

# *"Living and Working Cooperatively"*

## Western Washington FOR 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Assembly Saturday April 26, 2008

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.

We designed this year's Spring Assembly to give you more power to share information and to set the day's agenda. Come and help us all cooperate in working for peace, social justice and nonviolence.

- Please bring announcements to post on our **Announcement Wall**.
- Please bring issue-based information, handouts, petitions, etc., to display and distribute on our expanded **Information Tables**.
- Please consider offering an **Issue Group** discussion during our morning or afternoon sessions. (See back of this page.)

### 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.

***We'll even serve you lunch!***

**PRE-REGISTER:** Please pre-register by April 18 if possible to help us plan a successful Assembly. See the back of this page for information on exciting small groups we'll offer in the morning and afternoon.

**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.**

Print name(s):	Phone: (       )
Address:	E-mail:
City:	ZIP:
Amount enclosed: \$	(See "DONATION" above)
Carpool: ( <input type="checkbox"/> ) I could offer a ride for _____ other persons. ( <input type="checkbox"/> ) I would like a ride.	
Special needs?	

Phone us to discuss child care options.

### **I could:**

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

### **Questions?**

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*Thank you!*

9:00 a.m.: On-site registration for anyone who has not pre-registered. Enjoy refreshments, social time, networking and information tables. Post and read announcements on the Announcement Wall. **Sign up now (preferably before 9:45) to attend a morning or afternoon Workshop – or to offer or attend an Issue Group in the morning or afternoon.** (See box immediately below left.)

9:45 a.m.: Deadline for offering an additional Issue Group for today.

10:00 a.m. SHARP: Welcome. 10:15 morning sessions. 12:15 catered lunch with brief activities after. 1:45 afternoon sessions.

4:00 p.m. We will end on time.

You can attend **Workshops** and/or spontaneous **Issue Groups**. Each year's WWFOR Spring Assembly includes workshops that support that year's theme. For 2008 we have developed 3 **Workshops** for the morning and 3 more for the afternoon.

For 2008 we offer even more choices – and we encourage a wider range of topics and more grassroots leadership! Instead of attending a **Workshop**, you may propose an additional **Issue Group** topic before 9:45 by posting it on the **MORNING** easel or **AFTERNOON** easel. Other people may sign up to join your **Issue Group** – or you may join an **Issue Group** posted by someone else.

Which of these pre-planned **Workshops** would you most want to attend? Your preliminary choices now will help us plan room locations, copies of handouts, etc. When you arrive you may change your mind and attend a different **Workshop** or any of the spontaneous **Issue Groups**.

## ***CIRCLE ONE MORNING Workshop:***

### **A. Holy Cooperation!**

*(Andrew McLeod from Northwest Cooperative Development Center)*

Many religious traditions have values which support the creation of democratic and community-owned businesses called cooperatives. This workshop will focus on the teachings and models found in Christianity, Islam and Judaism, and examine ways that cooperatives can foster reconciliation. Andrew is the author of the forthcoming book, "Holy Cooperation!"

### **B. A Cooperative Economy Is a People's Economy**

*(Susan Donaldson, active FOR member)*

A participatory session to determine what we peace-folks think an economy that values people should include. Readings will be provided, but our own discussion will be primary. Anticipated outcome: some concrete steps for planning (a) for employment to link citizens' talents and interests with individual and societal needs, and (b) for justice and genuine cooperation in distribution of goods and services.

### **C. Peace & Reconciliation among Peace & Reconciliation Groups**

*(Ellen Finkelstein, WWFOR's Organizer)*

FOR members work with other people and groups who sometimes don't share all of FOR's values. How can we build a movement if we can't work with those closest to us? What can we learn from our experiences about building alliances and reconciliation (after all, it's our name)? How can we hold fast to principles and work with people who disagree with us? When is it time to leave a coalition?

## ***CIRCLE ONE AFTERNOON Workshop:***

### **D. Crossing the Deep Divide**

*(Karen Kirkwood, active FOR member)*

FOR members are often politically correct, but at a deeper level, do we hold on to our power and privilege? Are we self-righteous? Can we build relationships across deep divides and listen profoundly to people who are different from us (age, religion, political position)? How can we approach conversations with an empty mind? How can we see the truth embedded in the other person's ideas?

### **E. Non Violence from the Kitchen Table to a More Sustainable World**

*(Jennifer Newell, local member of FOR National Council)*

Processing food from its original form can create substances that shock the nervous system. Learn how these toxins need not be added to our foods, they simply will form as the food is processed. We'll share fresh and surprising information to encourage our community toward a peaceful plate and a local food supply.

### **F. How to Work for Peace and Justice During an Election Year**

*(Glen Anderson, active FOR member)*

The FOR's vision for political change is more profound than partisan. [Besides, we're 501(c)3]. Presidential election years divert attention, effort and money away from our issues to the superficial horse race of political candidates. If candidates and political parties distract us, we and our issues lose. Let's focus on issues and organize lasting results from the grassroots on upward, no matter who gets elected.