



MFSA IOWA CHAPTER MEMO

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Greeting Friends,

Please join us for MFSA's events at Annual Conference, including the Awards Event on June 8th, the Walk for Peace and Social Justice on June 10th, and the caucuses each evening of Conference. We need some volunteers, too, so see the information below and respond if you can help. Hope to see you there!

Joy and peace,
Eloise

It's Not Too Late!

Tickets are still available for MFSA's **Annual Awards Event** to be held on **Saturday, June 8th, at 5:00 PM, in Rooms 104-105 (Note change of location!), in HY-Vee Hall.** Our keynote speaker for the event is the **Rev. Abraham Funchess**, pastor of Jubilee UMC in Waterloo, and Human Rights Director for the City of Waterloo. He will address, "**For Such a Time as This.**" This year's Social Action Awards will be presented to **Kathi Mitchell** and posthumously to **Bill Steward.** **Tickets are \$35.00 for a buffet meal. Rrder 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:

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,** corner of 3rd and Walnut, in **Des Moines.** The theme is, "Making Peace in our Church; in our World; in Ourselves. Please join us!

Help Needed!

Help is needed bright and early on Saturday morning of Annual Conference to hand out the SQBs. Please contact **Dave Shogren** at: daveshogren6@msn.com, or 515-205-9816. Help is also needed at our Display Table throughout Annual Conference **Rita Carter** at: ritaac@mchsi.com, or 515-979-0605.

Caucus with MFSA:

You're invited to join MFSA to caucus each night of Annual Conference, beginning on **Friday, June 7 at 9:15 at Wesley UMC,** 800 East 12th Street. Some tickets may still be available for the Awards Event. We'll talk about electing General Conference delegates, about Resolutions we've submitted and about other Conference business. There may be reports from those who attended the special gatherings in Minneapolis and Kansas City the latter part of May.

Laity Session:

The annual Laity Session at Annual Conference will be held on **Friday, June 7th, at 7:00 PM,** and will be a source of inspiration with Bishop Laurie, music by Phil Carver and the Mabaan Congregation choir, worship, information from Simpson Youth Academy and much more! Music begins at 6:45.

JFON Luncheon:

The Iowa Justice for Our Neighbors Luncheon will be held on **Saturday, June 8th, at 12:15 PM, at Trinity Las Americas UMC,** 1548 8th Street.

"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: ilmkbowman51@comm1net.net., or call 6411-843-4086.



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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 of those projects. Donations accepted for:

- 1.) Asylum-seekers and DACA recipients: First Unitarian Church, 1800 Bell Ave., Des Moines, 50315. (Indicate the project you are supporting on the memo line.)
- 2.) Families affected by Mt. Pleasant ICE raid: First Presbyterian Church, 902 S. Walnut St., Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641.
- 3.) Families in Des Moines separated by ICE: Walnut Hills UMC, 12321 Hickman Rd., Urbandale, IA 50323-1810.
- 4.) Bail funds contact Eastern Iowa Community Bond Project, PO Box 3174, Iowa City, IA 52244-3174.

Mission U: Learning Together for the Transformation of the World:

The Conference UMW is continuing its legacy of 150 years as it hosts this annual event. Summer dates are:

July 21-23, and Fall dates are: **October 18-20**. For more information, please go to:

<https://www.iaumc.org/missionuformerlysocm>.

Just Faith Registration Open:

The Center for Social Ministry is announcing its Spring/Summer Just Faith Sessions:

- Living Compassionately: Caring for the Poor—Monday Evenings in Altoona
- Living Justly: Caring for Each Other—Tuesday Daytime in Des Moines
- Living Simply: Caring for the Earth—Monday Evenings in Windsor Heights
- Living Simply: Caring for the Earth—Wednesday Evenings in Newton

For more information and/or to register, please go to: www.CenterforSocialMinistry.org.

Pastors for Peace:

Rev. Louis Barios, Chairman of Pastors for Peace, will speak on **Saturday, June 15 at 6:45 PM in the Greenwood Room at Plymouth Congregational Church**, 4126 Ingersoll Ave., **Des Moines**. This is part of a US tour before going to Cuba. Refreshments will be served. Contact Jan Campbell at: 515-314-0344.

World Refugee Day:

The DM Art Center and Iowa International Center invite you to a film screening of “**Human Flow**,” an epic film exploring the global refugee crisis, both the staggering scale of the crisis and the personal human impact. **Monday, June 17, at 7:00 PM, at the Des Moines Art Center**, 4700 Grand Ave. **Des Moines**.

See Me; Hear Me: Stories of Refugees in Des Moines:

This will be a panel discussion highlighting the personal stories of refugees in Iowa. It is scheduled for **Thursday, June 20 at 7:00 PM, at the Des Moines Art Center**, 4700 Grand Ave. **Des Moines**. The event is hosted by the DM Art Center and Iowa International Center.

Towards Right Relationship with Native Peoples:

This workshop is a project of the Boulder Friends Meeting (Quakers), offered in response to calls from indigenous leaders and the World Council of Churches. It will be held on **Tuesday, July 9, 6:30-8:30 PM at First Unitarian Church**, 1800 Bell Ave., **Des Moines**. The exercise traces the historic and ongoing impacts of the Doctrine of Discovery, the 15th-century justification for European subjugation of non-Christian peoples. Suggested donation \$10.00. Contact Linda Lemons: lemonsln@gmail.com or 515-229-1404.