



INTERFAITH FEDERATION of GREATER BATON ROUGE

25+ Years of Cultivating Unity ~ Justice ~ Peace

WAGING PEACE!

CHALLENGE

Violence in Greater Baton Rouge

Those who have died or suffered the effects of violence were our neighbors, friends, and loved ones.

SUMMARY

Baton Rouge has the distinct opportunity to collaborate with respected American composer Dr. Robert Kyr to co-create a choral composition with a world premiere performance in Baton Rouge. This composition will use lyrics from the collective text submitted from dialogue groups held throughout Greater Baton Rouge on *WAGING PEACE*.

Robert Kyr received his Ph.D from Harvard University and taught at Yale, UCLA, Hartt School of Music, and Aspen Music School. Since 1990, he has been a professor of composition and theory at the University of Oregon. Kyr has composed symphonies and numerous works for vocal ensembles of all types throughout the country. He has particular interest in using dialogue and music in waging peace.

OVERVIEW

LAUNCH

ANNUAL COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST

October 25, 2012

Keynote speaker: Dr. Robert Kyr, composer, peacemaker
Boudreaux's, 2627 Government Street

Cost: \$20 (tickets available from the Federation office)

FALL, 2012

FROM DIALOGUE TO LYRICS

Oct. 25 - Nov. 22 (Thanksgiving)

Participate (and/or host) dialogues on *waging peace!*

Co-create lyrics by submitting the words from the dialogue(s) to be used for a composite text and the foundation of an original musical composition. (See box about hosting a dialogue.)

WINTER, 2012 CREATION OF ORIGINAL COMPOSITION

Commission American composer Robert Kyr to use our composite text for an original choral composition created for full chorus (interfaith community choir); 2 vocal soloists, and instrumental ensemble including percussion. (Duration: 20-25 minutes)

SPRING, 2013 WORLD PREMIERE

Host a world premiere in Baton Rouge of *Waging Peace* choral composition at 23rd Annual Sounds of CommUNITY concert (with pre-concert and post-concert talks by composer.)

WAGE PEACE inspired, committed with resolve. . . .

DIALOGUES:

Waging Peace!

We shall both name our grief over the violence in our community as well as our vision for peace.

Involve your faith community.

Involve your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers.

Involve children, youth, families, and people of all ages.

Note: Discussion Guides will be available online.

Submit your words, insights, and images online or mail to the Federation office. (See below.)