

## Merchants of Death

Members of Pax Christi New York State have been working closely with members of the Ban Killer Drones and Merchants of Death movements to speak out against military drones and the companies who manufacture them. On November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, a group of these activists who call themselves the Merchants of Death War Crimes Tribunal served subpoenas to four of the 100 merchants with offices near the Pentagon: Lockheed Martin, Boeing, General Atomics, Raytheon. These subpoenas were served commanding the corporations to “produce and permit inspection and copying” of a long list of “documents, reports, records” and more that reveal their war profiteering at the expense of humankind. You can read the full subpoena here: <https://merchantsofdeath.org/2022/11/11/subpoenas-delivered-to-weapons-companies/>.

This is actually meant to be an ongoing exposure to the world of their crimes. Hours of testimony have already been taken by Lancaster, PA attorney, Brad Wolf. Cornell West, renowned philosopher, political activist, social critic, intellectual, and scholar, is among those who already testified. Hundreds more hours will be secured in the following year with the Merchants of Death Tribunal broadcast from Marquette University in Wisconsin to the whole world. Kathy Kelly, a prominent member of the group, is working on getting verbal testimony from Pope Francis because of his rebuke to the arms industry in his speech to the U.S. Congress back in 2015 and his repeated comments on the subject since then, including on his recent flight back to Rome from an Apostolic Journey to Bahrain.

Pre-Trial events will be held, among them in New York City next April. The ultimate “trial” is scheduled for November, 2023.

See more coverage here:

[https://www.commondreams.org/views/2022/11/11/subpoenas-served-us-weapons-manufacturers?utm\\_source=daily\\_newsletter&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_campaign=daily\\_newsletter\\_op](https://www.commondreams.org/views/2022/11/11/subpoenas-served-us-weapons-manufacturers?utm_source=daily_newsletter&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=daily_newsletter_op).

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