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**“March on Milwaukee: A Memoir of the Open Housing  
Protests” Returns to the Stage**

(MILWAUKEE) Forty years ago a group of Milwaukeeans led by Father James Groppi marched and protested for 200 days straight for fair and equal housing for all. “March on Milwaukee: A Memoir of the Open Housing Protests” is a stage adaptation of the memoirs of Margaret Rozga, who was married to Father Groppi for 10 years and marched along with him. The play is being staged for a second time in Milwaukee. It will be performed Saturday April 26, 2008 at 7:00 pm at Mason Temple Church of God in Christ, 6090 N. 35<sup>th</sup> St., Milwaukee. The play was first performed in Milwaukee before a standing-room-only crowd at the Humphrey Scottish Rite Temple Center September 27, 2007, during the commemoration of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the open housing marches. The play has also been staged at UW-Waukesha.

The production aims to teach Milwaukee youth and families about the civil rights movement in Milwaukee and the Open Housing Movement that took place here. It is also a tribute to those who organized, fought, marched, and lost their lives in protest for fair house in the city of Milwaukee. The hope is that it will also reignite discussion about problems that still exist today.

**WHAT:** Performance of “March on Milwaukee: A Memoir of the Open Housing Protests”  
**WHEN:** Saturday April 26, 2008  
7:00 PM  
**WHERE:** Mason Temple Church of God in Christ  
6090 North 35th St.  
**WHO:** Presented by YMCA Community Development Center, Mason Temple COGIC, and Andre Lee Ellis & Company  
Tickets: \$10 Call 414-374-9444 to purchase tickets in advance.

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