

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS PARTNERSHIP NEWSLETTER

JANUARY, 2024

JANUARY EVENTS

GOOD NEWS HERE

In spite of the rain and bad weather, 8 people came to the Church to surrender their Guns

A Successful Surrender Event



**Guns to
Gardens**

They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Isaiah 2:4

SAVE THIS DATE

January 16–18, 2024

The Matthew 25 Summit



Join us in Atlanta, GA, following Martin Luther King Jr. weekend, January 16–18, 2024, for a first-of-its-kind event!

SAVE THIS DATE

May 28 – June 6, 2024

Exploring the Legacies and Lessons of the Civil Rights Movement in the US South:

*A Pilgrimage to Birmingham,
Montgomery, Selma, Jackson, the
Mississippi Delta and Memphis*

From The Chair...

Atlanta Presbytery Partnership for Peace and Global Witness...

*Best Wishes for
Peace and Joy in the New Year
2024*

Invitation to Join...

"The Harvest is Plenty.. the Laborers are few" Luke 10:2.

Please join us.

Next Meeting:

Saturday: January 20, 2024 10-11am

Contact: Brenda Smith/Chair joycee1@att.net



Three Ways to Support Our Asylees:

The New Sanctuary Movement of Atlanta is supporting four asylees who are living in Columbia Presbyterian Church by providing them a home, food, medical care and legal support. It takes a loving community to support them, and you can help!

1

Through the Columbia Presbyterian Church donation link
(select NSMA from the donation list
and then type "Asylee Support Fund" in the note window).

The link is located on the church homepage:

www.cpcdecatur.org

2

Mail a check made out to Columbia Presbyterian Church to:
711 Columbia Drive • Decatur, GA 30030

(write **NSMA Asylee Support Fund** on the memo line)

3

Host a Fundraiser for our Asylee Friends

*This is a great way to support our Asylees as well as to share
with your friends how they can support them!*

For more information about how to financially support
our asylee friends, or learning more about how to volunteer,
please contact us at:

sanctuarymovementofatlanta@gmail.com

or leave a voicemail at Columbia Presbyterian Church

404-284-2441

Link to view the six-part video on Life in a Detention Center:
<https://vimeo.com/showcase/8449827>



TAKE ACTION FOR GAZA

"... guide our feet in the way of peace"

**A Prayer for
Peace, Compassion and Justice**

*God of peace, of shalom, of salaam,
We pray that your longed-for reign of peace
will become a present reality for all people,
and especially today for those in Israel-
Palestine.
Give us hearts open in compassion for all of
those suffering in the present violence.
Give us ears to hear the cries of voices long
silenced, as they cry out for justice.
Give us minds to discern the truth upon which
our hopes for justice rest.
Give us strength to love even when we are
overwhelmed and exhausted by the
brokenness of your world.
Forgive us when we close our hearts, ears,
and minds to those with whom we disagree,
and strengthen us to be grace-filled in our
work for justice and peace.*

*Got time to Volunteer in 2024?
Consider this valuable work!*

SCAN ME
For the Volunteer Interest form,
Sign up link- 3 hour shifts,
A glimpse into a volunteer shift,
and First time Volunteer Guide

**TEAM LIBERTAD
GET INVOLVED**

DO YOU HAVE A PASSION FOR HELPING OTHERS? IF SO, THEN WE NEED YOU TO VOLUNTEER!

Team Libertad values compassion for people seeking Asylum in the US who have been detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). The organization strives to offer a welcoming presence and helpful hand to those released from Stewart Detention Center at the Atlanta airport as they travel to the homes of friends and family across the US.

HOW CAN YOU HELP:
Hand out Hygiene Kits, Water,
Food & Snacks, bags, clothes, phone
chargers and phones
Help travelers contact their family
Help purchasing plane tickets
Print Boarding Passes
Navigate TSA
Help travelers to their gate

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