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# **"HOPING STILL"**

### Carrying Adin Ballou's Peace Torch into the Twenty-First Century Lecture by Michael Boover, Pacifist, Doctor of Ministry, Catholic Worker

People today are actively living the peaceable life, with the same intention and conviction as Adin Ballou and the settlers of the early Hopedale Community. Come meet these modern pacifists and learn how they actively work for peace and justice in our surrounding communities and in the world.

The lecture will uphold the veracity and beauty of Gospel nonviolence, speak to the difficulties involved in principled steadfastness to this path and of the hope that, despite difficulty, such steadfastness will yield a blessed harvest of peace.

# **ROUNDTABLE ON PEACE**

#### A Peace Palace Centennial Celebration Event!

Following the lecture there is a roundtable discussion addressing concerns that Ballou had in the 19<sup>th</sup> century: **war resistance and the building of a culture of peace**. Several well-known pacifists and authors will speak boldly to these selfsame concerns today.



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# **FREE EVENT** ~ **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC** ~ **REFRESHMENTS**

## SUNDAY: October 20, 2013 TIME: 3 pm

PLACE: Hopedale Unitarian Church, 65 Hopedale St., Hopedale

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**Lecturer and Roundtable Participant: Michael Boover** is a Roman Catholic ecumenist with a commitment to interfaith dialogue and explorations of mystical traditions. He has long been connected to the Catholic Worker movement, a pacifist community committed to opposing the works of war and performing the "works of mercy" and pursuing an agricultural vision as the soundest basis sustaining peaceable community. Michael was involved with the House of Ammon Catholic Worker Farm in Hubbardston and the Mustard Seed Catholic Worker House of Hospitality in Worcester in the seventies. He also lived at the Catholic Worker Farm in Sheep Ranch, California in the early 80s.

Today, with his wife, Diane, Michael facilitates meditation and study groups at their home, Annunciation House of Worcester, an urban farm. Michael works as a part-time chaplain at the Worcester Recovery Center and Hospital and Diane is a solar power enthusiast. Michael is completing a book for New City Press entitled *15 Days of Prayer with Dorothy Day* and Diane and he are parents to four and grandparents to two. Michael continues to seek the way of Jesus as understood by Adin Ballou as a Christian pacifist himself. He studied at La Salette Preparatory Seminary, Worcester State and Assumption Colleges and Andover Newton Theological School.



**Roundtable Participant: Rosalie G. Riegle** is Professor Emerita in English at Saginaw Valley State University, University Center, MI. There she taught Humanities, Composition, and English literature; chaired the Honors Program; and received the Landee Award for Distinguished Teaching, the Ishihara Student Service Award, and the Faculty Research Award, as well as a Rush Distinguished Lectureship. Degrees are from St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN; Wayne State University, Detroit, MI; and University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. Professional affiliations include the Peace and Justice Studies Association, the Oral History Association, and the American Catholic Historical Association.

After meeting Catholic Worker co-founder Dorothy Day in 1968, Rosalie became active in nonviolent resistance to the Vietnam War and helped to found the Saginaw Valley Peace Watch in Saginaw, MI. She participated in various religious coalitions to rid Michigan of nuclear weapons, co-founded two Catholic Worker communities in Saginaw, completed her doctorate, taught English and Women's Studies at Saginaw Valley State University, and published two oral histories of the Catholic Worker movement. After moving to the Chicago area in 2004 Rosalie continued to be active in antiwar and social justice issues, including advocating for women and immigrants. She currently works with the Project for Justice, the Environment, and Peace (www.pjep.org) and in 2011 was elected to the National Committee of the War Resisters League. Rosalie recently published two more oral histories, *Doing Time for Peace: Resistance, Family, and Community* (Vanderbilt UP, October, 2012) and *Crossing the Line: Nonviolent Resisters Speak Out for Peace* (Wipf and Stock, 2013.).



**Roundtable Participants: Brayton Shanley** earned his BA from St. Anselm's College in New Hampshire and an MA in Pastoral Ministry from Boston College. Brayton has taught college courses on the Philosophy of Nonviolence at Worcester State and as an adjunct professor at Anna Maria College in Paxton, MA and has been leading workshops, retreats and seminars on Prophecy and Peace, Gospel Nonviolence and Sustainability, simplicity and Resistance since the early 80's. Brayton recently published, *The Many Sides of Peace: Christian Nonviolence, the Contemplative Life, and Sustainable Living, Resource Publications* (Wipf and Stock, 2013)

**Suzanne Belote Shanley** completed her MA in English at the State University of New York at Buffalo and a post-Masters Degree (MPhil) in English at Simmons College in Boston, MA.

Suzanne and Brayton, in 1982, co-founded The Agape Community (www.agapecommunity.org), a lay Catholic residential community, ecumenical and interfaith in outreach and practice, with a focus on daily prayer, evangelical simplicity and nonviolent witness in the world, including actions against war, peace vigils, non-cooperation with war/living under taxable income and civil disobedience. Suzanne, Brayton and their daughter Teresa moved to 32 acres of land in the Quabbin Reservoir watershed, where, together with hundreds of volunteers, built the first community building, Francis House, with interest free loans and donations.

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