

Jan 17,
2010



This Week's Happenings! (Check the newsletter for details.)

Sunday, Jan 17

Choir Rehearsal - 9:45am
Cafe Socrates - 9:45am
Worship & RE - 11:00am
Kitchen Orient. - 12:30pm
Concert - 2:00pm

Monday, Jan 18

Office Closed

Tuesday, Jan 19

Board of Trustees - 6:00pm
Men's Group - 7:00pm

Wednesday, Jan 20

News & Notes deadline - 12pm
New Home Information - 6:30pm

Thursday, Jan 21

Choir Rehearsal - 6:30pm

Friday, Jan 22

No events scheduled

Saturday, Jan 23

No events scheduled

Sunday, Jan 24

Choir Rehearsal - 9:45am
Worship & RE - 11:00am

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

News and Notes



An Urgent Plea from UUSC

UUSC and the Unitarian Universalist Association have launched a joint earthquake relief fund to help the survivors from the Jan 5 earthquake in Haiti. The U.N. estimates that 2.2 million people are affected and fears that the loss of life may reach into the tens of thousands. The destruction is widespread, with extensive damage to homes, hospitals, roads, water and sanitation services, and electrical and communication systems. An alarming number of buildings, including the National Palace and the United Nation's Headquarters, have collapsed.

Haiti is the Western Hemisphere's most impoverished and least-developed nation. For those hundreds of thousands of poor people in Port-au-Prince, the daily struggle for food, water, and medical attention

already amounted to an emergency — the earthquake has made these challenges infinitely more difficult to overcome, creating a humanitarian disaster on top of an existing humanitarian crisis.

What UUSC will do

UUSC's disaster response in Haiti will focus on those survivors less likely to have access to aid, such as child domestic workers (restaviks), women-headed households that work in the informal sector, and people living with HIV/AIDS. Haiti has a vibrant grassroots movement with a vision of empowering people. UUSC will work closely with partners in this grassroots movement to reach those survivors at greatest risk of being overlooked. We've already connected with three organizations and will be reaching out to others over the next 24 hours in order to shape our response. We will be updating our website regularly as our plans develop. Finally, we are deeply saddened at the calamity that has devastated the lives of people in Haiti —Go to www.uusc.org to support our efforts to help them.

Helen Carroll

**Sunday Worship Service
and Religious Exploration Classes**
begin at 11 am at:
at 2074 Parker (Suite 100) St in SLO
Contact Info:
(805) 544-1669
Email: uuslo@slonet.org
Website: www.uufsloc.org
Mailing Address: 2074 Parker
(Suite 100)
San Luis Obispo, CA, 93401

UUSFLOC
Mission Statement
The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
of San Luis Obispo County
is a diverse religious community
providing a nurturing environment
where individuals are encouraged
in their search for truth
and supported in acting
on their beliefs.
We welcome all who would share
in our open, challenging journey.

In Our Community ...

Administrative Stuff ...



The Office will be closed on Monday (January 18th) for MLK Day. The Administrator will be on vacation from Jan 24th – 30th. The Office will be staffed by volunteers during that time, but please keep in mind that problems / questions for the Administrator will not get a response until after he returns from vacation.

We have been having a sporadic problem with emails disappearing from our InBox. Our ISP and our email provider are attempting to track down the problem – but there are a few simple things YOU can do to make sure the information you *sent* to the Office actually *arrives* at the Office.

First, make sure you email is clearly labeled for *News and Notes* or *Newsletter* in the Subject line if that's where you want it to go. Second, every email sent to the Office will get a response of some kind. I, or the *Newsletter* or *News and Notes* Editor (Rob Hunt) will let you know we received your mail. If you do NOT get a response within a reasonable period of time (keeping in mind the Administrator works Mon, Tue, Wed; and Rob generally staffs the Office on Friday), send your email again. This is especially important for Newsletter articles sent near the deadline if you want to assure their publication. If you have a question about receipt of an email, you can always call the office (open from 9am to 1pm Mon – Fri) to check. Thanks

David Robinson, Administrator
544-1669; uuslo@slonet.org
From Religious Exploration



This Sunday we explore one of our favorite UU pastimes – asking QUESTIONS! On January 31st we kick off Secret Pal so be sure you have signed up!

Secret Pal starts at the end of the month. Adults, PLEASE volunteer to be a part of the fun and be a Pal to one of the younger members of the Fellowship. We'll be coming around with info and signup sheets for the next two Sundays (look for the silly hats) or contact David.

Neighboring Faiths planning has begun. Parent of the 6-8 Graders should have received information by email last week. Please let me know if you did not get it. We're still waiting on a few responses before we can continue with the planning.

In Joy, David Robinson
544-1669, uufslocdre@yahoo.com

RE Teaching Schedule

Jan 17: Satia Hawken-Widmann, Don Reynolds, Christina Zaro
Jan 24: Janet Murphy, Birgit Simmons, Jaymie and Scott Taylor, Andy Pease, Alexandra Baele
Jan 31: David, Ann Furtick, **two more volunteers needed** – contact David

What's New?

ADULT Enrichment Class A Chosen Faith

The class is a thoughtful and enlightening exploration of UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM. The class will focus on Unitarian Universalism from its roots to the present time. It is aimed at the Newcomer as well as the Old-timer and anyone who wants to gain insight into Unitarian Universalism. There is a rich and deep background for all who would like to know more about our history and choices that we make. We will be using the book *A Chosen Faith* written by The Revs. John Buehrens and Forrest Church. Each explores the many sources of our living tradition of *their* chosen faith.

As Forrest Church says, "...when we learn new things, we are encouraged to change our point of view."

Four Wednesdays in February 2010
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM at the Fellowship.
FEB 3, 10, 17, 24, 2010
Facilitated by Richard Knight and Dick Allen. Ph 489-9777 for information
Email richardk489@gmail.com

Service Thanks...

To our dedicated Worship Associates:
Jan 17 - Kate Throop
Jan 24 - Andre Brown,
Joyce Knight
Eric Olsen



To our Greeters:
Coordinator: Chris Cummings
Jan 17 (3rd Sunday)
John Faulkner & Chris Cummings
Jan 24 (4th Sunday)
Richard Besel & Chris Cummings
Jan 31 (5th Sunday)
Pete Bennett & Carol Singleton



To our Welcome Teams:
Coordinator: Andrea Brown
Jan 17 (3rd Sunday)
Ann Williams, Frank Basich & Gina Whitaker
Jan 24 (4th Sunday)
Andrea Brown, Mary Bonaventure & Andy Pease
Jan 31 (5th Sunday)
Priscilla Akin & Mary Jeanne Bonaventure

To our Support Team & their Leaders
Jan 17 - People's Kitchen
Lois Barber
Jan 24 - Garden Gang
Joyce Knight
Jan 31 - Worship Arts
Ingrid Pires



To our Joys, Sorrows & Concern Volunteers:
Coordinator: Andrea Brown
Jan 17 - Jan Clarke
Jan 24 - Barbara Watson
Jan 31 - TBD



To Build or Not to Build – My What a Question!

At the meeting on February 14, the congregation will formally vote whether to continue to develop the Edna property as our long-term home. The following are some of the questions by members of the congregation and the answers identified by the Long-Term Home Committee. (That committee is composed of Andy Pease, Jim Culver, Ann Bernhardt, Eric Olsen and Rev. Helen Carroll)

About the costs

- 1. What is the cost to finish construction for Edna, phase 1? \$1,730,000
- 2. How much is in the Capital Campaign Fund currently? \$ 680,255
- 3. What is the expected amount of the mortgage? \$ 500,000
- 4. What is the expected amount of the Gap Capital Campaign? \$ 550,000

Note: these figures are based on mid-January 2010 analysis.

About a Gap Capital Campaign

1. What is the process whereby the decision to retain/not retain a Capital Campaign consultant will be made?

Wayne Clark , Director of Congregational Stewardship Services for the UUA, advises that we use a Capital Campaign Consultant to determine the financial feasibility for a Gap Capital Campaign. The cost to us would be approximately \$20,000, based on how much the consultant can accomplish by phone and how much in person.

2. If a Capital Campaign consultant is retained, how will the Congregational representatives that work with the consultant be determined/selected?

The process for identifying congregational representatives has not been addressed.

3. The first capital campaign covered 3 years, how long will a 2nd campaign extend?
The Gap Campaign will cover one year from pledge to payment. (See the timing section that follows)

4. Will the 2nd capital campaign be for a "New Home" or for "Edna?"
The Gap Campaign will be to complete the Edna construction.

5. What happens if we don't raise the necessary amount for the Gap Capital Campaign?
If we cannot raise \$550,000 in the Gap Capital Campaign, the congregation will need to decide what to do next. Some options will include: Revising the architectural/construction plans and building a different version on the Edna site; Conducting a commercial real estate search for a different site; Putting the project on hold until we are able to raise additional funds.

About the timing

The Project Schedule is as follows:

March 1, 2010 - Initiate Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (12 months)

January 1, 2011 - Conduct Gap Capital Campaign (2 months)

February 1, 2011 - Complete EIR; submit to Planning Commission (3 months)

May 1, 2011 - Planning Commission approval; complete Construction Drawings (3 months)

August 1, 2011 - Submit for building permit (3 months)

November 1, 2011 - Receive building permit; Start construction (8 months)

July 1, 2012 - Construction complete; move in



About the timing - continued

1. What is the schedule for the needed funding activities

- construction loan

Complete loan application - June 1, 2011

Loan review - June 15, 2011

Loan Approval - August 2011

Close Loan - January 15, 2012

-mortgage loan

The construction loan converts to a mortgage loan at the completion of the project

- capital campaign

Consultant analysis - October – November 2011

Leadership Gift Kick-Off - December 2010

General Campaign - January – February 2011

Pledge Payments received - January 2011 – January 2012

2. Will expenditure of any significant funds for Edna be forestalled until all funding needs/sources/commitments are guaranteed?

No. The EIR will be funded out of the monies in the capital campaign fund. We anticipate approximately \$140,000 dollars will be needed to pay for the EIR and currently there are \$680,255 in the Capital Campaign Fund.

About a mortgage

1. Can we get a mortgage loan through the UUA?

From initial conversations with Wayne Clark, Director of Congregational Stewardship Services for the UUA, there are no apparent reasons why we might not qualify for a \$500,000 loan with the UUA. Remember, we have no guarantee until application is made and a financial assessment is conducted. Details on the Building Loan Program are available from the UUA web site at www.uua.org/leaders/leaderslibrary/buildingloans

2. Assuming we are not able to get all the financing we need through the UUA, can we obtain the opinion of a lending institution on how much we might reasonably expect to get financed through a commercial institution?

We have not explored other financial institutions to determine whether we will be able to obtain financing through a commercial lender.

About becoming a Fair Share Congregation

1. What is the total amount needed for us to be a "Fair Share" congregation. To be qualify for a UUA loan, we must be a Fair Share congregation and we must maintain our Fair Share status for the duration of that loan. For 2010-2011 we believe the per member cost will be \$58. So Fair Share for us will be \$12,644.

2. Is a decision to fund "Fair Share" by default, a decision not to restore our staff to "full time?"

A decision to fund Fair Share is NOT a default decision not to restore our staff to "full time." Staffing levels are determined by our program needs and our financial resources. Come to the budget meetings in March to have input on the staffing levels.

3. If not, what will it take to restore the staff to previous hours and compensation levels, adjusted for inflation?

To restore staff to previous hours and compensation levels will take \$67,197.50 above the current budget level.

About the vote to approve

1. From where did the figure of 67% approval needed to decide on a new home come?

The original approval level recommended was taken from the by-laws level necessary to approve a budget.

2. Does the UUA have any recommend guidelines on the percentage of the congregation needing to vote in favor of a new home/construction decision?

In conversation with Ken Brown, District Executive for the PSWD, and Wayne Clark, Director of Congregational Stewardship Services for the UUA, we are reconsidering that approval level. Since the decision to move forward is on a par with calling a minister, both Ken and Wayne reminded that the approval level needs to be at least 85% and prefer a 90% approval.





The second of two January meetings about our **New Home Options** will be held on **Wednesday, January 20th at 6:30pm am** at the Fellowship. This will be an opportunity to discuss what we know and what we need to know and share issues and ideas. All are encouraged to share information, questions and issues.

For questions contact Ann at abernhardt@fix.net

A full report of the poll results is available from Andy Pease at baspease@cbcglobal.net

CIRCLE SUPPERS ARE BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!

Sunday mornings are so short! We gather, worship, drink some coffee and then go our separate ways. Do you sometimes find yourself wishing you could have just a little more time with your fellow UU's? Well, guess what? You can. (And you don't even have to join a committee to do it!)

Our last round of Circle gatherings were well-received. People formed new connections and renewed old ones, ate good food and had some laughs. So...a new round of Circle Suppers is set to begin on the 3rd Saturday of the month for March, April and May. After sign ups are gathered, we will place you in groups of 8 to 10 people. Together with your group, you will hold potlucks once a month for 3 months. Don't feel like hosting? No problem! Just indicate your preferences on the form. In signing up you agree to attend regularly and participate fully. (People who can't attend regularly may sign up as substitutes and receive calls to join a group, sometimes at the last minute.)

The host/coordinators for each group will host at their homes, contact others to confirm they will be there before the scheduled date, coordinate food, and call for substitutes, if necessary. Host/ coordinators will provide drinks and the other guests will bring the main dish, vegetables, salads and desserts.

We'll do the organizing. Your job is to make a little food and have a lot of fun. Established and new members alike will find kindred spirits, and our circles will grow in number and in meaning.

Simply fill out the form by February 28th and mail it or e-mail it to Laurie Napoli. You will receive the names of the others in your circle, their addresses, phone#'s and e-mail addresses and the names of your host/coordinators for each gathering.

Fill out your form today, and may the Circles ever widen. [Forms available at the Fellowship.](#)



Secret Pal 2010 Is Here!!

It's that time of year. Secret Pal is a chance for the adults and children of our Fellowship to spend some time getting to know each other, and have a little fun in the process. Each child is matched with an anonymous Pal in the Fellowship and they spend Sundays in February exchanging clues to their identities (poems, pictures, riddles, rocks – what can YOU come up with?). Then on the last Sunday in February all is finally revealed and the Pals sit down to lunch together. Details are available in RE, on the Circle Information Table in the Community Room, and from David. We'll be on the hunt for Adult pals in the next few weeks. Especially if you are new to the congregation, I encourage you to participate so you can get to know us better, and have LOTS of fun doing it. This is one of the highlights of the year for our kids, so be sure you don't miss any of the excitement.

David Robinson



Camp Courage Central Coast
Coming January 30th & 31st, 2010
Santa Barbara City College

Camp Courage, leadership training to build the movement that will restore marriage-equality to its rightful place as law in California, will be conducted January 30-31, 2010, 8:30 AM-5:30 PM at Santa Barbara City College. Lunch and continental breakfast will be provided. The cost is just \$10.

Modeled after "Camp Obama" that UFW veteran Marshall Ganz organized, "Camp Courage" is a project of the Courage Campaign to train marriage equality activists in California for the eventual repeal of Proposition 8.

The alliances made and the experiences shared at events such as Camp Courage are steps towards building critical mass in the quest for marriage equality, health care for all, peace and economic justice. Personal conversations and neighbor-to-neighbor persuasion are powerful tools against fear and prejudice, and minds change. When hundreds of thousands conversations take place, policy changes. You will have an opportunity to learn how to help make those multitude conversations happen.

Even if you have participated in local, one or half-day Camp Obama or other Central Coast Clergy and Laity for Justice events, this is an invitation to go all in for the two-day experience that will change your life! Our goal is to have 50 people from the Central Coast attend!

Register now!

<http://www.couragecampaign.org/CampCentralCoast>

Contact Gina Whitaker of Social Justice Committee to arrange car pools and accommodations.



Board View

The agenda items for the January Board Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 19Jan, 6pm at the Fellowship are as follows:

1. Welcome and Lighting of the Chalice
2. Review/update agenda
3. Request for comments and input from non-Board attendees
4. Consent agenda
5. Minister/operations brief
6. Treasurer brief
7. Focused discussion topics:
By-laws update plan
New Home Discernment Process update
Board service plan – Covenant plan
Refund policy vote
Edna financial planning policy status update
8. Other topics – as time allows

We expect a full meeting with interesting and purposeful discussion. All are welcome to attend.

Cheers, Eric Olsen, Board President



Hospitality notes:

The training session on coffee making and the idiosyncrasies of our kitchen has been rescheduled to today, January 17th. Since everyone will be at the Fellowship for the concert, I'm doing the orientation from 12:30-1:15. The circle chairs have been asked to come and to bring one circle member with them. Space is limited, but if there are others who would like to come, space permitting. This isn't rocket science, we simply need to spread the knowledge so there is always a backup in case of an emergency and we have people who can take charge of a party large or small.

Meredith Whitaker 594-1133 rmwhit@charter.net



Call for Sanctuary Art

Bring paintings, photographs, drawings or any 2-D work **that emphasizes plants or animals for next show.** We will take down the previous show and put up the new show on Sunday, February 7 after the Sunday Service. All artwork must have a wire to hang the work from the wall, or an acceptable way to secure the piece to the wall. Bring as many as three pieces. We want a good showing representing all those who choose to participate. Joan Scott has asked me to be in charge for this particular show; so you can direct questions and concerns to me, Eileen Pritchard, 543-0405 or e-mail me at eileen@coastcountry.com

COMMUNITY BULLITEN BOARD



Can you read Greg Shorthand? Diana Schmiett is challenged by a few notes and clues in her mother's estate written in this language of last century. If you can help her decipher please call 541-9239 or drop her a line, but NOT in shorthand!



LUNCH AND CONVERSATION AFTER CHURCH

Hometown Buffet in the Madonna Plaza (across the parking lot from Gottschalks) every Sunday after church. Talk to **John Faulkner** for more information or just show up!



Did you know:

...We collect information such as copies of an Advanced Health Care Directive, a Living Will, contact information for next of kin, and other end of life information. Consider sending that information to Rev. Helen as one of the steps in your emergency planning. If you have any questions or concerns, please call or e-mail. (459-9696 or helencarroll@hotmail.com)

Opportunity is knocking. Would you like to be a worship associate for one of the morning services? If you like public speaking, serving this community or just want to learn more about our worship services, consider volunteering to be a Worship Associate.

Are you a little nervous about standing at the pulpit on Sunday mornings? I'll be glad to work with you to reach a comfort level. Please contact Rev. Helen to volunteer. And thank you for considering the possibility. (helencarroll@hotmail.com)



UU COMM LINK

Gene Fabricius maintains an e-mail roster of those members who want to be included. He makes the roster available to everyone on the roster and keeps it up to date as he is notified of changes.

AND - - he sends out messages about church events and information to those who are on the roster. If you want to be included, send a message to Gene at efabrici@calpoly.edu. or sign up on the clipboard in the Social Hall adjacent to the water fountain.

"UU World" Magazines

Have you read yours and are ready to share it with others. The Welcome Team gives them to visitors as part of our Welcome Package. Please bring any past magazines and either give them to Andrea Brown or put them on the table in the office with a note indicating that they are for the Welcome Team.
Thank you.



Introductions, Please... Did you know that the day-to-day work of the Fellowship is completed by the committees and individuals within our five Circles and each of those circles is coordinated by one of our volunteers? Want to find out more about what we do and how we do, ask one of the Circle Coordinators.

- Stewardship Circle Coordinator – Orval Osborne
- Worship Circle Coordinator – Sandra Kulczyk
- Growth and Learning Circle Coordinator – Kate Throop
- Social Responsibility Circle Coordinator – Renee Besel
- Pathways Circle Coordinator – Jan Clarke

If you or someone you know in the congregation is in the hospital or is recovering from illness, please contact the Fellowship. We'll organize support through our Pathways Circle and the Regional Care Coordinators. Thank-you to our volunteers:

- Pathways Coordinator** - Jan Clarke
- Regional Care Coordinators -
- Avila, Grover Beach, Oceano, Pismo Beach, Shell Beach** - Jan Turney
- Arroyo Grande** - Trish Wilson
- Atascadero/Templeton/Paso** - Laurie Napoli and Joan Scott
- Cambria and Cayucos** - Kate and Terry Throop
- Los Osos and Morro Bay** – Joy Gault and Ann Kellogg
- San Luis Obispo** - Marianne Culver, Tom Norwood, and Bonnie Wamsley
- Santa Maria and Nipomo** – Chris Cummings



Let it Be a Dance

Okay, maybe not exactly a dance. I'm filling in the schedule for worship associates for the 2009-2010 program year and looking for folks who are interested in sharing the worship service with me. Tempted, but unsure what's required? Curious, but afraid of public speaking? Convinced and ready to sign-up. Please contact me (helencarroll@hotmail.com or 805-459-9696) with questions, dates or interest or just to say hello.



Chamber Music at the Fellowship

Paul Severtson and Friends

(Tolosa Strings and Kelli Reynolds)

Paul Severtson, violin, Randy Garacci, violin & viola
Jeanne Shumway, cello, Ken Hustad, bass
David Hennessee, viola, Kelli Reynolds, French horn
present Mozart and Schubert

2:00 p.m. Sunday January 17 at the UU Fellowship
Donation \$15, students \$5, children 12 and under free



Women's Leadership in Building Global Community

Kavita Ramdas, President and CEO of the Global Fund for Women, the largest grant making foundation in the world, will be the guest speaker at a catered lunch February 9, 12 Noon - 2 PM at 1st Presbyterian Church, corner of Morro and Marsh Streets, downtown SLO. A buffet lunch of middle eastern foods will be provided by Petra Restaurant and a \$25 donation is requested to cover lunch and Ms. Ramdas' honorarium.

The global community faces new challenges and needs to be able to imagine a truly diverse and multipolar world in which shared leadership is the norm. In this struggle, we can look to the women's movement globally as a source of innovation and inspiration that offers tangible examples to address the most pressing issues of our time.

This is a rare opportunity to hear Ms. Ramdas, who has focused her career exclusively on supporting international women's human rights. She is the recipient of numerous philanthropic and leadership awards for her innovative work as a social venture capitalist.

Tickets are available from Gina Whitaker at church on January 24th and Feb 7th only, by mail (call Gina at 481-0788) or at the door. Call Anneka Scranton for more info: 534-7025 or email at annekascranton@gmail.com

YOUR help Needed for the MLK Day of Service Food Drive!

Hundreds more people are hungry this winter than ever before in our county, and the **SLO Food Bank** needs more help!! Thankfully, there is something you can do *this month* to help alleviate hunger in SLO County. Participate in the second annual **Martin Luther King Day of Service Food Drive, January 16-18**, sponsored by [Central Coast United for Change](http://CentralCoastUnitedforChange.org).

Last year, the action collected over 12 tons of food, and \$4,000 in cash for the SLO Food Bank Coalition! Be a part of the action this year! The drive is seeking captains, church staging areas, trucks and more. You can volunteer just one day or both days at staging areas throughout the county. It's easy: Hand out bags with lists of food desired attached on Saturday, and pick them up full on Monday, delivering them back to the same staging area you started from. Maps and bags will be given to you at the staging areas. If you can drive or walk, you can help!!

Don't spend MLK Day sleeping or cleaning house...go out and do something for your community and for those in need! Contact Matt Lombardini at 710-4370 or ccuc@centralcoastunitedforchange.org, or go to the Web site www.centralcoastunitedforchange.org to register and find out more.

In the Face of War:

Martin Luther King

and the Call to Nonviolence

On Monday, January 18, Central Coast Clergy and Laity for Justice will present a tribute to Martin Luther King and his commitment to and message of nonviolence. The program will be held at Congregation Beth David on Los Osos Valley Rd. and Foothill Blvd. in San Luis Obispo, and will begin at 6 :00 PM.

The purpose of the program is to highlight Dr. King's message in light of the escalation of the war in Afghanistan. Later in his life, Dr. King saw so clearly the connections between racism, poverty and injustice and violence and war. We believe that at this moment in today's world, Dr. King would speak out vigorously against the militarism and the wars in the Middle East, including Iraq and Afghanistan. To emphasize the connections Dr. King made between oppression and war, we will be focusing tonight not on his leadership in the struggle for civil rights, but on the application of his dream to ending the war in Afghanistan.

The program will be a multimedia presentation, utilizing videos of Dr. King, a short readers' theatre presentation highlighting Dr. King's words on this subject, selections from the powerful Robert Greenwald documentary *Rethink Afghanistan*, and music.

Code Pink, Women in Black and Mothers for Peace will all have tables with information on their organizations, and opportunity will be given for questions and dialogue. Join Central Coast Clergy and Laity for Justice for this powerful evening. We invite you to consider the implications of Dr. King's fervent message of hope and peace in the face of the Afghanistan war, and explore together how we might better understand the path to peace.