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## **Five EPF Urban Pilgrimages**

*Social Justice as a Spiritual  
Practice:*

*An alternative Spring Break*

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**Journey Into  
Peace,  
Denver, CO  
Culminates in  
Mountain  
Eucharist and  
Hiking, After  
Day long  
Creating a  
Culture of  
Peace Training**

Fifty people from nine states gathered at St. John's Cathedral in Denver the first weekend in August to learn new ways to make peace.

"Journey Into Peace," an event co-sponsored by Episcopal Peace Fellowship Colorado, Colorado Jubilee Ministry the cathedral, and EPF National, centered around a series of workshops on Saturday, Aug. 7, that invited participants to think like "the other," and to begin to creatively but non-violently disarm those with whom they have disagreements.

"I'm not here to share a lecture on non-violence. This is to produce thinking," said Janet Chisholm, the senior trainer, founder and executive director of Creating a Culture of Peace (CCP), one of the presenters at the event.

"We live in a culture that is violent," said Chisholm, a former national chairwoman of EPF. "But we say there is another way. It's active non-violence. And we have all learned ways to make peace. Ordinary people can do active non-violence every single day."

**Denver Con't:** One exercise touched the Rev. Melanie Christopher, deacon in Lake-wood, and a naturalized citizen born in Cuba. Participants were to assume the persona of six different individuals – a clergy person, a police officer, a town treasurer, a reporter, an unemployed person and a legal immigrant – and speak from the heart about why each might seek tougher laws targeting undocumented aliens. “That really impacted me, because I am an immigrant who came here legally, but I know others who did not,” she said. “Imagining those people speaking their truths was very powerful.”

Janis Galvin traveled all the way from Massachusetts to take part in the event. She did so because she could find nothing like it being offered closer to home. “It’s been wonderful,” she said. “I’m glad I came. I think I can take a lot of this back to Massachusetts with me, and share it in my parish.” While most participants came from Colorado, others came from New Mexico, Arizona, Texas, Arkansas and Utah. Chisholm came from Minnesota, and co-presenter Steve Shanks is a deacon in Alabama.

(complete story at [www.epfnational.org](http://www.epfnational.org))

By Rebecca Jones, EPF Colorado Chapter

## SEPTEMBER 21 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

Please include this prayer in your Prayers of the People, September 19.

***“Holy God, open our eyes to a fresh vision for a peaceful world and strengthen our will to seek alternatives to revenge and violence.”***



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Martha Gardner (Newark) was the EPF commissioner.

**On November 11<sup>th</sup>** (Veteran’s Day and EPF’s founding day) The Commission will gather to worship and release their findings and recommendations at the National City Christian Church in Washington, DC.

The next day, **November 12<sup>th</sup>** there will be a **Teach-in on Conscientious Objection**. This public conference will educate people about the Truth Commission Report and its recommendations. Speakers will feature legal experts, religious leaders, veterans, and chaplains. Special attention will be paid to the reasons for Selective Conscientious Objection. As a sponsoring organization Episcopal Peace Fellowship invites our members to join in these two events. If you are able to attend one or both events please let our Executive Director, Jackie Lynn know at 312-922-8628 or [epfna-](mailto:epfna-)



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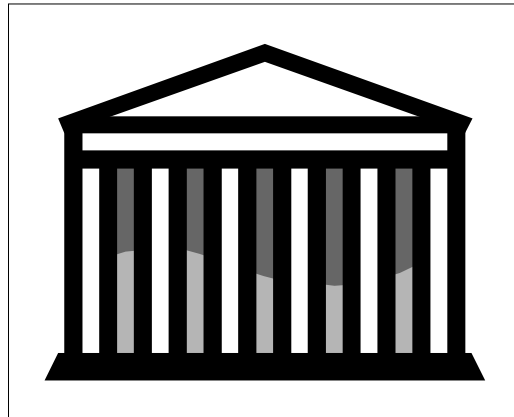
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