

human rights and the rule of law.

Guantanamo Bay Detention Center

In July, Peaceful Tomorrows members traveled to DC to lobby Congress about the need to end the abuses at the Guantanamo Bay Detention Center and rededicate the U.S. to principles of international justice. We are currently working with human rights allies at Witness Against Torture and Center for Constitutional Rights to craft a multi-faceted campaign to shut down Guantanamo within the first 100 days of the new administration.

Wars are poor Chisels for carving out peaceful tomorrows. -- ML King, Jr.

We believe it can be done!

Iraq Perhaps the most hopeful work we are doing is our campaign to support the courageous and inspiring Iraqi peace and nonviolence activists of LaOnf. LaOnf (which roughly translates as "nonviolence" in Arabic) is a network of over 100 Iraqi civil society organizations working to promote "nonviolence as the most effective way to struggle for an independent, democratic, and peaceful Iraq."

In August Peaceful Tomorrows members Terry Rockefeller and Adele Welty met with LaOnf members in Erbil, Kurdistan as they planned activities for their 2008 Week of Nonviolence. In support of LaOnf's efforts, Peaceful Tomorrows has launched a public education campaign to inform American

citizens and policymakers about these Iraqi women and men who have endured repression, invasion and occupation yet remain committed to nonviolence. In October, Peaceful Tomorrows will help communities across the U.S. to show solidarity with the LaOnf activists. You can find out more at www.peacefultomorrows.org, where you can sign up to organize or attend a screening of a documentary about LaOnf in your area.



Military Commissions

Peaceful Tomorrows members have been featured in news stories about the controversy surrounding the U.S. government's prosecution of 9/11 suspects in military tribunals. As a partner in the American Civil Liberties Union's John Adams Project, <http://org2.democracyinaction.org/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=W125x5dv%2Fg9aOu2Z3ZSGUeIY8orhV3Vr> Peaceful Tomorrows supports fair trials for all people,

regardless of the charges they face. We will continue to speak out against the military commissions, making clear how they embody a legal process that has been compromised by political interference and stripped of the minimum of defendants' rights and protections that define fair trials.

Afghanistan

As support for war in Iraq decreases, there are disturbing calls to increase U.S. troops to Afghanistan. Peaceful Tomorrows is categorically opposed to the idea that we can win a "War on Terror." War IS terror. We need instead to invest in programs that address the root causes of violence and terrorism.

Peaceful Tomorrows has been actively working to bring Afghanistan to the forefront of the U.S. peace movement. With our allies at United for Peace and Justice, <http://org2.democracyinaction.org/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=5SabfUdUIOT63NUX4IkJOIY8orhV3Vr> we are developing web-based materials that will prepare U.S. peace activists to effectively challenge the calls for increased military engagement in Afghanistan.

As we prepare ourselves for the work ahead, we are grateful for your loyal support.....

And please, go to our website at <http://www.peacefultomorrows.org> where you will find more information about the projects of Peaceful Tomorrows and our members, including a link to the newly launched website of the International Network for Peace, a global network of victims of terrorism, genocide, atomic

weapons, occupation and war who have chosen to work for nonviolent solutions to conflict.

We look forward to hearing from you.

In peace and hope,

September 11th Families for Peaceful Tomorrows

<http://www.peacefultomorrows.org>

ACTIONS: Please refer to the links and action suggestions within the letter above.

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Note: Other Peace Leaflets produced by the 8th Day Center can be found at www.8thdaycenter.org/resources/leaflets.html. You may wish to use them for your own vigils, in classrooms, etc.

September 11 Families for Peaceful Tomorrows

September 11, 2008

Dear Members, Friends and Supporters of Peaceful Tomorrows,

The experience of yet another anniversary of 9/11 provides an occasion to reflect upon the hopes and beliefs that brought the members of September 11th Families for Peaceful Tomorrows together.

In response to the terrorist attacks that killed our family members, we never wanted wars of retaliation that would cause the deaths of innocent civilians in other nations. We never wanted hunger for revenge to lead America to violate international law, abandon Constitutional rights, or engage in torture.

We united to turn our grief into action for peace, believing that it is possible to break the cycles of violence caused by terrorism and war. And over the past months, from Capitol Hill to Iraqi Kurdistan and beyond we have raised our voices in support of nonviolence,