

**PRESS RELEASE
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Dr. Elaine Wright will be the guest preacher for the 14th Denounce Torture Prayer Vigil in Owensboro to be held at the **Unitarian Universalist Congregation** (corner of Cedar & Parrish) on **Sunday, 24 June at 3 pm**. Dr. Wright is an Associate Professor at Brescia University's Marilyn Younger Conley School of Social Work in Owensboro, KY. Since 1995, she has lectured, practiced, researched, and studied about social work and social issues in multiple countries around the world. Dr. Wright currently teaches about caritas, human rights, humanitarian crises, policy advocacy and poverty in Brescia's online MSW program. Dr. Wright earned her PhD and MSSW from the University of Louisville's Kent School of Social Work in Louisville, KY. She received her BSW from Brescia University.

The Prayer Vigil is in support of those who have been victimized by torture, for the implementation of the plan to end torture, and for the strength to uphold human rights and dignity in every circumstance. It will include readings, silent meditation, music, candle lighting with a litany of countries, and Dr. Wright's reflection.

A Free Public Panel on Trans-Awareness for the 14th Denounce Torture Lecture in Owensboro to be held at the **Unitarian Universalist Congregation** (corner of Cedar & Parrish) on **Tuesday, 26 June at 6 pm**. The lecture is free. Participants will include: Dixie Collinson, Emma Latta, Deana Smith, and representatives from New Beginnings, and the Foundation for Healing through the Arts

June 26 is the 31st observance of International Day in Support of Victims of Torture and 22nd anniversary of the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

Local events to Denounce Torture have been held at Mount Saint Joseph, Brescia University, and the Unitarian Universalist Congregation for several years. This year's Vigil and Lecture are offered to deepen awareness of issues that allow torture to develop in a society and encourage participation in creating a different society that works for all.

The public is invited to all events.
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