

# MOMENT OF TRUTH CAMPAIGN



General Secretary Joyce Ajlouny at the National Memorial for Peace and Justice. Photo: Don Davis/AFSC

**“The trip deepened . . . my commitment to civil rights and human rights work grounded in nonviolence at home and globally.”**

—Jonathan (Jon) Evans, civil rights tour participant

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## Making a difference together

As we enter the third year of our Moment of Truth Campaign, we are grateful to our community of supporters. Your generosity and commitment to building a better world is inspiring—and is fueling meaningful, impactful work in communities around the globe. Thank you for all you make possible!

### The Struggle for Civil Rights Endures

In September, AFSC supporters joined staff leaders in Montgomery and Selma, Alabama for four days to better understand the past, present, and future of the civil rights movement. Throughout our journey, we sought to connect the social justice movement’s history to its future and reflect on our individual roles today.

We went to the Edmund Pettus Bridge, the National Memorial for

Peace and Justice, and the Dexter King Memorial Baptist Church, a central organizing site for much of Montgomery’s early civil rights activity, including the 1956 Bus Boycott. We learned about the Equal Justice Initiative, which provides quality legal representation to those who would otherwise be unable to access it. We also visited the Legacy Museum, which connects the narratives that sustained slavery and Jim Crow to the struggle against mass incarceration today.



Allie B. Latimer

We were also fortunate to be joined by Allie B. Latimer. Allie has made the struggle for social justice her life’s work. She is an Ordained Elder at Northeastern Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C. and a former AFSC staff member who has

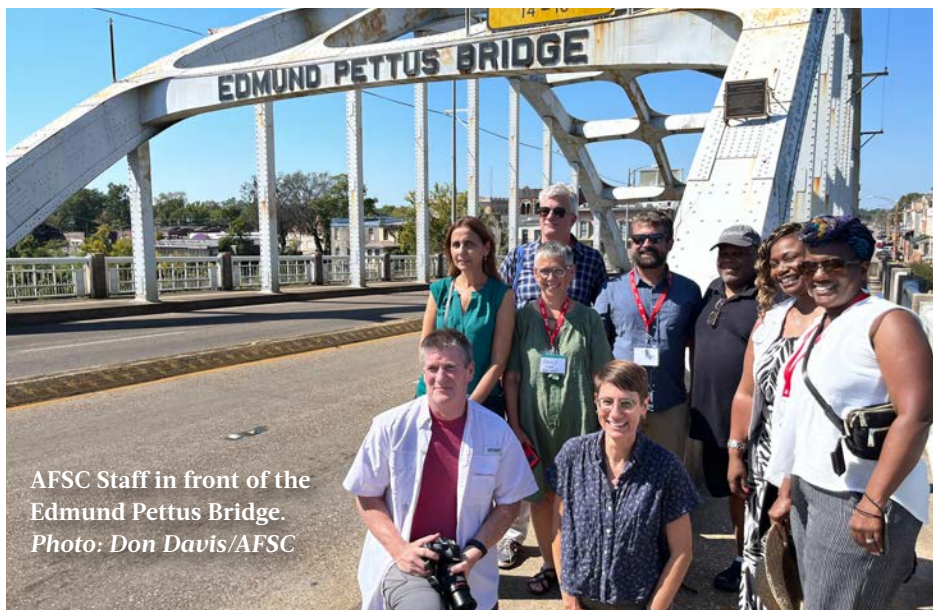


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volunteered in, and advocated for, the organization's work for decades.

Allie gave our group a first-person view of what it felt like to be a part of civil rights activism in the region throughout the 1950's and 60's. She spoke of her childhood in Montgomery and watching her mother and grandmother raise money for the Scottsboro Boys trial; of the vibrancy of growing up in First Baptist Church; and of leading a group of students to join the Freedom March. She shared how she stood her ground against a recalcitrant bureaucracy as the first African American and first woman to serve as General Counsel of the General Services Administration. And she talked about the work in Washington to make the promises of the Civil Rights Act real.

"Every day, I try to do something for peace and justice," says Allie. "It's



AFSC Staff in front of the Edmund Pettus Bridge.  
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like breathing to me. It is why I am here on this earth."

One way AFSC shares that commitment is through our healing justice initiatives. Funds from the

Moment of Truth campaign are supporting AFSC's vision for community safety beyond prisons and policing.

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## Fostering a Palestinian youth network

The Moment of Truth Campaign is creating opportunities for AFSC to adapt to changing conditions and try new approaches in our work.

Since 2013, AFSC has focused on the fragmentation of Palestinian communities, especially as it affects young people in Gaza, the West Bank, and Israel. Over the last decade, we have brought together more than 5,000 young adults in exchange visits and activities, all aimed at countering fragmentation. We have also conducted surveys on the impact of fragmentation and published our findings in widely shared reports.

Now we are working to bring these activities to youth beyond the borders of Gaza, the West Bank, and Israel. Young adults (ages 14-25) from Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon, and the United States will be engaged



25 Palestinian youth aged 14-17 met in Nazareth city

in this expanded work through capacity-building courses, in-person workshops and convenings, and culminating speaker tours.

Today's young people face enforced geographic, cultural, and socio-political separation. Some live under occupation, others in the

diaspora. This initiative will help bridge those divisions and support the leadership of young Palestinians in meaningful and authentic ways. As more young people around the world learn about the impacts of fragmentation, we hope they, too, will join in efforts to counteract it.

# Join us for an upcoming trip!

**JUNE 9-11, 2023**

## **An AFSC weekend in New York**

Come to New York City with AFSC this June! You're invited for a weekend of celebration and learning with leaders and staff from around the country and the world.

Join us on Friday morning, June 9, for a convening at the Ford Foundation Center for Social Justice focused on global efforts for just responses to migration and forced displacement.

Celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Quaker United Nations Office that evening at the Scandinavia House, where we will reflect on achievements and look toward the future of Quaker witness for peace.

See [afsc.org/QUNO75](https://afsc.org/QUNO75) for more information and to register.

**OCTOBER 14-21, 2023**

## **Travel to Palestine with AFSC**

Limited space remains to join AFSC on a historic trip **October 14-21, 2023** led by our first Palestinian-American general secretary.

Joyce Ajlouny, joined by our superb program staff, will provide us with access and insight into Palestinian history, culture, and traditions as we deepen our collective understanding of the current political situation and what life is like for those living under occupation.

*For more information, contact*

*Emily Clarke at [eclarke@afsc.org](mailto:eclarke@afsc.org) or 215-241-7048.*



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## **Help spread the word!**

Members of the Moment of Truth Campaign Committee hail from across the U.S. and are active partners and vocal advocates for the campaign. We will meet in person for the first time in New York City during the special June weekend described above.

*Interested in being part of this leadership group and helping to inspire other supporters to join you in your commitment to AFSC?*

**Please contact co-chair and AFSC Board member Deborah Hull: [hulldeborah@yahoo.com](mailto:hulldeborah@yahoo.com)**

# This Moment of Truth calls for planning

Our long-term commitment to transforming systems calls us to ensure we have resources to pass on to future generations of change makers.

When you make a planned gift to AFSC, you help shape that future. Recognizing how critical that future is, a generous group of donors will match planned gifts commitments with \$1,000,000 in support for today's work.

**Here are two ways you can make a gift for tomorrow and unlock matching funds:**

## 1 MAKE A GIFT THROUGH YOUR WILL OR BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION

A simple sentence naming AFSC ensures our shared values and work will continue for years to come.

## 2 ESTABLISH A LIFE INCOME GIFT

You or a loved one can receive payments for life and the balance of your gift will support AFSC's future work.

When you complete our Legacy Campaign Commitment Form, your gift directs \$10,000 from the matching fund for immediate use.

You can designate the matching gift toward an area of interest at AFSC (US, International, Emerging Leaders for Liberation, or Quaker Relations).

Contact Alyssa Chatten at [achatten@afsc.org](mailto:achatten@afsc.org) or 215-241-7088 to learn more.



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## Connect with us

There are many ways to support the Moment of Truth campaign! If you have not yet made a commitment, a member of the gift planning team or a volunteer on the campaign committee would be pleased to speak with you.

Reach out to Emily Clarke at [eclarke@afsc.org](mailto:eclarke@afsc.org) to get the conversation started.

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