



Gathering of the Tents of Hope
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	National Mall	Tents of Hope Program	Save Darfur Conference	STAND Program
9:00AM	Registration & Tent Set-Up Check-in at Main Tent between 4 th and 5 th Sts to receive materials and tent locations	Vigil for Darfur at Sudanese Embassy 2-7PM Join in delivering a People's Arrest Warrant for Omar Al-Bashir at 3:30pm. 2210 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington DC 20008		Demonstration at White House Transition Office
10:00AM				
11:00AM				
12:00PM				
1:00PM				
2:00PM				
3:00PM				
4:00PM				
5:00PM			Panel Discussion Location: L'Enfant Plaza Hotel, 480 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington DC 20024	
6:00PM				
7:00PM				
8:00PM				

These events are open to all participants of all three concurrent conferences. No previous registration is necessary to attend.

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	National Mall			Lutheran Church of the Reformation			DC		
	Main Stage	Tent Activities	Children's Area	Workshops	Panels and Films	Youth	Extra Options		
9:00AM	* REGISTRATION from 9am-5pm * TENT SET UP from 9am-1pm						*US Holocaust Memorial Museum		
10:00AM		Self-Guided Activities *Tour the Tents * Visit Partner Tents *Empathy Labyrinth *Camp Darfur *Tent Painting *Details below*	Children's Art Activities *Mask making *Sanufu Animal Prints *Claywork *Murals	Workshop Hopeful Signs of Recovery	Panel Discussion Political Repression in Sudan	Y2Y Youth Conference *Lunch Included Visit Registration on the Mall for information about participating	*Darfur/Darfur Exhibit at the Civilian Art Projects * Other DC Museums		
11:00AM					Workshop Mobilizing Muslim Countries for Darfur			Panel Discussion Building an Interfaith Anti-Genocide Network	
12:00PM								Drama "Darfur in America," a multi-media play	
1:00PM								Workshop Violence Against Women and Girls in Refugee Camps	Film The Devil Came on Horseback
2:00PM	Celebration of the Cities Presentations by various Tents of Hope cities *Details below*				Workshop Creating Community Between You and Darfur Refugees				
3:00PM								Workshop Student Organizing Against Genocide	Film Judgment on Genocide
4:00PM									
4:30PM	Closing Gathering and Ceremony National Mall								
5:30PM						Youth Dinner			

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Panels

- ❖ **Political Repression in Sudan: LOCATION: Sanctuary, 10:00AM**
- ❖ **Building an Interfaith Anti-Genocide Network: LOCATION: Sanctuary, 11:00AM**
Join Lou Ann Merkle, co-founder of the Darfur Alert Coalition, Gabriel Stauring, founder and director of Stop Genocide Now, and Tim Nonn, National Coordinator for Tents of Hope, for a discussion of proven strategies for organizing local interfaith groups to end and prevent genocide. The Darfur Movement is the first global grassroots anti-genocide struggle in history. We will examine the role of interfaith communities so we can better understand how to expand and strengthen the Darfur Movement and other anti-genocide efforts.
- ❖ **“Darfur in America,” LOCATION: Sanctuary, 12:00PM**
A one hour multi-media play reading with actors, 100 visuals, sound track, all creating a virtual reality of a future, rebellious America like today's Darfur. Two displaced Americans, overwhelmed, walking in Darfuri shoes. Theater of social concern that you can do in your community.

Workshops

- ❖ **Genocide Survivors Create Social Change, LOCATION: Fireside Room, 10:00AM**
Join Global Grassroots founder, Gretchen Steidle Wallace, as she demonstrates how Darfur refugees and Rwandan genocide survivors are using the tools of social entrepreneurship to create powerful grassroots change for women. Hear inspiring stories about how a Darfurian teacher is building a human rights library in his refugee camp one brick at a time, how Rwandan women have ended the practice of sexual exploitation in exchange for water, and how survivors are helping genocide orphans abandon prostitution as their only livelihood.
- ❖ **Mobilizing Muslim Countries for Darfur, LOCATION: Fireside Room, 11:00AM**
Join Zainab Al-Suwajj, co-founder of the American Islamic Congress, in discussing the challenge of mobilizing Muslim countries to be more aggressive in confronting the genocide taking place in Darfur. In Muslim countries this genocide has not been acknowledged or addressed publicly. While it has been mentioned in the media, the majority of this media attention has been censored. Muslim governments have yet to acknowledge the existence of this problem. Genocides have been ignored and abuses of human rights have not been addressed due to a lack of freedom and democracy. What shall we do and how can we address this challenge?
- ❖ **Violence Against Women and Girls in Refugee Camps, LOCATION: Fireside Room, 1:00PM**
- ❖ **Creating Community Between You and Darfur Refugees, LOCATION: Fireside Room, 2:00PM**
Join Darfur i-ACTivists Gabriel Stauring and Katie-Jay Scott from Stop Genocide Now for a hands-on, interactive workshop that will personally connect you to the lives of Darfuri's who have benefited from your work. Learn how to weave their stories and voices into your activities, events, and lives of you and your community. Participants will leave this workshop with renewed dedication and a plan to personally connect Darfuri's and your community.
- ❖ **Student Organizing Against Genocide, LOCATION: Library, 2:00PM**
- ❖ **Investing in Genocide: What You Can Do To Stop It, LOCATION: Fireside Room, 3:00PM**
Years after the genocide in Darfur was publicly acknowledged, millions of Americans are unknowingly and inadvertently investing in the companies that are funding this genocide. Investors entrust their family savings and pension funds to mutual fund and other investment firms, which in turn invest those savings in companies which help to fund genocide. The workshop will explain how Investors Against Genocide has been campaigning to end this practice, the results achieved, and the simple, no-cost, actions individuals can take to force the companies to change their investments.



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Films

❖ **The Devil Came on Horseback, LOCATION: Sanctuary, 1:00PM**

The Devil Came on Horseback is a Break Thru Films production in association with Global Grassroots and Three Generations. The award-winning documentary, The Devil Came on Horseback, exposes the tragedy taking place in Darfur as seen through the eyes of an American witness who has since returned to the US to take action to stop it. Using the exclusive photographs and first hand testimony of former US Marine Captain Brian Steidle, The Devil Came on Horseback takes the viewer on an emotionally charged journey into the heart of Darfur, Sudan, where an Arab run government is systematically executing a plan to rid the province of its black African citizens. As an official military observer, Steidle had access to parts of the country that no journalist could penetrate. He was unprepared for what he would witness and experience, including being fired upon, taken hostage, and being unable to intervene to save the lives of young children. Ultimately frustrated by the inaction of the international community, Steidle resigned and returned to the US to expose the images and stories of lives systematically destroyed. The film premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in 2007, was broadcast on the National Geographic Channel in 2008, and has since been seen by millions worldwide.

❖ **Judgment on Genocide**

This film documents a 2006 people's tribunal (www.judgmentongenocide.com) that indicted and convicted Sudanese President Omar Hassan al-Bashir of genocide. Judges on the tribunal included Nobel Prize Laureate Wole Soyinka and Rev. Gloria White Hammond. The film has moving testimony from Darfuris who witnessed first-hand the genocide in Darfur. The film raises key issues that relate to the ongoing indictment of Pres. Bashir by the International Criminal Court on charges of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity.

Benefit Concert

- ❖ **Join us for an evening of fun and festivity! Cost: \$35/ticket. All proceeds go to shipping tents to Darfur.**
Performers include: Sarah Lee Guthrie and Johnny Orion, Omar Ishas, and Berklee College of Music

Tent Activities

❖ **Empathy Labyrinth, National Mall near the Tents of Hope Main Tent**

Foster Heart-to-Heart connection within yourself, with others, and with your Life-Force. Learn to go beyond your judgments, assumptions, and habitual thinking. The Empathy Labyrinth®, created by Marc Weiner, is a tool to teach Nonviolent Communications (NVC) which was developed by Marshall Rosenberg.

❖ **Camp Darfur, National Mall near the Tents of Hope Main Tent**

An interactive awareness and education event that brings attention to the ongoing genocide in Darfur, Sudan, and gives individuals the opportunity to discover their own power to make a difference. This traveling refugee camp raises awareness and examines Sudan's Darfur region and its humanitarian crisis - genocide - by placing it in historical context with Armenia, Holocaust, Cambodia, and Rwanda. Camp Darfur empowers communities to raise their voice and take action for the individuals of Darfur.

❖ **Tent Painting**

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Come join this fun event for the whole family! We will have ten blank tents ready for painting! So, if you didn't have a chance to paint a tent yet, come add your creativity and hopeful message for the people of Darfur.

- ❖ **Art and Photography Exhibitions, Lutheran Church of the Reformation**

Extra Options

- ❖ **US Holocaust Memorial Museum, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place, SW, Washington, DC 20024-2126, (202) 488-0400**
A living memorial to the Holocaust, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum stimulates leaders and citizens to confront hatred, prevent genocide, promote human dignity, and strengthen democracy. Located among our national monuments to freedom on the National Mall, the Museum provides a powerful lesson in the fragility of freedom, the myth of progress, the need for vigilance in preserving democratic values. With unique power and authenticity, the Museum teaches millions of people each year about the dangers of unchecked hatred and the need to prevent genocide.
- ❖ **Civilian Art Project, 406 7th St. NW, 3rd Floor, Washington DC 20004, (202) 347-0022**
From October 24 to December 6, 2008, Civilian Art Projects will **DARFUR/DARFUR**, a traveling exhibit of images by world-renowned photojournalists on the crisis and culture in Darfur, Sudan, curated by Leslie Thomas. Projected worldwide over the past two years on facades of major cultural institutions, **DARFUR/DARFUR** serves as an advocacy tool, a body of evidence, and a stunning visual display on the culture and crisis in Darfur, Sudan. After viewing one of Brian Steidle's images of a young girl shot by a Sudan government owned helicopter gunship, **DARFUR/DARFUR** was created in 2006 by Leslie Thomas, a mother and architect living and working in Chicago, IL.



Gathering of the Tents of Hope
Sunday, November 9, 2008

	National Mall	Sixth and I Historic Synagogue
	Main Stage	
10:00AM		<i>Interfaith Worship Service</i> Come explore the moral choice between being a bystander or an upstander to genocide.
11:00AM		
12:00PM	Tents of Hope Rally Festivities include: Interfaith blessing of the tents Procession of city delegations Speakers: Gloria White-Hammond, Samuel Anei, Brian Steidle, Al-Ghali Yahya Shegifat Music: Omer Ihsas, Sarah Lee Guthrie & Johnny Irion, Berklee College of Music, Howard Univ. Gospel Choir	
1:00PM		
2:00PM		
3:00PM		
4:00PM	Closing Ceremony We will be closing by blessing the tents, breaking them down, and loading them for transport to Darfur. We welcome all who can stay to help with this effort.	

Tents of Hope is so grateful to all our partners and contributors!

The Gathering of the Tents and the subsequent tent-shipment would not be possible without them! Please visit our website (www.tentsofhope.org) or the Main Tent for a complete list of our Partner Organizations.