

Educate Your Congregation on Drone Warfare

Implement the Creating Peace Statement of Conscience

“We repudiate aggressive and preventive wars, the disproportionate use of force, covert wars, and targeting that includes a high risk to civilians.” ~ 2010 SOC

In the last decade, **US Drone Warfare has rapidly escalated in war zones as well as in areas where war has not been declared.** Up to 80 countries, as well as non-state actors such as ISIS, now have drone warfare capability. Great moral, ethical, humanitarian, and theological issues are raised by this development, but to date there has been relatively little public debate on it.

The Interfaith Network on Drone Warfare (INDW) has produced four half hour videos, together with discussion guides that explore the moral, policy, and religious dimensions of this new and troubling development. Military, international law, proliferation, human rights, and policy experts are featured, along with religious leaders from a wide range of faith traditions, including Unitarian Universalist.

Each video screening can be followed by a 25-minute guided discussion, for which there are study guides with suggested questions, and still finish within the normal one hour allotted for adult education.

These free videos are ideal resources for use in education hours in your regular weekly congregational schedule or as part of a series during a season in your faith tradition. The introductory video in the series of five is:

Safe and Moral? War, Peace, Drone Warfare, and the Religious Community

Three others are on the back of this flyer. Visit www.interfaithdronenetwork.org for a preview and to access the videos. If you need help with expenses associated with using our educational videos on drone warfare, Peace Action Education Fund can offer limited funding. The final video on *The Religious Community and Drone Warfare* should be available by July 2017.

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Taquiena Boston, Director, Multicultural Growth and Witness, Unitarian Universalist Association, signed onto “Drone Warfare: A Religious and Moral Perspective,” a statement developed by the INDW. The Rev. Eric Cherry, Director of the International Office, Unitarian Universalist Association, named the Rev. Chris J. Antal as UUA Representative for Disarmament, Peace and Security Advocacy for a July 2016 White House National Security Council staff meeting organized by the INDW. Rev. Antal was the featured presenter on disarmament at the 2017 UU UNO spring seminar, which focused on drone warfare. He is active with the INDW and the UU Peace Ministry Network, and he is available as a resource to help educate congregations about drone warfare, implement this discussion series, and take social action. Contact Rev. Antal at antal@uuma.org.

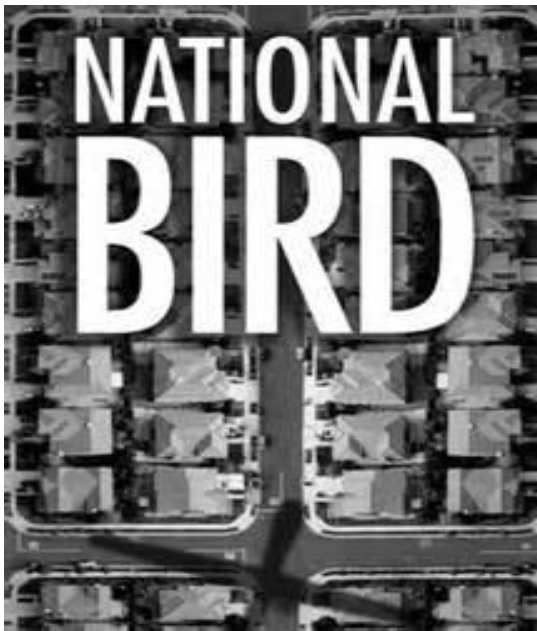


By Brave New Films

Robert Greenwald, Director

30 min. version— edited for education classes in congregations

Unmanned: America's Drone Wars, investigates the impact of U.S. drone strikes at home and abroad through compelling interviews. A former American drone operator shares what he has witnessed in his own words, Pakistani families mourn loved ones and seek legal redress, investigative journalists pursue the truth, and top military officials warn against retaliation because innocent lives were lost.



Directed by Sonia Kennebeck

34 min. version— edited for education classes in congregations

National Bird, a documentary by Sonia Kennebeck, follows the dramatic journey of three whistleblowers that are determined to break the silence about America's drone war. This shortened version of the documentary features two military veterans of drone warfare: Lisa and Heather. Plagued by guilt over participating in the killing of faceless people in foreign countries, they decide to speak out publicly, despite the possible consequences.



Directed by Tonje Hessen Schei

30 min. version— edited for education classes in congregations

Drone provides an in-depth look at the recruitment of drone operators and changing attitudes towards war. The film examines the role of drone operators, political leaders, and anti-war activists, as well as the morality of targeted killings. Schei also broaches the topics of changing trends in weapons production and the possibility of drone technology being acquired by unfriendly regimes.

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