

Make the World a Better Place

Monthly educational programs on social justice and other topics related to making a better, more peaceful, and just world. Our events are planned and hosted by the good folks at **Heritage Presbyterian Church** for our thoughtful community.



"It always seems impossible until it's done."

- Nelson Mandela, the late South African anti-apartheid activist who served as the president of South Africa from 1994 to 1999.



An Important Discussion via Zoom

Advance Peace: A Public Health Approach to Gun Violence

featuring The Rev. Dionne Carter, Program Manager, Advance Peace (www.advancepeace.org)

When: Wednesday, January 25, 2023 - 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Email: betterworldbenicia@gmail.com for the Zoom link



Advancing Peace By Addressing Environmental Traumas - Gun violence in America has invaded our homes, our schools and communities. The individual and collective trauma at the root of this violence is overshadowed, and healing opportunities are rare. "Advance Peace" is an evidence-based, trauma-informed and healing-engaged strategy to reduce cyclical and retaliatory gun violence in urban communities across the United States. [This strategy is now launching in Vallejo.](#)

Dionne Carter is a native of Oakland, Ca. She is a theologian who focuses on Public Health, Spirituality and Trauma and developing healthy communities. For 30 years she has worked throughout the San Francisco Bay Area to address gun violence prevention and intervention and support both victims and perpetrators of violence. Her academic accomplishments include a BA in Social Work and Master of Public Health (both from San Jose State University) and Master of Divinity (from Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, CA). She is currently completing her Doctorate of Ministry at the Berkeley School of Theology, where she is focusing on the lived experiences of losing a child to firearm violence.



February Better World Event: Wed., Feb 15, 7 pm - The Farm Bill: How one piece of legislation addresses hunger, public health, earth care, racial inequity, and the food crisis overseas all at once! - This exciting program will be presented by David Gist, California Organizer for **Bread for the World** (www.bread.org)



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