

Witness to the Human Cost of the Iraq War

Lift the Prophetic Voice in Congressional Offices

November 1, 2005

An Interfaith Public Witness

Sample Agenda

10:30 Organizers gather to set up

Outside, in front of the office:

11:30 Opening Statement(s) and liturgy

Interfaith prayer for the dead, their families and the courage of the peacemakers

Explanation and reading of the Kaddish

Reading from the Koran

Commence reading the names outside

Noon? Delegation enters the office, makes/presents a statement to the staff and explains the visuals

Offers another brief interfaith prayer

Commences reading of the names (perhaps just the names from that state or just the names from the previous year; perhaps 10 minutes of silence in honor of all the unnamed civilians who have died, with the bell being rung once every minute to mark an estimated 10,000 each minute; perhaps an additional minute of silence in memory of all those who have been tortured)

1:00? Delegation moves back outside; reading of the names stops temporarily to allow the delegation to issue a statement about the response from congressional staff

Resume reading of the names

End with a prayer and a call to further action