

Peace Activist Potluck Friday, January 8, 2016 5:45PM at the Kea'au Community Center (behind the Police Station & Bay Clinic in Kea'au)

Life Long Peace Activist David Hartsough will share adventures from his book "WAGING PEACE" and more than 5 decades of activism for justice and peace around the world.

David Hartsough is executive director of Peaceworkers, based in San Francisco, and is cofounder of the Nonviolent Peaceforce. He is a Quaker and member of the San Francisco Friends Meeting. He has a BA from Howard University and an MA in international relations from Columbia University. Hartsough has been working actively for nonviolent social change and peaceful resolution of conflicts since he met Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1956.

Over the last fifty years, he has led and been engaged in nonviolent peacemaking in the United States, Kosovo, the former Soviet Union, Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Iran, Palestine, Israel, and many other countries. He was also a peace educator and organized nonviolent movements for peace and justice with the American Friends Service Committee for eighteen years.

Haftsough cofounded the Nonviolent Peaceforce, which now has over two hundred unarmed civilian peacekeepers working in conflict areas around the world.

Hartsough has been arrested more than a hundred times for participating in demonstrations. He has worked in the movements for civil rights, against nuclear weapons, to end the Vietnam War, to end the wars of Iraq and Afghanistan and to prevent an attack on Iran.

Hartsough was arrested at the Greech and Beale Air Force Bases while protesting drones that are killing civilians in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Yemen, and other countries. He has been active in the Occupy movement since its inception, believing that without more equality of income, we cannot have democracy.

Most recently, David is helping organize World Beyond War, a global movement to end all wars.

He has written extensively about his peacemaking work. His articles have been published in Sojourners, Fellowship, Peacework, Friends Journal, Western Friend/Friends Bulletin, Waging Nonviolence, and National Catholic Reporter. Hartsough coauthored the book, Taking Charge: Personal and Political Change Through Simple Living, published by Bantam Books and republished by Harper & Rowe. Hartsough also wrote and published two small books on his experiences meeting ordinary people in Russia in the early 1960s, Discovering Another Russia: The Journal of a Camping Trip and Backyard Russia: Getting to Know the Russian People.

He is married and has two children and four wonderful grandchildren.