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Waging Peace: 100 Years of Action Exhibit Opens Philadelphia

Interactive exhibit showcases the power of nonviolence to make positive change

PHILADELPHIA (January 14, 2017) – Waging Peace: 100 Years of Action, an exhibit marking the centennial of the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) opened to the public January 14, 2017 at the African American Museum in Philadelphia (AAMP). The exhibit is the first in a series of events in 2017 celebrating AFSC’s 100 years in Philadelphia.

“Now as we face serious challenges to civil rights, peace, and justice, we have much to learn from movements of the past that overcame similar threats,” said AFSC General Secretary Shan Cretin. “Our centennial exhibit highlights examples of social change work from the American Friends Service Committee’s 100 year history—from World War I to the Movement for Black Lives—and offers valuable lessons to us today.”

“AFSC and AAMP are both Philadelphia institutions, and the museum is celebrating 40 years in the city,” Cretin continued. “This unique collaboration is both a celebration of past work for justice and an opportunity to mobilize people to take action against injustice today.”

“The African American Museum in Philadelphia is thrilled to partner with AFSC to present *Waging Peace* as part of our 2017 exhibition offerings,” said AAMP President and CEO Patricia Wilson Aden. “Using historical narratives to explore themes of contemporary relevance, including justice, incarceration and immigration, aligns with AAMP’s mission and core values. We look forward to welcoming audiences, old and new, to our institution to engage with this timely, necessary conversation.”

Waging Peace: 100 Years of Action demonstrates the effectiveness of nonviolence to build justice, overcome oppression and prevent violence using the provocative stories of those who fought against injustice and those who have been helped in the fight during the last century. The exhibit addresses issues we continue to struggle with today: Building Peace, Ending Discrimination, Addressing Prisons, Just Economies, and Immigrant Rights. The final section is a Call to Action, inspiring visitors to engage in justice work beyond the museum.

The exhibit will be open to the public from January 14 to April 23, 2017 at the African American Museum in Philadelphia, 701 Arch St. Philadelphia, PA 19106.

For more information, visit <https://www.afsc.org/exhibit>.

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The American Friends Service Committee is a Quaker organization that includes people of various faiths who are committed to social justice, peace and humanitarian service. Its work is based on the belief in the worth of every person and faith in the power of love to overcome violence and injustice.

Founded in 1976 in celebration of the nation's bicentennial, the African American Museum In Philadelphia is the first institution funded and built by a major municipality to preserve, interpret and exhibit the heritage of African Americans. The mission of the museum is to bring together diverse communities in greater appreciation of the Black experience through the combined narrative of art, history and culture. Throughout its evolution, the museum has objectively interpreted and presented the achievements and aspirations of African Americans from pre-colonial times to the current day.