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The Washington City Church of the Brethren is pleased to host *Peacemaking Journeys: an evening of stories and Playback Theater* on Saturday, May 22, 2004 at 7:30 PM.

Peacemaking Journeys invites us to recall our desires for a peaceable world and our stories of peace making. Through Playback Theater audience members tell a brief personal story and watch it enacted on the spot. In the magic of Playback, every story is unique yet universal when we rediscover our common humanity.

The community event features Dumbarton Playback (Dumbarton United Methodist Church) and the Jubilee Troupe in its Washington, DC debut.

The Church of the Brethren is located at 337 N. Carolina Ave. SE (S. Capitol Metro). Admission is free. A freewill offering will be taken. Please call for reservations or directions to the church, (202) 547-5924.

Dumbarton Playback gives five performances a year to benefit a variety of social justice programs. It is based at the Dumbarton United Methodist Church, 3133 Dumbarton Street NW. Members participating in Peacemaking Journeys include: Arlene Kiely, Gaye Meyer, David Rice and Joan Countryman.

The Jubilee Troupe is an ensemble from across the United States dedicated to sharing messages of reconciliation and renewal – locally and globally – through interactive, improvisational arts. For Peacemaking Journeys, its members include: Christopher Fitz (DC), Shalom Black (MD), Christina Cruz (PA), Myra Martin-Adkins (DC), Gloria Newton (CA), Chris Palgrove (MD) and Gwen Edwards (TN). See also: <http://jubileetroupe.org>

Capitol Hill resident and Jubilee Troupe director Christopher Fitz is excited. “It’s an adventurous collaboration and an opportunity to gather and connect this community.”

“I think there are a lot of people disheartened by our country’s recent involvement in wars around the world. This event is about empowering those concerns by giving voice to the community’s stories. Many in this community have a deep life story working for peace, and ironically, that’s what we tap to experience renewal.”

Playback Theater is an improvisational form played around the world, often with powerful effect in the communities that receive it. See: <http://playbacknet.org/school>

The event is a program of the Washington City Church of the Brethren Peace Lectureship.

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