

“Where Have All the Revolutions Gone? Long Time Passing – Or Here for the Long Haul?”

Western **W**ashington **FOR**

**9th Annual Spring
Assembly**

Saturday April 28, 2007

Fauntleroy UCC Church
9260 California Avenue SW
West Seattle

Pre-Registration Form

Each year the Fellowship of Reconciliation’s Spring Assembly brings together grassroots folks from throughout Western Washington to share ideas and network with each other to strengthen the movements for social justice, nonviolence and peace.

Our 2007 Spring Assembly will focus on creating large-scale change and sustaining it into the future. Come to the 2007 WWFOR Spring Assembly to learn what has worked already and what else is possible. We can indeed create another world, starting from our own grassroots!

You will enjoy a stimulating and positive day as you:

- Meet old and new friends
- Generate strategies and actions for working on issues
- Lift your spirits and gain new knowledge, insights and skills
- Network with other activists to build a stronger movement
- Browse information tables; share announcements, petitions, etc.
- Celebrate the accomplishments of FOR chapters, members and volunteers.
- Elect at-large members to the WWFOR’s decision-making body, the Area Committee

We’ll even serve you lunch!

PRE-REGISTER: **Please pre-register by April 20 if possible** to help us plan a successful Assembly. On the back of this page, please circle the number of the MORNING session and the AFTERNOON session you are most likely to attend. (Your choices are not binding but will help us plan.)

DONATION: It costs the WWFOR approximately \$15 per person to put on this Assembly. Please pay what you can. We welcome participants regardless of ability to pay, and hope those who can afford more will balance those who can afford less. **Your registration donation includes lunch.**

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Amount enclosed: \$ (See “DONATION” above)	
Carpool: (___) I could offer a ride for ___ other persons. (___) I would like a ride.	
Special needs?	

I could:

- (___) Set up tables and chairs at 8:30 a.m.
- (___) Help fix morning refreshments, kitchen at 8:30 a.m.
- (___) Help set out the catered lunch
- (___) Clean up after lunch

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Thank you!

9:00 a.m.: On-site registration for anyone who has not pre-registered. Everyone enjoys refreshments, social time, networking and information tables.

10:00 a.m. SHARP: Welcome. Morning sessions. Catered lunch with brief activities. Afternoon sessions.

4:00 p.m. We'll end on time.

Please choose one **MORNING** session (left column) and one **AFTERNOON** session (right column). Your preliminary choices now help us plan room locations, copies of handouts, etc. You may change your mind after you arrive.

CHOOSE ONE MORNING session:
(Circle one number in the left margin):

1. Competing Worldviews

(Dennis Mills)

American culture assumes a harsh and competitive world where we must fight to be #1, elbow other people out of the way, and consume more resources. In contrast, FOR members tend to believe that cooperation and peace are better than competition and conflict. We'll watch the Olympia FOR's TV episode "Competing Worldviews" and enjoy a wide-ranging but well facilitated conversation.

2. Sustaining Latin America's Revolutions and Progressive Electoral Victories

(John Regan and others)

A panel of persons knowledgeable about specific Latin American countries (for example, Cuba, Venezuela, Chiapas, Nicaragua, and/or Bolivia) will present information about their revolutions and/or elections. What has happened recently? How can they sustain the progress they have made? Come and share insights, strategies, etc.

3. The Grassroots Movement for Impeachment

(Gail Johnson and Linda Boyd)

Robert F. Kennedy said that each time we stand up against injustice, we send out a ripple of hope that eventually forms a mighty wave that brings about change. Gail Johnson from the Olympia-based Citizens' Movement for Impeachment, and Linda Boyd from the Eastside FOR will talk about the ripples that formed the impeachment movement here in Washington and provide insights learned along the way. They will also provide the current status of impeachment efforts.

4. Hot Current and Emerging Issues from the Grassroots (Ellen Finkelstein)

- ~ What hot new issues, strategies and activities are bubbling up in YOUR local community?
- ~ What strategies and activities seem to be effective in stopping the Iraq war, in preventing Bush from attacking Iran, in undermining public acceptance of the so-called "War on Terror," and challenging militarism in general?
- ~ Let's share the best issues, strategies and activities. Let's use these to build a stronger network for real progress.

CHOOSE ONE AFTERNOON session: (Circle one number in the left margin):

5. When Is Violence OK?

(Larry Kerschner)

Are there situations when strategically or tactically violence is more effective than nonviolence? Or is nonviolence always more effective? Or do we choose nonviolence even if it isn't more effective? A well facilitated discussion will grapple with questions such as these.

6. The Scandinavian Model

(The presenter will be confirmed soon.)

In many ways the Scandinavian countries have created workable and sustainable solutions to problems that the U.S. and other nations grapple with poorly. What are their solutions? How did they accomplish this? What can we learn from them?

7. Winning -- and Preserving What We've Won (Glen Anderson)

After long years of uphill struggle, your social change movement sees victory almost in reach. How can you grasp victory – and how can you hold onto what you have won without a backlash or rollback? Insights from stages 6, 7 and 8 of the Movement Action Plan (MAP) can help us. Come even if you have no prior knowledge of the MAP.

8. Where Has the Progressive Era Gone? Long Time Passed, or Still Kickin' Ass?

(Dean Weaver and Karen Kirkwood)

The Progressive Era of a century ago radically changed America. Let's examine how it happened, what it achieved, how it died, and what we can learn from it. We'll refresh our memories about the Progressive Era and use it as a template to analyze the past 20 years of U.S. history. How could that period inform present and future social justice activities? Instead of a lecture, this will be a participatory investigation, using materials provided by the facilitators.