

Community Church of Boston
A Peace and Justice congregation since 1920

sunday forums

January 2008
Sundays at 11:00a.m.



January 6th -- MICHAEL BANCEWICZ

"Hunger, Poverty, Homelessness, and the State of the City"

Martin Luther King Jr. reminds us to address oppression in three points, racism, militarism, and poverty. We can often see the intersections of these forms of oppression. This Sunday we will look at the impact of hunger, poverty and homelessness within the city of Boston. Join us as we discuss the signs of hope and opportunities to effect change in here in Boston. As we prepare to begin our Monday night dinners we must be educated on the systemic issues affecting homeless folks in Boston today.

Michael Bancewicz is the Coordinator of Community Initiatives at the Church on the Hill, Boston. He is also a member/volunteer of the street ministry, Ecclesia Ministries/common cathedral. Among his affiliations, he co-facilitates the monthly Doorbell Ministry meetings, where agencies and church leadership gather to discuss trends and resources regarding the members of our community most in need. He is currently involved in the start up of an initiative called the "Agape Project" which in few words is a neighbor to neighbor connection for the newly housed (formally homeless) with folks already established in the communities they are moving to.

January 13th -- SUZIE GIROUX, DEAN STEVENS & FRIENDS

"Singing in the New Year!"

Our annual, traditional and upbeat beginning of the winter season at CCB. Lyrics provided!



January 20th -- Honoring Martin Luther King, Jr.

RENAE GRAY

"Giving Back: Expanding the Traditional Circle of Philanthropy"

Renae Gray is executive director of the Boston Women's Fund, of which she is a founding member with over 20 years involvement. She has worked for non-profits such as the Haymarket Peoples' Fund, Women's Theological Center and Cambridge Algebra Project. For the past several years she has been a consultant with Visions, Inc., an organization that works on issues of race and multiculturalism. She serves on many Boston-area boards, including those of the Cambridge YWCA and Cambridge Cares about AIDS.

Renae was also involved with the early creation of the Funding Exchange, a national organization based in New York. She comes to us with a passion for women's experiences, work & travel, and will present a non-traditional look at giving in the communities of African American and Asian women.

January 27th -- DIANA STEIN & JACKIE WOLF

"The Mass Medical Miracle? No, a Mess!"

The Mass health care "reform" bill passed in 2006 is being watched by reformers in other states. Does this plan cover everyone? Does it address the rapid escalation of health care costs? Does it continue to rely on the marketplace model and leave health care planning to the business decisions of health insurance companies?

Diana Stein is professor emeritus in biology at Mount Holyoke College and an Amherst Town Meeting member. Jackie Wolf is a retired sociologist and co-chair of MassCare: the Campaign for Single-Payer Health Care in Mass. Both are members of the League of Women Voters Amherst Health Care Committee and have been speaking on the topic of health care reform for several years. They will discuss the above questions and offer proposals for better health care plans for our state and nation.



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