

MAY

A number of activities in the Baltimore area may be planned for May. Please keep in contact with the Commission Office. When we receive a flyer or an announcement of a major event, we will be assisting in publicity for it. One event already announced:

May 24-27 Peace Pentecost. An annual event sponsored by Sojourners in connection with other area groups. A national conference entitled "The Rise of Christian Conscience" is scheduled for this time. Sojourners notes that "at the heart of the conference will be sessions held on Saturday and Sunday. The first series will be on the various signs of this movement of conscience: the Witness for Peace, the sanctuary movement, the Pledge of Resistance, Plowshares actions...and the movement for developing a consistent pro-life ethic." A second series of sessions will deal with "some of the important issues facing our movement: prayer and spirituality, families and resistance, the meaning of nonviolence...rooting our actions in Bible study and reflection."

The event will begin on Saturday morning, May 25 and culminate on Tuesday, May 28, a day of nonviolence civil disobedience at selected sites in Washington, DC. Nonviolent training, offered on Monday, will be required of all those participating in the civil disobedience on Tuesday.

JUST ANNOUNCED: A MARYLAND FREEZE CAMPAIGN WALK-A-THON MAY 11 1 p.m. Inner Harbor

AUGUST

August 6-9. 40th Anniversary of End of World War II and of atomic bombings in Japan. A variety of events will be taking place in Washington, DC concerning this anniversary. Civil disobedience at the Pentagon and perhaps in other places in Washington will be taking place. Also, on August 6 the "Peace Ribbon" will be "wrapped" around the Pentagon. This ribbon, made by groups, individuals and organizations around the country, using a variety of media, is intended to emphasize and raise awareness of all those things that would be lost in a nuclear war. A permit has been issued for this activity at the Pentagon and arrangements are that the entrances to the Pentagon will not be blocked when the "Peace Ribbon" is wrapped around it during August 6. There may still be time for those wishing to contribute to this miles-long "Peace Ribbon" to do so. For more information, contact the Commission Office or the Maryland Freeze Campaign, 467-6500.

OCTOBER

PEACE WITH JUSTICE WEEK October 19-25. This is a nationally-called week around the issues of jobs, peace and justice. There is a Baltimore coalition organizing for this event locally. The coalition of groups has already determined that the 1985 focus for Peace With Justice Week will be two-fold: one or two citywide events to highlight the week, and local activities in parish and congregation settings, tying local concerns to national issues of Peace With Justice Week, and raising awareness for the need for local response and action. Parish social ministers/social action contacts should be planning for this week, considering appropriate ways that Peace With Justice Week can be celebrated/observed in your parish, school or congregation.

October 16. WORLD FOOD DAY. A perfect day for events around World Hunger/local hunger.

DECEMBER

The Advent and Christmas Season will be special times to emphasize the call to peacemaking. More information about this will be forthcoming.

OTHER ISSUES: There is a PeaceWalkers March from Philadelphia to Washington, DC in May, coming through Baltimore on May 30. We hope to have more information on this and on the need for any assistance or hospitality. # # #