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GUEST SPEAKERS



Helmuth Caspar von Moltke—Descendant of German Political Resistors

We are fortunate to have obtained the witness of Helmuth Caspar von Moltke. He was a child when his parents, Helmuth James Graf von Moltke and Freya von Moltke, became leaders within the German social world. Their beliefs clashed with the Nazi contempt of human rights. Both of his parents were skilled lawyers who gradually became more involved with dozens of their friends who abhorred the conduct of the Nazi government. Helmuth James Graf von Moltke legally fought to protect the legal standing and property of those oppressed. Despite Helmuth James's efforts and those of the von Moltke's friends, they were killed. "Letters to Freya" documents this important resistance.



Robert K. Wagemann—Escapee from Nazi Germany

The Nazis killed all mentally and physically disabled citizens from 1933 until the end of World War II. Nazi government judges approved the killings of all people with Alzheimer's, tuberculosis, epilepsy, depression, bipolar disorder, and paranoia; they also killed the blind, lame, deaf, feeble-minded, or deformed. Robert Wagemann was born with a slight deformity because his mother, a Jehovah's Witness, was imprisoned while pregnant. She courageously grabbed her son while the doctor was at lunch. They escaped and started their journey into hiding. The Nazis killed 250,000 mentally and physically disabled people; only a handful survived. The Nazis also imprisoned thousands of Jehovah's Witnesses. Adolph Hitler despised their devotion to their Christian faith and refusal to salute him. Thousands did not survive.



Eva Mozes Kor—Auschwitz Survivor

The infamous "Angel of Death," Dr. Josef Mengele, captured Eva Kor and her twin sister; he used them and other twins to perform horrible medical experiments. Very few survived. Eva Kor was only 11 when captured, and she endured unspeakable acts that defy human understanding. Her twin sister later perished from the physical damage done by these insane experiments. We are fortunate to have Eva Kor with us to bear witness to the depth of degradation that the world allowed to flourish for too long.