



# AFSC Peace & Economic Security Program Highlights

October 2016-October 2017

## Framing Issues and Movement Building

### Boston, Dec. 3, 2016 -- Post Election

Anticipating the need for peace and justice organizations to reframe and revitalize our work after the 2016 Presidential election we initiated and played a leading role in organizing “The Next Four Years” Dec. 3 movement building conference focusing on threats to democracy, immigrant rights, peace, racial and economic justice.

from left to right:

Elena Letona, Emily Kirkland, Rep. Mike Connolly, Joseph Gerson, Rev. Paul Robeson Ford



### Washington, D.C., Jan. 2, 2017 -- Post Inauguration

AFSC-PES initiated and played the lead role in organizing the issue-integrated peace, justice and environmental “Challenging Trumpism” conference at American University in Washington, D.C. two days after Donald Trump’s inauguration.

from left to right:

Medea Benjamin, George Martin, Matt de Vlieger

## For a People’s Budget, Cutting Military Spending, and Fair Taxes

Joseph Gerson served as the U.S. coordinator for the Global Days of Action on Military Spending, with more than 15 actions across the country.

Paul Shannon led the PES Program’s organizing for the Congressional Progressive Caucus’ People’s Budget, winning the votes of most members of the Massachusetts Congressional delegation. Paul also played a lead role in organizing the Tax Day Demonstration that brought more than 3,000 activists and justice, peace and environmental speakers to Cambridge Common.



From Boston’s Park St. Station to Hiroshima and cyberspace Paul and Joseph have played leading roles in movement building and popular education for diplomacy, not war, with North Korea.

U.S. & Korean Delegations to the World Conference Against A- & H-Bombs

2017 WORLD CONFERENCE AGAINST A&H BOMBS  
原水爆禁止2017年世界大会-長崎  
核兵器禁止条約を力に、核兵器のない平和で公正な世界の実現を



No War Against North Korea vigil at Park St. Station



## For a Nuclear Weapons-Free World

The PES program continues to play leading roles in the U.S. and international nuclear disarmament movement. Support for the Nuclear Weapons Prohibition Treaty, negotiated at the United Nations, included organizing and speaking at side events, publishing analytical articles, speaking at conferences, and sparking the Global Peace Wave and public talks, including our signature event with Noam Chomsky.



*Noam Chomsky speaks at April Forum on existential threats: nuclear weapons and climate change*

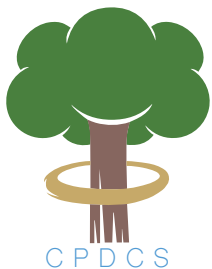


*Lisa Clark, Co-President of International Peace Bureau, Mayor Inamine of Nago, Okinawa, and Joseph Gerson*

## Looking to the Future

### Rev. Barber and the Poor People's Campaign are coming to Boston!

We will be building on all of this work in 2018, including making contributions to the Poor People's Campaign initiated by Rev. William Barber II which will challenge the triple evils of racism, poverty and war.

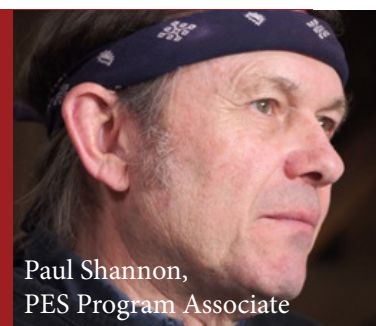
A campaign poster for Trinity Church. The text reads: "Trinity Church 206 Clarendon St. Boston, MA 02116". Below the text are two portraits: Rev. Dr. William J. Barber, II and Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis. At the bottom, it says "Join Campaign Co-chairs" and lists their titles: "Rev. Dr. William J. Barber, II President, Repairers of the Breach" and "Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis Co-Director, Kairos Center". The background features a crowd of people at a protest.

We will also be launching the new non-profit, the Campaign for Peace, Disarmament and Common Security to build on the program's years of work with Asian and European peace movements.



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