2013 Annual Fall Retreat

Realities of the “New Jim Crow.” What will I do? What will we do?
Saturday November 9, 2013
9:00–5:00 at Gwinwood Conference Center near Lacey

The original Jim Crow laws were racially motivated state and local laws in the United States enacted between 1876 and 1965. Examples of those Jim Crow laws were the racial segregation of public schools, public transportation, the U.S. military and of public places, such as restrooms, restaurants, and drinking fountains.

The New Jim Crow is a name given to a category of more recent race-related social, political, and legal phenomena in the U.S. Interconnected issues include the school-to-prison pipeline, economic disparity, voter suppression, immigration, racial profiling, juvenile justice, and the so-called war on drugs.

WWFOR’s 2013 Fall Retreat will present a forum to discuss such issues as:

- How can we be effective allies with others seeking justice?
- What can I do in my daily life that will make a difference?
- Should we plan a larger regional conference concerning the police and racial justice?
- Why and How do we move (or not move) to action? What motivates us?

“In my view, the most important lesson we can learn from Dr. King is not what he said at the March in Washington, but what he said and did after. In the years that followed, he did not play politics to see what crumbs a fundamentally corrupt system might toss to the beggars of justice. Instead he connected the dots and committed himself to building a movement that would shake the foundations of our economic and social order, so that the dreams that he preached in 1963 might one day be a reality for all.

“He said that nothing less than “a radical restructuring of society” could possibly ensure justice and dignity for all. He was right. I am still committed to building a movement to end mass incarceration, but I will not do it with blinders on. If all we do is end mass incarceration, this movement will not have gone nearly far enough. A new system of racial and social control will be born again, all because we did not do what King demanded we do: connect the dots between poverty, racism, militarism and materialism. I am getting out of my lane. I hope you’re already out of yours.” – Michelle Alexander, August 28, 2013
Pre-registration helps us better plan the day. Even if you can’t pre-register by Thursday November 7, please come anyway!

YES! I/we will attend the Western Washington Fellowship of Reconciliation’s Fall Retreat on SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2013.

Name(s):
Address: City: Zip:
Phone(s): E-mail:

- **Carpooling saves gas and builds community.** I need rides for ___ persons. I could provide rides for ___ persons.
- Your registration donation can help cover our costs: Please donate $15 per person if you can afford it.
- Low income folks may pay less. Some people voluntarily contribute extra so low-income folks can attend.
- Please make checks payable to WWFOR and earmark them “Fall Retreat.”
- I am enclosing this amount: $_______ If you will pay at the door, please check here: [___]
- Please fill out this form and mail it to WWFOR, 225 N 70th St., Seattle WA 98103-5003.

Cut on this dotted line and send the top portion to the WWFOR office in Seattle.

To Pre-Register: Use the form above or print one out from our website, [www.wwfor.org](http://www.wwfor.org)

Questions? Contact WWFOR at (206) 789-5565 [wwfor@wwfor.org](mailto:wwfor@wwfor.org)

Location and directions:

The WWFOR Fall Retreat is held at the Gwinwood Conference Center (the old main lodge) in Lacey, near Olympia.

**From the north,** take I-5 to Exit 109. Turn right onto Martin Way, left onto College Street, left onto Lacey Boulevard, south on Ruddell Road, left on 25th Ave SE, right on Hicks Lake Road SE, left on 30th Ave SE, right into Gwinwood and go straight. The Main Lodge will be on your left. Parking is in front of the building.

**From the south,** take I-5 to Exit 108. Follow the long exit to College Street. Turn right onto College and follow the rest of the above directions.

**Cost:** For this **one-day** event, $15.00 per person will probably cover our costs. We keep costs low and try to just barely break even. We give discounts to young and low-income people upon request. Persons who can afford to give more will help offset the cost for those who have less.

Part of keeping the cost low is for you to **BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH.** We will provide coffee, tea, and light refreshments.

**THANK YOU!**