

*The* Tennessee Human Rights Commission,  
Metro Nashville Human Relations Commission,  
United Nations Association-USA Nashville Cordell Hull Chapter  
*With* Partner Organizations  
*Present...*

# INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY 2010

## Program Information and Human Rights Resource Guide

Celebrating the 62nd Anniversary of the  
Universal Declaration of Human Rights  
December 9th, 2010  
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## International Human Rights Day

Human Rights Day is observed by the international community every year on December 10th. It commemorates the day in 1948 the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The formal inception of Human Rights Day dates from 1950, after the Assembly passed resolution 423 (V) inviting all States and interested organizations to adopt December 10th of each year as Human Rights Day.

When the General Assembly adopted the Declaration, with 48 states in favor and eight abstentions, it was proclaimed as a "common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations", towards which individuals and societies should "strive by progressive measures, national and international, to secure their universal and effective recognition and observance". Although the Declaration with its broad range of political, civil, social, cultural and economic rights is not a binding document, it inspired more than 60 human rights instruments

which together constitute an international standard of human rights. Today the general consent of all United Nations Member States on the basic Human Rights laid down in the Declaration makes it even stronger and emphasizes the relevance of Human Rights in our daily lives.



Eleanor Roosevelt was chair of the United Nations Human Rights Commission and is recognized internationally as the driving force behind the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.



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*The theme for Human Rights Day December 10, 2010 is **human rights defenders who act to end discrimination**. Human rights defenders acting against discrimination, often at great personal risk to both themselves and their families, are being recognized and acclaimed on this day.*

## Master of Ceremonies Ms. Beverly Watts



**B**everly L. Watts was appointed the Executive Director of the Tennessee Human Rights Commission in July 2007. Prior to her current appointment she served as Special Advisor to the Chair at the U S Equal Employment Opportunity Commission responsible for state and local relations.

She has more than 25 years of civil rights enforcement and education experience in the public and private sector. She served as the first Executive Director of the National Fair Housing Training Academy which was funded by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development located in Washington DC from October, 2004 to October 2006.

The vision and mission of the Academy is to be the premier center for the development of civil rights professionals through the improvement of equal opportunity performance standards, research and education on best practice methodologies. Under her leadership the Academy's initial 5 week training curriculum was developed and more than 1800 persons were trained with 175 completing the full program.

Watts served as the third Executive Director of the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights from September 1992- September of 2004.

She also served in positions which include Director of Management Advisory Services for the Ralph G. Moore and Associates; Regional Director of Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Agriculture; and Executive Director, Illinois Minority and Female Business Enterprise Council.

Watts is the Immediate Past President of the International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies (IAOHRA) serving from 1999-2003 and the Past Chair of Women Executives in State Government. She has served on numerous boards and advisory groups during her career.

Watts is considered a human rights expert on state, national and international issues.

She is a graduate of Tennessee State University, Southern Illinois University, and has attended Duke University Leadership Program for State Executives and the Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government.

## Keynote Speaker Rev. Dr. Kelly Miller Smith, Jr.



The Reverend Dr. Kelly Miller Smith Jr., son of Mrs. Alice C. Smith and the late Reverend Dr. Kelly Miller Smith Sr., was reared in Nashville, Tennessee. The family tradition of ministry continued when Dr. Smith Jr. announced his call, was licensed to the ministry in 1974, and ordained in 1979 at First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill, Nashville, Tennessee, where his father was the pastor.

Pastor Smith accepted the position of Pastor of First Baptist Capitol Hill of Nashville, TN and began there on September 1, 2010. This is the same church where his father served as pastor for 33 years until his death in 1984. Pastor Smith Jr. served as pastor of Mount Olive Baptist Church from March 1991 through August 2010. While at Mt. Olive the church experienced tremendous growth spiritually, numerically and financially. Pastor Smith accepted the position of Executive Director of the Sunday School Publishing Board of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. and began on June 1, 2007.

Pastor Smith received a B.A. in music from Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia (1976) and graduated from the Morehouse School of Religion of

the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC) also in Atlanta (1983), with a Master of Divinity degree. He received a Doctor of Ministry (D. Min.) degree from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio (1993).

A man of immense energy, Pastor Smith is very active in numerous religious and professional organizations. He served as Vice-President of the Tennessee Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention, and prior to that had served as the President of its Leadership Education Congress. He is currently serving on various other Boards of Directors across the United States and is one of the contributing devotional writers to the African American Devotional Bible (Zondervan). He is a member of the Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity (Boulé). Pastor Smith was inducted into the Martin Luther King, Jr. Board of Preachers at Morehouse College in April 2003.

He is married to Sue Hall Smith and they have three children, and three grandchildren.

## Human Rights Day 2010 Panelists

**Panel Moderator: Mary Pat Silveira**

President

United Nations Association Nashville Cordell Hull Chapter

Mary Pat Silveira retired in 2006 from a 30-year career with the United Nations, beginning in the Center for Science and Technology for Development, then to Mozambique to coordinate the emergency response in the mid-80s, returning to NY to the Division for Sustainable Development, moving to Kosovo in 1999 as acting Administrator of Mitrovica and from there to the UN Regional Economic Commission for Europe in Geneva. She is now an international consultant and is President of the Nashville Cordell Hull Chapter of the United Nations Association.



**Kasar Abdulla**

Director of Advocacy and Education

Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition

Kasar Abdulla was born in Kurdistan but was forced to become a refugee early in life and came to America. Kasar graduated from Tennessee State University with a Bachelor's degree in Sociology in 2005. She joined TIRRC as Director of Advocacy & Education in 2006. She works in policy research and advocacy, strategic communications and movement-building, education and training in the area of immigrant integration.

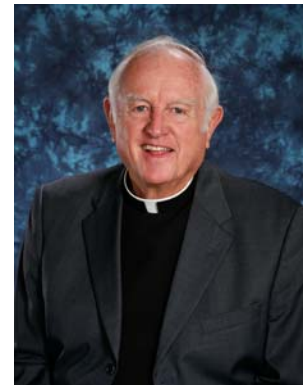


**Father Joseph Breen**

Pastor

St. Edward Catholic Church

Father Breen has been the pastor of St. Edward Church since July 1984. He is the first non-Latino to be honored by Conexión Américas for his contributions to making Nashville a welcoming community for Latino immigrant families. He is known for speaking his mind and was an outspoken community leader in addressing "English-only" legislation.



*I illustrated the Right to Public Assembly. In the picture, I have a police man spraying a water hose at the protesting workers who are complaining about how much they work for beside the building they work at. I chose this because it is a classic seen in comics and because I think it was the wrong thing to do back then. My art is a reminder to people how lucky we are they don't use water hoses any more.*

*Elizabeth Savayvongthong, Age 16*



**Jose Gonzales**

Co-Founder and Finance Director  
Conexión Américas

José González is one of three co-founders of Conexión Américas and served as Executive Director of the organization from 2004 to 2007. In June 2007, he stepped down to join the faculty at Belmont University, where he is now an Instructor of Management and Entrepreneurship in the College of Business Administration. José continues to be involved with Conexión Américas and is currently responsible for the financial management of the agency.



**Dr. Oscar Miller**

Interim Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and  
Professor of Sociology, Tennessee State University

Dr. Oscar Miller has over sixteen years of experience in teaching subjects regarding race and ethnic relations. His research has addressed voter rights, disproportionate minority confinement, workplace culture, race and ethnic relations and the effectiveness of government programs and organizations.



**Hedy Weinberg**

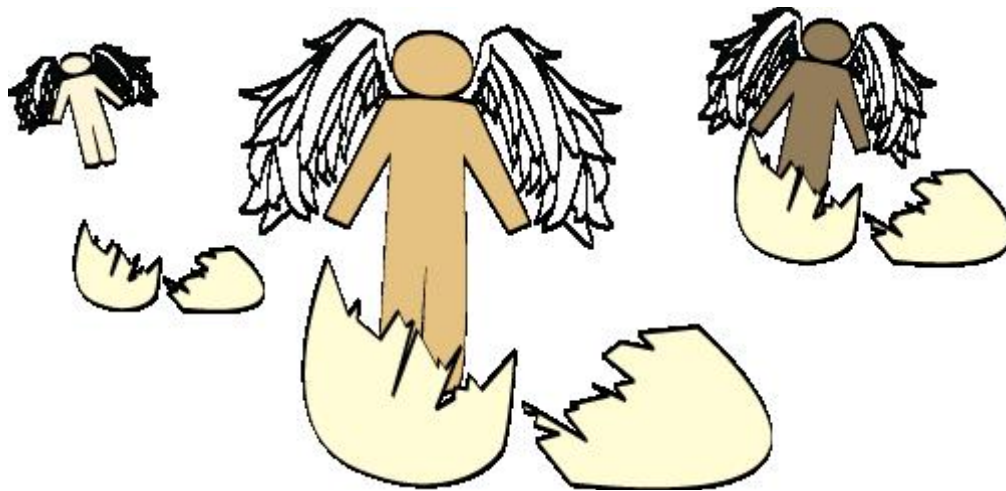
Executive Director  
ACLU of Tennessee

Hedy Weinberg was commended and honored by a resolution of the Tennessee State Senate in 2009 for her meritorious service to citizens of Tennessee through her 25 year tenure as Executive Director of the Tennessee Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union. The same year, she was nominated for the 2009 Tennessean of the Year Award.

## The Human Rights Advocate Award

The Human Rights Advocate Award is given to individuals who have dedicated their life and career to the advancement of human rights. These people have made significant contributions to the human rights in Tennessee. Recipients are recognized annually at the Tennessee celebration of International Human Rights Day on December 10th.

Awardees in 2009 were Fred Cloud and Inez Crutchfield.



*My art is a picture of different colored people with wings coming out of eggs flying out . I chose what I did because I felt that was the best way of making a picture showing all people are born free and equal . My art means that everyone is born the same, no one is different, and everyone gets to do everything every other human gets to do . The different colored people represent all the races and nationalities we have in the world, the egg represents when they are all born, and the wings on their back lets us know they are free.*

*I learned that everyone that comes to America will be able to do everything any other American can do here and that they are all going to be treated the same . That you can't do bad things to people that just look different or talk a different language .*

*I will use what I learned to make the world a better place by reminding everyone that we are all the same, everyone has to be treated just how you would treat your mother and father.*

*William Maldonado, Age 16*



## Human Rights Advocate Awardee

### Rev. Dr. Don Beisswenger



The Rev. Dr. Donald Beisswenger is a Presbyterian Minister, scholar, teacher, social activist and Macalester Alumnus, Class of 1952. Throughout his distinguished career he has lived a life and served the community in accordance with the principles of his faith and deep sense of justice.

He earned his divinity degree from Yale University and pastored churches for seven years. In 1962 he and his wife Joyce moved to Chicago, where he worked on assembly lines and developed a business-industrial ministry. Rev. Beisswenger also traveled to the South to register African American voters. He said that “I put my shoulder to the plow of overcoming racism and economic injustice.” Once, when black friends were prevented from buying a house, he and his wife bought it and then resold it to them, despite threats and harassment.

“I am a post-Holocaust Christian who learned that Christian nations can too easily ignore brutality and atrocities done in their name. We must always seek to obey God rather than humans. Thoreau once said that protest without resistance is consent. I think we consent if we don’t protest.”

Rev. Beisswenger’s work was a family affair. His six children joined in the family mission of raising eight foster children. His sons Thomas and Philip carried on the family tradition by attending Macalester. In 1968, Rev. Beisswenger joined the Vanderbilt Divinity School and became a professor and director of field education, where he guided students to connect religious faith with personal and social existence. His work brought national recognition to the divinity school for the excellence of the field studies program.

A respected author, Rev. Beisswenger has co-edited five volumes of *Theological Field Education: Key Resources*. He has also been active with the Association of Theological Field Education, including a term as president.

In 1983 he and Joyce founded the Peniel Ridge Contemplative Retreat Center in Tennessee.

After his retirement from Vanderbilt in 1996, he continued to work on behalf of the poor and homeless in Nashville and to study the oppressed poor in Latin America. His activism led to his arrest and subsequent prison sentence for protesting U.S. military policy in 2004 at what was then The School of the Americas at Ft. Benning, Georgia.

He has described his calling as working on the global war against the poor.

In 2002, Macalester honored Rev. Beisswenger as a Distinguished Citizen. Because of his lifelong commitment to social justice, his work on behalf of the poor, his abiding faith and his efforts to make the world a more humane place, he is being honored by the city of Nashville and the state of Tennessee for his commitment to bringing about a positive change in the world as a defender of human rights.

## Human Rights Advocate Awardee

### Dr. Tommie Morton-Young



**T**ommie Morton-Young was born and raised in Nashville, Tennessee. A cum laude graduate of Tennessee State University she earned the B. A. degree at the institution. In 1955, she became the first African American to ever graduate from George Peabody College for Teachers, now of Vanderbilt University. She has been cited as a “Scholar unafraid to take-on challenging research.” As Professor of Education and Director of Learning Resources, Dr. Morton-Young received a grant that allowed her to travel and study genealogy. From her studies and observations she wrote the successful, *Afro American Genealogy Source Book* (Garland, 1987), that was an early work in African American Genealogy.

An advocate for the marginalized and committed, Dr. Morton-Young was the first and only woman to serve as Chairperson of the North Carolina Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights. During her tenure of two terms, and twenty years on the Committee, she initiated Hearings on Pay Equity for Women and Minorities, School Placement of Students, and shared in the US Labor Department’s Study on the fate of migrant workers.

Dr. Morton-Young is the recipient of numerous honors and awards for her professional and community work, including: 2010 Freedom’s Sisters Award for Achievements in Work for Civil Rights, ATHENA 2006 Recipient, 2005 E-Excellence Award from the Tennessee Economic Council on Women, Tennessee Achievement Award (from Governor Don Sundquist), Distinguished Service Award United States Commission on Civil Rights, Service Award National Institutes of Health, four awards from the NAACP, Excellence in Journalism Award Society of Professional Journalists, Contribution to the Development of Youth through Writings Award Business and Professional Women’s Clubs, Dr. Tommie Morton-Young Community Service Award Vanderbilt Black Cultural Center, Distinguished Alumna Award Tennessee State University, Kappa Phi Kappa Honor Society, Honors Award Tennessee Democratic Party, and the 2010 Legacy Award from Scarritt-Bennet Center for efforts in the Harambee Institute that seeks the eradication of racism.

Dr. Morton-Young has been President of the Greensboro Chapter of the American Association of University Women, President of Davidson County Democratic Women, Chair of Advisory Committee USCCR, and President of Guilford County Commission on Needs of Children. She is a past-National Grammateus of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., and founder of (my)SisterKeepers, International Network for Emerging Leaders, and two genealogy societies. Appointed by Governor Phil Bredesen, she is a member of the Tennessee Judicial Council, Middle Tennessee Liaison of the Tennessee Economic Council on Women. She was elected Executive Committeewoman Davidson County Democratic Party and has served the League of Women Voters. Dr. Morton-Young presently writes, serves as consultant, and serves as Director and CEO of the Authentic Tours—Teaching through Tourism, and TMYWORLD, consulting. She is a member of 1st Baptist Church Capitol Hill, where she organized and Chairs the Outreach Ministry.

# Human Rights Advocate Awardee

## Ms. Jocelyn Dan Wurzburg



When Jocelyn Dan Wurzburg was growing up in Memphis in the '40s and '50s, she never anticipated the direction her life would take. The Central High graduate went to Rhodes College on scholarship and married into a prominent family. She had three children, an affluent lifestyle, and thought her life was set.

The assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King in 1968 shattered her belief system. She founded the local Panel of American Women that year and helped facilitate racial reconciliation, bridge differences, and bring some sanity to a city that was devastated. She was a moving force behind the Concerned Women of Memphis and Shelby County, which is credited with helping to avert a second strike by the sanitation workers a year after Dr. King's death. "When I look back over my life, I am particularly proud that we were able to keep another strike from happening," she said. "I am grateful for this award because a lot of people didn't agree with what we were doing back then." Her distinguished history as a civil rights activist, women's rights activist, community leader, pioneer in the field of mediation, and a force for justice and social change are

unparalleled. Drafting Tennessee's first anti-discrimination law in employment and public accommodations and the 1981 Fair Housing amendments to the Tennessee Commission for Human Development Act (now the Tennessee Commission for Human Rights) are important achievements she cites.

Working on this legislation convinced her to go to law school at age 35. She knew early in her legal career that she didn't want to litigate. She pursued mediation in the 1980s and became Memphis' first professional mediator. She helped found the Mediation Association of Tennessee when it was resisted by judges and lawyers alike. She helped found the Association for Women Attorneys and was president of the Family Law and Alternative Dispute Resolution sections of the Memphis Bar Association.

Jocie was the first national chair of the Women and Minorities Task Force of the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism. After a personal experience with discrimination at Rhodes College, her alma mater where she was denied sorority membership because she was Jewish, her father said, "They can't keep you out of the honor society!"

She is a champion of women's rights and has helped the community understand the impact of sexism. One time she had to explain "feminization of poverty" to a Chamber of Commerce leader. She was appointed by President Gerald Ford to the National Commission on the Observance of International Women's Year in 1975 and helped plan the National Women's Conference in Houston in 1977. The devoted jazz fan has served on the WUMR (University of Memphis radio) board of directors and helped found the Jazz Society of Memphis because she's always believed that music could bring people together.

# The Universal Declaration of Human Rights

## **PREAMBLE**

Whereas recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world,

Whereas disregard and contempt for human rights have resulted in barbarous acts which have outraged the conscience of mankind, and the advent of a world in which human beings shall enjoy freedom of speech and belief and freedom from fear and want has been proclaimed as the highest aspiration of the common people,

Whereas it is essential, if man is not to be compelled to have recourse, as a last resort, to rebellion against tyranny and oppression, that human rights should be protected by the rule of law,

Whereas it is essential to promote the development of friendly relations between nations,

Whereas the peoples of the United Nations have in the Charter reaffirmed their faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person and in the equal rights of men and women and have determined to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

Whereas Member States have pledged themselves to achieve, in co-operation with the United Nations, the promotion of universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Whereas a common understanding of these rights and freedoms is of the greatest importance for the full realization of this pledge,

**Now, Therefore THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY proclaims THIS UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS** as a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations, to the end that every individual and every organ of society, keeping this Declaration constantly in mind, shall strive by teaching and education to promote respect for these rights and freedoms and by progressive measures, national and international, to secure their universal and effective recognition and observance, both among the peoples of Member States themselves and among the peoples of territories under their jurisdiction.

### **Article 1.**

All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.

### **Article 2.**

Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. Furthermore, no distinction shall be made on the basis of the political, jurisdictional or international status of the country or territory to which a person belongs, whether it be independent, trust, non-self-governing or under any other limitation of sovereignty.

### **Article 3.**

Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.

*When you first look at my art piece you see a woman laying in a bed. The woman is an angel, and the bed she is lying in is a jail cot. Her orange dress symbolizes the color one always thinks of when you hear the word jail. You can see the light coming through the bars as she lays there showing she is in a cell. I chose to use an angle of us being able to see over her as if we were God; seeing all the innocents that have been put into prison without actually being guilty. The art symbolizes every innocent person that has had their life torn away from them because of a false conviction, showing that we know they are there and that we will do something about it.*

*After this project I actually know my Human Rights, therefore I know others' as well. If I ever saw someone invade or abolish someone's given Human Rights I would have the backing from this knowledge to help restore to them what someone tried to steal away. I would do everything in my power to make sure no one ever took someone else's rights away.*

*Tabitha Abernathy, Age 17*

**Article 4.**

No one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms.

**Article 5.**

No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

**Article 6.**

Everyone has the right to recognition everywhere as a person before the law.

**Article 7.**

All are equal before the law and are entitled without any discrimination to equal protection of the law. All are entitled to equal protection against any discrimination in violation of this Declaration and against any incitement to such discrimination.

**Article 8.**

Everyone has the right to an effective remedy by the competent national tribunals for acts violating the fundamental rights granted him by the constitution or by law.

**Article 9.**

No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile.

**Article 10.**

Everyone is entitled in full equality to a fair and public hearing by an independent and impartial tribunal, in the

determination of his rights and obligations and of any criminal charge against him.

**Article 11.**

(1) Everyone charged with a penal offence has the right to be presumed innocent until proved guilty according to

law in a public trial at which he has had all the guarantees necessary for his defence.

(2) No one shall be held guilty of any penal offence on account of any act or omission which did not constitute a penal offence, under national or international law, at the time when it was committed. Nor shall a heavier penalty be imposed than the one that was applicable at the time the penal offence was committed.

**Article 12.**

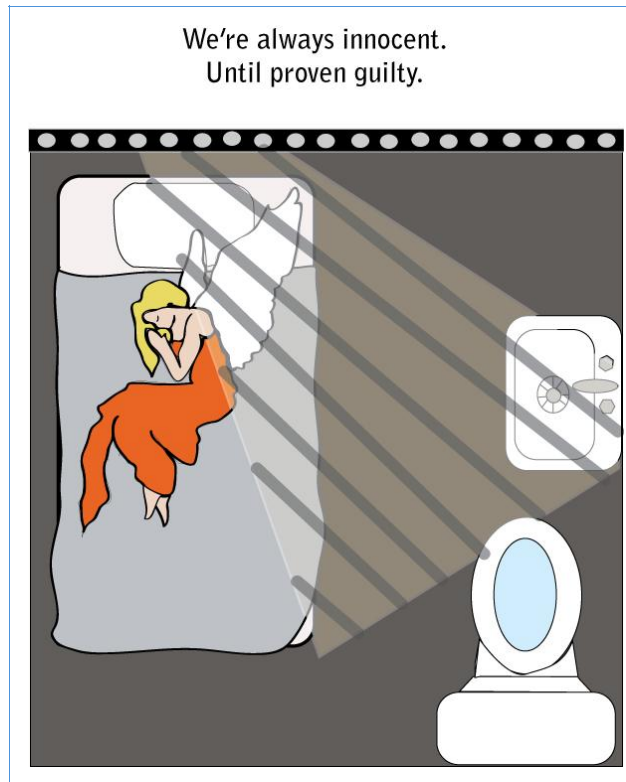
No one shall be subjected to arbitrary interference with his privacy, family, home or correspondence,

nor to attacks upon his honour and reputation. Everyone has the right to the protection of the law against such interference or attacks.

**Article 13.**

(1) Everyone has the right to freedom of movement and residence within the borders of each state.

(2) Everyone has the right to leave any country, including his own, and to return to his country.



**Article 14.**

(1) Everyone has the right to seek and to enjoy in other countries asylum from persecution.

(2) This right may not be invoked in the case of prosecutions genuinely arising from non-political crimes or from acts contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations.

**Article 15.**

(1) Everyone has the right to a nationality.

(2) No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his nationality nor denied the right to change his nationality.

**Article 16.**

(1) Men and women of full age, without any limitation due to race, nationality or religion, have the right to marry and to found a family. They are entitled to equal rights as to marriage, during marriage and at its dissolution.

(2) Marriage shall be entered into only with the free and full consent of the intending spouses.

(3) The family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State.

**Article 17.**

(1) Everyone has the right to own property alone as well as in association with others.

(2) No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his property.

**Article 18.**

Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance.

**Article 19.**

Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers.

**Article 20.**

(1) Everyone has the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association.

(2) No one may be compelled to belong to an association.

**Article 21.**

(1) Everyone has the right to take part in the government of his country, directly or through freely chosen representatives.

(2) Everyone has the right of equal access to public service in his country.

(3) The will of the people shall be the basis of the authority of government; this will shall be expressed in periodic and genuine elections which shall be by universal and equal suffrage and shall be held by secret vote or by equivalent free voting procedures.

**Article 22.**

Everyone, as a member of society, has the right to social security and is entitled to realization, through national effort and international co-operation and in accordance with the organization and resources of each State, of the economic, social and cultural rights indispensable for his dignity and the free development of his personality.

**Article 23.**

(1) Everyone has the right to work, to free choice of employment, to just and favourable conditions of work and to protection against unemployment.

(2) Everyone, without any discrimination, has the right to equal pay for equal work.

(3) Everyone who works has the right to just and favourable remuneration ensuring for himself and his



family an existence worthy of human dignity, and supplemented, if necessary, by other means of social protection.

(4) Everyone has the right to form and to join trade unions for the protection of his interests.

**Article 24.**

Everyone has the right to rest and leisure, including reasonable limitation of working hours and periodic holidays with pay.

**Article 25.**

(1) Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care and necessary social services, and the right to security in the event of unemployment, sickness, disability, widowhood, old age or other lack of livelihood in circumstances beyond his control.

(2) Motherhood and childhood are entitled to special care and assistance. All children, whether born in or out of wedlock, shall enjoy the same social protection.

**Article 26.**

(1) Everyone has the right to education. Education shall be free, at least in the elementary and fundamental stages. Elementary education shall be compulsory. Technical and professional education shall be made generally available and higher education shall be equally accessible to all on the basis of merit.

(2) Education shall be directed to the full development of the human personality and to the strengthening of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. It shall promote understanding, tolerance and friendship among all nations, racial or religious groups, and shall further the activities of the United Nations for the maintenance of peace.

(3) Parents have a prior right to choose the kind of education that shall be given to their children.

**Article 27.**

(1) Everyone has the right freely to participate in the cultural life of the community, to enjoy the arts and to share in scientific advancement and its benefits.

(2) Everyone has the right to the protection of the moral and material interests resulting from any scientific, literary or artistic production of which he is the author.

**Article 28.**

Everyone is entitled to a social and international order in which the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration can be fully realized.

**Article 29.**

(1) Everyone has duties to the community in which alone the free and full development of his personality is possible.

(2) In the exercise of his rights and freedoms, everyone shall be subject only to such limitations as are determined by law solely for the purpose of securing due recognition and respect for the rights and freedoms of others and of meeting the just requirements of morality, public order and the general welfare in a democratic society.

(3) These rights and freedoms may in no case be exercised contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations.

**Article 30.**

Nothing in this Declaration may be interpreted as implying for any State, group or person any right to engage in any activity or to perform any act aimed at the destruction of any of the rights and freedoms set forth herein.

## Tennessee Human Rights Advocacy Groups

This list is a work in progress. If you are aware of changes that should be made or groups who should be added, please contact Rev. Brian Fesler at [brianfesler@gmail.com](mailto:brianfesler@gmail.com) for inclusion in next year's program and an upcoming web directory.

- **ACLU Nashville (615) 320-7142** The goal of the ACLU-TN legal program is to protect and advance civil rights and civil liberties throughout the state by providing guidance, engaging in advocacy, and (as a last resort) litigation.
- **ADAPT of Tennessee (901) 726-6404** Organizes disability rights activists to engage in nonviolent direct action, to assure the civil and human rights of people with disabilities.
- **Americans United for Separation of Church and State (615) 646-9946** The Nashville Chapter of Americans United acts as a watchdog for violations of separation of church and state to ensure the religious liberty of all.
- **Amnesty International (615) 329-0048** A worldwide campaigning movement that works to promote internationally recognized human rights. It is dedicated to freeing prisoners of conscience, gaining fair trials for political prisoners, ending torture, political killings and "disappearances," and abolishing the death penalty around the world.
- **Bring Urban Recycling to Nashville Today (BURNT) (615) 385-7214** Advocates research-based sustainable environmental policies by participating in local and state government sessions/public hearings, hosting events, distributing educational materials, and pursuing legal action.
- **Catholic Charities of Tennessee (615) 352-3087** Following the example of Christ, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Nashville develops and provides human services which enhance and enrich the quality of life for people in need.
- **Church of Scientology (615) 687-4600** Works to educate people in basic human rights and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights through distribution of secular literature and audio-visual presentations. For more information, visit: [www.scientology.org](http://www.scientology.org).
- **Coalition for Education on Immigration (615) 414-2396** The Coalition for Education about Immigration (CEI) is a grassroots organization devoted to facilitating educated, rational and informed conversation on immigration and related issues.
- **Community Nashville (615) 327-1755** The National Conference of Christians and Jews, is a human relations organization dedicated to fighting bias, bigotry and racism. Community Nashville promotes understanding and respect among all races, religions and cultures through advocacy and education
- **Conexion Americas (615) 320-5152** The mission of Conexion Americas is to help Latino families realize their aspirations for social and economic advancement by promoting their integration into the Middle Tennessee community.
- **Earth Matters (615) 252-6953** Provides hands-on environmental education through practical, neighborhood based, eco-involvement and activities. It is a dynamic group of environmental educators dedicated to growing healthy communities thru GRACE: Gardening, Recycling, Activism, Composting, and Education.
- **Emma Center (615) 262-3366** An Integrative center for creativity, learning, and community in urban Nashville. The center is dedicated to the memory of Emma Goldman, 20th century feminist and anarchist, and is structured to carry on the tradition of community action, collectivism, and education.
- **First Unitarian Universalist Church: Social Concerns & Action Committee (615) 383-5760** The Social Concerns & Action Committee works on behalf of the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Nashville to "...help build a world where each person's inherent worth and dignity is affirmed."
- **Galaxy Star Drug Awareness (615) 262-0136** Galaxy Star Drug Awareness was created in June 2001, by founders Lonnie Greenlee and co-founders Mary Horn and Clemmie Greenlee. Having personal experience with the correlating problems of homelessness and addiction, they decided they were uniquely qualified to bring a message of love, hope and help to those who still suffered.
- **Greater Nashville Unitarian Universalist Congregation (615) 673-7699** GNUUC's mission is to be a visible center for worship and religious education; a force for social justice and a diverse and welcoming community distinguished by an emphasis on lifelong learning and works of imagination – especially music, poetry, and the visual arts – as sources of spiritual vitality.
- **Homeless Power Project (615) 414-3788** A group of Nashville homeless and formerly homeless working to confront the root causes of homelessness and develop concrete solutions within the Nashville community.



- **Interdenominational Ministers' Fellowship (615) 329-2990** Provides a forum for the area's clergy to come together and discuss issues pertinent to all.
- **Interfaith Alliance of Middle Tennessee (615) 333-0462** Works to promote interfaith cooperation around shared religious values to strengthen the public's commitment to the American values of civic participation, freedom of religion, diversity, and civility in public discourse and to encourage the active involvement of people of faith in the nation's political life.
- **Justice for Our Neighbors (615) 823-1945** The mission of JFON is four-fold: to provide high quality immigration legal services, to create an atmosphere of welcome for immigrants, to educate others around the issue of immigration, and to advocate for lasting policy change on both a local and federal level.
- **Manna, Inc. (615) 385-2286** Fights hunger in Tennessee. Sponsors 1,000,000 meals for children each year, connects people to food assistance, works with participants in benefit programs to promote changes.
- **MediationWorks! (615) 256-2206** Educates in the skills of conflict resolution, anger management, anti-bullying and anti-gang strategies.
- **Metropolitan Human Relations Commission (615) 880-3370** The local compliance enforcement agency to receive and resolve complaints of discrimination and perceived discrimination. Our responsibility to resolve complaints and carry out educational programs extends through areas of employment, housing, financial services and commercial transactions, public accommodations, and the provision of city activities and services.
- **Middle Tennessee Jobs with Justice (615) 545 5056** Fights for justice in the workforce by building the movement for workers' rights and economic justice.
- **Mideast Peace Coalition (615) 650-8868** Initially formed around the first Gulf War, the Mideast Peace Coalition has transformed itself into a very interesting reading group.
- **NAACP of Tennessee (731) 660-5580** Formed in 1909, by a multiracial group of progressive thinkers, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is a non-profit organization established with the objective of insuring the political, educational, social and economic equality of minority groups
- **Nashville Conflict Resolution Center (615) 242-9272** Seeks to improve the lives of Nashville-area residents, by providing a board range of mediation services and teaching effective non-violent conflict resolution skills.
- **Nashville Peace and Justice Center (615) 333-5700** A community-based, multi-issue center for Middle Tennessee promoting peacemaking, human rights, and social and environmental justice in our society and world.
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (615) 361-6608** A self-help organization of people with mental illness, their families and friends. Thirty-three local NAMI affiliates offer support groups, education and advocacy.
- **National Organization of Women (615) 269-7141** The Nashville chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW) is dedicated to making legal, political, social and economic change in our society in order to achieve our goal, which is to eliminate sexism and end all oppression.
- **Organized Neighbors of Edgehill (615) 256-4617** Organizes people based on issues of interest to the community such as crime, education, housing, welfare reform, and zoning.
- **Peace Roots Alliance (931) 964-2119** The activist branch of The Farm, an intentional community, the Peace Roots Alliance seeks to create a just and sustainable world for future generations by emphasizing our common humanity, promoting nonviolence, and working to remove the root causes of war. They sponsor More Than Warmth, a project bringing quilts to children in war-torn countries and a project for Conscientious Objectors run by veterans.
- **Radio Free Nashville (615) 662-8558** A low-power community radio broadcast for diverse and alternative music, voices, and viewpoints generally ignored or misrepresented by the corporate media.
- **Sudanese Community & Women's Service Center (615) 315-9681** The Sudanese Community and Women's Services Center is a non-profit, community-based organization dedicated to empowering refugees and immigrants who have resettled in Middle Tennessee through direct social services and educational programs.
- **Tennesseans for Fair Taxation (615) 227-7584** A statewide coalition working to create a fairer and more modern tax system that invests in Tennessee and its communities for the benefit of all.
- **Tennessee AFL-CIO Labor Council (615) 269-7111** The Tennessee AFL-CIO Labor Council is the state's umbrella labor organization for over 36 International Unions, representing 273 Local Unions and over 80,000 workers across the state.

- **Tennessee Alliance for Progress (615) 226-8070** TAP is engaged in a variety of projects to build a statewide network of progressive organizations and creating a new paradigm for our society based on democratic values and the idea that we're all in this together.
- **Tennessee Citizen Action (615) 244-2494** Fights for consumer rights. Passed the first legislation regulating the predatory lending practices of mortgage lenders, and we are working to limit the harmful activities associated with title and payday loans, check cashing companies, and tax advances.
- **Tennessee Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence (615) 386-9406** A non-profit organization composed of diverse community leaders and program members who share a common vision of ending violence in the lives of Tennesseans.
- **Tennessee Coalition to Abolish State Killing (615) 256-3906** Promotes alternatives to capital punishment in Tennessee, respecting the community's legitimate concerns for public safety and supporting public policy that enables the healing of victims.
- **Tennessee Conference on Social Welfare (615) 313-9980** Promotes social and economic well-being of Tennesseans through advocacy and service; encourages statewide program development; and fosters cooperative efforts between public and private sectors.
- **Tennessee Disability Coalition (615) 383-9442** A statewide alliance of disability organizations and individuals whose purpose is to assure that individuals with disabilities have access to services promoting inclusion, independence and productivity.
- **Tennessee Environmental Council (615) 248-6500** Working across Tennessee for more than 30 years to protect the environment and public health. From your community to the State capitol, TEC advocates for everyone.
- **Tennessee Equality Project (615) 390-5252** The Tennessee Equality Project's mission is to promote and sustain the equality of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons in the State of Tennessee. [www.TNEP.org](http://www.TNEP.org).
- **Tennessee Fair Housing Council 874-2344** The Tennessee Fair Housing Council provides education and enforcement activities to promote equal housing opportunities for all Tennesseans.
- **Tennessee Health Care Campaign (615) 227-7500** Working for affordable and quality health insurance for all Tennesseans, especially children. Support our work and/or call and volunteer.
- **Tennessee Human Rights Commission (615) 741-5825** The Tennessee Human Rights Commission is an independent state agency responsible for enforcing the Tennessee Human Rights Acts which works to identify, prevent and eliminate discrimination in housing, employment and public accommodations through the receipt, investigation, and litigation of allegations of discrimination throughout the state of Tennessee.
- **Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition (615) 833-0384** A statewide coalition empowering immigrants and refugees to defend their rights and create an atmosphere in which they are viewed as positive contributors to Tennessee.
- **Tennessee Justice Center (615) 255-0331** The Tennessee Justice Center is a non-profit, public interest law and advocacy firm serving the poor.
- **Tennessee Literacy Coalition (615) 259-3700** Providing support, information and services to adult education providers, learners, volunteers and the public since 1983, with the goal of achieving a fully literate Tennessee.
- **The Urban Epicenter urbanepicenter@gmail.com** Organizes and directs action for racial and economic justice in social and political activities in Nashville.
- **United Nations Association (615) 269-3949** The United Nations Association of the United States of America is a nonprofit membership organization dedicated to building understanding of and support for the ideals and vital work of the United Nations among American people.
- **Veterans for Peace (615) 292-5608** Middle Tennessee Veterans for Peace is active in speaking in high schools doing counter-recruitment, making sure that there is a conscientious vet's voice to contrast the hype about war on the evening news.
- **War Resisters League (615) 322-9523** The War Resisters League is an organization of pacifists who refuse participation in wars; support those who refuse military drafts and other conscientious objectors to war; as well as organize, educate, and direct nonviolent action to oppose war and the economic and social causes of war.
- **Youth Speaks Nashville info@youthspeaksnashville.org** Through the literary and performing arts, Youth Speaks Nashville offers creative solutions for youth to build literacy and presentation skills, reconnect to their education and to their lives, and act as leaders in the improvement of their communities.



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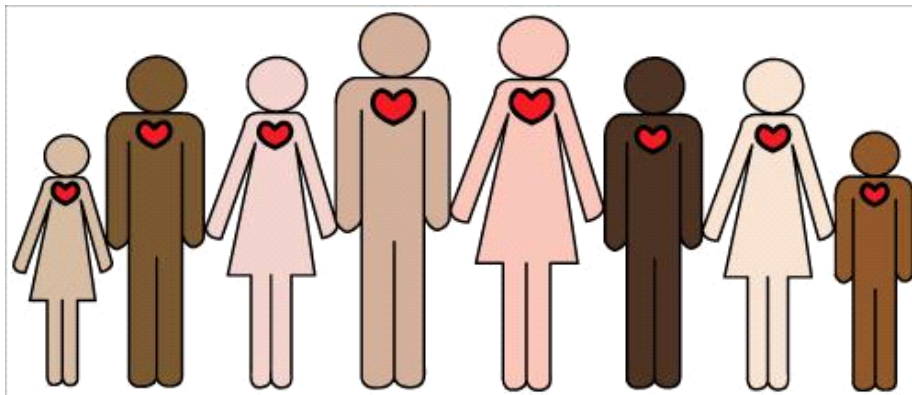
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*I did not want to overcomplicate my drawing and the same applies for the message. It is all very simple. My piece visually displays eight people-- all different races, all different colors, nationalities, ethnicities, and cultural backgrounds. But the point and focus of it are the hearts. The heart remains constant in every person and is the representation of the soul and a person's character. It is symbolic of humanity which does not differ from person to person. We are all capable of the same things if everyone is given an equal chance. ~Fabiola Lopez, Age 17*