

# PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS PARTNERSHIP NEWSLETTER

November 2019

## Calendar Items

**Sunday, November 10 - FAMA Interfaith Friendsgiving. "The Ethics of Eating,"** 4:00–6:00 p.m. Atlanta Community Food Bank, 732 Joseph E. Lowery Blvd NW, Atlanta 30318. All are invited for specialty bites compliments of local chefs, music & Inspiration from our communities of faith, table conversations, \$10 Students, \$15 Adults, \$25 Families + 1 nonperishable food item for the ACFB. For more info, go to [faithallianceofmetroatlanta.org](http://faithallianceofmetroatlanta.org)

**Monday, November 11 - Joining Hands Program, "Combatants for Peace"** (see separate article)

**Tuesday, November 12 - Presbytery of Greater Atlanta Meeting,** 9 a.m., Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Stone Mountain

**Thursday, November 14 - Presbyterians for a Better Georgia Legislative Forum - "Faith Based Civil Discourse - Bridging the Divide in 2020"** (see separate article)

**Saturday, November 16, Peace and Global Witness Partnership meeting -** 10 a.m., North Decatur Presbyterian Church

## We are now the Peace and Global Witness Partnership - Come Join Us!

Peacemaking Partnership will now be known as the Peace and Global Witness Partnership. We have combined the ministries of the Peacemaking Partnership and the World Mission Partnership. (World Mission has not been meeting for several years.) We will be enlarging our focus on the work of PCUSA mission co-workers, opportunities for travel and study, programs and global ministries supported by churches in the presbytery. To that end, we would welcome some new members of the partnership. If you are interested, please join us at our next meeting - November 16 at North Decatur Presbyterian Church (see calendar item) or contact our chair, Kathleen Allen, [mkathleen44@gmail.com](mailto:mkathleen44@gmail.com) or newsletter editor, Karen Turney, [kt2654@gmail.com](mailto:kt2654@gmail.com)

## Combatants for Peace Programs

Join Emory Students for Justice in Palestine, Jewish Voice for Peace and Joining Hands for Justice in Palestine and Israel for a dynamic presentation and discussion with **Combatants for Peace**.

Combatants for Peace is an Israeli-Palestinian NGO formed in 2006 by Palestinians and Israelis who had taken an active role in the cycle of violence, and decided to work together to promote a peaceful solution through non-violent action. It has twice been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize (2017, 2018)

The Israeli speaker for this event will be **Tuly Flint**, the General Coordinator of Combatants for Peace in Israel and the highest ranking former officer to participate in the movement. The Palestinian speaker will be **Sulaiman Khatib**, who helped to found Combatants for Peace after spending over ten years in Israeli prisons for assaulting an Israeli soldier. (continued)

## Mission Co-Worker News

### LOUISVILLE – The **Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations** has expanded its **Study & Devotional Guide on the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.**

In addition to snapshots into each of the goals through the lens of Matthew 25, the second edition of the guide also includes biblical reflections from mission co-workers and global partners serving around the world. The guide highlights the mission and ministry of Presbyterian World Mission co-workers and global partners to meet the Sustainable Development Goals and shows the depth of spirit and heart that the church brings to this work according to Ryan D. Smith, director of the Presbyterian Ministry at the UN and representative to the UN. Email Karen Turney - [kt2654@gmail.com](mailto:kt2654@gmail.com) and I will send you the download for the report.

### **New Publication now out from Syria Lebanon Partnership Network**

***Syria: The Burden of Memory and The Hope of the Gospel.*** to order <http://www.pcusastore.com>. type in "Syria" in the search bar and it will come up. One copy for \$5; ten or more \$4 each. It is set up as a study guide for a church group to use, with four sessions suggested; there is a leader's guide included with sample questions.

### **Combatants for Peace - 2 program opportunities on Tuesday, November 11:**

12:15 pm - Columbia Theological Seminary, Ellis Room in Richards Center (lunch at 12:30; program at 1 pm), 701 S. Columbia Drive, Decatur, RSVP for lunch reservation to [sarah.h.humphrey@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.h.humphrey@gmail.com)

7 - 9 pm - White Hall 208, Emory University, 301 Dowman Drive, Atlanta - park in the Peavine Visitor Parking Lot, entrance on Eagle Row via Oxford Road or Dickey Drive.

### **Presbyterians for a Better Georgia Legislative Forum at Druid Hills Presbyterian**

Join faith leaders in a discussion with state legislators about public policy, plus learn about issues central to this year's legislative session and how to be equipped for the 2020 election cycle, Thursday, November 14, 7 p.m (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) Legislators who are confirmed to be part of the panel - **Rep. Chuck Efration, Sen. Jen Jordan, Rep. Karen Bennett** - moderator is advocate, **Elizabeth Appley**

This event is free and open to all. Druid Hills Presbyterian Church, 1026 Ponce de Leon Ave., Atlanta 30306. Park in the rear parking lot and on adjacent streets. Refreshments will be served. Register today, and invite a friend! **Register at [www.p4bg.org](http://www.p4bg.org).**

### **National Religious Campaign Against Torture Announces Film Release - *The Report***

On November 29 Amazon Prime will begin streaming "The Report" a film about the CIA's use of torture during the time after the 9/11 attacks. It tells the account of Daniel J. Jones who worked for Senator Diane Feinstein on the U.S. Select Committee on Intelligence in 2009. He spent numerous hours collecting information about the horrors and ineffectiveness of the CIA and this film brings to light the work Jones did to expose the cover up of torture by the CIA.

You can read more about the film, how to screen it, and the role the faith community played in putting a stop to CIA torture - Download a Toolkit at [www.nrcat.org](http://www.nrcat.org)