

**Stop Blackwater Conference and Catholic Worker  
Regional Retreat Schedule  
April 24-27**

**Friday April 24<sup>th</sup>**

**5pm - ?**

**Gathering with introductions, music, and fun**

**Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 to 9:00 Check-In Meet & Greet**

**9:00 to 9:15 Official Welcome & Group Identification  
With Layout & Logistics**

**9:15 to 9:45 Morning Keynote: Kathy Kelly**

**9:45 to 11:00 Panel Discussion and Open Forum**

**Panel: Christian Stalberg founder of Blackwater  
Watch, David Wiley of San Diego STOP  
Blackwater, and Dan Kenney/Mary Shesgreen of  
Illinois Clearwater to Stop Blackwater**

**Panelists will share experiences with Blackwater in their areas of the  
country & updates; followed by an open forum discussion. Focus of  
discussion will be ways to address the issue of private mercenaries  
going forward.**

**11:00 to 11:10 Break**

**11:10 to 12:00 Morning Breakouts**

**A) Privatization of War & Security**

**Dan Kenney**

**B) Legislative Work In Illinois**

**Mary Shesgreen**

**C) History of Clearwater**

**Marcia Bernsten**

**D) Civil Disobedience Experiences from  
North Carolina**

**Catholic Workers**

**E) Update from California  
David Wiley**

- 12:00 to 1:00 Lunch (Sack Lunches available for a donation)**
- 1:00 to 1:15 Announcement of the Black Planet Award  
By Diane Wilson Co-Founder of  
Codepink and Col. Ann Wright**
- 1:15 to 1:30 Announcement of Blackwater as the 2008  
Hall of Shame Designee by  
Corporate Accountability**
- 1:30 to 2:30 Keynote: Jeremy Scahill**
- 2:30 to 2:45 Break**
- 2:45 to 3:45 Afternoon Breakouts**  
**A) Who Are Catholic Workers  
Mary Moody of New Hope  
Catholic Worker Farm**  
**B) Why Civil Disobedience  
Rosalie Riegler Author of  
“Voices From CW”**  
**C) Discussion Group of Local Residents  
Chaired by Mary Shesgreen/  
Fred Turk**
- 3:45 to 4:00 Break**
- 4:00 to 5:00 Open Forum: Where Do We Go From Here:  
A to Xe Strategies to turn the tide of War for Profit**
- 5:00 to 7:00 Time for Dinner and Reflection**
- 7:00 to ? Concert with Anne Feeney and David Stocker  
& Local Musicians**

## **Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup>**

**10am Joint Service with the Unitarian Universalist  
Church And Midwest Catholic Workers**

**Afternoon will be spent on Community Building, nonviolence training facilitated by Voices for Creative Nonviolence and Action Planning Sessions led by Brian Terrell of the Maloy IA Catholic Worker. (Anyone planning to participate in Monday's action at the gate of Blackwater's Midwest Training site must attend Sunday's non-violence training and agree to abide by the Statement of Non-Violence set forth.)**

## **Monday April 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Direct Action With Civil Disobedience at Blackwater Midwest site on Skunk Hallow Road just 20 miles of Stockton and 7 miles north of Mt. Carroll, in Jo Daviess County. All participants in this demonstration will abide by the Voices for Creative Non-Violence nonviolent guidelines. There will be no destruction of property.**

**Conference Location:  
Unitarian Universalist Church \*  
219 North Pearl Street  
Stockton IL 61085**

**\*The Church is not a sponsor they are renting the space for this conference.**

**This Retreat and Conference is Sponsored By: Midwest Catholic Workers' Communities and the Clearwater Citizens' Group to Stop Blackwater.**

**Co-Sponsors Include: Voices for Creative Non-Violence, Colombia Support Network, De Kalb Interfaith Network for Peace and Justice, Peace Majority Report, American Friends Service Committee (Illinois), North Shore Coalition for Peace**

**and Justice, North Suburban Peace Initiative, and Neighbors for Peace**

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