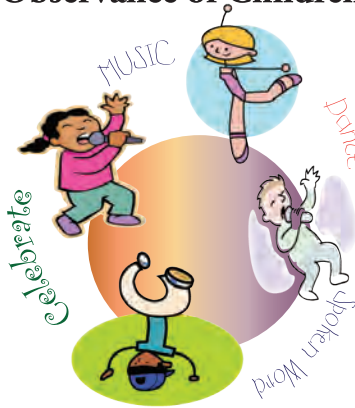




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present



2^{1st}
National Observance of Children's Sabbaths®



Join Us As Children From Across The Houston Area
Celebrate In Music, Dance And Spoken Word

Claiming Peace!

Written by

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Directed by Ms B

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2012 • 3:30PM
ST. MARY'S UMC • 6731 Scott, Houston, TX

Rehearsal Dates

Saturday, October 13th 10a-Noon • Saturday, October 21st, 10a-2p
St Mary's UMC

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If we don't stand up for children, then we don't stand for much.
Marian Wright Edelman

October 1, 2012

21st

National Observance of Children's Sabbaths®

Greetings:

3sisters in the spirit Theatre Ministry and Think Peace International (TPI) will celebrate the **21st National Observance of Children's Sabbaths®** on Sunday, October 21st at 3:30pm at St Mary's United Methodist Church, 6731 Scott St., Houston, TX. The Children's Sabbaths®, initiated by the Children's Defense Fund unites tens of thousands of congregations of diverse faiths and traditions in prayer and advocacy on behalf of nation's children who cannot speak, vote or lobby for themselves.

The 2012 theme is "*Pursuing Justice 4 Children And The Poor With Urgency And Persistence*" focuses on the nation-threatening toxic cocktail of poverty, racial disparities in child serving systems, poor education and racially unjust zero tolerance school discipline policies, arrests and unjust sentences that is fueling a ***Cradle to Prison Pipeline*** crisis, which is funneling millions of poor children and adults of color into dead-end, powerless, and hopeless lives.

SINGERS, DANCERS, CHOIRS, SPOKEN WORD ARTISTS are invited to join us at the rehearsals Saturday October 13th from 10am-Noon and the dress rehearsal on Saturday October 20th from 10a-2p ~ all at St Mary's UMC. This year we celebrate **Children's Sabbaths®** with children and youth singers, dancers and spoken word artists in a play, ***Claiming Peace!*** written by Sister Mama Sonya/3sisters into the spirit Theatre Ministry and directed by Ms B. This presentation will address the many acts of violence with which our children are faced. We define violence as any act which disrupts the health and well-being of our children such as foster care, homelessness, inadequate education, the Cradle 2 Prison Pipeline, gun violence, substandard health care and wars.

As a symbol of ending violence against children and claiming peace, 1000 peace cranes will hang in the sanctuary as part of the Riding the Peace Crane initiative of TPI. **Children's Sabbaths®** is a weekend celebration that aims to unite religious congregations of all faiths across the nation in shared concern for children and common commitment to improving their lives and working for justice on their behalf. In that respect, it is bigger and more powerful and more inspiring than the efforts of any one congregation on its own.

We look forward to your participation in this fabulous event!!!

Peace and Blessings,

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