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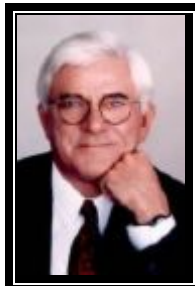
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Working for the global abolition of nuclear weapons, a peace economy, and a halt to weapons trafficking



**Phil Donahue**

## 29<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL INTERFAITH SERVICE and CONFERENCE FOR PEACE

**Sunday, November 16, 2008**

**Interfaith Service 11 AM Princeton University  
Chapel**

**Conference for Peace 1:30 PM  
Princeton University**

## Re-imagining a Peaceful US Foreign Policy

We plan to take a look at visions of how the US could project a more peaceful foreign policy as a new President and Congress prepare to take office in January 2009.

### MORNING INTERFAITH SERVICE

**Imam Hamad Chebli**, long time spiritual leader of the Islamic Society of Central New Jersey, will preach for the Interfaith Service at 11 AM at Princeton University Chapel. Faith leaders from a wide range of traditions will co-lead the liturgy.

### AFTERNOON CONFERENCE

Confirmed speakers to date include:

- **Phil Donahue**, television talk show host and movie producer.
- **Cora Weiss**, President of the Hague Appeal for Peace who has been involved as a peace leader since the efforts to stop atmospheric nuclear testing in the 1950s.
- **Gillian Sorensen**, Senior Advisor at the United Nations Foundation and former Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations.
- **David Cortright**, President of the *Fourth Freedom Forum* and a Research Fellow at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at the *University of Notre Dame*.

*See page 3 for reservation form and organizational co-sponsors.*

### Upcoming Events

**September 21 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Interfaith Peace Parade and Festival.** 2:00 - 5:30 p.m. Somerset County Courthouse. Car pooling at 1:15 p.m. from Princeton Shopping Center.

**September 27 – Randy Newman Concert.** 8:30 p.m. McCarter Theatre, 91 University Place, Princeton, NJ

**October 5 – Gandhi Birthday Observance** 4 – 7 p.m. Princeton University's Friend Center

**November 4 – Election Day**  
Use Peace Voter Guides to be an informed voter. Pennsylvania CFPA Chapters conducting Peace Voter Training. See article on page 4 for details.

**November 16 – Annual Interfaith Service and Peace Conference.** 11 a.m./1:30 p.m. Princeton University

### Recurring Chapter Activities

#### Monroe Township

- **Weekly Vigils**

11 a.m. – noon, Saturdays

- **Monthly Meetings: 9/17, 10/15, 11/19**

10 a.m. - Monroe Township Municipal

Building. Contact: Ellen Norman

609- 655-9113, [ENorman949@aol.com](mailto:ENorman949@aol.com)

#### South Jersey Coalition for Peace and Justice (CFPJ)

- **Monthly CFPJ Vigils**, 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Woodstown, 1<sup>st</sup> Friday each month

Rio Grande, 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday each month

Absecon, 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday each month

- **Weekly South Jersey Vigils**

Woodbury, Every Friday, 5 – 6 p.m.

Cherry Hill, Every Saturday at noon.

Contact: Norm Cohen 609-601-8537,

[ncohen@peacecoalition.org](mailto:ncohen@peacecoalition.org)

#### Lower Bucks County CFPA Chapter

- **Weekly Vigils**

5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Thursdays

Contact: Bill Deckhart, 215-380-6804

## Second Annual Interfaith Peace Parade and Festival

Sunday, September 21, 2008

2:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Somerset County Courthouse

Corner of Main Street & Grove Street

Somerville, New Jersey



### Speakers & Participants:

Rev. Lisanne Finston \* Rev. Patricia Fox \* Madelyn Hoffman-NJ Peace Action \* Bruce Knotts-Unitarian Universalist-United Nations Office \* Tulsi Maharjan-Somerset County Cultural Diversity Coalition \* Rev. Bob Moore-Coalition for Peace Action \* Rev. Julie Newhall-Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Somerset Hills \* Sharon Silverstein, Living at Peace \* Annette Winther-Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Somerset Hills

### Sponsored by:

Coalition for Peace Action \* New Jersey Peace Action \* Somerset Voices for Peace & Justice \* Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Somerset Hills \* Somerset County Cultural Diversity Coalition

### Music By:

Deb Gelomine \* Ingrid Heldt \* Sharleen Leahey \* Yolanda

**Car pooling from Princeton Shopping Center** (Rite Aid end), 300 N. Harrison is available at 1:15 p.m. Contact CFPA office, if you plan to join us, 609-924-5022, or [cfpa@peacecoalition.org](mailto:cfpa@peacecoalition.org).

## Gandhi Birthday Observance at Princeton University

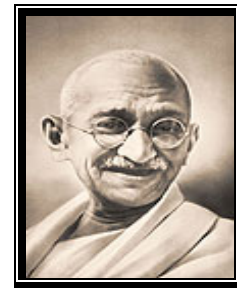
Sunday, October 5, 2008

4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Princeton University's

Friend Center

Intersection of William Street &  
Olden Avenue



CFPA Executive Director, the Rev. Bob Moore will be among the speakers for a celebration of Mahatma Gandhi's birthday. The event is sponsored by the Association of Indians in America, and co-sponsored by CFPA. In addition to Rev. Moore, Dr. Paul Winkler of the NJ Holocaust Commission will be a speaker. Other components of the afternoon will include presentations of Indian culture and dance; and awards to middle and high school students for art and essay contests to express their ideas on the meaning of quotes from Gandhi. The event will close with Indian food for all.

## FALL CHAPTER EVENTS IN CENTRAL & SOUTH JERSEY, EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

### Monroe Township, NJ

Wednesday morning,

September 17<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. Richard Pucci, Mayor of Monroe Township and Executive Director – Middlesex Improvement Authority, will be speaking at the monthly meeting of the Monroe Chapter located at the Monroe Township Municipal Building off Perrineville Road, Monroe, NJ. Mayor Pucci's speech is entitled "Think Globally – Act Locally, Our Town's Issues".

Scheduled speakers for up-coming chapter meetings: **October 15<sup>th</sup>** - Edward A. Aguilar, Executive Director, Project for Nuclear Awareness and **November 19<sup>th</sup>** - J. Peter Scoblic, Executive Director, New Republic. For more information, contact Ellen Norman, 609-655-9113, [ENorman949@aol.com](mailto:ENorman949@aol.com)

### The Main Line Chapter, PA

Thursday evening, September

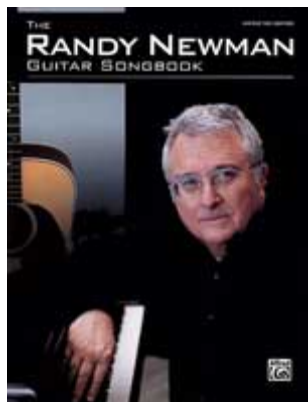
25, 2008, from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. The Chapter is co-sponsoring a Villanova University Forum on **The Role of Diplomacy in a Responsible Plan to End the War in Iraq at Bartley Hall on the Villanova Campus**, Room 1011, 800 Lancaster Avenue, Villanova, PA 19085. Panelists will include Peter Lems, the Iraq Program Director for the American Friends Service Committee, and Dr. Lowell Gustafson Villanova University, an expert in International relations. For additional information, contact David Gibson, 610-623-372, [peacehome@earthlink.net](mailto:peacehome@earthlink.net)

### Bucks and Montgomery Counties, PA

Wednesday evening, September

10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Northeast Philadelphia Library Peace Symposium sponsored by Northeast Philadelphia for Peace and Justice Chapter. **Saturday morning, September 20<sup>th</sup>** canvassing in Falls Township and Morrisville, PA for Million Doors for Peace. Activists will ask people to sign an antiwar petition directed to Congress. Also on **September 20<sup>th</sup>** from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. in Buckingham, PA, the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Peace Fair will be held at the Buckingham Friends Meeting and School, 5684 Old York Road, Lahaska, PA 18931. **Sunday afternoon, September 21<sup>st</sup>** from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. an International Day of Peace Interfaith Service will be held at the Meeting House at George School in Newtown, PA. For additional information, contact Bill Deckhart, 215-380-6804, [billdeckhart1@earthlink.net](mailto:billdeckhart1@earthlink.net)

## CFPA Has Block of Seats for *Randy Newman Solo* Concert on 9/27 at McCarter Theatre in Princeton



CFPA has been able to secure a block of excellent seats in the front orchestra section of McCarter Theatre in Princeton for a Solo Concert with Randy Newman at 8:30 PM on Saturday, September 27. Buying your tickets through CFPA won't cost any more than getting them directly from McCarter, but will still benefit CFPA. **Tickets are \$40 each, and should be purchased ASAP via CFPA's secure web site or by calling the office (609) 924-5022 during business hours with your Visa, MasterCard, or American Express information.**

Singer and composer Randy Newman's wry commentary has become a big part of the American cultural landscape. Over the course of some 40 years, his ten studio albums have earned five Grammys (13 nominations) for songs like *Short People* and *I Love LA*. This rare solo performance will feature songs from *Harp and Angels*, which includes the hit single *A Few Words in Defense of Our Country*, named the number two song of 2007 by *Rolling Stone*.

### 29th CFPA Annual Interfaith Service & Conference for Peace *Co-sponsors (as of August 28, 2008)*

All Saints Episcopal Church, Princeton \* Community Presbyterian Church of the Sand Hills, Kendall Park, NJ \* Divine Word Missionaries, Bordentown, NJ \* East Brunswick Congregational Church, NJ \* Fellowship in Prayer, Princeton \* First Presbyterian Church of Ewing, NJ \* Islamic Society of Central Jersey, Inc. \* Isles, Inc., Trenton, NJ \* Justice and Witness Ministries, United Church of Christ National Office \* League of Women Voters of Monroe Township, NJ \* Long Island Alliance for Peaceful Alternatives \* Lutheran Office of Governmental Ministry in NJ \* Mt. Pisgah AME Church, Princeton \* N.J. Council of Churches \* Nakashima Foundation for Peace, New Hope, NJ \* Nassau Presbyterian Church, Princeton \* New Brunswick Friends Meeting \* NJ Citizen Action \* Office of Social Ministry, Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton, NJ \* Physicians for Social Responsibility, Philadelphia Chapter \* Princeton Middle East Society \* Princeton Monthly Meeting of Friends, Princeton \* Princeton/Trenton United Nations Association \* Princeton United Methodist Church \* Princeton YWCA \* Setauket Presbyterian Church, Long Island, NY \* St. Paul's Lutheran Church, East Windsor, NJ \* The Ribbon International \* Trenton Friends Meeting \* Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Trenton, NJ \* Unitarian Universalist Church of Washington Crossing, NJ \* Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton, NJ \* Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Somerset Hills, NJ \* Westchester United Methodist Church, PA

### **NOVEMBER 16 ANNUAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM**

Reservations may be made by phone, mail or on our secure website, [www.peacecoalition.org](http://www.peacecoalition.org). VISA, MasterCard or AMEX online at [www.peacecoalition.org](http://www.peacecoalition.org). Without advance registration, we cannot guarantee seating the day of the conference.  
**THE EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24 AND FOR REGULAR REGISTRATION FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7.**

<b>PLEASE PRINT</b>		<b>EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTED REGISTRATION (MUST BE RECEIVED BY <u>OCTOBER 24</u>)</b>
Name (of each attendee)		<input type="checkbox"/> RESERVE _____ spaces @ \$20 per member or \$35 per non-member = \$ _____ TOTAL.
Name		<input type="checkbox"/> RESERVE _____ spaces @ \$10 FOR FIXED INCOME = \$ _____ TOTAL.
Address		<b>REGULAR CONFERENCE REGISTRATION (MUST BE RECEIVED BY <u>NOVEMBER 7</u>)</b>
City/State/Zip		<input type="checkbox"/> RESERVE _____ spaces @ \$25 per member or \$40 per non-member = \$ _____ TOTAL.
Phone (    )	E-mail	<input type="checkbox"/> RESERVE _____ spaces @ \$15 FOR FIXED INCOME = \$ _____ TOTAL.
<input type="checkbox"/> Unable to attend. Tax deductible contribution enclosed. \$ _____		<input type="checkbox"/> CHECK ENCLOSED
Make checks payable to <b>Peace Action Education Fund (PAEF)</b> Mail to <b>40 Witherspoon Street, Princeton NJ 08542</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> VISA <input type="checkbox"/> MASTERCARD <input type="checkbox"/> AMEX
Any questions <b>(609) 924-5022 • <a href="mailto:cfpa@peacecoalition.org">cfpa@peacecoalition.org</a></b>		CREDIT CARD NO. _____ EXP. DATE _____ MONTH/YEAR
		SIGNATURE _____

# CFPA's Peace Voter 2008 Campaign Off To Strong Start

CFPA has been hard at work since late 2007 to maximize the impact of its Peace Voter 2008 Campaign on the crucial 2008 Elections.

CFPA Executive Director, the Rev. Bob Moore, kicked off the Peace Voter effort by giving a dozen talks throughout the region in the winter and spring. The winter also marked the beginning of CFPA's Non-partisan Candidate Briefings by our experts. The briefings were offered to six major party candidates in three targeted races. To date, all but one (three Democrats and two Republicans) have accepted the offer and been briefed.



In the spring, CFPA published a Presidential Voter Guide comparing the major party candidates on our issues. This was distributed to over 100,000 people in the crucial swing state of Pennsylvania before their Primary election.

Over the summer, CFPA composed and sent its candidate questionnaire to all major party candidates running for Congress in its region. With thorough follow-up, many of these have been returned and are being used as the partial basis for publishing Peace Voter Guides for those races. Check CFPA's web site, [www.peacecoalition.org](http://www.peacecoalition.org), to view them.

**Now the final step will be to publish the Peace Voter Guides as signature ads in newspapers in targeted districts before the November 4 General Election. Appeals should go out in mid-September requesting your support. Please be watching for yours and respond promptly!**

Since CFPA began publishing Peace Voter Guides in 1996, they have appeared in about 3 million copies newspapers! With your support, we can increase that by at least another million in 2008!

## CFPA Pennsylvania Chapters - Peace Voter Training Schedule

### **Bucks County:**

**7:00 p.m. - Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**United Christian Church, Levittown**  
8525 New Falls Road, Levittown PA 19054  
*After our weekly Peace Vigil 5 - 6:30 p.m.*  
Contact: Bill Deckhart  
Coordinator Buxmont  
Coalition for Peace Action  
Phone: (215) 380-6804  
Email: [billdeckhart1@earthlink.net](mailto:billdeckhart1@earthlink.net)

### **Berks County:**

**6:30p.m. - Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**UU Church of Berks County**  
4 16 Franklin Street, Reading, PA 19601  
*After 5 p.m. Berks County Peace Vigil.*  
Contact: Carla Mannix, Coalition for  
Peace Action, Peace Voter Coordinator,  
Berks County  
Phone: (610) 670-8497  
Email: [peacevoter08@yahoo.com](mailto:peacevoter08@yahoo.com)

### **Delaware and Chester Counties:**

**12:30 p.m. Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**Unitarian Fellowship of West Chester**  
501 S. High Street, West Chester PA  
19382 *Chester County Peace Vigil 11:00*  
*a.m. - Noon./12:30 p.m. Brown Bag*  
*Lunch.* Contact: David Gibson  
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