

LET'S GET TOGETHER AND SHARE STORIES!

Once again members and friends of our Oregon-Idaho MFSA chapter will gather for our annual SPRING EVENT at First United Methodist Church in Portland. The date is March 29, 2008. The gathering will begin at 9:00 AM and continue until 3:00 PM, with ample time to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones, and to experience renewal of our commitment to the important work of social justice. All are invited: MFSA members and non-members alike! So bring your friends.

This year we will have as visiting resource persons and keynote story tellers, the **Rev. Rich Lang** of Seattle, and **George Baldwin** of Bozeman, Montana.

We will also be looking for stories from every willing Participant – stories to be shared with the whole gathering or with others in a small group—stories about what we are doing and what our local churches are doing to help bring forth peace and justice in the name and spirit of Jesus.

MFSA
PO BOX 134
Salem, OR 97308

Annual Spring Event of
The Oregon-Idaho Chapter
of The Methodist Federation
for Social Action



Saturday, March 29, 2008 9AM

First United Methodist Church
SW 18th and Jefferson
Portland, Oregon

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MEET OUR SPEAKERS: RICH AND GEORGE

“George Bush and the Rise of Christian Fascism” and “A Political Reading of the Life of Jesus”

Rev. Rich Lang is Pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church in Seattle. He is a regular columnist for REAL CHANGE the city’s community newspaper sold by the homeless. He has been a voice for justice throughout the city and is active in both the peace and Fair Trade movements. Rich has been honored with several community awards including the “Taking the Bull by the Horns” award for courageous social justice leadership, and the Rauschenbusch’s Center Award for leadership in the Social Gospel. He has published articles in Yes Magazine, and The Progressive Christian. He is the author of the essay, George Bush and the Rise of Christian Fascism. Rich is married to Cathy and is the father of two sons, Mike and Andy. He can be contacted through the website www.tumseattle.org

George W. Baldwin was a local United Methodist Pastor for twelve years and a professor at a UM Seminary (St. Paul School of Theology) for fourteen years, before he answered a call to live in voluntary poverty among the poor of Latin America. He resided in Nicaragua from 1984 to 1996 before returning to the United States to continue his work on behalf of the poor in a North American context, including participation in efforts to get Congress to close the infamous School of the Americas.

George is author of a new book entitled, A Political Reading of the Life of Jesus. He now lives in Bozeman, Montana. He recently returned from an extended visit to Nicaragua.

SCHEDULE

- 9:00 am Registration & Coffee
- 9:30 am Welcome & Announcements
- 9:45 am Worship
- 10:30am Break
- 10:45am Storytelling by Rich Lang and George Baldwin
- 11:30am Storytelling in small groups
- 12:15pm Lunch/Conversation
- 1:15 pm Question and answer time with Rich and George
- 2:00 pm Guided small group conversation
- 2:30 pm Concluding worship

DIRECTIONS

From I-405 Northbound

Take the SW 12th Ave exit. Follow 12th Ave north to Jefferson. Turn left on Jefferson and go west to SW 18th Ave. Go around the traffic circle and continue north on SW 18th for one block to the parking lot entrance.

From I-405 Southbound

Take the Burnside/Couch St exit and go across Burnside St (left lane) onto SW 15th Ave. Turn right on Salmon St. Turn left on SW 18th Ave and go around the traffic circle. Continue north on SW 18th for one block to the parking lot entrance.

Max Line

The Max Train stops at Goose Hollow Max Stop on SW 18th and Jefferson.

REGISTRATION

Name

Address

City

State Zip

Phone

E-mail

Local Church

- \$25.00 (Members)
- \$30.00 (By March 22nd)
- \$35.00 (After March 22nd)
- \$10.00 (Student / Low Income)

I have included a donation of:

\$

for event scholarships.

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:

\$

I need in-home housing

I have special needs:

LUNCH

Buffet lunch will be provided by Delizioso Catering, a non-profit food service that donates proceeds to local EMO programs. The menu accommodates vegetarian needs. Please make checks payable to MFSA and send with registration to:

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