



Mt. Diablo Peace & Justice Center presents
Sister Helen Prejean
Dead Man Walking-The Journey Continues



Monday, March 30, 2009 at 7:00 PM.

Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek, CA 94596, mtdpc.org

**Cosponsored by the Social Action Committee of the Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church
Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County & the Social Justice Alliance of the Interfaith Council**

Sister Helen began her prison ministry in 1981 when she dedicated her life to the poor of New Orleans. While living in the St. Thomas housing project, she became pen pals with Patrick Sonnier, the convicted killer of two teenagers, sentenced to die in the electric chair of Louisiana's Angola State Prison. Upon Sonnier's request, Sister Helen repeatedly visited him as his spiritual advisor. In doing so, her eyes were opened to the Louisiana execution process. Sister Helen turned her experiences into a book that was nominated for a 1993 Pulitzer Prize. *Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty in the United States* was number one on the New York Times Best Seller List for 31 weeks

In January 1996, the book was developed into a major motion picture starring Susan Sarandon as Sister Helen and Sean Penn as a death row inmate. The movie received four Oscar nominations including Tim Robbins for Best Director, Sean Penn for Best Actor, Susan Sarandon for Best Actress, and Bruce Springsteen's "Dead Man Walking" for Best Song. Susan Sarandon won the award for Best Actress.

SPECIAL FREE SHOWING of the film *Dead Man Walking* on March 25 at 7:00 PM
at the Peace Center, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek.

Suggested donation: \$20 General, \$10 Students with current ID Only
Tickets Online at www.brownpapertickets.com OR at 925-933-7850
Wheel chair accessible



A book sale and signing will follow the presentation.

**Please bring nonperishable food items and/or large size disposable diapers
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