STOP THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE, DECLARE GLOBAL SOLIDARITY

* 11:00 am: March on the Bush compound (Walker's Point) Meet at St. Anne's Church on Ocean Avenue (Kennebunkport) at 10:30 am. NOTE: parking is extremely limited at St Anne's. Please try, if you are able, to find parking in town - approx.1 mile away - or at the Colony Beach - approx.0.3 miles away - and walk or carpool to the church)

11:00 - March (bring banners, signs, drums, songs, puppets and other tools of street-dissent!)

11:30- Public Speakout, street theater & music at Walker's Point

12:30- Rally at St. Anne's Church

2:00 pm: Workshops, teach-ins, and discussions at:

The Unitarian Universalist Church Main Street, Kennebunk

(about 5 miles north of Kennebunkport) Tel: 985-3700

Tentative Workshop Schedule

2:00 - 3:00 pm

- Globalization, US Foreign Policy and Islam Chris Marshall, Unity prof & Wendy Hazard, UMA prof
- The Impact of Sanctions on Iraq Mary Donnelly
- Corporate Power, War, and the Need to Undermine Both David Kubiak & Peter Kellman
- An Educatable Moment and the Need for Popular Education Matt Schlobohm & Ethan Miller
 - 3:15 4:15 pm
- Understanding Middle East History: the Context of the Current Crisis Arthur Whitman
- Real Patriotism: 2-Flag Style Carolyn Chute
- US Foreign Policy in Latin America and the School of the Americas Lilian Guerra, Bates Latin American history prof
- The Unholy Trinity: Understanding the IMF, World Bank and WTO Mike Prokosch, United for a Fair Economy

4:30 - 5:30 pm

- Bioweapons and Security Dr. Meryl Nass
- Where Does the Anti-Corporate Globalization Movement Go Now? Matt Schlobohm & Ethan Miller
- Vietnam, the Current Crisis, and Movements against War Michael Uhl
- Open slot (possibly Star Wars, K'port youth, or doc on Afghanistan...) 5:40 - 6:30

Group Discussion, Feedback, Debrief, etc

6:30 ----

Food, Music, Festivity

* In honor of the 1st day of Ramadan, there will be an optional fast throughout the day. A collection will also be taken at the march and teach-ins with proceeds divided between RAWA (The Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan) and a relief fund for children who lost parents on 911

"Why of course the people don't want war. Why should some poor bastard on a farm want to risk his life in a war when the best he can get out of it is to come back to his farm in one piece? Naturally the common people don't want war: neither in Russia, in England nor for that matter in Germany. That is understood. But, after all, it is the leaders of the country who determine policy and it is always a simple matter to drag the people along, whether it is in a democracy, a fascist regime, a parliamentary system, or a communist dictatorship. Voice or no voice, the people can always be brought to the bidding of the leaders.

That is easy. All you have to do is tell them they are being attacked, and denounce the peacemakers for lack of patriotism and exposing the country to danger. It works the same in any country." - - Hermann Goering, Hitler's second-in-command

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Organized by the Maine Global Action Network, Peace Action Maine, Big Medicine.. Across all continents, people are coming together to resist the global economic and social order that breeds oppression, injustice, and terror. In the weeks surrounding November 17th alone, millions of people around the world will be gathering to demand and end to the senseless and cruel bombings of Afghanistan and to condemn oppressive foreign policy by the powers of the West. Thousands will protest in Ottawa, Canada against the meetings of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank. Many more will come together in Fort Benning, Georgia to demand the closure of the School of the Americas (SOA), a US military institution responsible for training death-squad soldiers around the world. Hundreds of thousands will gather in cities and towns across the globe to oppose the destructive powers of corporate globalization being unleashed by the World Trade Organization (WTO) as it meets in Quatar.



We stand in solidarity with all of these expressions of global hope, struggle and resistance. We affirm, contrary to the desires of those in power, that we are everywhere. That we will not go away. That we are part of a global movement of movements. That we are not building a narrowly focused US anti-war movement, nor a movement solely against the processes of corporate globalization; rather, we are building a movement against the basic structures and forces of global oppression and injustice, a movement towards more just, dignified, sustainable and democratic worlds for all-indeed, a global solidarity movement. Friends, please distribute this call far and wide!

A CALL TO ACTION

Stop the Cycle of Violence! A Day of Solidarity with the People of the World

Saturday, November 17, 2001 Kennebunkport March to the Bush Compound

* Rally * Teach-ins

On September 11, thousands of innocent human beings were lost to unconscionable acts of violence. The people of New York City, of Washington DC, and of the entire United States, experienced what the people of Afghanistan have known for a long time. The terror of fireballs, falling from the sky to the trembling earth. The sounds of concrete, steel, and glass, twisting and shattering. The screams and cries of dying mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, sons, daughters, lovers, and friends. The acrid stench of burning rock and oil. The terrible silence of grief. The endless haunting fear of what will come next. On September 11, our tears joined with the tears of a million others, our uncertainty trembled along with fearful hearts across the globe, and our anger boiled with the rage of countless multitudes.

It is from this common experience of suffering and injustice that we declare our solidarity with the innocent people of the world with whom we now share sorrow, pain, and anger. From New York City to Kabul, from Washington DC to Jalalabad, we say enough. Indeed, what moral choice do we now have as compassionate citizens and respectful survivors but to demand an end to the escalating cycles of global violence? How better to honor our dead, and the dead of so many others, than by refusing to allow more to die?

We refuse the two choices that have been forced upon us by the government and corporate media: vengeance or inaction, loyalty or treason, support for retaliatory terror or complicity with terrorists. We will not be trapped into choosing between two global orders of violence. Another world is possible.