

**Pax Christi El Paso
September 2021**

PAX CHRISTI VIRTUAL MEETING

Tuesday, September 7, at 6 pm MT (note change of time for this month, in hopes of a surprise visitor from the east coast time zone!)

We will "meet" again on Zoom. If you did not attend last month, and would like to receive an invitation and link, please send me your email. (phtdelgado3583@gmail.com) You may attend with a computer, smart phone. or by audio using any type of phone. All are welcome!

Study/Discussion: Since we finished our last book study, we decided to

- 1) **Listen** to the following presentation: [Breaking the Idols](#) (Video #5 from the Pax Christi USA Conference) **before we meet on Tuesday**, September 7;
- 2) Prepare to share **what resonated or surprised** you;
- 3) Think about **how you might personally put something into practice**, in response to **"Breaking the Idols"**;
- 4) Think about **how we might put something into practice** as a Pax Christi group.
(for example, as part of Campaign Nonviolence Week, September 18-26, 2021), or the International Day of Peace, Sept. 21, 2021.
www.campaignnonviolence.org

Video #5 Description:

Breaking the idols: Nuclear Weapons and Intersectional Justice (1.5 hrs.)
From the 2021 Pax Christi USA National Conference: The production, testing and deployment of nuclear weapons impact all of us in many ways. This breakout session will explore the effects of nuclear weapons on our economy, our environment, and on racial justice, and how breaking the idolatry of the bomb can move us closer to building the beloved community. Panelists include Art Laffin, Pax Christi USA Teacher of Peace and long-time Catholic Worker; Vincent Intondi, professor and author of *African Americans Against the Bomb: Nuclear Weapons, Colonialism, and the Black Freedom Movement*; and Vicki Elson, creative director for nuclearban.us; moderated by Nick Mele, Pax Christi USA Working Group on Nuclear Disarmament coordinator.

Here is the YouTube Playlist of all 15 videos available from the Conference:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLnKdnZlt_EiurTkQuKk4zn1WqfM1-mrZ8

Pax Christi USA's monthly virtual Peace Mass, September 23, 2021

4th Thursday of each month at 8 pm ET, (6 pm MT) A wonderful action of solidarity for our Peace community to gather together and celebrate no matter where we are! All are Welcome! <https://paxchristiusa.org/2021/03/16/pax-christi-usa-to-host-a-monthly-peace-mass-starting-in-march/>



**2021 Peace Day Theme:
Recovering Better for an Equitable and Sustainable World**

Restorative Justice Ministry

CATHOLIC MOBILIZING NETWORK'S FIRST FRIDAY VIRTUAL VIGILS TO END THE DEATH PENALTY

Catholic Mobilizing Network has a vigil online on the First Friday of each month the 12 – 1 pm MT to pray for those scheduled to be executed, for all those involved in the criminal justice system and for an end to the death penalty. Powerful reflections every month! Sign up and receive the zoom invitation: <https://catholicmobilizing.org/first-friday-vigils> **September 3rd**, also available now on the **Catholic Mobilizing Network** facebook page.

Vigil: John Ramirez is scheduled to be executed in Texas on Wednesday, September 8.

El Pasoans Against the Death Penalty and the Restorative Justice Ministry will be in front of the El Paso County Courthouse on Wednesday, September 8

from 12-1 pm to raise awareness about the barbaric, unnecessary death penalty system that promises justice and healing but cannot deliver on either. Texas is an outlier in continuing to "kill in our name, and with our money!" Join us. ... We have signs. All are welcome!

Call for Info about parking, and updates: 915 740-3962

SAVE THE DATE: World Day Against the Death Penalty, Sunday, October 10, 3 pm in Memorial Park. A city-wide vigil against the death penalty. More information coming soon.

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