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Dear Walter Teague,

We look forward to seeing you in less than a month at the famed New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington for an amazing conference celebrating and reflecting on the movement that helped end the war in Indochina forty years ago. It will be a meaningful and memorable occasion.

You and nearly 1500 others launched this gathering by signing an open letter against a nationwide official commemoration that looked like a whitewash of the war.

If you've followed our updates, you know that the Pentagon agreed to address some of our concerns. But you also are well aware we must remain vigilant.

The updated conference agenda and registration form can be found by clicking [here](#).

We need to be organized because the lessons of the war, and of the struggle to end it, are far from learned. As war continues to be a clear and present danger to our democracy, we need to gather at this conference to consider our past and implications for the present and future.

Hundreds of us will come together - activists from the successful struggle for peace and young justice-fighters of today.

Below is the list of speakers, entertainers and discussion moderators already confirmed. Join them by clicking [here](#) to register for the conference.

Bring your children and grandchildren. Let them learn from personal experience about the achievements and challenges of our movement and of the need and paths to continue.

Scan again the list of letter signers and their personal histories (click [here](#)). Imagine what it would be like for us to see each other again, or meet for the first time.

You will want to be at this historic gathering. The time to register is NOW by clicking [here](#).

Sincerely,

The Vietnam Peace Commemoration Committee

PS: If cost is a concern, we can help. Thanks to generous donors, you will not be asked to contribute more for registration than is reasonable for your current resources. Information about how to do it can be found in

the drop down "Conference Registration - more info" by clicking [here](#).



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* see NY Times [profile](#) 4/5/15

