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We thank you for your support of Ecumenical Peace Institute (EPI) over the years. The struggle for peace and justice continues as we continue to strive, in the great tradition of nonviolence, to end U.S. imperialism and to oppose militarism and attacks on civil liberties wherever they occur. We seek to make the connections between a range of peace and justice issues and the foundational problems Dr. King spoke of: “racism, materialism and militarism.” **Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to Ecumenical Peace Institute this holiday season and throughout the year so that our vital work can continue.**

The Good Friday Interfaith Worship and Witness at the Livermore Nuclear Weapons Lab theme on April 15th was: ***This Tax Day, What Does the Lord Require of Us?*** with Rev. Allison Tanner preaching; reports by Marylia Kelley of Tri-Valley CAREs and Jackie Cabasso of Western States Legal Foundation; music from Betsy Rose, Silvia Brandon-Pérez, and Daniel Zwickel; Reflections on Ukraine by Carl Anderson; and sacred dance from Zara Anwar and Carla De Sola.

In August, EPI cosponsored ***Poetry for Haiti***, benefiting Haiti Emergency Relief Fund, featuring SF poet laureates devorah major and Tongo Eisen-Martin; joined by Avotcja, Francisco Herrera and Shanga Labossiere.

In October and November, for our fall gathering, we hosted two programs by Zoom instead of one. “***Empire: Secrets & Lies ~ Telling us what they don't want us to know***” with Marjorie Cohn and Nora Barrows Friedman speaking on Julian Assange, Shireen Abu Akleh and attacks on freedom of the press worldwide. Also, “***Desvergüenza: Facing Shameless Violence in Mexico***” with Maria Christina Herrera of Caminante Cultural Foundation, Inc. speaking along with Francisco Herrera’s translations and music. Camillo Perez Bustillo, Executive Director of the San Francisco Lawyers Guild, San Francisco Chapter spoke and we shared a short video by John Lindsay-Poland.

Looking back, we were excited to produce two issues of our **Planted by the Waters** newsletter in a new online format. Looking forward, plans will be underway soon for the **April 7th, 2023, Good Friday, Interfaith Witness & Worship** at Lawrence Livermore Labs; an online and live/hybrid event.

On behalf of the entire board of Ecumenical Peace Institute, I wish you Peace and Joy this holiday season, and for the coming year.

Janet Cordes Gibson, Ecumenical Peace Institute Board President

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