Social Justice through Economic Resistance

A Pendle Hill conference for inspiration, education, networking, and action produced with support from The American Friends Service Committee and Philadelphians Organized to Witness, Empower and Rebuild

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From the Free Produce Movement to abolish slavery, to the Montgomery Bus Boycott, to divestment campaigns to end apartheid in South Africa, people of faith and workers have applied collective economic resistance to pursue greater freedom, dignity, justice, and peace.

How can we apply the wisdom of our elders to the unique realities of our own time? Disputes about the morality and efficacy of using economic resistance tactics have stirred controversy in faith communities, including among Quakers. We will examine how boycotts, strikes, divestment, and similar tactics have been used successfully to achieve greater justice and equality nonviolently and how they can be applied to the particular challenges of the 21st century.

Join us to:

- Learn about the history and current use of economic resistance tactics of divestment, boycott, sanctions, and bargaining from those directly involved;
- Examine the unique challenges and opportunities of economic resistance in the twenty first century;
  - Consider and discuss the unique role of unions in bargaining for the common good;
  - Process our experiences and reflections in small groups.

Among our confirmed speakers:

Kate Aronoff
Dalit Baum
Eileen Flanagan
Anthony Giancatarino
Rev. Gregory Holston

Workshops provided by organizers, journalists, and representatives from the Pennsylvania Association of Staff Nurses and Allied Professionals, Philadelphians Organized to Witness Empower and Rebuild (POWER), 215 People’s Alliance, Earth Quaker Action Team, and the American Friends Service Committee.