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Hello Friends,

As part of our continuing effort to educate ourselves and bring relief to Syrian women and children, we have invited Pat Hynes, Traprock Center for Peace and Justice, to speak on Sunday, February 18 at 2pm at Second Church in Greenfield.

In October 2017, Pat and two others traveled to Lebanon to conduct interviews with women in Syrian refugee camps in the Bekaa Valley near the Syrian border. They also visited a Lebanese-run school for Syrian children. Pat will give a presentation with slides about the plight of women refugees in war as told by Syrian women and the admirable work of local Lebanese and Syrian organizations providing aid.

"Throughout," she says, "I felt the truth of peace activist Randall Forsberg's observation: *there is no crisis that is not worsened by war. War is not the answer.*"

Michael Kane of Valley Syrian Relief will also give a short summary of the bombing of civilians in the rebel held areas of northeast Syria.

A poster for the event is attached.

Please join us.

In Peace and Love,

Charlene Golonka

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