

**Peace Lecture to Feature National Poor
People's Campaign Co-Chair
October 18, 2023 ~ Willamette University, Salem**

34th Annual Salem Peace Lecture

**Poor People's
Campaign Co-Chair to
Speak**

**7:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 18,
2023**

**Hudson Hall in the Rogers Music
Center at Willamette University**



The Reverend Dr. Liz Theoharis, co-chair of the national Poor People's Campaign, will present Salem's 34th Annual Peace Lecture. The title of her talk is "**Peace, Peace When There is No Peace: Addressing Poverty, Racism and Militarism from the Bottom Up.**"

Also this year the Salem Peace Lecture Committee will honor **Ron Steiner and Frank Thompson** with its annual **Peacemaker of the Year Award** in recognition of their efforts to repeal the death penalty both locally and nationally. Although Oregon still officially retains the death penalty, it is primarily thanks to these two men's efforts that it has not been used in Oregon for years and that conventional wisdom has turned against ever using it again.

Rev. Dr. Theoharis is Director of the [Kairos Center for Religions, Rights, and Social Justice](#) at Union Theological Seminary and Co-Chair of the [Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival](#) with the Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II. She is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and teaches at Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

Rev. Dr. Theoharis is the editor of [*We Cry Justice: Reading the Bible with the Poor People's Campaign*](#) (Broadleaf Press, 2021) as well as other books. She has been published in *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Time Magazine*, *Newsweek*, *Politico*, *The Hill*, *The Guardian*, *The Nation*, *Boston Review*, *CNN*, *Religion News*

Service, Sojourners, Religion Dispatches, the Grio, La Jornada, Salon, Slate, and elsewhere.

Rev. Dr. Theoharis has been organizing among poor and low-income communities for thirty years with organizations such as the National Union of the Homeless, the National Welfare Rights Union, the Coalition of Immokalee Workers, Domestic Workers United and many more.

As always, the Peace Lecture is free to the public, though donations will be gratefully accepted. For more than 3 decades, the Salem Peace Lecture has annually brought national-class peace speakers to Mid-Willamette audiences. Past speakers have included: Philip Berrigan, Dolores Huerta, Phillis Bennis and Chris Hedges.

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