

Historic boycott posters exhibit coming to Tacoma

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A collection of historic boycott posters will be exhibited at Urban Grace, the downtown church, located at 902 Market St (at South 9th) from July 2 through July 16 (dates & times below). An opening reception of the exhibit, featuring UWT's Beverly Naidus, will be held on Thursday, July 2 from 4-6 pm.

These posters provide a visual history of economic activism over the last 60 years. "Posters are one of the best ways to let people know about an issue and inspire action," said Andrea Shapiro of the Tacoma chapter of Jewish Voice for Peace, the local sponsor of the exhibition. "Boycotts are a form of nonviolent protest and have been used for centuries to bring an end to injustice. These posters tell a history of grassroots activism that is often left out of history books."

Boycott! The Art of Economic Activism features 58 posters from more than twenty boycotts over the last 60+ years, including the Montgomery Bus Boycott, United Farm Workers' grape and lettuce boycotts, divestment from South Africa to protest Apartheid, boycotts of corporations using sweatshops, the Palestinian call for Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions, and many others.

Beverly Naidus, on the faculty at UWT, will be making a short presentation at the opening reception (July 2, 4-6pm): Irresistible Resistance – Compelling Images of Art for Social Change. Naidus is both a scholar and an artist, her art having the focus of advancing social change.

The exhibition was initiated by the American Friends Service Committee, a Quaker organization that promotes lasting peace with justice, and produced in collaboration with the Center for the Study of Political Graphics. "We hope that viewers will be challenged to evaluate their economic choices and to consider whether or not our choices contribute to a more just and peaceful world," said Jennifer Bing, of the American Friends Service Committee and national coordinator of the Exhibition.

Boycott! The Art of Economic Activism will be shown at Urban Grace until July 16 continuing on to other locations throughout the United States including Oregon, New York, Iowa, Vermont and Ohio. For more information about the exhibition, visit www.afsc.org/boycott

DATES AND TIMES TO SEE THIS EXHIBIT:

July 2-16

Tuesday & Thursday: Noon to 6:00 pm

Friday through Sunday: 1:00 to 5:00 pm

(closed July 4th)

Opening Reception: Thursday, July 2, 4-6 pm