



Kathy Kelly to speak about the War in Yemen and Afghanistan at Second Hour on April 14th

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Kathy Kelly, peace activist and founder of Voices for Creative Nonviolence (www.vcnv.org) will be with the Northside Friends Meeting on April 14th, 2019. The conversation will be focused on Yemen and Afghanistan: What's Happening and What Can We Do? Her recent thoughts are reflected in this article:

<https://www.commondreams.org/views/2019/03/08/can-we-divest-weapons-dealers>

Voices for Creative Nonviolence is a campaign to end military and economic violence. Voices activists believe that where you stand determines what you see. Standing alongside people in war zones who cannot escape helps Voices delegation members glimpse

at least a part of the suffering caused by U.S. wars. Upon return to the U.S., they have worked to abolish all wars and challenge the development, sale, storage and use of all weapons, both conventional and nuclear.

Kathy has visited Afghanistan 25 times since 2010.

In previous visits to Iraq, they remained in Baghdad throughout the Shock and Awe bombing after having organized 70 delegations to violate the economic sanctions by delivering medicines to children and families in Iraq. In the past two years, Kathy has engaged in fasting, vigils and nonviolent civil disobedience calling attention to the need for the U.S. to end its joint war with the Saudis against Yemen. For many years she visited the war-torn areas of the Middle East, including Gaza, the West Bank and Lebanon, and supported those working for peace in those countries. Voices for Creative Nonviolence campaigns have been active in nonviolent resistance to war-making within the United States as well as world-wide, particularly in the Middle East, Okinawa and Jeju Island, and Latin America. For attempting to deliver a loaf of bread to a general at Whiteman Air Force base, where weaponized drones are operated over Afghanistan, Kathy was sentenced to three months in federal prison, served in 2015. This was the third time she went to prison for nonviolent civil disobedience. (In 1988, she served one year in prison for planting corn on top of nuclear weapons buried under the soil in Missouri. Drawing from experiences living alongside Afghans in the Afghan Peace Volunteer community and from recent studies regarding U.S. complicity with human rights violations and war in Yemen, Kathy will assert that one way to stop a next war is to continue telling the truth about wars the U.S. is already waging."

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