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MFSA's Annual Awards Event at Annual Conference:

MFSA is pleased to announce our Annual Awards Event to be held on **Saturday, June 8th, at 5:00 PM, in Rooms 319-320, in Hy-Vee Hall.** Our keynote speaker for the event is **Rev. Abraham Funchess**, pastor of Jubilee UMC in Waterloo, and Human Rights Director for the City of Waterloo. Social Action Awards will be presented prior to the keynote address.

Tickets are \$35.00 for a buffet meal and can be ordered from Rita Carter at: ritaac@mchsi.com or call 515-979-0605. Deadline for ordering tickets is June 3. Please remember that when you make your reservation, we order a meal for you. If you are unable to attend, we must still pay for your meal. Payment for your reservation is very helpful and appreciated.

Walk for Peace and Social Justice "Making Peace in our Church; in our World; in Ourselves"

The Walk, led by Bishop Laurie, will be held on **Monday, June 10, at 12:15 PM, beginning at the south end of Hy-Vee Hall and walking to the Peace Garden at Cowles Commons (3rd & Walnut) Des Moines.** Please join us!

Support Needed:

The Iowa Sanctuary Movement (MFSA is a member) is helping to sponsor several asylum-seekers in the Des Moines Area, as well as to help DACA recipients and other immigrants impacted by ICE. Financial support is needed for all those projects.

- 1) Donations for asylum-seekers and DACA recipients can be made through First Unitarian Church, 1800 Bell Ave., Des Moines, 50315. (Indicate supported project on the memo line)
- 2) For families affected by Mt. Pleasant ICE raid, contact First Presbyterian Church, 902 S. Walnut St., Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641.
- 3) For families in Des Moines separated by ICE, contact Walnut Hills UMC, 12321 Hickman Rd., Urbandale, IA 50323-1810.
- 4) For bail funds contact Eastern Iowa Community Bond Project, PO Box 3174, Iowa City, IA 52244-3174.

"Voices in the Desert"

On **Friday, May 3, at 7:00 PM Carol Leland** will share pictures and insights from the study tour she took to the southern US border. The event will be held at the **Ivester Church of the Brethren** 25056 E. Ave., **Grundy Center**. For more information, please contact: labrunk@heartofiowa.net.

A Faithful Response to Migration:

This event will look at the sanctuary movement in Iowa and Nationally. It will be held on **Saturday, May 4, 9:00 – 11:30 AM, at Plymouth Congregational UCC**, 4126 Ingersoll Ave., in **Des Moines**. For more information, please contact Erica Johnson at: ejohnson@afsc.org.

Cinco De Mayo Benefit:

Gather with friends at the **Event Room at Pulpit Rock Brewing Co.**, 207 College Drive, in **Decorah**, on **Sunday, May 5th, 4:00 – 6:00 PM** to celebrate **Cinco De Mayo**. The event will benefit Neighbors Helping Neighbors, a Decorah community fund to help immigrant neighbors, families and friends affected by the local and national immigration crisis. There will be an opportunity for freewill donations and updates on local needs and opportunities for solidarity with immigration neighbors. It is sponsored by the Decorah Area Faith Coalition. For more information, please contact Kathi Mitchell at: kathimitchell1954@gmail.com.

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Hear Palestinian Speaker AMIRA HASS:

Concerned Iowans for Middle East Peace, along with other co-sponsors are proud to present **Israeli Journalist, Amira Hass**. She will bring fresh and much needed insight to the past, present and future of Palestinian-Israeli relations. The event will be held on **Monday, May 6, at 7:00 PM, at the Iowa City Public Library** Meeting Room A. For more information, please contact Pat Minor at: patminor51@gmail.com, or 319-530-0255.

Alternative Discussion Group:

The group meets at the dining room on **Hy-Vee**, intersection of 32nd Street NE and Oakland Road NE in **Cedar Rapids, at 7:00 PM May 7 and 21**. Currently they are reading *Eights Years We Were in Power*, by Ta-Nehisi Coates, Chapter 8.

Annual Armed Forces Day Rally and Direct Action:

Join the DM Vets for Peace and Catholic Workers for the 3rd Annual Honor Vets, Ground Drones Armed Forces Day Rally and Direct Action on **Saturday, May 18, at 3:00 PM, at the Drone Command Center**, 3100 McKinley Ave. For more information, please contact Frank Cordaro at: frank.cordaro@gmail.com, or Gilbert Landolt at: peacevet@hotmail.com

Art Cullen to Speak:

The Jamie Wade Memorial Speaker Series Welcomes Art Cullen! Editor of the *Storm Lake Times*, author and 2017 Pulitzer Prize winner, he will describe how Storm Lake has been transformed by immigration, agricultural consolidation and climate change, and how our politics have been taken over by corporate money. The event will be on **Thursday, May 30, at 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall at Central Presbyterian Church**, 3829 Grand Ave., **Des Moines**.

“Our Legacy for 150 Years”

Join Iowa Conference UMW's event to celebrate 150 years on **Sunday, June 9, Supper Break of Annual Conference, at Wesley UMC**, 800 E. 12th Street in **Des Moines**. Beverly Nolte, retired missionary to Brazil and Argentina will be the keynote speaker. Tickets are \$10.00. RSVP to Myra Bowman at: jlmkbowman51@comm1net.net, or call 6411-843-4086.

Iraq Young Leaders Program Seeks Host Families:

Iowa Resource for International Service (IRIS) is seeking host families for its Irq Young Leaders Program, July 23-August 6. To learn more, please contact Del Christensen at: del@iris-center.org

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