

THE CALENDAR

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JUNE 2010

INTERNATIONAL

- **June 20, 2010: 2010 World Refugee Day.**
- **June 22-26, 2010: SOA Watch *Encuentro* in Latin America** will take place in Venezuela. Representatives from 16 Latin American countries will join an equal number of representatives from North American SOA Watch grassroots groups. This gathering will coincide with the U.S. Social Forum in Detroit and organizers are working to connect the two historic events. The overall objective of the *Encuentro* is to lay the groundwork for a vibrant cross-continental SOA Watch movement that will help to close the SOA and challenge the other expressions of the militarization that this school represents. **To find out more, contact: www.SOAW.org.**

NATIONAL

- **June 12-15, 2010: Advocacy Training Workshop for Hunger Justice Leaders** is sponsored by Bread for the World and will take place in Washington, D.C. Participants will gain skills in advocacy, team-building and community organizing, connect with like-minded young leaders from across the United States, explore the biblical foundations of faith and justice and speak with their members of Congress. Age 20-30? **Apply for this workshop at www.bread.org/bealeader.**
- **June 17-19, 2010: Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) Conference: *Finding and Mobilizing a Community's Hidden Strengths and Power*** asks the questions *Who is my Neighbor? What Good Can Come out of Nazareth?* The conference will be held at the Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, VA. This approach, ABCD, will help you unleash the latent potential of the often underutilized assets in your community and will teach you how to connect people to use their collective strengths. Your learning hosts are Jody Kretzmann, Ph.D. and Rev. Damon Lynch. Bring a team! \$285 includes breakfasts, lunches, plus one networking event and materials. **Visit www.vts.edu/icfl/registration, and www.thecommuniverse.com.**
- **June 22, 2010: The Catholic Task Force on Africa** meets monthly in Washington, D.C. at Trinity College, Rose Parlor. The time is 3:30-5 pm. **To find out more, contact: Fr. Rocco Puopolo at director@afjn.org; www.yesafricamatters.org.**
- **June 22-26, 2010: The United States Social Forum (USSF)** is taking place at Cobo Hall and Hart Plaza in Detroit, Michigan. The USSF will bring together 1000s of grassroots activists from diverse social movements across the U.S. to develop collective consciousness, vision, and strategies needed to realize another world. Lots of informative workshops. It is coinciding with the *Encuentro* in Venezuela. **To find out more, contact: www.USSF2010.org.**

JULY 2010

INTERNATIONAL

- **July 11-21, 2010: Coexistence of Cultures and Faiths Cruise with Bill Moyer** will visit sacred sites of three of the world's great religions in the Aegean and Eastern

Mediterranean. Dr. John Portmann, Author of *Sin: Vast Past, Vaster Future* will speak as will Rabbi Ronald Sobel, a leading advocate of interfaith relations. **Contact:** www.cincyworldaffairs.org.

NATIONAL

- **July 16-18, 2010: National Conference on Catholic Peacemaking: *Know Justice, Know Peace: Ending War at Home and Abroad*** will be held at the Chicago Rosemont Hotel at O'Hare in Chicago. This is the reincarnation of the former PaxChristi USA annual conference. The keynote presentations will be given by Rev. Bryan Massingale, STD, Jeremy Scahill and Elena Segura. There will be a pre-conference retreat with Rev. John Dear, SJ for students and young adults, beginning on July 14 and running through the evening of the 15th. A conference action is also planned for Saturday evening at a site still to be determined in Chicago. Four conference tracks are offered for workshops including (1) **The Peace-Building Parish: *Mapping the Grassroots Reclamation of the Social Mission of the Local Church***; (2) **United in Faith and Action: *Seeding the Catholic Campus Action Network***; (3) **Racism at the Roots: *An Analysis of the Racism Driving the Wars at Home and Abroad***; and (4) **The Spirituality of Nonviolence: *The Foundation for Personal and Social Transformation***. These tracks all include excellent workshop presenters and much interaction. **Find out more** at www.paxchristiusa.org.
- **July 27, 2010: The Catholic Task Force on Africa** meets monthly in Washington, D.C. at Trinity College, Rose Parlor. The time is 3:30-5 pm. **To find out more, contact:** Fr. Rocco Puopolo at director@afjn.org; www.yesafricamatters.org.

SEPTEMBER 2010

INTERNATIONAL

- **September 23-25, 2010: 24th National Catholic China Conference: *Experiencing Jesus Christ through Chinese Eyes: Continuing China-U.S. Conversations*** will be held at Our Lady of the Snows Conference Center in Belleville, IL. The keynote speaker (tentative) is Most rev. Pei Jun-min, Bishop of Shengyang. Early bird deadline for best hotel rates is May 31. **Contact:** Michel Marcil, SJ at 9973) 763-1131/E-mail: chinabur@shu.edu, or download the registration form now at www.usccb.net.
- **September 24-25, 2010: G-20 Summit in South Korea.** More details pending.

NATIONAL

- **September 18-19, 2010: Stand Up and Take Action Weekend and Jubilee Sunday.** This is a mobilization for the **Millennium Development Goals** in conjunction with the U.N. High level meeting on the MDGs, Nationwide, New York, NY. **To find out more, contact:** www.jubileeusa.org/calendar.

CINCINNATI

- **September 25, 2010: 25th Anniversary of the Intercommunity Justice & Peace Center: *Educating, Advocating and Organizing for Justice and Peace*.** 6-10 pm at Purcell Marian High School, Walnut Hills. Join us for dinner, entertainment and a silent auction. **To find out more, contact:** (513) 579-8547.

