

**Community Church of Boston**  
*A Peace and Justice congregation since 1920*

# sunday forums

**December 2007**  
**Sundays at 11:00a.m.**



**December 2 -- 31st Annual Sacco-Vanzetti Award for Social Justice**

**CITY COUNCILLOR CHUCK TURNER**

**"Where Do We Go From Here?: Strategies for the 21st Century"**

Come celebrate activism, community and our struggles for justice as the Community Church of Boston awards the 2007 Sacco & Vanzetti award to City Councillor Chuck Turner. Councillor Turner will be honored for his decades-long service to the community and ongoing activism, and will present a talk to help us answer the question, "Where do we go from here? Strategies for the 21st Century".

Speakers at the event this year will also include City Councilor Felix Arroyo; Executive Director of METCO, Jean McGuire; community organizer for over 55 years, elected politician, and former Adjunct Professor at MIT, Mel King; musician, songwriter, and faculty member at Berklee College of Music, Danielle Scott; and others.

**December 9 -- Rev. FRANKLIN HOBBS**

**"HIV State of Emergency in Boston"**

December 1st is World AIDS Day. While many have come to believe that HIV/AIDS is no longer the epidemic it once was they are gravely mistaken. HIV public health measures are not sufficiently reaching African-American, Latin@ and Haitian communities in Massachusetts and all other states in the United States. Because of this neglect communities of color are disproportionately affected by the reality of living with HIV/AIDS. Let us not forget that while anyone is living with HIV/AIDS we are all living with HIV/AIDS.

Reverend Franklin Hobbs currently rents an office on the 4th floor of the Community Church of Boston for Healing Our Land, an HIV/AIDS harm reduction ministry with and to marginalized communities struggling to address HIV/AIDS. In 2005, Rev. Hobbs, as Director of Healing Our Land, led a grassroots movement that resulted in the Boston City Council voting 13-0 to declare an HIV state of emergency on Boston's communities of color.



**December 16 -- HIBA DAWOOD**

**"An Iraqi Woman's Courage in Journalism"**

Alaa Majeed, now residing and working in the U.S., was a reporter in Iraq for McClatchy News. In the midst of war, the women of McClatchy's Baghdad bureau risked their lives just to do their jobs. They've been targeted for their work; they've lost family members and friends; their homes have been destroyed. Driven by a desire to report to the world about the situation in their country, six women were the backbone of the bureau.

Ms. Majeed is a 2007 recipient of the "Courage in Journalism" Award from the International Women's Media Foundation. Her citation reads: "Bold and unconventional in reporting, Majeed has found & led others to extraordinary stories and embraced journalism as a means to help her country. She proved adept at understanding politics and was unafraid to pursue tough stories about the government, even in a time of turmoil."

**December 23 -- JASON LYDON**

**"A Feminist Christmas Story"**

Year after year, for quite some time now, Christians have celebrated the birth of Jesus on December 25th. The story of Jesus is one known to people around the world. Whether one actually believes in the Christian story it is one that gets incredible attention. Unfortunately so much of Christianity is dominated by patriarchy and the voices and experiences of women are regularly left out. This Sunday we will honor a feminist version of the Christmas story.

Jason Lydon is the Congregational Director. He is also currently studying at Andover Newton Theological School. Rather than completely abandon holidays Jason chooses instead to reclaim and reread the stories behind the given holiday.

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