



Ecumenical Peace Institute (EPI) Fall Gathering 2021

**Sanctions and Economic Warfare, A to Z,
Afghanistan to Zimbabwe and 39 countries in between.
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**Saturday, October 30, 2021
3:00–5:00 PM**

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EPI at PO Box 9334, Berkeley, California. 94709**

Prelude music: “Solo le pido a dios” sung by Rev. Silvia Brandon-Pérez

Welcome: Janet Gibson

Song: “We Shall Not Be Moved ” sung by Betsy Rose

MC: Vivian Zelaya

Speaker: Rick Sterling on “Sanctions and Economic Warfare”

Poem: “Recipe” by Carolyn Scarr

Speaker: Pierre Labossiere: Current struggles for democratic self-rule in Haiti.

Poem: “Invoking the Flood” by Carolyn Scarr

Offertory: “Piti Piti Na Rive” written and sung by Betsy Rose;
put questions in chat for Q&A

Questions & Answers with Speakers

Closing Song: “Gracias a la vida” sung by Rev. Silvia

Benediction by Rev. Silvia

Special thanks to EPI Board members speaking and making this happen: Rev. Silvia Brandon Pérez, Mark Coplan, Janet Gibson, Marilyn Jackson, Pierre Labossiere, Carolyn Scarr, Nancy Taylor, Vivian Zelaya and Daniel Zwickel ben Avram

Bios

Rick Sterling is an investigative journalist based in the San Francisco Bay Area. He is active with the [Taskforce on the Americas](#) and other organizations including [Syrian Solidarity Movement](#) and the [Mount Diablo Peace and Justice Center](#). Rick has researched and written articles [challenging the trend](#) toward corporatization of higher education. He is an active supporter of [KPFA](#) (listener sponsored radio) and Rossmoor Voices for Justice in Palestine. Rick was a full-time activist in his early years, had a 25-year detour working as an engineer in the electronics and aerospace industries, primarily at UC Berkeley, and has now returned to work full time where his heart is: progressive international causes.

Rev. Silvia Antonia Brandon-Pérez is one of EPI's board members. Silvia is Cuban born, a multilingual translator, author and an ordained Catholic priest who provides paralegal services for people who can't afford it. She also runs a Catholic Worker House from her home in Hayward, CA, that provides temporary shelter, showers, food and even clothing for people down on their luck, called the Oscar Romero and Simone Weil Catholic Worker House.

Pierre Labossiere is Co-Founder of the Haiti Action Committee (HAC) and the Haiti Emergency Relief Fund (HERF) established in the Bay Area in 1991 and 2004 respectively. Working with Haiti's grassroots movement that is engaged in the struggle for justice and democracy, HAC and HERF provide information regarding conditions on the ground, assist refugees and support community-based initiatives and institutions working for the liberation and the rebuilding of Haiti.

Betsy Rose is a singer, songwriter and community activist whose insight, warmth, humor, wit and wisdom have added a wealth of songs to the world of folk and progressive music for over forty years. ... Betsy has performed and taught widely throughout the United States and Canada, India, Australia and the Czech Republic.

