

BOUNDARY PEACE INITIATIVE

SUPPORT COAST PROTECTORS AT APRIL 23 FORUM

By: For Our Earth Coalition

Support First Nations' Coast Protectors efforts to protect our province from tar sands spills along our coast and along the Kinder Morgan pipeline route at an inspirational event, For Our Earth, on Monday April 23rd, 7-9 P.M. in the Nelson United Church sanctuary, 602 Silica Street at Josephine. Join the movement to stop Kinder Morgan from endangering our province's waterways and lands, and support our transition to renewable energy and a healthier future. This Forum is organized by a coalition of local groups from three regions who are appealing to you and others to add your name to the list.

Headliners are Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, President of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs, Joan Phillip of the Penticton Indian Band Council, and Garth Lenz, an internationally award winning environmental photographer who focuses on Canada's role in the ecosystems of the world.

Grand Chief Phillip asserts, "Now is the time to stand beside Indigenous people in support of our timeless struggle to defend Mother Earth. There is a battle being waged across the globe by Indigenous peoples and their allies demanding a safe, healthy world for future generations. This is about water versus oil and life versus death, ultimately about survival versus extinction."

The Forum will also feature Indigenous prayer, moving, live entertainment and a Silent Auction.

For Our Earth's aim is to raise awareness and carry out strategic actions within our regions and along pipeline routes and to raise much needed funds for the First Nations Coast Protectors. The coalition encourages all to share the Coast Protectors donation link

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(From last column) **SUPPORT COAST PROTECTORS** with your contacts and on social media so that the campaign continues to grow regionally and globally. Millions of dollars are needed for the First Nations people to continue the struggle in court and in the media.

To donate to Stop Kinder Morgan – Go To:
<https://www.coastprotectors.ca/donate>
For more information on Coast Protectors go to:
www.coastprotectors.ca

Requested Donation at forum \$15 - \$20, Students and Youth Free.

Spread us on Face book:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/153636251963537/>

A non violent strategic action training event will follow the For Our Earth Forum on Saturday, April 28th at 12:30 – 4:30 PM at the Senior Citizens Nelson Branch No. 51, 717 Vernon Street. \$20 or By Donation, Students and Youth Free.

To join the coalition, volunteer or further info contact:
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Sponsors: For Our Earth Coalition, Kootenay Region Branch United Nations Association in Canada, Nelson Chapter of the Council of Canadians, Boundary Peace Initiative, Kootenays for a Pipeline Free BC, Kelowna Chapter of the Council of Canadians, B.C. Southern Interior Peace Coalition, West Kootenay Eco Society and KAIROS.



Invitation to support the Canadian Boat to Gaza

By: Rabbi Lucia Pizarro

Dear friends,

As a Jew, I am all too aware that history has been painted with the blood of individuals whose only crime was being born Jewish. The stigma of living life as a minority has forever shaped Jewish history and the histories of many other peoples. Therefore, I am always taken aback when I see any group of people who face discrimination not for their actions, but simply for being alive.

I know that Jewish leadership has made sure that any assertion of commonality between Jew and Palestinian is denied. But throughout history, from Poland to Iraq, from Argentina to South Africa, from Brooklyn to Mississippi, Jews have taken up their quest for justice, and their desire for a more just world, by joining with others in collective struggles. Jews have participated prominently in the workers' struggle of the Depression era, in the civil rights movement, in the struggle against South African Apartheid, in the struggle against fascism in Europe, and in many other movements for social and political change.

Obviously the State of Israel's historic and ongoing oppression of the Palestinian people contradicts and betrays these long histories of Jewish participation in collective liberation struggles.

Thus, I invite you to join me in my support for the Canadian Boat to Gaza, and its insistence on ending the illegal and immoral blockade imposed by the Israeli State on over 2 million Palestinian civilians living in the Gaza Strip.

Let's challenge the legality of the inhumane blockade of Gaza's 2 million inhabitants, most of whom are refugees and children.

Let's expose the Canadian government's complicity in this act of collective punishment of defenceless civilians.

Let's demonstrate to the people living under the blockade that the world has not forgotten them.

Let's stand in solidarity with the Palestinian people.

Let's support the Canadian Boat to Gaza right now!

You can find different ways to donate

at <http://canadaboatgaza.org/donate>

Please share our messages widely to help spread the word.

In solidarity,

Rabbi Lucia Pizarro

Founding Spiritual Director

The Jewish Liberation Theology Institute,

www.JeLiThIn.Ca

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(From last column) **Canadian Boat to Gaza**

Those who can benefit from a charitable tax receipt in the US may wish to donate through the **US Boat to Gaza** page: <https://2018boatstogaza-nonviolenceinternational.nationbuilder.com/contribute>

In other parts of the world, please consider donating through one our other **partner campaigns** in the Freedom

Flotilla: <https://sgf.freedomflotilla.org/donate>

Please share our messages and forward them; Merci de partager et de faire suivre nos messages.

Twitter: @CanadaBoatGaza @GazaFFlotilla

www.facebook.com/CanadaBoatGaza/

www.facebook.com/BateauCanadienGaza/

www.facebook.com/FreedomFlotillaCoalition/

Donations / dons: canadaboatgaza.org/donate/ / sgf.freedomflotilla.org/donate

Canadian Boat to Gaza: www.canadaboatgaza.org

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Response to Stanley Trial in Saskatchewan

By: Senator Murray Sinclair, Chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission

Today I grieve for my country.

I grieve for a family
that has seen only injustice
from the moment a farmer with a handgun
(why does a farmer need a handgun?)
killed their son.

I grieve for a mother
who saw the police raid her house
and treat her like a criminal
and not the victim she was.

I grieve for other mothers
with empty arms
who are reminded of their own loss
at the hands of others
and the lack of answers that haunt them still.

I grieve for the youth
who now see no hope,
and whose hunger for justice
gives rise to anger.

I grieve for the children
whose lives now have
one more jeopardy.

I grieve for the elders
who have seen this before.

And whose wisdom holds no means
to get through this evenly.

I may grieve for some time.

But then again...
we have been grieving a long time.

This is why
we can't "just get over it and move on".
My country won't let me.



FOR OUR EARTH: JOIN THE MOVEMENT TO STOP KINDER MORGAN

April 23, 2019 at the Nelson United Church
Sanctuary 7-9 pm. (Doors open at 6:30)

Dear Friends,

There is a Silent Auction attached to this event,
about which I will send out more information soon.

Right now I am looking for small beautiful items
we can use for our Silent Auction the evening of
April 23rd at the Nelson United Church, details
above.

If your item is beautiful but not small, send me a
photo of it and we can certainly include it in the
Silent Auction.

If you can find a way to physically get your
beautiful item to me for the Silent Auction, or if you
need someone to pick it up, or want to be a driver to
pick items up, please call or email me and let me
know.

If you have a service in mind such as baking
canning, cooking a dinner for 4 or so forth, let me
know as well.

If you have a business or know of a business that
would like to donate an item, let me know about that
as well.

We want to raise funds to cover expenses for this
wonderful and inspiring event. Let me know how
you can help!

Many thanks
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Our Mission

The Boundary Peace Initiative represents people of diverse
backgrounds officially brought together in 2002 because of our
mutual concern for the rise in world conflict. Our mandate is to
participate in multilateral non-violent conflict resolution in
support of global human rights, ecological and environmental
sustainability and international law through education, sharing
of information, dialogue and activism locally and globally. We
encourage and seek your participation in our mutual work for
true peace based on social justice, equality, accountability,
integrity, honour, respect, etc in order to build a better world
today and future generations.

BPI web site: www.boundarypeace.20m.com

*BPI meetings are suspended until at least 3 people
commit to meet monthly. For information call (250)
442-0434 or email L4peace@telus.net.*



What's Up?

Make plans to attend the **For Our Earth: Join the Movement to Stop Kinder Morgan on April 23, 2018** at the Nelson United Church Sanctuary from 7-9 pm. (Doors open at 6:30). Guest speakers: Grand Chief Stewart Phillip and Joan Phillip Penticton Indian Band Councillor and Garth Lenz an internationally award winning environmental photographer who focuses on Canada's role in the ecosystems of the world. For information on details see the article on Pages 1 and 3. See you there!

Video of the Sept. 21, 2017 Walk the Drum and Peace Concert are available for \$10 a set. To order call Laura at 250-442-0434 or email at L4peace@telus.net



Voice your opinion to the Prime Minister and all MPs. Free postage: {Name of MP}, Parliament Buildings, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6
Go to the Government of Canada website for MP contact information at <http://www.canada.gc.ca>

Naturally, the common people don't want war..., but after all it is the leaders of a country who determine the policy, and it's always a simple matter to drag the people along whether it's a democracy, or a fascist dictatorship, or a parliament, 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 pacifists for lack of patriotism and exposing the country to danger. It works the same in every country.

Hermann Goering--during the course of the Nuremberg Trials after World War II and published in the book "Nuremberg Diary" by Gustave M Gilbert

Cowardice asks the question - is it safe?
Expedience asks the question - is it politic?
Vanity asks the question - is it popular?
But conscience asks the question - is it right?
And there comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but one must take it BECAUSE it is right!

Martin Luther King Jr.

Disobedience is the true foundation of liberty.
The obedient must be slaves.

Henry David Thoreau

The BPI welcomes your input. Articles are the author's responsibility and may not be common consensus of members. To submit articles contact Laura at **250-442-0434** or **L4peace@telus.net**.
The BPI is a member of: BC Southern Interior Peace Coalition, Canadian Peace Congress, Abolition 2000, Lawyers Against the War and an affiliate of the Fellowship of Reconciliation. We work with a wide range of local and global peace, social justice and environmental groups.