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SOME 40 EVENTS PLANNED BY UNITED FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE- DELAWARE VALLEY NETWORK FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF IRAQ WAR

United for Peace and Justice-Delaware Valley Network, the regional affiliate of UFPJ, the largest peace and justice coalition on the US, is planning 36 events as part of a Moratorium Day to protest the Fifth Anniversary of the Iraq War on Wednesday, March 19.

Highlights of the Moratorium Day will be a **Regional Rally** on the State House Steps, 125 W. State Street in Trenton, NJ from 12:00 noon to 1:00 PM; and a **Rally to Clean the Bush Administration's Dirty Laundry** at the Clothespin Sculpture near City Hall in downtown Philadelphia from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. More information about the events is at www.peacecoalition.org or <http://www.ufpj-dvn.org>.

Over 500 are planned nationally, which are being coordinated by United for Peace and Justice, the largest US peace and justice coalition; and by Moveon.org. Further information is at the following web sites:

<http://www.5yearstoomany.org/> or http://pol.moveon.org/event/events/index.html?action_id=112

Among the 40 activities planned in the region are Vigils at Congressional Offices and on bridges between New Jersey and Pennsylvania; Marches and Rallies in Atlantic City and at The College of New Jersey (TCNJ), and at the Lockheed Martin facility in Newtown, PA; a walk-out at Princeton High School; and Teach-ins at Bucks County Community College, Philadelphia Community College, and at TCNJ. Further details on all activities, along with respective contact persons, are on the list at the end of this press release.

“This war has lasted five years too many,” said the Rev. Robert Moore, the Princeton-based Coalition for Peace Action's Executive Director, which is sponsoring 30 of the events in the region. “We have lost nearly 4,000 US troops, while over 50,000 have been seriously wounded. Reliable estimates are that over 500,000 Iraqi civilians have been killed, and more than four million displaced as refugees. It is time to say: Not one more death, Not one more dollar.

“Moreover,” Rev. Moore continued, “the US economy is now entering an Iraq recession caused at least partly by the estimated \$3 trillion the war is costing. Meanwhile urgent needs for job creation, health care, education, infrastructure, and reversing global warming are being starved for funds. This is profoundly immoral and destructive to the American people.”

All this is justified by the continued deception that “the surge is working.” The only thing that is working is to deceive the American people and the media into thinking Iraq's problems are being solved, when in fact ethnic cleansing has segregated Iraqis into enclaves, and short term alliances with Sunni insurgents are temporarily leading to fewer casualties. The truth is that the fundamental problems are not being solved, they are only being put off to the next Administration so President Bush can say he didn't lose Iraq,” concluded Rev. Moore.

United for Peace and Justice-Delaware Valley Network Events on Fifth Anniversary of Iraq War

All events listed below are on Wednesday, March 19 unless otherwise indicated.

Philadelphia Events

Tuesday, March 18. Teach-Out: The Iraq War Recession: The Cost of the War, at 7:00 pm, Community College of Philadelphia, Room BG16, Bonnell Building between 16th & 17th and Spring Garden & Callowhill Streets in Fairmount, Philadelphia. Contact: Elisabeth Leonard 215-382-1531.

8:30 a.m. Vigil at Office of Senator Bob Casey, 2000 Market St, Contact: Philly Code Pink Deborah Zubow 215-563-5848 X17, dzubow@pccy.org

11:30 am to 1:30 pm Rally at Clothespin Sculpture, 15th and Market Streets, Philadelphia. Hang up the Bush Administration's dirty laundry. Contact: Granny Peace Brigade, Helen Evelev at (215) 351-2225 or helenevelev@aol.com

5:00 p.m. Vigil at Office of Senator Arlen Specter, 600 Arch on 6th between Arch & Market Contact: Susan McBride, Moveon, (215) 487-2314, mainerocks@aol.com

5:00-6:00 pm Vigil at Unitarian Society of Germantown, 6511 Lincoln Drive, West Mount Airy, Philadelphia. Contact: Chris Robinson, 215-843-4256 and nwgreens@yahoo.com.

7:00-8:00 pm, Vigil at intersection of Germantown Avenue and Bethlehem Pike, Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia. Contact: Chris Robinson, 215-843-4256.

7:30 PM Vigil at Office of Rep. Allyson Schwartz (which office still being determined) Contact: Northeast Philadelphia for Peace and Justice (215) 698-2422

Central New Jersey and Bucks County, PA Chapters

7:30 to 9:00 a.m. Vigil on the Trenton Makes Bridge and Calhoun Street Bridges between Morrisville, PA and Trenton, NJ

Bring posters to witness against the war to rush hour traffic first thing in the morning.

In Pennsylvania, contact Al Krass at cfpabuxmont@verizon.net or at (215) 547-2656

In New Jersey, contact CFPA at (609) 924-5022 or cfpa.peacecoalition.org

Central New Jersey

NOON Regional Rally at the New Jersey State House, 125 West State Street, Trenton

5:00-6:00 p.m. Vigil at Congressman Chris Smith's district office, 1540 Kuser Road, Hamilton

6:30-7:15 p.m. Vigil at Congressman Rush Holt's district office, 50 Washington Road, Princeton Junction

12:30 p.m. NJ Students for Peace - A student walk-out is planned at for at Princeton High School Progressive Student Alliance, The College of New Jersey. Noon March around campus (wearing armbands) to and from Alumni Grove, ending with Speak-out at 1 p.m. Faculty lecture on imperialism 7:00 p.m., student lecture on "How to Stop a War" 9:00 p.m., both at TCNJ Science Complex. For more information, contact Matt Hoke at hoke2@tcnj.edu

6:30pm -Hearing on reuse plan of Fort Monmouth, NJ at Monmouth Regional High School, Tinton Ave., Tinton Falls, NJ. Bring palm and/or signs to announce a different vision than a privatization takeover by war profiteering corporations and real estate speculators we need a conversion to a green and peace economy of healing, renewable energy, affordable housing, education, environmental cleanup. Contact Tom Mahedy 732-292-0662 shannoncasey@monmouth.com www.fmerpa.us google fmerpa for directions from gov website

Hunterdon County, NJ

6:00 p.m. rally at Historic County Courthouse, Main Street and William Street, Flemington, followed by a 7 p.m. visit to district office of New Jersey State Senator Leonard Lance, who is running for U.S. Congress.

Contact Lu Ann Kidd at 908 399-3550 or at luannkidd@remax.net

South Jersey and Cape May/Atlantic Counties, NJ

1 p.m. Vigil & Die-in at Congressman Frank A. LoBiondo's office, 5125 Main Street (Route 40), Mays Landing

6:30 p.m. Vigil at Congressman Jim Saxton's office, 100 High St., Mt. Holly, NJ (co-sponsored with NJ Citizen Action)

Also: Sunday, March 16 at 2 p.m. March from the Garden Pier to Boardwalk Hall (2301 Boardwalk), Atlantic City. Join us at Boardwalk Hall for an inspiring message by Rev. Bob Moore, CFPA Executive Director, followed by a reading of the names of New Jersey service men and women who have died as a result of the Iraq War.

Contact: Norm Cohen (609) 601-8537 ncohen12@comcast.net

Main Line, Pennsylvania Chapter

7:30 a.m. -8:30 a.m. Join fellow peacemakers to leaflet and vigil at Bryn Mawr, Merion Station commuter rail stations.

10 a.m. - 5PM: 5 Years Too Many Teach-In at Bryn Mawr College Student Center

12 Noon: Deliver petitions to Rep. Sestak's Media Office

5:00 - 6:30 PM: Vigil with Bryn Mawr Peace Coalition, intersection Bryn Mawr Avenue and Lancaster Avenues

6:30-8:30 PM: 5 Years Too Many Gathering, Speaker and Video at Ludington Library, Bryn Mawr

5:00 p.m. Rally with Bryn Mawr Peace Coalition, Lancaster and Bryn Mawr Avenues near Ludington Library

6:30 p.m. Speaker and video at Ludington Library, South Bryn Mawr Avenue.

Contact: David Gibson, (P) 610-623-3724 peacehome@earthlink.net

Bucks/Eastern Montgomery County, Pennsylvania Chapters

9:30 a.m. Rep. Patrick Murphy's district office, 414 Mill Street, Bristol

3 p.m. Bucks County Community College, 275 Swamp Road, Newtown. A Teach-In on how our corporations are making obscene profits from warmaking. We will learn how the corporate

giants lobby Congress and how they brought it to commit itself to fund the kind of war the corporations want us to fight. We will talk about how this has led the country to incur enormous deficits, helping to bring on the recession, and how it has forced the government to cut needed programs for health, education, and other social needs. Participants may go to the cafeteria and pass out literature to students.

4:30-6:00 p.m. 100 Campus Drive, Lockheed-Martin on the Newtown Bypass. As the evening rush hour traffic passes by, we will raise our voices to protest how corporations such as Lockheed are making billions of dollars on this war, and how they promote the U.S.'s continuing decisions to wage this kind of war.

6:30 p.m. Visit to Rep. Murphy's other district office, 60 North Main Street, Doylestown

6:30 p.m. Candlelight vigil Main Street & Mill Roads, Quakertown

6:30 p.m. Candlelight vigil Ambler Church of the Brethren, 351 East Butler Avenue, Ambler.

Featuring reflections from interfaith clergy, music, poetry.

Contact Al Krass at cfpabuxmont@verizon.net or at (215) 547-2656

Chester and Delaware Counties, Pennsylvania

6:30-7:30 p.m. Visit to District Office of Congressman Joe Sestak, 600 N. Jackson Street, Suite 203, Media

6:30-7:30 pm. Rallies at Baltimore Pike and Route 252, Media; at Baltimore Pike and Chester Road (Keystone Park), and at Lansdowne and Baltimore Avenues (near Lansdowne Borough Hall)

Contact: David Gibson, (P) 610-623-3724 peacehome@earthlink.net

York, Pennsylvania People for Peace & Justice

March 22, 2008 10:30AM to 1:00PM

Gather in the parking lot of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of York, 925 South George St. at 10:30 for an eleven block walk to the center of York for a rally calling for redirection of our resources from war to justice.

Contact: Leada Dietz, (P) 717-515-0631; e-mail: leadadietz@epix.net

Berks County, Pennsylvania- Co-sponsored by Berks County Peace Community and Coalition for Peace Action

Noon: Visits to district offices of Congressman Jim Gerlach: 111 East Uwchlan Avenue, Exton; 501 North Park Road, Wyomissing; 580 Main Street, Suite #4, Trappe.

4:30 p.m. Vigil on Penn Street Bridge, Penn Street and 2nd St, Reading (next to Community College)

Contact: Carla Mannix (610) 670-8497 or David Gibson (610) 623-3724