

ACTION IDEAS
Multifaith Anti-Drone Conference
April 8-9, 2016

EVENTS:

- Upcoming 60 minutes on the 28 pages redacted from the 9/11 Commission Report
- April 16 - regional conference in Albany which includes discussion with ICNA re intersectionality
- April 17 - 10am: Drone Model being delivered by a delegation to the First Presbyterian Church in White Plains, with a letter calling for a halt to Drone warfare - plan to go to congregations regularly - **contact Nick Mottern**
- April 17 - 7pm - Teach-In on the Foreign Policy Stances of the Presidential Candidates - at Judson Church - **Nick Mottern or Ray McGovern speaking (??)**
- April 20 -- convention in philadelphia that will draw businesses participating in the military-industrial complex - idea to hold protest or do flyering
- April 21-25 -- fast in remembrance of Samuel Harrell - Beacon Prison Action -- **Kavitha Rao**
 - Possibly draw links between those treated as “expendable” here and abroad

IDEAS:

- Revising / Strengthening letter drafted from last year
- Memorial Day Parade(s) -- Drone Victim Contingent - Reading names - links with BLM movement -- **Florindo (PANY), Barbara & Andrew**
- Film Nights / Series -- perhaps decentralized in different locations -- campuses, community centers
- Book Tours at Libraries or other Venues
- Petition to Ban Drones in NY State -- initiated by Drone Action-Hudson Valley - modeled after the town of Woodstock -- questions about how helpful local initiatives are, vs. statewide -- **Barbara & Andrew**
- Delegations to Congregations / Houses of Worship -- Links with desire to revise letter -- Messaging in Faith Communities re the “golden rule” -- **Nick Mottern**
- Plan to visit courthouse and demand action -- collaborating with Reprieve
- Building alliances and coalitions with other organizing, including:
 - Black Lives Matter
 - environmental issue-based campaigns
 - Labor organizing -- asking the question: what do Drones have to do with Jobs? How to reframe these wars?
- Anti-Drone Poster Contest -- modeled after anti-war poster contest -- Focus on role of corporations
- Education / Advocacy around FAA regulations on surveillance drones -- Links to Black Lives Matter issues around domestic surveillance
- Yes-Men type actions -- **Irene**
- Cultural “intervention” -- redirecting attention to the cultural expression of the impacted communities, example of BDS action that highlighted palestinian dancers -- **Irene**
- Attending pro-drone conferences and “interrupting”
- 1-1 education and agitation
- Actions that address the complicity of local governments who are collaborating with US drone strikes -- **Naruna (?), Kambale**
- Counter recruitment in communities of color
- BDS-like campaign against drone manufacturers
- “The drone papers’ -- messaging re creating enemies
- Actions around the UNHR right to be free from random attacks -- **Florindo, PANY**
- Research other uses of drones, especially related to environmental impact -- ie. chemical dissemination?
- Linking with struggles of Coltan minen workers in Congo -- **Kambale**
- Messaging around the role of US and Israeli governments in drone sales internationally -- **Beth, JVP**