

Friends,

I have a magnet on my refrigerator with the quote by Mahatma Gandhi, “Be the change that you wish to see in the world”. But how does one little person affect change in the world; or one little church or organization, for that matter? I want to invite you to think deeply together about this at an interfaith workshop in Durham, on January 20th from 10a.m. – 3p.m. at Judea Reform Congregation, featuring singer, song-writer, speaker David LaMotte on Worldchanging: Challenging the Myth of Powerlessness. LaMotte questions narratives about how the world changes and how it does not. He encourages us to engage with the world and to address the problems we see, and builds a case for our responsibility to make a difference by examining the dynamics of large-scale change.

The workshop is for persons of any age who wish to think seriously about call and vocation, to communicate in non-violent ways, and to prepare and look for opportunities to engage the world in life-giving ways. It’s a sandwich event: two workshops, with lunch provided in between. Durham is the perfect place for us to discuss this issue in an environment of collegial cultural, racial, ethnic and ecclesial diversity. We can model the process that reflects the world we’d wish to see. First Presbyterian Church hopes you will join us for this workshop, as we continue to work together to build the Beloved Community in Durham. Sarah (and Sadie) and I are going, and would love for you to join us there.

Do you have some time to watch this video for more information? If you think this is something that you would like to attend, please let me know! I'm really excited to bring David's message to the Triangle. I look forward to hearing from you,

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