

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS PARTNERSHIP

December 2020

Calendar Items

Wednesdays in December, 12 noon - **Interfaith Atlanta** (FAMA) continues its weekly 30-minute midday respite via ZOOM - A virtual contemplative program that seeks to provide sanctity and perspective in today's world, Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88627008776>. Passcode: 060135.

Thursday, December 3, 7 pm **Georgians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty (GFADP)** - 13th Annual MaryRuth Weir event - ***Race and the Death Penalty*** (see article)

Saturday, December 12 9:30-10:30 a.m. **Joining Hands for Justice in Palestine and Israel (JHJPI)** is sponsoring ***Christmas in Bethlehem*** - Osama Nichola will take you on a journey to discover Bethlehem, Palestine via zoom. For link, please contact Fahed Abu Akel, fabuakel@gmail.com

Saturday, December 19, noon - zoom **JHJPI** conference about **Mariam Foundation in Nazareth**- focus on women & children with breast cancer. Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/>

Georgians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty's event on Thursday, December 3

On December 3rd, **GFADP** will be hosting the **13th Annual MaryRuth Weir** event - ***Race and the Death Penalty*** to honor advocates and allies in the fight against the Death Penalty in Georgia. This virtual event will start at 7 PM EST, and anyone who registers will have the opportunity to view this program at their convenience. The first speaker and honoree is **Sister Helen Prejean**, author of ***Dead Man Walking***. Other speakers and honorees are Kimberley and John Starbuck who engaged in Restorative Justice Advocacy after their daughter was killed; Patrick Mulvaney, Managing Attorney of the Capital Litigation Unit, Southern Center for Human Rights; Reverend James Woodall, State President of the Georgia NAACP; and Dominique Barlow, niece of Ray Cromartie, who was executed in Georgia in 2019.

All proceeds help GFADP further the mission to raise awareness about death penalty issues, which includes hosting execution vigils around the state and educating the public about the death penalty in Georgia and Nationwide.

Here is the link to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2020-gfadp-virtual-maryruth-weir-race-and-death-penalty-event-tickets-128452535993>

This Month's Book Recommendation

(from Anne Hughes, Partnership member)

CASTE: A Brief History of Racism, Sexism, Classism, Ageism, Homophobia, Religious Intolerance, Xenophobia, and Reasons for Hope by Isabel Wilkerson examines the unspoken caste system that shapes the U.S. and shows how this hierarchy defines our lives today. It is not just about skin color, feelings or morality. It is about power. The author links the caste systems of Germany, India and the U.S. in a clear and forceful way, through riveting stories and historic facts.

NEST Webinar Followup

If you missed the recent webinar **The Near East School of Theology: The Future of a Theological Seminary in a Failing State and a Turbulent Middle East** it was recorded. Dr. George Sabra, the President of NEST, offered a thoughtful and insightful presentation, You can [watch the recording](#).

Some links that were provided during the webinar:

- [Global Ministries partners respond to the August 2020 Beirut bombing](#)
- [NEST June 2020 Newsletter](#)

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Advent Coffee Hour Presbyterian Peace Fellowship

is offering a Coffee Hour Bible Study starting on December 4 - **"Advent and Apocalypse: Beginnings and Endings:** It will be hosted by theologian, liturgist, preacher and artist **Claudio Carvalhaes**, an ordained pastor in PC(USA) [Please register for this next coffee hour here.](#)

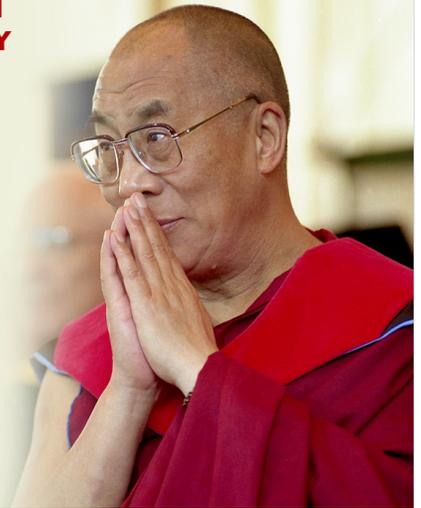
THE NECESSITY OF COMPASSION FOR THE SURVIVAL OF HUMANITY

A Dialogue with His Holiness the Dalai Lama
hosted by Emory University

**TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 8TH
10:30PM EST**

(DECEMBER 9 9:00AM INDIA STANDARD TIME)

This live webcast will bring His Holiness the Dalai Lama into dialogue with Ms. Melani Walton of the Rob and Melani Walton Foundation, a philanthropist deeply committed to promoting a more compassionate and sustainable world, and Dr. Sanjay Gupta, Chief Medical Correspondent for CNN. President Greg Fenves, the new president of Emory University, will offer a special message to Emory University Presidential Distinguished Professor, His Holiness the Dalai Lama, and Executive Director of Emory University's Center for Contemplative Science and Compassion-Based Ethics, Dr. Lobsang Tenzin Negi, will introduce the webcast. Stay tuned for details on how to register!



To register for this live webcast event go to <https://compassionshift.emory.edu/> (It is at 10:30pm because it is coming live from India)

Supporting the Peace & Global Witness Partnership

Our Partnership funds come from the presbytery's portion of the Peace & Global Witness Offering taken by some congregations each fall. It has come to our attention that very few congregations took the offering this fall due to the changes in worship style brought on by the pandemic. For that reason we would greatly appreciate your consideration in making a donation to the work of our partnership. Individuals in our Partnership may send checks to the Presbytery made out to "The Presbytery of Greater Atlanta" and on the memo line write "Peace and Global Witness Partnership." It is important to include this exact wording so that the amount you send is available to our Partnership. The Presbytery address is: [1024 Ponce de Leon Avenue NE, Atlanta, GA 30306-2416](#). Thanks!

New Leaders for Our Partnership

Peace and Global Witness Partnership has new leaders for 2021:

Co-Chairs - Dr. Brenda Smith and Rev. Marvin Simmers (HR)

Treasurer - Rev. Bill Nisbet (HR)

Secretary - Dr. B.J. Steele

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