

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS PARTNERSHIP NEWSLETTER

December 2022

Calendar Items

Thursday, December 8, 7 pm
special screening of **Boycott**
new documentary by [Just Vision](#) at North Decatur Presbyterian Church, 611 Medlock Road, Decatur. Following the screening, Chicory Wealth CEO Maggie Kulyk will moderate a Q&A with Suhad Babaa, the film's producer and Executive Director at Just Vision. **Boycott** traces the impact of legislation passed in 34 states – including Georgia – designed to penalize individuals and companies that choose to boycott Israel due to its human rights record.

January 11 - 13 - 2nd National Conference on Ending Mass Incarceration (see separate article)

Saturday, January 21, 10 am - Peace & Global Witness Partnership Meeting - (contact kt2654@gmail.com for zoom invite)

Advent Devotionals from Presbyterians for Earth Care

- [New Daily Advent Devotions based on the Revised Common Lectionary texts from Creation Care Perspectives](#): This devotional will help preachers, Bible study groups, families and individuals with new insights on these beloved texts during this special season. PEC hopes the devotions will inspire more people to help care for God's creation in these challenging times. Please consider sharing a link to the devotional in an email to your church members, family and friends. [CLICK HERE](#)

NRCAT at Ending Mass Incarceration Conference in January - NRCAT (National Religious Campaign Against Torture)

has been honored to serve as a founding member of the Ending Mass Incarceration (EMI) MultiFaith Initiative since its inception in 2019. The "Let My People Go" Conference is for clergy, faith and community leaders, organizers, families, and persons impacted by incarceration to be equipped with practical tools to dismantle the systems and structures that undergird the industry of mass imprisonment. Attendees will learn from some of the leading thought leaders in the work of faith-based criminal justice reform. Dynamic plenaries, workshops, panels and films will be offered that equip faith communities with resources needed to effectively engage in campaigns to replace mass incarceration with human rights and human dignity. [learn more about the "Let My People Go" Conference and register today!](#)

Seminary Program Open for Registration

Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary (JCSTS) has opened registration for its 2023 signature **Drum Major for Justice Certificate Program – MLK Cohort**. Applicants may visit the seminary's website page for more information and register to become Learning Partners in the program. www.jcsts.org/dmfj

Host a Screening for *At the River?* - Filmmaker Carolyn

Crowder, raised in Montgomery, Alabama, during the Civil Rights era, set out to ask this question of Presbyterian ministers she knew who had taken stands during those turbulent times. Often isolated in small towns in the Deep South, some chose to be brave in spite of the dangerous circumstances **For information about hosting a screening for your church or group [click here](#)**

Partnership Members at Presbytery Meeting

Thanks to our members who represented our partnership at the November Presbytery meeting. (from left - Barbara Langdon, Doug Langdon, Chair - Brenda Smith)



Series on the Holy Land Now Available This past month, **Churches for Middle East Peace** and Embrace the Middle East co-hosted a mini-course on *A Land Full of God: Christian Perspectives on the Holy Land*. This four week series included different speakers each week covering topics such as Christian Engagement in the Holy Land, Theological Considerations and current realities in the land. Find the link to watch the recordings of the sessions [here](#) and a study guide for *A Land Full of God* [here](#).

Info on Interfaith Speakers Network - The Interfaith Speakers Network (ISN) is an educational program offered by **Interfaith Atlanta** to educate and facilitate understanding among a wide array of audiences. For each event ISN provides a panel of local practicing faith representatives from up to 6 faith traditions: Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Buddhism, Hinduism and Sikhism. All panelists are trained in our methodologies (including First Amendment guidelines – teach not preach). For more information on the ISN, visit website, [Interfaith Speakers Network](#) or find on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/interfaithspeakersnetwork/>

Update on RECONCILE from Shelvis Smith-Mather

This two and a half minute [VIDEO](#) gives an update on the work of **RECONCILE International** in the refugee camps in Uganda. The COVID 19 lockdown paused programs in the camps for almost two years. With the lockdown lifted, RCA and PC(USA) partner, RECONCILE International is eager to prepare South Sudanese to return home from refuge. Conflict transformation, trauma recovery, and small business skills will help those returning build the peaceful nation they long to see. Shelvis plans to travel to to join with RECONCILE's efforts in the camps. RCA is raising funds to support these programs specifically. Please prayerfully consider partnering. Click [HERE](#) to give.

Important Advocacy For a New Farm Bill Begins

Now - The US government has until September 30, 2023 to pass a new Farm Bill, so it's time to begin raising our voices about the kind of food and agriculture we want for our towns, states and country — a food system that is equitable and sustainable! One that ensures the right to food for all and supports the workers and farmers who feed us! With that goal in mind, **PC(USA)** has created the **2023 Eater's Guide to the Farm Bill**. It is complete with questions you can ask your local, state or federal officeholders. You can access the Guide by clicking this link to download. [2023 Eater's Guide to the Farm Bill](#)