

Well, be sure to visit our website, officeoftheamericas.org, where you'll find lists and tips and inspiration for organizing at this critical time. I'm privileged to have today one of the great peace organizers of our time. She's a founder of the Office of the Americas, and represents the very soul of our work for almost half a century. We became a non-profit educational corporation in 1983 because our previous work had grown to such a scale that we could no longer operate without a legal structure. So I give thanks daily for leaving the institutional clergy and sharing my life with the light of my life, today's guest, Theresa Bonpane. Theresa, where were you yesterday?

Theresa: Hi everybody! Well, we were all out yesterday with - what is the latest number? - 750,000 marchers, and it was one of the most thrilling days of my life after what, all these 81 years of being out there. It was so inspirational. It made me realize - so many of us spent Friday feeling very sad, the inauguration of Donald Trump was a very sad, scary day. Saturday was the exact opposite. It was miraculous. I have never seen anything like it, and not only the numbers - amazing, amazing, millions all over the world in solidarity with us. As Blase said, we're going to get back to some tips for you as well. But I just wanted to mention that when we were organizing in the sixties, there was mass organization against the Vietnam War. Then in the 80s, the Central American and immigrant movements grew very large. But we noticed, as we went through these decades of organizing, everyone was getting older and older and older. In the 80s we began that to realize that many of us were appearing with our white hair and our canes. Many of the people out there. Then along came Occupy LA. And a song was written about "at last, the youth are coming out with us." Yesterday, of the 750,000 people on the street, I didn't run in to a single person I knew, which is a good sign, and the majority of the people - well, we were among the very few white haired older people, and though we were proud to be there, we were thrilled to see the young people out there. We realized that Occupy LA helped prepared us for the Sanders phenomenon. He got fourteen million votes. A socialist got fourteen million votes in the United States of America! He brought out the youth.

Well, speaking of youth, I'm going to say a little word about youth now, because in this room with us, and we're broadcasting from our home office, and we are with the youth of tomorrow. Two of my grandchildren and two of their friends who were at the demonstration are here with us. I'm going to chat with them.

Tara, are you going to speak first, and tell them about your sign?

Tara: Hi, I'm nine years old. My name is Tara. For the march I made a sign that was: "Don't Mourn, Organize." What that means to me is don't sit around moaning and crying that Donald Trump won. Do something about it. Donald

Trump needs to know that women's rights are human rights. (*Applause*)

Peggy: My name is Peggy and I'm seven and my sign said: "Girl Power." And there's a heart and an arrow and its says Girl's Rule.

Tara: I just want to say that Donald Trump doesn't have the right to take away women's rights. My sign says Equality for All and that My Future Matters because I don't want to live with someone who's building walls and taking rights away. I'm nine years old.

Jana: My name is Jana and I'm eight years old. And my sign said, "Kindness Is Everything." Everyone should go together and be kind to each other. Everybody gathered and took time to see each other, and...

Blase: I'm very fortunate to have the grandchildren here with their friends. This is the best thing that's ever happened on this program. My daughter is also here, Dr. Londono. Would you care to make a statement.

Dr. Londono: I thought the march was amazing and it was great to see so many young people, as my mother said, and everybody was very peaceful and respectful and I was so happy to see that because sometimes people come in who don't have the same values that we do and kind of ruin it for everybody else. And we didn't see any of that yesterday. And that was wonderful. A great community just came together.

Blase: Friends, we saw the largest demonstration in the history of the United States, or certainly one of the largest, and one of the largest in world history as well. 750,000! We have to make it clear that the president governs with the consent of the governed. If there's no consent of the governed - and what I kept hearing in my mind yesterday was resign resign resign! - so this was historic, not only in the United States by all over the world, the entire world, and as Theresa said, we do thank the Occupy Movement and those that began this thrust from the base which is what democracy is about. The whole world is denouncing hate. The largest percentage of people who came out was in the city of Palmer, Alaska, it may have been the majority of the city. The theme I heard when listening to the people is: We're better than that. We're better than racism or any kind of militarism. We're better than that. We're the people, and we have to have a government that is in touch with the people. We would like to have healthcare. Everyone was talking about that. We're proud of the healthcare system that provides healthcare for people over 65. Medicare is

administered for 2 percent of the money that goes into it. That's an amazing low administrative cost, and we'd like to see the same efficiency for everyone. We'd like to remove the 65 so we have a Medicare for All system. It would be very simple. Trump likes things simple. Just do that. Take it down all the way. Give it to everybody as the civilized world has done. Medicare for All, a universal system that all civilized countries provide for their citizens today.

therwise we join John Lewis in saying there no legitimacy. Legitimacy? There is no moral compass. No regard for what is true and what is false. Theresa do you have other comments.

Theresa: I hope you enjoyed the children here with us today. I'm not sure if you could hear Diana as well. Her voice was sweet and low. Basically, she said, among other things, that happiness is at the core, that kindness is at the core of everything, and that we should all try to be kind to one another. That's a very important message that she always reminds us of. Thank you for listening to our grandchildren and their friends. They made their signs the night before the march, and we saw so many other children there during the march yesterday, it was so amazing. I alluded again to the fact that for all these years we'd just see one another over and over again. But yesterday, it was so wonderful so see so many people, and I just hope we're going to see much more of it, and I know that we are. One of the things that amazed me yesterday was the world's response, as well as our whole country, and I can't wait to see the tallying up of the final figures. But the world responded as well. It was not only a response of solidarity; it might have been something as a preventive message as well, telling their countries that if they try to do what Trump's doing, be prepared because this is what you're going to get. Trump talks about Brexit, and abolishing that, the people in Europe who are thinking along the lines that he's thinking might have a second thought.

The other thing that struck me. Kamala Harris, when she spoke in Washington, she said: "When people say speak to us about women's issues, I always say: wonderful. Let's talk about women's issues. Let's start with the economy, and wages, and equal wages." Let's talk about climate change, another women's issue. Women bearing children and bringing new children into our world - climate change is definitely a women's issue. Social security. What about our senior citizens, women and men - they are affected by what he wants to do with social security and medicare. So she reminded us that every issue is a woman's issue. Women's issues are global issues, everyone's issues. Women have more reason to organize because they've been put aside for so many more years - and we hope these things are gone for ever with the wonderful participation of our people.

One thing I want to say is the constant talking among movement groups, and all

the organizations that made the Women's March happen - I want to let everyone know that our assistance at the Office of the Americas, Ann Miller, has devised a webpage for us that encourages everyone to follow Joe Hill's Don't Mourn, Organize, on our website and she will be adding to it. She'll be compiling links so you can quickly find out what's happening, where it's happening, how to get there, and as you all know now, you who are literate on the beautiful internet, you know that you can put in your zip code and click a button and find out what's going on nearby. This is the kind of organizing that happened yesterday. Making is easier and more efficient to organize. But you still have to do it and get out there when actions and rallies take place. We need street work and internet work. We congratulate Ann and Rose Erin for helping pull this together. Those are some of the things. I did notice yesterday an article about We the People posters which I'm sure you saw yesterday, beautiful posters that show our movement. And they can be downloaded online. Rebellions Are Built on Hope is also available.

Maybe you woke up today feeling down. You had breakfast. The sun rose somewhere behind clouds. And you like many may feel that fear and hate have won the day. But the truth is that Trump didn't win anywhere near have of us. The truth is 80 percent of us did not vote for Trump. And we 80 percent represent hope. We are a supermajority. We must rebel. We must be a sanctuary. We can be the alternative. Trump's presidency is built on fear. Movements are built on hope. Eighty percent represents hope. What will our rebellion look like?

The title of our program today is Celebration of Resistance and Hope. We should think in terms of celebration of hope and rebellion. It's too easy in these tragic days to just go into despair. We don't have the luxury to do that. One thing we learned from the Central American peace movement was that hope also requires music. And I think that we have, after Blase gives us a few words, we'll go back to Paul Robson.

Blase: Thank you, Theresa. Like John Lewis, we do not think that the administration is legitimate. This is not unusual, however - we felt that way about many administration. The lack of a moral compass, truth, ethics, or international and national law is disqualifying and completely delegitimizing. Autocratic power defines truth as anything it says, without reference to facts and reality. It's an old story. So protesting presidential politics is nothing new to many of us. We protested the escalation of war by Lyndon Baines Johnson. We protested the holocaust carried out by Nixon and his toxic protege Henry Kissinger. We protested Gerald Ford in Indonesia, Jimmy Carter in Central America, Ronald Reagan in Central America. We protested President George HW Bush and his massive bombing of Baghdad in 1991. We protested Bill Clinton in Yugoslavia and Iraq. We protested the fraudulent election of George

Bush and together with 15 million people in the world's largest peace demonstration in human history against the war on Iraq. We were joined by the families of the victims of 9/11 demanding No War! In every case, the government gave us the same answer: We don't care what you want. We supported the hope expressed in the Barak Obama campaign. We admired his intelligence and communication skills. We differed with him on Afghanistan; there was no cause for war on a country where terrorists *might be hiding*. Would we have attacked Canada if we thought the planners of 9/11 were hiding there? We knew, like most of the people in the world, that the 9/11 attacks were the work of international criminals, not the work of a nation. Sixty other nations helped us, offered to help us - but war was our objective.

Great disillusionment came when the Obama administration was so supportive of the war. So what we're dealing with is not new. It's just more urgent, with more environmental and nuclear dangers threatening. Unfortunately, Obama increased military spending, continued attacking Iraq and violently occupying Afghanistan, and we're now helping to destroy Mosul. He radically expanded presidential war powers, which he's bequeathing to his successor. Each president does a lot of harm. Each one must be protested and resisted and impeached and removed for any of the abundant good reasons that flow from their acts. So we want to promote a positive vision. We can move forward to a better future with reduced military spending making possible what we don't even dream of. We have to be vocal and global. We have to build power in towns and cities and states, and build alliances, and we have to take on Washington. We have to realize what we're up against. We've seen our people out there, and we're so proud of what they have been doing. What happened yesterday and will continue to happen. We are together with opposition to the new president, together with his eight other human beings who have more wealth than almost half the American population. We don't believe the presidency is there to serve a little cabal of people. The new leadership personifies the failures of the economic system, when so many people are living on nothing while 8 people have more than half the country. Those are the things we have to change.

We heard a lot of talk recently about democratic socialism. We heard that from Bernie Sanders. We were very proud of him. It means an economy based on the felt needs of the people - the things you actually need and want, like medical care as a right, education as a right, as appears in the International Declaration of Human Rights. Those needs have been easily identified by competent sociology and political thinkers. At the center of the target is a bullseye that represents all the basic needs of the human race. That bullseye represents housing, medical care, education and nutrition. These are fundamental rights

that must never be ignored. And we are completely off the scale in this society. Here a tiny little island, Cuba, offers healthcare and education to all, and we claim we can't. We simply don't have the will, that's all. So the richest nation in the world fails with respect to these basic needs. In a democratic socialist society, these super eight people would not have the right to half the wealth. Distributive justice is a *requirement*. We must deal with this. We've been there before - and we're here again.

We must show solidarity with people throughout the world. The children of Iraq are not our *enemy*. The children of Afghanistan are not our enemy. One third of the people killed in Afghanistan have been children. We look back and we see that our government has spent billions to stop the revolutions in Central America, and that the US illegally sold arms to the Ayotollah Khomeini to finance a mercenary war against the Sandanista government. Tens of thousands of us worked from 1979 to 1990 in Central America in solidarity with the people. Now, Theresa founded the Office of the Americas after creating this solidarity work, which we'd been doing for a long time before we incorporated as a non-profit educational institution. Solidarity is important. It means you are with the people of Standing Rock. With Black Lives Matter. With those who are unjustly imprisoned. We have 25 percent of the world's prisoners in our country. This is what solidarity means. We have a history of it. A history of being in solidarity with people. We want to continue that history. I hope you'll say a word about it, Theresa.

Theresa: Glad to. In all of these years, we've had amazing ups and downs, successes and so-called failures - and even in the failures, we continue moving toward our goals. I think this is what we're all about today. What KPFK is about. We can't let KPFK go down. It's all we have on the media front right now. We've been getting the truth for all these years. And I notice that many of the programmers, when they do their usual wonderful educational treatises on the air, many of them are using part of that time to also tell people what they can do. This is wonderful that KPFK - several of the programmers that I listen to regularly - they're always talking about what you can do, how you can get involved, etc. And I think that this is the goal of peace work, to educate, to organize, to motivate, to inspire, and that's what the Office of the Americas has been trying to do all these years, and certainly what KPFK has been trying to do all these years. And I'm going to remind you one more time that if you go to officeoftheamericas.org, be careful that the address doesn't jump to dot com. It happened this week, and it's a scam and a way to get names and addresses. So be sure you type in .org, not .com.

Ann has a wonderful list there with many tips, and the programmers are doing this on their programs too. You can get Ann's list at our website and start just

using a portion of the program to let people know how they can get active by joining in efforts already going on. There was an article this week about Butan and the happiness index of that country. And I thought it was appropriate at this time that the founder of the movement in Butan said "people feel happy when they see something ethical. When you think you have done something right and brave and courageous, you can continuously recharge yourself as a meaningful actor. Something which makes you pause and think, this is beautiful, meaningful and ethical - well , that's what yesterday's women's march was, and I was so energized after all the depression I felt with the electoral disaster. Si se puede. Come with us, be part of KPFK and OOA, come with us, go to our website, find out what else is happening. I would like to say one last thing about Joe Hill, and why we want to go back to that song. This is one of the statements: If the worker's take a notion, they can stop all speeding trains, every ship upon the ocean they can tie with mighty chains. Every wheel in the creation, every mine and every mill, fleets and armies of the nation will at their command stand still.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Blase: We're extremely happy with the historic turnout yesterday internationally. It was awesome. It does our heart good to see rather establishment figures, people that we disagree with often, like Dan Rather, coming out and saying wait a minute! Congressional people receive generous healthcare, total complete healthcare, and its socialized healthcare. No co payments, no nothing - free haircuts, free travel, free printing. They are a totally socialist group but they oppose things for the people of the United States. Dan Rather gets that. They receive generous healthcare, and they're preparing to take away healthcare for millions of Americans. You hadn't heard this from Dan Rather before, but you're hearing it now, and we're extremely happy to see that taking place.

One of the things we see - and we've got to deal with it - is the peacefulness of millions of people marching. We have to see that non-violence is the answer. You cannot expect violence to work on children, even presidential children. It does not educate or control. Children need attention when they do right, and negative feedback when they do wrong. The CIA, Homeland Security, and democrats are effectively telling Trump that he can only be loved and respected if he joins in spitting in the face of a nuclear armed government. The people who found one candidate who could lost to Trump and finding one way to oppose his partisanship. No more cults of personality. We need principles, policy and peace. And part of that was demonstrated yesterday by the amazing mobilization and its total non-violence. A few individuals who would take it upon themselves to disrupt a demonstration of literally millions with violence are betraying what they are supposedly there for. People decide to have a non-

violent march, millions of them, and those who intrude are opportunists, they are causing a great deal of harm, and we're so grateful that yesterday there was no such activity. But we've seen it in the past, and we do not appreciate it, it is just another way of interfering with a great celebration. Like having a huge birthday party and having somebody come in and throw trash all over the place and disrupt it. That is not acceptable. Let us resort to the most powerful tool we have: non-violence. Those who deal only with violence don't know how to handle it. All they know how to do it bomb bomb bomb, and that's what they do, and those bombs are the cost of college education, those bombs are the cost of healthcare, and that's what we are not looking for at this time - we don't need more bombs. We've had these problems in the past, they are not new, they may be more intense right now. What about election interference? Well, we have scholars who work on this. We have interfered in the elections of 45 countries, it's very common, we've had books written about it One of them was called Demonstration Elections, a book about elections we managed in other countries for PR purposes. That's the type of thing we're complaining about, allegedly, from Russia - but this is where we're at, these are the things we have to deal with at this particular time.

Theresa: I'd like to talk more about the peacefulness part, too. Blase articulated what we have been feeling for many years at demonstrations. Families are sometimes afraid to come because the people who practice for civil disobedience were wonderful in using and sharing those skills. And others would come in and start making scenes that would draw the police, and those who got arrested the most were people without papers. Justice for Janitors is just one example in which we saw that happen. So we're thrilled with that this did not happen yesterday, and we hope that this will remain true at all our demonstrations in the future, of which I'm sure there will be many.

I wanted to mention a word too about my grandchildren. Diana mentioned "kindness," and I hope that came across - she mentioned kindness, and her sign was about kindness. And I think this is very significant for the children, who are leaning about not bullying in schools and so on. Children should be learning right from the start that bullying, like war, hurts people. Kindness is at the root of all peacefulness and solidarity work. When we really do for one another, because we would want them to do with us, and we are kind, we are contributing to a better world. We can do that and should do that in our everyday life, and certainly when we're at demonstration and so on to be kind to those around us and be respectful of why they are there, and not just focus un-inclusively on our own motives for being there. As I mentioned, it was beautiful to see that spirit yesterday. Parents were out with children, there were backpacks and children on their parents' shoulders, so it was just so meaningful. And they felt safe! Many parents probably thought, "I hope they don't start having some riots..." and it was wonderful the way in which it

became a family affair. We can't teach our children too much about the importance of kindness because it will sustain them throughout the rest of their lives, how they treat other people and how they treat other countries. I also wanted to mention that yesterday when we left the march, seeing all the encampments of homeless people on the side of the road by the freeway, always tears me to pieces when I see it, and we know it's happening all over our country, the richest country in the world, and people are out in the rain, and I said to Rose Erin, where are these people going to be tonight when this big storm hits? They're telling everyone to stay in, to stay in their houses, don't go out, it's going to be terrible - and where did those people go last night? They went no place. Why our political and religious leaders are not demanding that at least a bandaid approach - and I know we have to work on the real problem - but at least a bandaid approach should be in effect at all times. Open the auditoriums. The city has so many properties that could be used for housing, the churches have auditoriums and sanctuaries and chapels, and it reminded me of Father Luis Olivares, during the Central American Peace Movement days, that he had the church at La Placita on Olivera Street, and he opened the church at that time to Central American refugees, and they and other homeless were able to come into the church and get love and use the pews and gave sleeping bags. He allowed them to sleep on the floors of the sanctuaries. This is not the ideal thing, of course, it's a bandaid, but it was some security and warmth. And then they started little by little to join the sanctuary movement. And we've got to do that now. I don't mind bandaids so long as we're working on the surgery that has to happen. If I were out there, I would sure like a couple of bandaids. I'd like people to start opening their doors. Our politicians and church leaders should have a coordinated event, a coordinated *plan*, to do just that. Have a plan to provide sanctuary when we have terrible weather and to have some place where we can direct people where they can get out of the rain and find warmth and security and food, just the basic things. And we will never be tempted to stay with bandaids, but at least we have to do that.

So that is another issue that we heard almost nothing about -homelessness. I don't think I heard much about it yesterday, either. I wasn't able to hear everything. We cannot allow people to be living in cardboard boxes in this richest country of the world, in fact in no country of the world. We must include this issue.

Blase: Thank you, Theresa. You know, the president is the commander and chief of the military. He's not the commander and chief of any civilians anywhere. WE've had many presidents who we've differed with, and that's what we're supposed to do in a democracy. We don't want a king. That's why we broke away from the motherlands in 1776. So it's important that all of our military understand that they are not to obey any illegal orders issued by their commander in chief. This has happened before. This

happened in Vietnam. The Vietnam War ended because the troops determined that the commands were illegal - they refused to serve, and the war was over. That's what happened. That's the history, it's very clear to all. We also have a 25th amendment to the US Constitution. If the president become incompetent or incapable of serving, read the 25th amendment. WE also have impeachment, a wonderful tool if it is used correctly. One of the reasons for it would be using the presidency for private gain in violation of federal laws and regulations. Another would be seeking to intimidate critics, in violation of the first amendment. Another would be undermining the freedom and independence of the press, in violation of the first amendment. Another would be attacking freedom of religion in violation of the first amendment. Or undermining the rule of law through arbitrary and capricious statements and orders, in violation of the due process clause of the first amendment. These are all possible reasons for impeachment. Suppressing the vote of minorities, in violation of the fourteenth amendment. There are plenty of other reasons for impeachment, and this is all to say that we have the law on our side. And we have a terrible legacy to deal with, I mean - let's not forget that. Last year, we dropped 26,171 bombs in our endless wars. This is not okay. We started bombing Iraq on January 16, 1991. On that day I was in jail, Theresa was in jail, our son was in jail, and it's gone on now for 26 years. This is...not something to brag about or to say that oh, well, we've had great representation in previous years - friends, we haven't, we've been dealing with perpetual war and we can't ignore that.

What followed was 100,000 sorties - those are attacks - tens of thousands of bombs dropped by thousands of planes, and they were called "smart bombs." They weren't smart, they were really dumb, and they killed so many children, so many non-combatants, people who had nothing to do with the war. People are not our enemy. This is the path we have to deal with. We can't act as though everything happening now is new. It may be far more intense, and far more serious, but in the midst of that we have people who have served in government, Robert Reich, for example, that we need a universal basic income. Sociologists have worked on that for years, and say it is much cheaper than any welfare to have a basic floor on income so that the people can survive. And I would add myself, I would love to have a ceiling on income. I really don't think people need three or four hundred million dollars a year to feed their family. And I think all of that can be dealt with just as well. These are things we're waiting for, and friends, we can't act as though everything has been right until today. We have to look at a terrible war in Syria that's still going on. We've tried for ceasefires, and we hope to see ceasefires - and we also see a terrible war in Yemen and the US supported a Saudi coalition fighting the Houthi rebels. That's been since March of 2015. Former president Obama said that the worst mistake of his presidency was not planning for the

aftermath of the 2011 regime change in Libya. He acknowledged that. It was really horrible - that was the richest country in Africa, and when Kadaffi came in it was the poorest. He had healthcare for all and education for all. WE don't brag about any head of state anywhere, but the point is that it was a terrible mistake, and I'm glad that Mr. Obama acknowledged that.

Four American presidents, George HW Bush, Bill Clinton, George W Bush, and Barak Obama bombed Iraq almost continuously for 25 years. The US strikes in Mosul, which ISIS had occupied, there was one bomb every eight minutes, according to Col Manning, deputy director of the combined air operations center. Afghanistan continues. US troops bombed the hospital in Kunduz, killing patients, medical personnel, and US forces had to know they were bombing a hospital because Doctors Without Borders made it very clear who they were, where they were, what was going on there. All of this is taking place, so the preview to the new administration is not a happy sight, and to presume that all was well and now is going bad is to miss the whole point.

The African continent is really be looked at now every day. Thousands of US special forces operatives are deployed somewhere in Africa, another entire issue together with the situation with Israel. Obama pledged to give Israel 38 billion in military aid over the next ten years. That money should go to community colleges here in the United States and for healthcare here. It doesn't belong over there. These are the issue we're working on and will continue to work on. We're proud of the December 23 UN Security Council Resolution regarding the settlements. We also have this entire situation now with China and US navy war ships sailing close to islands in China - all of this saber rattling is very dangerous at a time when we have a new person in charge of nuclear codes and empowered with starting a nuclear war. It is the greatest threat to us at this time, to say nothing about losing what Obama certified in Iran, the great achievement of his administration, we don't want to lose that. So we have Phyllis Bennis proposing a massive reduction in military spending. We must replace the global war on terror with non-military solutions. Killing people simply creates more "terrorists." We must broaden our efforts to end US military, economic and diplomatic for Israeli occupation and apartheid. Any thoughts, Theresa?

Theresa: I wanted to mention a couple more things about the 80percentalliance.tumblr.com/ page that you can visit. Fear and hate did not win today. Trump is only president because the system is rigged. The truth is 80 percent of us did not vote for Trump. Four out of five of US residents did not vote for Trump. Rebellions are built on hope.

We can rebuild a rebellion and create new alternatives over the next four years

and the next generation. We have to get into various types of sanctuaries to protect our homeless, our immigrants, our brothers and sisters that Trump says he's going to get rid of. People from everywhere. For those at risk, we must have a sanctuary movement for them. Some people wear a safety pin to let people know that we are on their side and we are there to support them and will do what we can. It's a symbol, and it's not going to do the work, but it will remind ourselves and others that we have and must build more sanctuaries for our people.

There's a video on the 80 Percent Alliance tumbler page that is a great message of hope. We can still win. We are the majority, Eight percent of us did not vote for Trump. I say no to Trump's institutionalization of racism, misogyny, xenophobia, corruption, inequality, privatization of public services, fear, hate and oppression of vulnerable communities - and I'm not alone. Are you with me.

That's where we are folks, please visit us at officeoftheamericas.org. You can also send messages to us by email: ooa@igc.org. We welcome any suggestions you may have. Send Ann your suggestions for more groups that you think would be good to add to our list at our website. Let's keep that active and you active and we'll all do our best. Find out what's happening, and we'll see on the web, on Facebook and at the next demonstration. We'll have children and grandchildren, people of all ages, from many diverse ethnicities and backgrounds, with us. Much love to all of the audience. Blase and I have been with you for about 60 years now. One last comment. When I mentioned yesterday at the demonstration that we were among very few elderly in the crowd, and as I was passing by some people I said I'd been there since the 60s, and one person said "I'm glad you're still here," I knew it had a double meaning. And I said, I'm glad we're here now together.

Blase: Thank you for being with us today, Theresa. A great awakening is taking place in the United States and across the world, based on what King, Gandhi, Chavez have taught us - non-cooperation, civil disobedience, marching, boycotts. We know how to do this, we can do it. Let us all commit ourselves to kindness