

# Olympia Fellowship of RECONCILIATION

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Dear friend of the Olympia FOR,

**The Olympia FOR is unique among our region's non-profit organizations. No other all-volunteer grassroots organization conducts such a wide variety of activities for peace, nonviolence, and social justice – and mobilizes resources to work on them in so many ways:**

- Our peace vigils every Wednesday from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. in Sylvester Park and every Friday from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at Percival Landing consistently lift up our values of peace, social justice and nonviolence. They attract attention and welcome new people into the movement.
- Our newsletters inform people about our many activities and many issues related to making peace, achieving social justice, protecting the climate, and so forth. Our newsletters also describe the topics of our TV programs and publicize compatible organizations' activities.
- Our website ([www.olympiafor.org](http://www.olympiafor.org)) provides information about our activities and substantive information about nonviolence, the climate crisis, the death penalty, and other issues. You can read our newsletters there and watch more than 125 of our past TV programs there.
- Our “Confronting the Climate Crisis” is a local leader in working to protect our climate. We meet monthly (6:30 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month at the Olympia Center, 222 Columbia Street NW, downtown) and organize a wide variety of activities, including speakers, rallies, interactions with governments, direct actions, and more.
- Our “Committee for Alternatives to the Death Penalty” has worked for decades to educate and persuade local people and statewide governmental decision-makers.
- We organize, sponsor and co-sponsor speaking engagements and other special events about a variety of issues (foreign policy, climate, nuclear weapons, death penalty, and so forth).

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- Our TV programs allow thoughtful guests to inform the public about substantive issues. Watch our current programs on TCTV cable channel 22 in Thurston County ([www.tctv.net](http://www.tctv.net)) and more than 125 of our recent programs through [www.olympiafor.org](http://www.olympiafor.org). Topics from January 2015 through February 2016 are:

- “Climate Change: From Despair + Denial to Courage + Action”
- “Human Trafficking: Problems and Solutions.”
- “Clean Drinking Water: Global Problems and Local Solutions”
- “LBA Woods and Other Parks for Our Community”
- “Stop the Dangerous Oil Trains. Protect Our Communities and Climate”
- “Young People Downtown: Realities and Opportunities”
- “The U.S. Is Risking Nuclear War with Russia over Ukraine”
- “Racial Justice Insights for White Folks”
- “How to Talk Politics with People Different from You”
- “100 Years of F.O.R.’s Bold, Nonviolent Work for Peace and Social Justice”
- “Fukushima, Hanford, and the Dangers of Living Near Nuclear Radiation”
- “Why Universal Single-Payer Health Care Is the Real Solution – and How to Accomplish It”
- “Bold, Friendly Action to Help LGBTQ Ugandans Flee to Safety”
- “Understanding Socialism”

**If you like what the Olympia FOR is doing, we warmly encourage you to support it.** The Olympia FOR does not charge dues or have paid staff. We rely on volunteer labor and voluntary contributions. We trust that each person will help in whatever ways they can. Contributions to Olympia FOR are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

Thanks to everyone for helping the Olympia FOR work for social justice, nonviolence and peace!

Sincerely, The Olympia FOR Steering Committee:

*Kerri Griffis, Holly Gwinn Graham, Bourtai Hargrove, Audrey Daye, Alex Daye, Bev Bassett, Rozanne Rants, Andrew Burgess, Glen Anderson, Chris Carson, Kim Dobson, Kristen Dahle*

**YES!** I support the Olympia FOR’s work for nonviolence, social justice, and peace.

Donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Today I’m contributing	\$500	\$200	\$100	\$50	\$35	\$25	\$15	Other: \$_____
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For the next 12 months I pledge	\$_____ per quarter	\$_____ per month
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**Thank You!**