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# REFERRENCES

As a committed member of the Thomas Merton Center, I'm asking you to

*join me and other community organizations, faith groups, labor unions and activist/political groups in hosting a 50th Anniversary Celebration for the TMC on September 3, 2022.*

This event will be a 6-hour public, outdoor festival and require many people to make it happen!

TL;DR: [Fill out this form](#) to table or participate in the 50th year anniversary outdoor festival fundraiser:

[https://bit.ly/org\\_signup](https://bit.ly/org_signup)

*The Thomas Merton Center has a 50 year history of showing up. Its mission is to build and support collaborative movements that empower marginalized populations to advance collective liberation from oppressive systems.*

*Merton Center members show up by partnering with community orgs on direct actions, deep organizing, recruitment and mobilization whether they're providing the marshals, the megaphones, or the critical masses.*

*They show up for your workshops, your vigils, your labor rallies, your protests, your court support, your canvasses, your public hearings and lobby days. They support us during our difficult times and show up for our victories.*

*They show up for individuals who experience injustice but don't have the means or the influence to bring attention to it.*

*They show up for small grassroots groups like Steel Smiling, Pittsburghers for Public Transit, Pittsburgh Prison Book Project, CEDAW and so many more by providing fiscal sponsorships and lifting them up into thriving organizations.*

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living:  
50 years  
of TMC  
building  
peace  
through  
justice*

*The Thomas Merton Center presents...*

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*They dedicate countless staff hours and resources to coalitions locally, statewide and nationwide, like Drop Colcom, Driving PA Forward, PA Poor People's Campaign. They sit on your coalition tables and help build our collective power.*

*They do the research, the power-mapping, the legwork, and most importantly, they lift up your work when you're not in the room. They share your events and broadcast your calls to action.*

*They show up by providing you a literal or metaphorical space to do whatever it is that drives you!*

## ***How do they do all this?***

*Because we are ALL the TMC. Whether you're a member or a partner organization, we create this beautiful organism of community-building across all intersections of justice. We are a peace organization. A social justice organization. We fight for liberation for all, access to basic human rights for all. We fight against war and capitalist greed. We dismantle systems that deprive people of education, economic opportunity, safe housing, criminal justice, and a healthy, clean environment and planet. We learn from one another's unique struggles to unify and build power. And I want to celebrate all of you, through celebrating the TMC's 50th year anniversary.*

If the TMC aligns with your values or has benefitted your group in any way, now is the time to show up for the Merton Center in a big way! We need to raise \$50,000 to build momentum and capacity for TMC, so we need you to be a part of this event and share the incredible ways you make Pittsburgh a peaceful community where we've got each other's backs.

**Here's the form to sign up:** [bit.ly/org\\_signup](https://bit.ly/org_signup)

Please reach out to the Event Chair, Symone Saul, at 412-370-4460 or [symone.m.saul@gmail.com](mailto:symone.m.saul@gmail.com) with questions or to discuss details.