A Call to Artists:

Memory and Resistance

What:
A juried, virtual exhibition, celebrating the 40th anniversary of the InterReligious Task Force on Central America and Colombia. Please see more about IRTF on the reverse side.

All media of 2D and 3D art work focused on the theme “Memory and Resistance.” This would include artwork expressing contemporary justice issues of our time as well as artwork honoring the memories of past and present advocates on whose shoulders we have stood and whose lives inspire us to envision a world of peace and dignity for all.

Up to two images. Label each image with your name, and, if applicable, the name of a justice advocacy group to which you belong. Please add date, size, media, title, reason for submitting the work identified in the title, and email address.

When:
Sep 1-11, 2020: submission dates
Sep 30: artists will be notified if their artwork is accepted

Where:
The virtual show will be available in November on a Memory and Resistance website (URL announced by Sep 30). An in-person show (by invitation only) will be curated in Cleveland starting December 2 at a location to be announced.

How to submit images:
Please provide 300 px images, labeled with the correct information

Submission form for Memory and Resistance IRTF 40th Anniversary Virtual Exhibition

Link to submission form: https://forms.gle/rFqVndK5A6ChzszR9
Questions or concerns about submissions, please email dianetherese@hotmail.com or kslexhibits@case.edu

Award: $300 for Best In Show

Jury Mentions will have an opportunity to exhibit during December 2020 at ArtiCLE Gallery, located in the Collinwood Arts District: 15316 Waterloo Rd, Cleveland, OH 44110.

Sponsors (list in formation): InterReligious Task Force on Central America and Colombia, Kelvin Smith Library at CWRU, Ursuline College Wasmer Gallery, Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland, COAR Peace Mission.

More info on reverse.
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**About Memory and Resistance:**

We have a rich culture of resistance and solidarity in Cleveland, Ohio. The **Memory and Resistance Coalition** is a group of organizations, communities, and individuals working together to mark the history of, and continued commitment to, resistance and solidarity in Greater Cleveland. The Coalition will present a year of programming (2020-2021) to spotlight, commemorate, celebrate, and teach some of Cleveland’s history of resistance. Programming open to the public will include art exhibitions, expert panels, public discussions, music performances, book clubs, essay contests, and more.

The Memory and Resistance Coalition was called together by the InterReligious Task Force on Central America and Colombia (IRTF) to commemorate its 40th anniversary year. During the anniversary year, the coalition will honor the legacy of Cleveland’s women killed in El Salvador (see below), uplift the struggles of all oppressed peoples, and invite communities throughout Greater Cleveland to honor and reflect on our collective legacies of resistance.

**About IRTF:**

The **InterReligious Task Force on Central America and Colombia (IRTF)** brings together people from various faith and secular communities to act in solidarity with oppressed peoples in southern Mexico, Central America, and Colombia through consciousness-raising and direct consumer and political advocacy.

IRTF was formed as a nonviolent response to the horrific violence of December 2, 1980 when two members of the Cleveland Mission Team in El Salvador were murdered (Jean Donovan and Sister Dorothy Kazel) along with two Catholic sisters from Maryknoll (Ita Ford, Maura Clarke). When they were given the chance to leave El Salvador and avoid their fate, these women chose to stay. It was at that moment that their charity transformed into solidarity.

People of faith and conscience formed IRTF to continue the women’s legacy of solidarity with oppressed peoples as they struggle for peace, dignity and justice. After 40 years, IRTF continues to stand with marginalized and vulnerable communities in Latin America, at our border, in immigration detention facilities, in county jails and state prisons, and on the streets of Cleveland. All people—everywhere—deserve dignity, care, and safe communities.

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