

## Y-12, WMD, and the ACDF

by Pam Beziat

**A**bbreviations! You may have solved the first two, but what is the third one and how do the three relate to each other? On August 8, 2004, OREPA (Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance) held its annual action for peace at the Y-12 plant in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, commemorating the 59th anniversary of the twin nuclear bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Why demonstrate at Y-12? Because Y-12 is the place where the radioactive fuel was produced for the bombs dropped in August 1945. And because Y-12 continues in 2004 to upgrade the W76, Trident warhead, weapons of mass destruction.



*Pam Beziat is arrested during OREPA's annual action for peace at the Y-12 plant in Oak Ridge.*

We spent Saturday in nonviolence training and planning Sunday's rally and street action. Most everyone in my affinity group of 12 had at least one previous arrest and would likely spend some time in jail, including 82-year-old Judy Ross. We anticipated sentences of two days.

On Sunday we gathered at Bissell Park and marched to our "approved" rally space, federal property adjacent to the Y-12 entrance. Following music, speeches, and lunch prepared by Food Not Bombs friends, we began our action for peace. We marched past counter protesters reading the names of U.S. soldiers

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## Letter From the Center

by Matt Leber, Coordinator

**P**lease don't say good bye to Christina, just say good transition. While Christina will no longer be an official NPJC staff member, she will continue to be an activist at large, a co-conspirator in solidarity, and a powerful model for us for living a life that strives to BE peace and strives to be justice. We are blessed as Christina continues to call Nashville her home and will be working part-time at the YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter and spending the rest of her time supporting grassroots endeavors in her many communities of Nashville.

Many of us may remember Christina as an inspiring leader that formed the week-long peace vigil The Faces of Collateral Damage in February of 2003, or for organizing the Poor People March Dinner for over 200, or for her quick organizing of support of volunteers and logistics for several NPJC member events, or for designing the NPJC website and making it a daily tool for information, or for redesigning NPJC's *Alternatives* newsletter, or for her lead in what is now a burgeoning state-wide movement to stop corporate globalization through CAFTA and FTAA, or her sudden cleaning binges that left the NPJC looking amazingly clean and organized (for a few minutes), or her focus on people that walk in the office to listen to their stories while the phone rings off the hook.

I will remember Christina for all of these reasons, but more than that I am thankful for all she has taught me as a friend and co-conspirator. Christina has modeled for me the brilliance of being a humble servant for justice, how to carry that intention into all aspects of my life and how to continue to listen for my own truth. Thank you, Christina, for all that you have shared with me, the NPJC staff, board, and volunteers, and this community. Nashville is blessed to have you in this growing and vibrant community.

## Campaigns That Need Your Support

### DEATH PENALTY

Stop the September 22, 2004 Execution of Philip Workman  
 Contact Randy at TCASK at 329-0048 or tcask@earthlink.net

### HEALTH CARE

Support Positive Reforms to TennCare  
 Contact Courtney at TennCare Saves Lives Coalition at 321-2108

### ELECTION

Voter Registration, Voter Rights Restoration, and Get Out the Vote  
 Contact Megan at TN Citizen Action at 321-2106 or tnca@tnca.org

### ORGANIZING 101

Learn more about NPJC's first Education and Training Project  
 Contact Jen at 321-9066 or jen@nashvillepeacejustice.org

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# Calendar

## September/ October 2004

**September 9: Town Hall Meeting** moderated by John Seigenthaler on marriage and other issues important to the GLBT community. 7-8:30 p.m. at the Belcourt Theater (2102 Belcourt Ave. in Hillsboro Village). Hosted by the Human Rights Campaign and ACLU of Tennessee.

**September 14: Virtual March on the Governor's Office** to stop the September 22, 2004 execution of Philip Workman. See page 3 for details.

**September 18: TennCare Rally** from 12-1 p.m. on the State Capitol steps at 6th and Charlotte. Education and action workshops follow from 2-4 p.m. at a location to be announced. See page 5 for more info.

**September 18: Lucy's Record Shop ACT NOW! Reunion Concert and Voter Registration Drive** from 12 p.m.-12 a.m. at the Belcourt Theater (2102 Belcourt Ave. in Hillsboro Village). Proceeds go to the Firebrand Community Center in East Nashville.

**September 18: Race, Wealth, and Culture Conference** from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Scarritt-Bennett Center. See page 4 for details.

**September 18-19: 22nd Annual African Street Festival** on the Tennessee State University main campus. Visit [www.africanamericanculturalalliance.com](http://www.africanamericanculturalalliance.com).

**Sept. 27-28: Rev. Welton Gaddy, President of the Interfaith Alliance, Washington, D.C., Visits Nashville.** On September 27, from 5-6:15 p.m., the West End Synagogue (3810 West End Ave.) will host a reception, followed at 6:30 p.m. by dinner and an address from Rev. Gaddy at Blakemore United Methodist Church (3601 West End Ave.). Reception and dinner are \$30; dinner only is \$15. Reservations are required. A breakfast and presentation take place September 28 from 7:30-9 a.m. (location tba). Cost is \$10; reservations are required. Rev. Gaddy will also speak at the Sixth Annual Stop the Hate Vigil (see listing below). Call 321-3157 or 333-0462 for information.

**Sept. 28: The Sixth Annual Stop the Hate Vigil** takes place from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Church Street Park in downtown Nashville (between 6th and

7th Ave. on Church Street). For more information, call 321-3157 or 333-0462.

**September 29: Father Roy Bourgeois, Founder of the School of the Americas Watch Movement**, will speak at Greater Nashville Unitarian Universalist Congregation (374 Hicks Road in Bellevue) as part of the Wednesday evening adult religious education program. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. (\$9; reservations required: 673-7699); the program takes place from 7:30-9 p.m.

**September 30: Father Roy Bourgeois, Founder of the School of the Americas Watch Movement**, will speak at Vanderbilt University. Details to be announced.

**October 22-24: 13th Annual Peace With Justice Week 2004** at Zion United Church of Christ in Henderson, Kentucky. "A Gathering of Spirits" will feature workshops, children's activities, music, and food. A \$40 registration fee includes the opening banquet, workshops, concert, continental breakfasts Saturday and Sunday, and cookout. All activities except the opening banquet and the Saturday evening concert are free to children and students. Concert tickets are \$10 and banquet tickets \$15 for anyone not registered for the full weekend. For a brochure, call (270) 826-0605 or (812) 437-9295 and leave a message; or email [pwjw2004@aol.com](mailto:pwjw2004@aol.com).

## Weekly Activism

**Sundays: Food not Bombs** from 1:30-3 p.m. at Legislative Plaza (between Capitol and Sheraton, at 6th and Union). Contact [beckyr@riseup.net](mailto:beckyr@riseup.net) for more information.

**Wednesdays: Peace Coalition** from 6-7:30 p.m. at NPJC\*. Join the two-year-old NPJC Peace Coalition as they plan protests and educational events.

**Thursdays: Women in Black** from 12-1:00 p.m. on Broadway between 12th and 11th. "Silently Stand in Black: To Mourn, to Remember, to be a Presence for Peace."

\* NPJC offices and board room are at 1016 18th Avenue S., Nashville, TN 37212. Call 615-321-9066 for directions.

# Executing Injustice

by Randy Tatal  
*Tennessee Coalition  
to Abolish State Killing*

**The state of Tennessee has set an unprecedented fifth execution date for Philip Workman on September**

**22.** Workman was convicted of the killing of Memphis police officer Lt. Ronald Oliver in the aftermath of the robbery of a Wendy's restaurant in 1982. A jury found that Workman fired the bullet that killed Lt. Oliver, and, accordingly, sentenced him to death. The death sentence depends on who actually fired the bullet that took the life of Oliver. If it came from Workman's gun, the state may execute him. If friendly fire took Oliver's life, the state cannot kill Workman.

## The Issues

Expert testimony not presented at trial shows that a bullet from Philip Workman's pistol could not have made the type of through-and-through wound that killed Lt. Oliver.

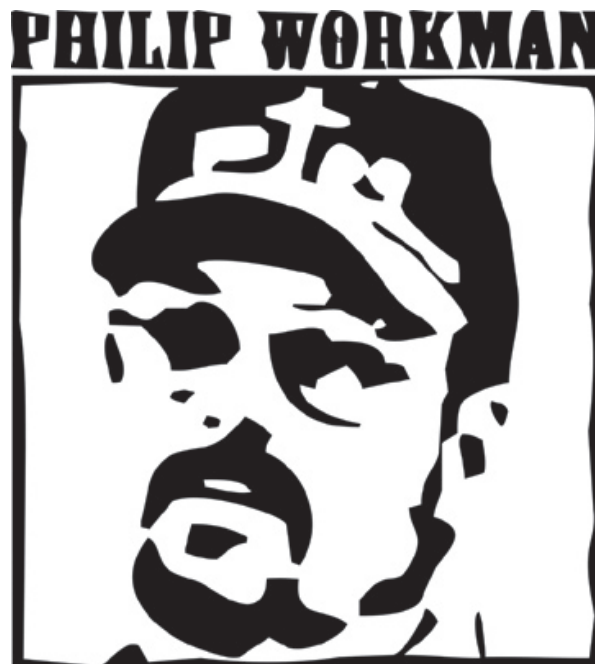
If Philip Workman did not fire the fatal shot, the state cannot kill him. The physical evidence leaves no doubt that the bullet that killed Oliver came from a source other than Workman's gun. Even so, State Medical Examiner Bruce Levy reported to the Governor that a bullet from Workman's gun had killed Lt. Oliver.

The jury based its belief that Workman fired the fatal bullet on the testimony of three persons: Harold Davis, Police Officer Aubrey K. Stoddard, and Police Officer Stephen Parker. Evidence uncovered after Workman's trial, however, discredits all three men's statements.

Evidence not presented at Workman's trial reveals that Harold Davis, an "eyewitness," was not even present at the Wendy's when Oliver was shot. Vivian

Porter, who was with Davis that night, corroborates this fact.

Levy's conclusion presumes that only the guns of Lt. Oliver and Philip Workman were discharged that fateful evening. The testimony of the officer from which such a conclusion might be inferred was fabricated. The evidence of this fabrication is in fact police documents—the Memphis Police Radio Dispatch Log Cards.



Enough issues have been raised so that FIVE of the jurors have signed affidavits: They would not have sentenced Philip to death if they had heard all of the evidence. It takes only one juror to prevent a death sentence in Tennessee.

## Action Steps to Oppose This Execution

In July, the Tennessee Coalition to Abolish State Killing (TCASK) distributed tools to facilitate individual involvement in a mass letter-writing campaign on behalf of Philip Workman. These tools include a statewide newspaper list, letter writing tips, sample letters to the editor, and a sample

letter to Governor Bredesen. They are available on the TCASK website at <http://www.tcask.org/cases/workman.html>.

In August, TCASK is asking people to pledge to write a letter a week to their newspaper regarding specific questions surrounding Philip Workman's case. Every Tuesday TCASK is issuing a press release containing information that can be used as the focus of that week's letter to the editor.

To receive these by email, send a request to [tcask@earthlink.net](mailto:tcask@earthlink.net).

To make your formal pledge, email [tcask@tcask.org](mailto:tcask@tcask.org) and make a commitment to help save Philip Workman's life.

In September there will be two final actions. TCASK has issued a call for a VIRTUAL MARCH on the governor's office Tuesday the 14th of September. TCASK is asking people to flood the governor's office with requests for clemency for Philip Workman via fax, phone call, and email. You can maximize the tactic by using all three methods of communication. Please spread the alert for this VIRTUAL MARCH.

Should the execution proceed there will be vigils held on the evening of September 21 in Chattanooga, Knoxville, Memphis, and at Riverbend Maximum Security Institute in Nashville. The execution of Philip Workman would take place at 1 a.m. on the morning of the 22nd.

The case of Philip Workman exposes multiple issues of fairness in the administration of the death penalty. Many people believe that this execution would not be consistent with the constitutional principles that bind us together as a people. In fact, a majority of Tennesseans oppose this execution.

Take action and help stop the execution of injustice.

# What's Going On



*July 25, 2004: Bruce Wood of BURNT was up early on a Sunday morning to witness the toppling of the Thermal Tower. BURNT and other environmental groups fought for over a decade to have Thermal shut down.*



*July 16, 2004: Camilo Rodriguez, native of Colombia, South America, and member of the Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition. One of dozens who called for Senator Frist to support the Federal Dream Act, which would allow all youth in the United States the opportunity to higher education.*

## RACE, WEALTH, AND CULTURE

**Saturday, September 18, 2004**

**9 a.m.-5 p.m.**

**Scarritt-Bennett Center**

**1008 19th Avenue South**

**Nashville, TN 37212-2166**

**\$50 per person**

**(includes lunch and 2 breaks)**

**Sponsored by:**

**Tennessee Network for Community Economic Development (TNCED)**

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### **Conference Description**

The Race, Wealth, and Culture Conference will creatively focus on improving understanding and building bridges between the investigation, practice, advocacy, and organizing involved in addressing the issues of race, wealth, and culture. It will create a space for dialogue, inquiry, and exploration into new possibilities, insights, and perspectives. Traditional and nontraditional cultural awareness methods and techniques will be utilized. This workshop is appropriate for researchers, policy developers, practitioners, and activists looking to better inform approaches to their life and work.

How we create wealth, what kind of work we do, how we do it, where and when, are all a part of culture—but not the entire nature of culture. Consequently, it is important to examine economics within a cultural context instead of as one thing separate from the rest. Each aspect is intrinsically connected to every other aspect of society as a whole. For us to have a full picture of the dynamics between wealth and race, we need to look at cultural practices and beliefs, and examine how we are programmed and conditioned to operate in the world, in our personal and professional lives.

# Our Rallying Cry:

by Warren Duzak  
*Veterans for Peace*

# Health Care for All!

**TennCare—Tennessee’s answer to Medicaid for the poor and uninsured—**

**is under attack.** Governor Phil Bredesen is preparing to ask the federal government for waivers that will allow him to cut the treatment many TennCare recipients rely on for their health and safety. If he succeeds, Bredesen will likely impose the strictest standards of need and treatment in the nation.

The details of Bredesen’s plan could fill a book, so there are many questions about what needs to be done. But our response to those wanting to slash benefits our answer is this: Health care is a human right. Our basic right to medical care must not be compromised.

In a country as wealthy as ours, there should not be a two-tier healthcare system—one for the poor and unlucky and one for the rich and more fortunate. We would not accept a two-tier public water system with clean, pure water 24 hours a day for the well-off and rusty water without fluoride and chlorine 10 hours a day for the rest of us. Nor would we allow officials to move fire halls out of poor neighborhoods in order to provide better fire protection for wealthy homeowners.

“Health care for all” must be our rallying cry and line of battle. Organizers are planning a demonstration defending TennCare for Saturday, September 18, from 12-1 p.m. on the State Capitol steps at 6th and Charlotte. Education and action workshops follow from 2-4 p.m. at a location to be determined. You can check with the Peace and Justice Center for details as our plans develop. But please do check. And please do set aside time to participate.

Most of us are one paycheck or one business closing away from being on TennCare. We must all be concerned with our healthcare coverage. There are already 40 million Americans struggling to survive without health insurance.

In the richest country in the world, too many of us wake up each morning worrying about our family’s health care—and this at a time when there is disposable income enough to provide transplant surgery and dental care for dogs and cats. In the

meantime, parents with children needing liver and kidney transplants are forced to leave jars at convenience stores asking for nickels and dimes. History will judge us harshly if we let this continue—and so will our children, if they survive.

As veterans of military service, we members of Veterans for Peace have special rights to health care at veterans hospitals. But even those rights are being eroded as the quality of care declines. What we must recognize is that an attack on the health care of one segment of society is ultimately an attack against all of us—TennCare now, veterans later.

As Nashville writer and activist Edward Morris points out, this is a fight even for those who consider TennCare a needless entitlement that Tennessee can no longer afford.

“You will either pay for their care now or pay for it later,” Morris said. “People who are physically or mentally ill will not simply die and disappear for our convenience. They can’t. We will either help pay the costs for keeping them as well and functioning as possible or else we will pay the much greater costs of hospitalization, institutionalization (nursing homes, foster homes, jails, etc.), increased crime, and epidemics. You don’t end problems by ending a program.”

The TennCare Saves Lives Coalition, a committee of organizations and individuals advocating for various groups utilizing TennCare, is helping to organize the demonstration. The Tennessee Health Care Campaign, headed by Tony Garr, has organized a state-wide educational campaign around TennCare and the proposed changes. Gordon Bonnyman with the Tennessee Justice Center has gone to federal court on behalf of TennCare recipients. These individuals and groups have been waging a long and hard fight to defend TennCare and TennCare recipients, and now they need our help.

This may be the most important political battle to come along in many years. Get involved, for TennCare, its recipients, and yourself. The message that health care is a basic human right and not a privilege or commodity must be heard.

Some essential facts about TennCare:

- “TennCare” is the name given to Tennessee’s Medicaid program. It serves 1.3 million Tennesseans, including 625,000 children.

- TennCare’s annual budget is \$7.8 billion, of which the federal government funds about 65%.

- For its first seven years, TennCare saved the state hundreds of millions of dollars compared to what it would have spent according to regular Medicaid rules. The program has been costing too much the past three years because of ill-considered changes and management errors.

- Fraud and abuse are not major factors in driving up TennCare costs, according to an independent study submitted in December 2003 by McKinsey & Co.

- The sickest—and poorest—15% of TennCare enrollees account for 75% of the program’s costs, and the very sickest 4% account for 43% of the costs.

- There have been TennCare abuses in the prescribing and use of drugs. These abuses can be curbed—and at no significant loss of service to patients—if the state will implement the federally mandated “retrospective drug use” review.

- If the state reverts to Medicaid, it will have to go back to paying for certain services—including some aspects of mental health care and foster care—that are now paid for by the federal government.

- The sick and mostly elderly enrollees who account for most of TennCare’s drug costs cannot pay for their own medications. It is cheaper for TennCare to do that than it would be to pay for the hospital and nursing home costs that would result if these people were forced to go without their medications.

- Better management can yield the savings needed to keep TennCare within its budget, and it can do so without hurting people.

# Protecting Religious Liberty

by Charles Sumner

*Americans United for Separation of Church and State*

**In order for democracy to work, we need to have more participation and more people**

**voting.** Church-state separation is under attack from all quarters and has little chance of surviving as we have known it if people do not become more activated. If you have faith in democracy, getting more people to vote should have the effect we want. Many people are greatly disturbed by the way things have gone. They think “Maybe I should do something”—then more weeks pass and they have done little. **GET ACTIVE! MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

Church-state separation stands as one of the foundations of our nation. Because of it, Americans enjoy unparalleled religious liberty and nurture one of the most vital religious communities in the world. Americans United for Separation of Church and State has been

defending this principle since 1947. Among its founders were religious leaders of many denominations, educators, civil libertarians, and more. Our principal purpose is educating people about the benefits to BOTH the church and the state from keeping the two SEPARATE AND FREE. Americans United also protects your religious freedom through litigation and through advocacy with law and policy makers.

Representatives of Americans United appear regularly in the media to explain our point of view. Our executive director, the Rev. Barry Lynn, an attorney and minister of the United Church of Christ, is well-known for this. Our list of local religious leaders who have declared support for separation of church and state now numbers 39.

There are many issues. Some involve taxation for religion, such as faith-based initiatives (alias charitable choice) and private-school vouchers. Others involve

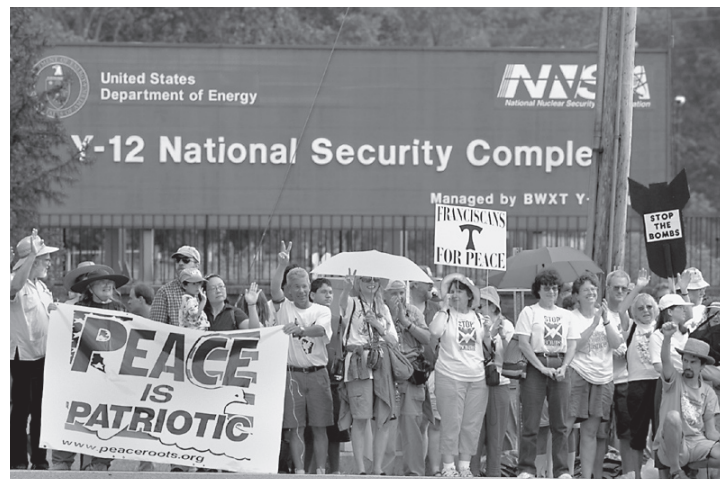
governmental preference for religion, such as posting the Ten Commandments in public buildings, further exploitation of “In God We Trust,” crosses on courthouse properties, making laws which impose religious precepts on everyone, and permitting churches to engage in politicking. We support free speech but realize that hate talk has led to offenses against abortion providers and gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered people. We oppose teaching creationism as if it were science. We support freedom of religious expression—and we include freedom for those who do not believe in the supernatural. This is a nation where all must be equal before the law.

We believe with Thomas Jefferson that religious liberty must encompass “the Jew and the Gentile, the Christian and Mohammedan, the Hindoo and Infidel of every denomination.”

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killed at Pearl Harbor and stopped near the gate to the Y-12 plant. The street demonstration involved constructing a 25-foot-high bomb made of PVC piping and black canvas. We then brought items into the street representing what families, communities, and our planet are sacrificing to an all-consuming weapons industry: plants, soil, medical care, groceries, bicycles, and a couch representing loss of housing for the marginalized and homeless. The arrests came fast. Four of us, myself included, locked ourselves together with bicycle cable locks. After the Oak Ridge police “freed” us from our voluntary lockdown, we were handcuffed and taken to the Oak Ridge courthouse for booking and then transferred to the ACDF, Anderson County Detention Facility. Following arraignment on Monday and court on Tuesday, where I pled no contest to the charge of “impeding the flow of traffic,” the judge sentenced me to five days in jail. Eight others in my affinity group pled not guilty and were ordered to return to court on Tuesday, August 17, for a bench trial. Three of them were first offenders and received fines, court costs, and time served. The others having two or more arrests received fines, court costs, and 10 days—ordered to return to jail on Friday.

This brings me to one more sacrifice to the bomb, and that is the forfeiture of our humanity and goodness to the penal system. We spent five days in the women’s “pod” designed to house 16 women. Because there were never less than 30 women in the pod, we lined up our shabby mattresses and cots in the day room, which was also used for eating and socializing when permitted. We listened to many stories during our stay, shared tears and humor. The offenses varied, but most of the inmates had addiction problems and even though the system was punitive and offered no rehabilitation, many



*The annual action for peace at the Y-12 plant in Oak Ridge.*

women found themselves caught in a revolving door and often returned to jail, apparently the only community they knew. They shared coffee with us, fondly called us “protesters,” and listened attentively as we made our witness to the destructive force of the nuclear weapons industry.

We in this country are THE PEOPLE, and we must work harder to “establish justice” within our penal system or dismantle that system and create a new, more equitable paradigm. The Preamble to the Constitution of the United States instructs that we “promote the general welfare,” a promise that today has been set aside for millions in this country and in the world as we sacrifice the human condition to the almighty bomb.

# On Mobilizing, Educating, and Being Educated

by Rev. William T. Young, NPJC Summer Intern

**W**hat has made my time and work (though short it has been) at the Nashville Peace and Justice Center a memorable experience is that the timing could not have been more perfect.

The timing was perfect on a personal level, as I had completed my course work towards an MA in the Graduate Department of Religion at Vanderbilt in the spring and had been seeking to do work in my field of interest, globalization. My need for a job and the center's need for someone who knew the African American community to work on trade issues seemed to come together at a perfect time as well.

But the timing was also perfect in terms of the social situation we all find ourselves in. What better time to begin dialogue on issues that affect us on a local level than in an election year, in such a politically powerful state as Tennessee, where political leaders, Democrat and Republican alike, pride themselves on being received as warmly by the working class and minorities as they do by the fabulously wealthy.

The task that I, Jen, James Ch'ng, and Matt have had has been literally a

grassroots effort. The task has been to create (from scratch) workshops that would target the African American community, demonstrating the effects of free trade on jobs, small and minority businesses, and civil rights. The threat to our work from the beginning was the lack of research on the potential effects of CAFTA and FTAA on

governments themselves, are a severe detriment to all of the above concerns constantly touted by black leaders. Our research proved our assumptions were correct. Yet, when we go to black religious, political, and business leaders, they are not yet convinced that free trade and global economics are "a black issue."

Because of the lack of interest on the part of leaders, the opportunities to present workshops to churches and business leaders have been few and far between. We have had many opportunities to "preach to the choir." Jen led a very well-received presentation to the labor folks in the Tullahoma area. Greg Murray and our friends at the AFL-CIO have been wonderful supporters in our efforts. We have also gained the support of the Napier-Looby (Nashville Black) Bar Association and president Kelvin Jones (who also heads the Metro Human Relations Commission).

We have had some successes on the local front, such as the workshop we presented at Hobson Memorial United Methodist Church. I led that forum personally invigorated, yet somewhat saddened, because my time at "the PJC," as I have been calling it, is quickly coming to a close.

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*Vida Firiles (in back), Aaron Firiles (front right), Addie Keys (front left), and 15 other congregants of Hobson United Methodist Church in Nashville partook in NPJC's dayview "Where Do the Jobs Go?" workshop on alternatives to FREE TRADE and corporate globalization.*

minorities, especially African Americans, as well as the lack of discussion about the forthcoming agreements nationally. As we began the summer, our overall assumption was that trade agreements such as NAFTA, which have inadvertently given multinational corporations the upper hand over common people, small businesses, and democratic

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## The Real Effects of the Embargo Against Cuba

**W**ant to really find out how the blockade affects Cuba? Sick of the media spin? Want something more substantive on the Cuba debate?

*Bloqueo: Looking at the U.S. Embargo Against Cuba* is a newly released documentary by two young filmmakers that offers some answers.

Featuring voices from the streets of Havana and the Cuban countryside, *Bloqueo* (or blockade) lets Cubans speak for themselves about how they have been affected by the blockade, and what it means to live in Cuba today. The 45-minute documentary also features analysis from activists traveling with the Pastors for Peace Caravan, an annual journey calling attention to this controversial policy.

*Bloqueo* looks at the successes that have made Cuba a model in health care, environmental stewardship, and other arenas that forge an alternative, and ultimately more sustainable, system. Rachel Dannefer and Heather Haddon have produced a short and highly impressive, honest, open, and engaging video that provides a concise understanding of how Cuba and Cubans are responding to the effects of the American blockade on their trade.

To receive a copy, please send your credit card info or a check for \$17 (includes \$2 for shipping) payable to IFCO to IFCO/Pastors for Peace, 402 W.145th St., New York, NY 10031. For more information, call 212-926-5757, email ifco@igc.org, or visit [www.ifconews.org](http://www.ifconews.org).

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We have several other forums scheduled, including several radio interviews that we are wagering will create a larger audience and spark more interest and action, and ultimately make up for the lack of interest in the beginning. In mid-September I leave Nashville, and the U.S., for the United Kingdom to embark on postgraduate work at the University of Birmingham. I will take with me the timing, the memories of the work we have done here, and the struggles we have yet to face in this crisis moment in the world—Nashville included.