

Community Church of Boston
A Peace and Justice congregation since 1920

sunday forums

January 2007
Sundays at 11:00a.m.

January 7 -- COMMUNITY VOICES
"Singing in the New Year"

Joy and hope in song for 2007, with CommUnity Voices.



January 14 -- Honoring Martin Luther King Jr.

RENÉE LOPES-POCKNETT

"Crossing Borders and Building Bridges"

Renee Lopes-Pocknett is associate director of Frederick Douglass Unity House (FDUH) at the University of Massachusetts/Dartmouth. FDUH was created in 1995 as part of the University's efforts to acknowledge the unique circumstances of its increasingly diverse student body. It provides a supportive environment for the academic, cultural, recreational and social pursuits of UMass/Dartmouth students of color--African, Asian, Latino & Native American.

Ms. Lopes-Pocknett is also a founder of Society Organized against Racism in Higher Education (SOAR), a well-established group which this fall held a successful two-day conference at UMass/Dartmouth for students from SOAR chapters at numerous New England colleges.

January 21 -- VICTORIA POUPKO

"Anna Politkovskaya and Ongoing war in Chechnya"

On Oct.7 in Moscow, a prominent Russian journalist and human rights defender, Anna Politkovskaya, was killed. She was a symbol of the world resistance to the horror that had been happening in Chechnya since 1994, and the last representative of the free and independent journalism in Russia. In their long history, the Chechens have survived many invasions and devastating wars. Chechnya remains to be "an open bleeding wound" after 10 years of war that seems to be endless, except of the fact that the "bleeding wound" is going to touch Europe, especially in connection with the last drama of Alexander Litvinenko, who was trying to investigate the murder of Anna Politkovskaya.

Victoria Poupko, former professor of mathematics at Northeastern University, started her humanitarian activity in 1995 in connection with the Bosnian war in 1992-1995. She founded Boston Committee Against Ethnic Cleansing as response to Srebrenica massacre in 1995. Since May 1999 Victoria with her organization help to Chechen refugees.



January 28 -- BOSTON YOUTH ORGANIZING PROJECT

"The Issues of Youth Organizing"

The Boston-area Youth Organizing Project (BYOP) is excited to present our work to the Community Church of Boston. First we would like to share our experience of leadership development and introduce the congregation to our newly elected youth council members. Next we will present some of the political and social issues that impact youth. Ultimately, we hope to inspire the CCB with our passion and examples of youth activism and organizing.

BYOP is an organization of youth, led by youth and supported by adults, united by a common purpose: to increase youth power and create positive social change. To do this, we develop counter-cultural values, build relationships across differences, train and develop leaders, identify key issues of concern,

and take action for justice. BYOP's goals are to improve the lives of youth, increase real political participation and build community.

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