first non-partisan Peace Voter Campaign—designed to maximize the impact of peace issues in the context of elections—in the nation. It has since become a model for peace groups across the country.

CFPA did its first Peace Voter Guide, comparing stands of candidates on peace and gun violence issues, in a NJ State Assembly Race in 1995. The candidate who was better on peace issues won, even though he was outspent 10-1! Every even numbered year since, CFPA has done Peace Voter Guides in targeted federal races. In over 80% of them, the candidate shown to be better on our issues won. CFPA has distributed the Guides via listserves, social media, newsletters, and signature ads that ran in newspapers in the targeted district/state before election day. To date, CFPA's Peace Voter Guides have appeared in over 4 million copies of newspapers, with nearly 1 million in 2012 alone!

CFPA also pioneered Candidate Briefings for major party candidates in primaries and general elections, starting in 2000. CFPA issue experts and organizational leaders spend 90 minutes with candidates who accept the invitation to be briefed with information and analysis on our key issues. In 2014, CFPA has done Briefings for eight candidates in the Primary and General election to date, all highly successful!

CFPA did a Peace Voter Guide for the Democratic Primary in the 12th Congressional District this spring (see it at web page below), and is planning to issue at least one Peace Voter Guide in a targeted race this fall. View them at the Peace Voter section of CFPA's web site, the icon is at the upper right of the home page at www.peacecoalition.org.

The Rev. Robert Moore, CFPA Executive Director



Welcome Message from New CFPA Assistant Director *Started Full Time as of August 1*

First and foremost I would like to thank Reverend Bob Moore, the committee members, and our CFPA constituency, for giving me the opportunity to work for and represent such an important organization during a critical time for our nation and the world. Ever since I can remember, I have wanted to make change for the greater good, do things that would really have a positive impact on our society, and generate valuable implications that would echo throughout the consciousness of my fellow man and woman. Working for CFPA will allow me to accomplish this personal, as well as professionally shared mission.

As an undergrad at Rutgers University, my major concentration was in Biological Science with a minor in Spanish Literature. As a pre-med student at Rutgers, I was a four year member of the *American Medical Student's Association (AMSA)*, *Rutgers Students for a Free Tibet*, and an *Edward J Bloustein Scholar*.

After graduating from Rutgers, I began work at my alma mater as a research assistant to a disabled African American Scientist in the department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. During this time, it became impossible for me to ignore the injustice that was occurring in my country and throughout the world. I decided to shift gears and pursue a Masters in Public Policy from Monmouth University while still working full time for the university.

After acquiring my M.S., my passion for progressive change, justice, and peace became relentless so I decided to dedicate one year to work at the subsistence level, serving via AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) at the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK) in Trenton, NJ. While at TASK I gained invaluable knowledge on how a non-profit is run from the grassroots organization, to the communication & development levels. I became proficient in social media, and have become an expert on its use in the non-profit world. I have an intrinsic love for music and art, I am classically trained in piano, and I am intermediately proficient in the Spanish language. I look forward to interacting with CFPA's supporters. I am in the office most weekdays from 9:30-5:30, feel free to contact me at avega@peacecoalition.org or 609 924 5022.

Sincerely, R. Alesha Vega, CFPA Assistant Director

You are invited to...
An interfaith conference on lethal drones, co-sponsored by a wide range of
faith groups across the US

The Interfaith Conference on Lethal Drones



Princeton Theological Seminary

Dinner on Friday, January 23 through lunch on Sunday, January 25, 2015

The conference will be addressing such questions as:

Why is the issue of lethal drones an urgent moral issue now?

What is the experience of the Muslim community and other targets of drone strikes?

Why should people of faith care about this issue?

Should the U.S. Congress have a greater role in the authorization & oversight of lethal drones and targeted killings?

Four U.S. citizens have been killed by drone strikes. Are these killings justified and legal?

Is the U.S. drone program actually helping Al-Qaeda and other non-state actors recruit more fighters?

What should the response of the religious community be to lethal drones?

For more information– Please contact Rev. Richard Killmer, 207-450-7242 rkillmer@richardkillmer.org
or the office below:

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