



“A time comes when silence is betrayal
and that time has come for us.”

- from Clergy & Laity Concerned, 1967

REAL-WORLD PEACEMAKING

A series of opportunities to share an informal meal and hear first-hand about the work of peacemakers from around the world. Most guest speakers will have names unknown to the mass media, but they do the hard job of bringing together factions in conflict and healing the wounds of war. Your presence will aid this work essential to a humane future by connecting us locally with those who suffer and those who try to help them, wherever in the world they may be.

August 12, 2012 potluck meal: 6 pm, presentation & discussion: 7 - 9 pm
Palo Alto Friends Meetinghouse, 957 Colorado Ave, Palo Alto (between Louis & Greer)



Shan Cretin, General Secretary of American Friends Service Committee, Philadelphia

AFSC is the Nobel-Prize-winning Quaker humanitarian organization with programs on fostering peace in communities, eliminating nuclear weapons, strengthening relationships that prevent conflict, providing peaceful alternatives for youth, humanely reforming immigration policy, transforming criminal justice, and responding to crises.

Shan Cretin is a member of Santa Monica Monthly Meeting. Before taking her current position, she was director of AFSC Pacific Southwest Region and clerk of Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends. After visiting AFSC's programs in the Middle East and Africa, Shan Cretin says,

“In all of these war-weary communities, one message was clear: Building lasting peace requires much more than merely stopping the violence. Healing and restoration, truth and reconciliation must be part of the process.”

<http://www.afsc.org/project/quaker-action>

<http://www.afsc.org/story/message-shan-cretin-october-2011>

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/afsc-pal-ist/>

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