

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

3/1/11

(Standup Week 303)

Tuesday, 6pm–7pm

Why are we in Iraq?

Not because of weapons of mass destruction. **Not** because Iraq was involved in 9/11. **Not** because Iraq was a threat to our national security.

What have we gotten?

In Iraq

US military dead: **4,439**
US military wounded: **32,987**
Iraqi civilians killed: **108,940***
Money spent on war: **\$776 billion**

In Afghanistan

US military dead: **1,483**
US military wounded: **10,407**
Afghani civilians killed: **16,418**
Money spent on war: **\$382 billion**

Who are we?

Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War has pledged to “Stand Up” until the war ends and the troops come home safely.

Every Tuesday evening at 6 pm (rain or shine), **Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War** assembles on the northwest corner of 8th Avenue and 24th Street to facilitate “**Chelsea Stands Up Against the War,**” a community protest against the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

We carry banners, signs, and candles as we gather for one hour each week to protest the war in Iraq. We distribute this newsletter, peace buttons, collect signatures on petitions and speak with our neighbors about the need to end war in Iraq. The **Stand Up** make a dramatic statement to passing vehicular traffic on 8th avenue.

Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War is an all-volunteer organization that wants to build the broadest possible neighborhood consensus. With that goal in mind, the organization is open to all and functions by consensus.

Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War is not formally affiliated with any other organization but is willing to work with all groups and individuals who are committed to ending this illegal and immoral war fought by our fellow citizens, paid for with our tax dollars, and prosecuted in our name.

*The recent Johns Hopkins/Lancet report places the figure at 655,000+

The cost of war, the cost of peace

By Sister Kathleen Ries

There is a cost to war and there is also a cost for peace. The question is: For which are we willing to pay the price? One has only to consider the journey of Jesus, Gandhi, Martin Luther King; all who espoused non-violence. All gave their lives to make it possible for others to live—to be secure, to be free, to live in peace with their brothers and sisters. What Jesus and Gandhi did was not so people would agree with them, or do the same things they did. The point was that others would come to a deepened consciousness of their responsibility to the earth, to their neighbors, to themselves and human issues would be sharpened to the point where they would “do their thing”—a good thing, a human thing for the common good of all.

“Of course, let us have peace,” we cry, “but at the same time let us have normalcy, let us lose nothing, let our lives stand intact, let us know neither prison nor ill repute nor disruption of any kind.”* And there is no peace because the making of peace is as costly as the making of war, and as disruptive. There is a cost to discipleship.

*Taken from Daniel Berrigan, “Essential Writings: Modern Masters Series”, Orbis Press.



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