

31st Annual
New England
Regional Gathering
OF
War Tax Resisters
AND
Their Supporters



Friday–Sunday
October 14–16, 2016

Agape Community

2062 Greenwich Road · Ware, MA 01082

SATURDAY PROGRAM
Dialog Among
Resistance Movements
with Mandy Carter

First Congregational Church (UCC)
165 Main Street · Amherst, MA

New England War Tax Resisters and supporters traditionally gather each fall for a weekend of sharing stories and strategies, and supporting one another in our nonviolent resistance to militarism. At last year's gathering we decided to approach the Resistance Studies Initiative at the University of Massachusetts in hopes of working with them for our next gathering. We explored this possibility but decided that rather than moving forward on our own we want to engage with others and build towards a larger gathering in the Fall of 2017.

This year we are sponsoring a day-long dialog among resistance movements on Saturday in Amherst as part of our weekend gathering which will be based at the Agape Community, a half hour away.

While movement folks talk about the intersectionality of racism, sexism, classism, homophobia, war, climate change, and economic exploitation, too often we do not go beyond the rhetoric. We are inviting people involved in resisting these serious problems to make time to engage in dialog with those involved in other issues and movements. We need to explore how we can work together.

War tax resisters recognize that we would all benefit from slashing the military budget and reducing the militarization of our streets and our culture. We need to deepen our understanding of how to be allies to directly impacted communities and how to best work with other resistance groups. How do we reach out to – and listen to – those communities?

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We have invited **Mandy Carter**, who has a long history of multi-racial, multi-issue and multi-generational organizing, to share her insights and move us in dialog about the challenges we all face, strategies for change, and deepen the intersectionality of our struggles. Mandy has asked me to co-facilitate the day with her, as we have worked together for four decades.

Mandy Carter is a southern African-American lesbian social justice activist with a 48-year movement history of social, racial and LGBT justice organizing. She attributes the influences of American Friends Service Committee, War Resisters League (she was on staff of two WRL regional offices and promoted war tax resistance) and the former Institute for the Study of Nonviolence for her sustained organizing. She lives in Durham, North Carolina, where she co-founded Southerners On New Ground (SONG), building transformative models of organizing in the South that connect race, class, culture, gender, ability, sexual orientation, and gender identity. She also co-founded National Black Justice Coalition (NBJC), where she is the national coordinator of the Bayard Rustin Commemoration Project.

NEWTR is partnering with the New England War Resisters League and the Maine War Tax Resistance Resource Center to host this dialog. Our hope is that this will spark a joint effort for a larger conference in 2017 in conjunction with the Resistance Studies Initiative at UMass Amherst.

—*Joanne Sheehan*
(joanne@warresisters.org)

WEEKEND PROGRAM

Friday Night

- 5pm** Arrival, Check In, Registration at Agape
- 6pm** Dinner
- 7pm** The Agape Community and War Tax Resistance (WTR)
Suzanne and Brayton Shanley talk about what brought them to war tax resistance and the intersections of their work, followed by a discussion.
- 9pm** Social with WTRs and Supporters.

Saturday

- 8am** Breakfast at Agape
- 9:30am** Leave Agape for gathering in Amherst
- 10am** Refreshments in Amherst
- 10:30am** Program begins with Mandy Carter
- 12:30–1:30pm** Lunch
- 1:30–5pm** Afternoon will include large and small group discussions, sharing key points and exploring the ways forward.
- 5–6pm** Reception
- 6–7pm** Dinner (\$10 donation for those not registered for the NEWTR gathering)

Sunday

- 8am** Breakfast at Agape
- 9am** Briefings on WTR local work and from NWTRCC
- 10am** Workshop on WTR 101
2017 New England Gathering Planning with UMass Resistance Studies and multi-issue organizers
- Noon** Lunch and clean-up

REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s) _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Enclosed is my deposit of \$ _____ payable to WRL. Cost of the entire weekend, which includes 6 meals, is \$60 for each adult, sliding scale. No one will be turned away for lack of funds.

Accommodations (check those that apply):

- I need housing for: Fri. night Sat. night
- I can sleep on a mat on the floor.
- Please reserve a bed for me.
- I will arrange my own housing or will not need housing.
- I will bring a tent and sleep outside.

Number of adults attending: _____

Rideshare:

- I need a ride from _____
- I need a ride to _____
- I can offer a ride or rides to/from (please specify): _____

Meals: (Check as desired. All meals are vegetarian, let us know if you need gluten free options.)

- Fri. dinner Sat. breakfast Sat. lunch
- Sat. dinner Sun. Breakfast Sun. lunch

Please list any special needs pertaining to mobility, diet or health of which we should be aware.

Return this form by 10/1/16 to:

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We need to hear from you to plan meals and if you need housing. If you decide to come after the Oct 1 deadline please call or email Emilie. We can only guarantee childcare for those who register by Oct 1 although you can contact us after that to see if childcare is available.