



Youth of Project 2050 of the NEW World Theater

"Multi-Lingual-Schisms"

April 15-16, 8pm

Bowker Auditorium

University of Massachusetts

April 23-24, 8pm

City Stage, Springfield

"A Call to Action" Youth Conference

May 1st, United Congregational Church, Holyoke

Information: 413.577.2990

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Dear Congressperson:  
I am outraged that more than half of my tax dollars are going to the military, while only ten percent go to education, training, employment and social service projects. Our priorities need to change.

## take action!

**At the time of this calendar's publication, Congress has approved an additional \$87 billion towards the war in Iraq, for a total of \$141 billion. Imagine our lives if our country prioritized ending racism instead of making war. Imagine if Congress voted to use tax dollars to fund human needs. Write your or a local Congressperson. Every person's voice matters. Call AFSC (413.584.8975) if you need the address for the Congressperson nearest you.**

*"Without faith, nothing is possible. With it, nothing is impossible."*

—Mary McLeod Bethune

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- ☞ **Talk with a member of your community about how they hold on to hope in the face of adversity.**
- ☞ **In honor of Earth Day, take the bus, walk or ride a bike instead of driving.**
- ☞ **Our corporate media bombards us with bad news every day. Spread news of positive social change happening in your community.**
- ☞ **This month and next month, the young people of Project 2050 will perform in our area. Do everything you can to hear their message.**

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 American Friends Service Committee  
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<b>Getting sensitive to language</b> Some words are connected to race or ethnicity by sound and usage, though they may be technically unrelated to issues of race. For example, "Niggardly" can be connected to the N-word. Try "stingy" or "miserly."				Western Massachusetts Center for Healthy Communities' undoing racism display begins this month. The Center also has a lending resource library and offers trainings and consultation for schools, agencies and community groups. Information: 413.540.0600	Nominations due this month for Traprock Peace Center's Peacemaker Awards for High School students. Information: 413.773.7427 www.traprockpeace.org  Heads Up: La Wanza Lett-Brewington will perform a truth-filled presentation of the African experience in the U.S., 413.863.8107	<i>(1968) "We've got some difficult days ahead. But it doesn't matter to me now. Because I've been to the mountaintop..."</i> —The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Palm Sunday (Christian/Orthodox Christian). Observed to mark the Sunday before the crucifixion of Jesus. The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. assassinated at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, TN Daylight Savings Time begins.	Passover (Jewish). Begins at sundown. The young people of AFSC, Franklin Community Action Corporation and Youth Leadership and the Arts work together on a program called Help Increase the Peace. Information: FCAC, 413.774.7028	Passover (Jewish). Marks the beginning of the eight-day festival which includes the seder when Jews reenact the story of their exodus from slavery by the Egyptian pharaohs.	The local Alternatives to Violence Project provides workshops in prisons by trained teams of community members and prisoners. Info: Claude, claudetellier@hotmail.com	The Undoing Racism Organizing Collective (UROC) is a network of anti-racist organizers in WMass. whose mission is to organize, educate, communicate, and provide resources to undo racism in our families, communities, and institutions. (See Community Resource section)	Good Friday (Christian/Orthodox Christian). Observance of Jesus Christ's death. Holyoke Community College offers an Asian Culture Celebration, 6pm to 8pm, G217. Information: 423.552.2418	Birthday, Dolores Huerta (1930), co-founder of the United Farm Workers with Cesar Chavez
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Easter (Christian/Orthodox Christian). Christians celebrate Christ's resurrection.	As of January 2003, Springfield taxpayers paid \$60.7 million for war with Iraq. Get the facts at the National Priorities Project. Information: 413.584.9556 www.nationalpriorities.org	 The Springfield Pink Slip Action of 2003, sponsored by Arise for Social Justice, allied organizations and local affinity groups. Local activists wear "pink slips" to send a strong message to elected officials about state and federal budgets meeting human needs.	Birthday, A. Philip Randolph (1889–1979), African American labor leader, peace activist  <i>"Freedom is never granted; it is won. Justice is never given; it is exacted."</i>	Birth of Martin Luther King Jr. (1929)	On April 17, the NAACP of Amherst will host its annual banquet at Grace Church. Featured speaker: Joyce Williams, New England NAACP Coordinator. Information: Bill, 413.586.7443	(1947) Jackie Robinson officially breaks the major league color line when he puts on a Dodgers uniform, number 42.
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Patriots Day is celebrated in Maine and Massachusetts on April 19th, and commemorates the battles of Concord and Lexington in 1775 that launched the Revolutionary War. What do we celebrate on this day? Patriots are those who love their country, or perhaps appreciate its founding principles such as these: From the Declaration of Independence: "All men [and women] are created equal." From the Bill of Rights: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." If you are a patriot, you insist that the country live up to its promise. When it falls short, dissent—not compliance with the violation of these principles—is patriotic.	● 19	Ridvan (Bahá'í). Begins at sundown	Ridvan (Bahá'í). The twelve day period commemorating Bahá'u'lláh's announcement of his claim to prophethood and his departure from Baghdad in 1863, observed until sunset, May 2. The first, ninth and twelfth days of Ridvan are major Bahá'í holy days.	Anti-Racism/White Privilege Discussion and Reflection Group meets bi-monthly from 6:15pm–7:45pm, All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, Greenfield. Information: Angela, 413.648.9845 or Molly, 413.772.0003  Earth Day	Bayard Rustin (1912–1987), is best remembered as the organizer of the 1963 March on Washington, one of the largest nonviolent protests ever held in the U.S. Despite his tireless organizing, Rustin was often silenced and threatened because he was an openly gay man in an acutely homophobic time.	(1971) 500,000 march against the American war in Vietnam, Washington, DC.
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This year, the Unitarian Society of Northampton and Florence will be reading <i>Soul Work, Antiracist Theologies in Dialogue</i> . Several discussions will take place throughout the year. Information: 413.584.1390	Pioneer Valley War Tax Resisters meet regularly. Information: Juanita, 413.773.5188	The Center for Popular Economics (CPE) teaches economic literacy for progressive social change activists. Information: 413.545.0743 www.popular-economics.org	On April 29, <i>Eliminating the Achievement Gap</i> , sponsored by The National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ). Panelists include: Dr. Joseph Burke, superintendent Springfield schools and Dr. Jere Hochman, superintendent Amherst-Pelham schools. Western New England College, Sleethe Hall, 7pm. Information: 860.683.1039 www.nccjctwma.org	(1968) Shirley Chisholm becomes the first Black woman elected to Congress.	<i>"White people, once and for all, eliminate 'minority' from your vocabulary."</i> —members of the Arise for Social Justice Board of Directors	
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