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Gandhi - King - Gyatso

2015
THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL SEASON FOR NONVIOLENCE

JANUARY 30TH – APRIL 4TH
M.K. GANDHI, DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

CONVENED BY
THE ASSOCIATION FOR GLOBAL NEW THOUGHT
As a human family we are asking the question: “How can any act of violence be recognized as a solution to the consequences of violence that we face today?” Violent actions and reactions are the scars of social, educational, and economic wounds... the voices of a spiritually inarticulate culture.

The practice of nonviolence is initiated by choice and cultivated through agreement. The time has come to agree upon this as a global community as if our lives, and those of our children’s children, depended on it. Our vision is of a better world for all human beings.

The Gandhi King Gyatso Season for Nonviolence is an international grassroots campaign growing out of the passion and creative expression of many spiritual and civic-minded individuals and communities. Our vision is to promote a proactive, life enhancing awareness of nonviolent activism as demonstrated by Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, and Tenzin Gyatso, the 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet.

The Season for Nonviolence is celebrated each year between January 30th and April 4th, marking the memorial anniversaries of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. It is energized by spiritually-motivated citizen leaders and volunteers in over 900 cities in 67 countries since inception.

Co-founded in 1998 by the Association for Global New Thought, and Arun and Sunanda Gandhi, the campaign is convened and directed by the Association for Global New Thought.

Our purpose is to create an awareness of nonviolent principles and practice as a powerful way to heal, transform and empower our lives and communities. Through an educational and community action campaign, we honor those who use nonviolence to build a community that honors the dignity and worth of every human being. By identifying "what works" in these new models for reconciliation and human harmony, we are demonstrating that every person can move the world in the direction of peace through his or her daily nonviolent choice and action.
Daily & Weekly Throughout the Season

**AGAPELIVE ONLINE EVENT**

Arise and Shine Morning Meditation & Prayer
Every Morning 7 – 7:15 am, Jan. 30-April 4

Align your day in peace with meditation & affirmative prayer. Rev. Carolyn Wilkins' powerful sessions will transform your thinking and responses to personal, family, business and world situations. Also, personal visioning or counseling session with Rev. Carolyn "Centered in Peace" Minister of Agape and President of Culver City Area Interfaith Alliance.globalworks@agapelive.com or 310-348-1260 ext.1505

Link: http://www.eventbrite.com/e/arise-and-shine-tickets-15455419576

**ONLINE - VIRTUAL COMMUNITY**

Peace Begins with Me
Jan. 30 6 - 6:15 am PDT

Center for Spiritual Awareness, West Sacramento
We will gather by telephone every morning at 6 o'clock a.m. beginning January 30th through April 4th, for a 15 minute phone call. A Practitioner or Minister will facilitate the call, always ending with prayer. All calls will be recorded and can be accessed on demand. Daily principles will also be posted on the CSA website and Facebook page. Our senior minister, Dr. Georgia Prescott and Julie Jenkins Sathe created a Kids' version of the 64 ways. More info: Rev. Brynde' Lambert, 510-776-1212


**DALLAS, TX**

64 Days
Season for Peace and Nonviolence

Savor the daily practices in these unique photo quotes along with inspirational writing. Daily Posting on FaceBook:

http://www.facebook.com/DallasSPAN

**LAKE OSWEGO, OR**

Prayers for Peace
Prayers Posted on Facebook Daily 6 am PST

NTCSL is posting a daily Prayer for Peace on the FB page "NTCSL Prayers for Peace." Prayers were written for each of the 64 days by Ministers, Practitioners and Practitioner II students.

Contact: Alison Hilbez RScP, Director, NTCSL Practitioner Program
ntcslpracdir@gmail.com, 503-522-8416

http://www.newthoughtcsl.org

**TUSCON, AZ**

Daily original poster on Facebook Page

"This was the first year I had no community events - I am retired, and I can't drive any more - and so I celebrated the season online. I made an original poster for each day. It was a great experience, actually, because each picture was a meditation and it was more personal." Rev. Gerry Straatemeier

Location: http://www.facebook.com/seasonsforpeaceandnonviolenceonhaul

Contact: Gerry Straatemeier: gs@paxis.org
• ONLINE - STRATFORD CT
Paris Photos for Peace Online
Jan. 30 - throughout Season for Nonviolence
Collection of photos by FM Gulmen, 10% donated to Thich Nhat Hanh Foundation to support mindfulness and meditation education. Photos of the Paris were taken just a few days before the Charlie Hebdo terrorist attack on January 7, 2015. The artist was motivated to capture and restore the spirit of this city, one of "light and love", and share that beauty with the world.

• THUNDERBAY, ONTARIO
"Introduction to (the) Non Violent Communication" (of Marshall Rosenberg)
This is a six week introductory program, beginning January 11 and continuing through March 29. Lakehead Unitarian Fellowship. Location: 129 South Algoma Street, Thunder Bay Ontario Canada
Contact: ThinkerBelle@cheerful.com

• BANDON, OR
Let Peace Begin With Me
This is a ten week class/discussion group, beginning January 18 and continuing through March 29. We will meet on Sunday mornings, 9:30-10:30 to discuss Mindy Audlin’s book: Let It Begin with me: 21 Voices of the New Peace Movement
The group will be encouraged to develop and implement a "peace-builder project"
Location: Unity of Bandon, Highway 101, Bandon OR
Contact: revrobin@haruna.com
www.unityofbandon.org

• LAKE OSWEGO, OR
Season of Non-Violence Art Show
New Thought Center for Spiritual Living will be hosting an art show about Non-Violence throughout the season. "We create beauty and spiritual insight with our artistic expression and grace the walls of our Center with our work, for all to enjoy."
Location: New Thought Center for Spiritual Living 1040 C Ave Lake Oswego, OR
Contact: http://www.newthoughtcso.org/community/programs/artists-group
• WASHINGTON, DC
Practicing Ahimsa: Nonviolence in Our Communication
An introduction and 8-week series diving deeper into the principles of nonviolence and empowered communication, also known as Nonviolent Communication™ tarts Thursday January 29, 7:45-9:30pm, and continues for 8 consecutive Thursdays, until 3/19/2015, Contact: http://www.thestudiodc.com

• MOORESTOWN, NJ
Moorestown Center for Conscious Living
Special SNV Services
Feb. 1 – April 5
Each of the 10 Sunday services during SNV (Feb 1,8,15,22, Mar 1,8,15,22,29, Apr 5 Easter) CCL Peacemaker Team will observe SNV in following ways: Display portable Peace Pole and MLK / Gandhi poster by alter which will have a "peace" theme created by Flower Ministry. At service end when The Peace Song is sung, peace pole will be placed in middle of congregational circle and CCL Peacemakers will gather around it forming inner circle to lead recitation of a new-thought adapted version of the World Peace Prayer Society "Peace Pole" Prayer:
Location: 16 E. Main Street Moorestown, NJ 08057
http://newthoughtcd.org

• MIDLAND, TX
Sunday Services for Season for Nonviolence, Feb 1 – April 5
Location: 1908 W. Wall Street Ste. D
Contact: http://midlands.org/Location.html

• LIVONIA, MI
Random Act of Kindness Campaign
The Kickoff of our Random Acts of Kindness Campaign will be at our Jan. 13th Citizens for Peace meeting. This is our fourth year of honoring this Season. We have Gary Weinstein talking about the Power of Forgiveness. Mr. Weinstein got national coverage when he forgave the killer of his wife and two sons in a tragic drunk driving accident. The meeting will start at 7 pm at Unity of Livonia (28660 Five Mile Rd)
Contact: Colleen MIBS 734-425-0079
Website: http://www.citizens4peace.com

January

TUESDAY, January 6, 2015

• BANDON, OR
Peace Rocks Painting Party
A Peace rocks are found in over 40 countries around the world. Join us to paint rocks and assemble a "box of peace". All supplies provided. OR make your own at home!
Contact Peace Rocks Project:
revrobin@haruna.com
http://www.peacerocks.org

FRIDAY, January 16, 2015

• SCOTTSDALE, AZ
Nonviolence Leadership Certificate Program Dinner
Leadership in the Way of St. Francis - a certificate program in facilitating nonviolent dialogue and action. St. Francis embodies the Gospel journey from violence to nonviolence and that is why he is known as the "Man of Peace."
Location: Franciscan Renewal Center 5802 E. Lincoln
Contact: Bonnie Wasniewski bonnie@thecasa.org Website: http://www.thecasa.org

SUNDAY, January 17, 2015

• SANTA CLARA, CA
Day of Social Justice
Presenting opportunities for inspiration, education, and action. Carry the Vision and Silicon Valley Interreligious Council (SVIC) are co-hosting a panel at this event entitled Nonviolence and World Faiths. This panel will discuss how nonviolence is rooted in various faith traditions including Mahatma Gandhi’s movement and how they are relevant today. Presented by: Diocese of San Jose, CA
Location: St. Lawrence Church, 1971 St. Lawrence Drive, Santa Clara,CA
Website: http://www.dsj.org/social-ministry
A Call for Compassion: Prayer and Stillness as Tools for Active Change!

Through the power of prayer and stillness we can gain a more rooted perspective on the current violent behavior patterns that not only are perpetuated by police officers. At the foundation of ahimsa is the practice of compassion, considering the current condition of society this is sorely needed. During this Season for Peace and Non Violence let’s make it our mission to collectively enter into prayer and stillness and listen for ways we can practice cultivating, spreading, and BEing vessels of compassion.

Location: Guidance Church (A Center for Spiritual Living) 7225 Crenshaw Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA
Contact: (323) 778-0773   Website: http://www.guidancechurch.org

Baltimore, MD
MLK Prayer Breakfast & Concert!

Presented by Spiritual Empowerment Center, Annual MLK Prayer Potluck Breakfast 9-11 am, Concert 11 am Songs of Peace and Protest featuring Deletta Gillespie
Location: 129 North Charles Street, Baltimore, MD. 21218
Contact: Rev. Michele K Synegal 410 244-7321  http://www.spiritualempowermentcenter.org

San Antonio, TX
Blessings of the Peacemakers

The 9th annual Blessing of the Peacemakers marks the opening of the Season for Nonviolence and the appointment of the 2015 San Antonio Peace Laureate. The hour-long ceremony is followed by a reception. Music by the San Antonio Vocal Arts Ensemble (SAVAE)
Location: Whitley Theological Center, Oblate School of Theology, 285 Oblate Drive, San Antonio, TX 78217.
Contact: info@sacompassionnet.org   Website: http://www.sanantoniopeace.center

Santa Fe, NM
Season for Nonviolence Talk Series

Weekly talk series on the book Great Peace Makers: True Stories from Around the World -- incorporating the weekly prayers for the Season for Nonviolence
Location: Everyday Center for Spiritual Living 1519 Fifth Street Santa Fe, NM

Los Angeles, CA
Walk to Celebrate the Life and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Annual Martin Luther King March and Celebration culminating in event at Greater Beulah Baptist Church. Hundreds of people walked through the streets of Dothan.
Contact: Audri Scott Williams: aewnowtime@aol.com
Website: http://www.audriscottwilliams.com/

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**EDMONTON, ALBERTA**

*Remembering Gandhi and Revisiting His Principles of Nonviolence*

Launch of Edmonton’s Season for Nonviolence: Performances by: The Wayward Collective and Sparrow Grace, Panel Discussion: “What Would Gandhi Do?” with Hon. Doug Roche O.C., Dr. Reva Joshee, Dr. Bruce Miller and Dr. Janice Huber. Come learn how you can take part in this global initiative!

Location: Mahatma Gandhi Canadian Foundation for World Peace, University of Alberta - Education Bldg. North

Website: http://www.gandhifoundation.ca/gandhi-memorial-evening-2015.html

**ANKORAGE, ALASKA**

*TAIZE SERVICE*

Join us for a service composed of songs, prayers, meditation, inspirational readings, candle lighting and peaceful reflections. Additional services will be held on February 25, 2015; March 25, 2015.

Location: Alaska Center for Spiritual Living, 929 E 81st, Anchorage

**SAN DIEGO, CA**

*Four Agreements Study Group*

On-going discussion and application of the Four Agreements using the book by Don Miguel Ruiz. These agreements that we make with ourselves is an affirmative approach to living within the principles of a Season for Nonviolence. It is an essential text for everyone who wants to practice the positive life skills of being a peacemaker.

Location: San Diego Center for Spiritual Living, 1430 Seventh Ave. Suite C

Contact: Rev. John Poleski, 619-491-3087

http://www.sandiegocsl.org

**KELOWNA, BRITISH COLUMBIA**

*Peace Meditation*

World Peace Meditation – to launch awareness of the Season of Peace and Nonviolence our community is offering an evening peace meditation for all to attend. Food and sharing afterwards.

Location: Center for Spiritual Living, 2490 Pandosy St. Contact: Rev. Leskey McNamara, 250.317.1570

http://www.cslkelowna.org/

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2015**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2015**
• SANTA ROSA CA

Healing Through Dialogue: Sonoma County SNV Launch & Award Ceremony
Season Opening Event, Ceremony and Nonviolence Training. Lifetime Achievement Peace Award honoring Metta’s Michael Nagler. We will explore the philosophy of nonviolence, and learn tools of Nonviolent Communication, as developed by Marshall Rosenberg, PhD to create more peace in ourselves, our relationships, and the world we want to live in, where all lives matter and everyone’s needs are met. Nonviolent Communication helps bridge the gap of us and them, and create communities of cooperation and peace. Location: Piner High School, 1700 Fulton Road  Website: www.mettacenter.org/season

• ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

Drumming Circle
Alaska Partners for Peace hosts a series drum circles - an entry level rhythm experience that invites people of all ages to explore music and rhythm expressions. Bring your own instrument and some will be provided. O.C. Dr Reva Joshee, Dr. Bruce Miller and Dr. Janice Huber. Come learn how you can take part in this global initiative! Location: Alaska Center for Spiritual Living 929 E. 81st Avenue, Ste. 105  Contact: 907-230-2820, or Alaska Center for Spiritual Living, 907-522-0940, akdrumrhythm@gmail.com  http://cslashaska.org

• LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA

Opening of Season For Nonviolence
A variety of speakers share in their vision of Peace, with a focus on the philosophy of attaining peace through nonviolent action. The campaigns, purpose is to focus on the philosophy of attaining peace through nonviolent action as demonstrated by legendary leaders Mohandas K. Gandhi, Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., Cesar E. Chavez, and President Nelson Mandela, as well as living legends such as His Holiness, Tenzin Gyatso, the 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet. Everyone is welcome. Location: Unity in the Seven Hills, 522 Campbell Avenue  Contact: 434-845-5832 Monday thru Thursday 10AM to 4PM.  Visit our website at http://www.unityinthesevenhills.org

• SEATTLE, WA

Being Peace, Speaking Peace
In honor of the 18th annual SNV, Introduction to Nonviolent Communication. Location: 4759 15th Avenue NE  Contact: (206) 706-1895, or email janice.eng2@gmail.com  Website: http://www.freedomprojectseattle.org  http://www.nwcompass.org

• PLANO, TEXAS

Peace IS Possible - Opening Ceremony
Celebrating the Season for Nonviolence with music, meditation and more, a dynamic event with celebrated spiritual teachers and artists - Jodi Roberts, Cornell Kinderknecht and Rev Veronica Valles. Location: This is a private home/healing Sound Temple so the address will be emailed to you once you register at http://www.starcoyotesoundtemple.com  Website: http://www.64days.org

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Be Peace Foundations Course

Be Peace is a practice of a synergistic skill set that combines coherence and connection to build social and emotional intelligence. This combination allows us to access our natural wisdom and compassion, which efficiently shifts us from stress to peace. Location: Piccolo Pasteur’s 7227 Point Pleasant Road | Elk Grove, CA 95757
Contact: Rev. Denese Schellink, Simply Sacred | 916-832-0057 | http://www.simplysacred.org

Being Peace, Speaking Peace

Second day of workshop in honor of the 18th annual SNV, Introduction to Nonviolent Communication. Location: 4759 15th Avenue NE | Contact: (206) 706-1895, or email janice.eng2@gmail.com
Website: http://www.freedomprojectseattle.org

Pax è Paz - Pax Is Peace (Prayers for Peace, Music, Arts)

Special Service with live music and videos and interviews at PAX TV everyday - send prayers to mailing list and Facebook for people to join at home and job - every Thurs and Sat Peace Meditations at PAX center till April 4th
Contact: pax@pax.org.br | Website: http://www.pax.org.br

Keeping The Peace

Celebrate 1 Year of our Shalom Cultural Peace project store being open with local musical artists with positive a message from the tribe featuring: Roksta Orkestra, Gina Rene, Ra-be Threethirtythree. All are welcome. Event is FREE!! Contact: Jacob Seedman, jacobseedman@gmail.com | Location: Shalom Cultural Peace Project Store 541 Seabright Avenue, Santa Cruz.

PE.A.C.E. Meetings are twice-monthly gatherings to learn, share and collaborate efforts to create a more sustainable and self-reliant commUNITY. We encourage ecologically sound living and business practices to support a healthier body, mind and economy. Location: The Serenity Center, CommUNITY Space and Artisan Boutique, 2040 Winter Springs Blvd.
Contact: Cassandra Curley at 407-719-8883 | http://www.serenitycenter.com

Knox Middle School Peace March

Assembling at Knox Middle School, marching to the San Diego Educational Cultural Center, 4343 Ocean Blvd., San Diego. Approximately 1.2 mile march. Members of AFDOP, Kids For Peace, along with Principals and students from Knox Middle School, Morse High School, Porter Elementary School. Contact: Contact information, Sue Trisler - Americans For a Department of Peace (also representing Kids For Peace, The Peace Alliance, Student Peace Alliance | Location: Knox Middle School, 10985 49th Street

Peace Meeting

18th Annual Season for Nonviolence: Video Introduction

http://www.agnt.org/snv-video
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2015

MERU, KENYA
64 Days of Peace and Nonviolence

Feb 1. through the Season

We are excited to live the language and actions of peace and nonviolence to see how it impacts our work and lives. We formed groups to work on the daily words / actions and to gather weekly to share what we all get!

International Peace Initiatives     http://www.ipeacei.org

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
Party Wave, Team Peace

Join Team Peace at the 19th annual Alaska Ski for Women (ASFW)- North America's largest women-only cross-country ski event. Women of all ages and abilities come out to Nordic ski 2.4 miles to raise funds for groups that help stop the cycle of domestic violence. Location: Kincaid Park
Contact: Alaska Center for Spiritual Living, 907-522-0940. Website: http://www.AlaskaSkiForWomen.org

CULVER CITY, CA
Conversations on Gandhi and King - GlobalWorks Forum on Peace

Monthly GlobalWorks Forum. Rev. Carolyn Wilkins and the Agape GlobalWorks Ministry have a powerful program for our monthly forum with a short video followed by a discussion of Gandhi, King and Peace at the start of our Season for Nonviolence program. The next two meetings are March 1 and April 5. Location: Agape International Spiritual Center, 5700 Buckingham Parkway, Culver City
Contact: Rev. Carolyn Wilkins, Director of GlobalWorks Ministry globalworks@agapelive.com or 310-348-1260 ext. 1505
Website: http://www.agapelive.com
ST. LOUIS, MO
Strategize to Abolish the Prison Industrial Complex
The Coalition to Abolish the Prison Industrial Complex was formed as an active arm of The Ethics Project and The Catholic Action Network, how to deal with violence using nonviolence and dismantling an overly punitive justice system. Contact: http://www.TheEthicsProject.org

PLACERVILLE, CA
Love's Intention
Practical ways we can bring "Ahimsa" into our lives. Rev. Barbara Walley spoke to the personal approach we can take to actualize Love's Intention in meaningful ways with our loved ones, where we work, in our communities and apply it to our personal self care. Location: Mountainside Center for Spiritual Living, 549 Main Street, Placerville, CA http://www.mountainsidecsl.com http://www.sacredlifeskills.com

SPRINGFIELD, OR
Be the Change
Cascade Center for Spiritual Living Sunday Celebration focusing on the principles of nonviolence Gandhi espoused and taught. Location: 500B Main Street, Springfield, OR Contact: 541.747.3887 http://www.cascadecsl.org

BANDON, OR
Peace Rocks Painting Party
A Peace rocks are found in over 40 countries around the world. Join us to paint rocks and assemble a "box of peace". All supplies provided. OR make your own at home! Contact information: Peace Rocks Project: http://www.peacerocks.org

NATIONWIDE
#SelmaForStudents
Due to popular demand, new cities added! 7th, 8th and 9th Graders can show their student ID or report card at the box office of any participating theater in these cities, to receive their free tickets. Website: http://selmastudenttickets.com

PORTLAND, MAINE
Peace Service - Film "Admissions"
The Wisdom of Gandhi. Showing of the Film "Admissions" with discussion. For 6 Sundays, the message will be about the Wisdom of Gandhi. For more information: http://unitygreaterportland.org Location: 54 River Rd, Windham Website: http://unitygreaterportland.org

WOODENVILLE, WA
"Forgiveness - It's All The Rage" Sunday Series
Forgiveness is our theme for the 2015 Season for Nonviolence. The series begins this Sunday morning. Practical, Inspiring, Informative. Location: Unity Center Of Peace, 17311 135th Ave NE Suite C-500 Website: http://unitycenterofpeace.org

SAN DIEGO, CA
True Love Tour 2015 - Emily Potter in Concert

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2015

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2015

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2015
ROCHESTER, NY
Season for Nonviolence Movie Series Beginning Feb. 11, Feb 18 & 25
Lots of other activities planned by Gandhi Institute Location: Gandhi Institute, Gandhi House, 929 S. Plymouth, Rochester; Contact: 585-463-3266 http://www.gandhiinstitute.org

WASHINGTON, DC
Practicing Ahimsa: Nonviolence in Our Communication
8-week series diving deeper into the principles of nonviolence and empowered communication, learn how to connect with greater clarity and awareness to what motivates you and others behind words and actions, enhance your capacity to voice your true self and empathically guess what may be precious to others, strengthen connection and trust and explore the healing power of empathy on core beliefs and habits. Location: Washington, DC. Website: http://www.thestudiodc.com

DENVER, CO
Tea & Empathy – Compassionate Communication Group
Tea & Empathy is an on-going drop-in practice group for Nonviolent Communication. Focus on living with greater compassion and empathy in all of your relationships, creating a quality of connection in our communication rather than needing to be right, use power, or debating. Reduce the life-alienating nuances in your speech and intention by practicing more life-giving ways of being with each other. Location: Evanston Center for Spiritual Wholeness And Healing; 2122 South Lafayette St, Denver 80210 Contact: Susan Kaplan 720.280.2170 kaplan@earthlink.net

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2015

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2015

SEDONA, AZ
One Billion Rising Flash Mob
1 Billion Rising Revolution celebrations with Light Body Fitness Flash Mob, Flash Dance at Tlaquepaque! Light Body Fitness is inviting people of all ages to participate in a song and dance. Leading up to the event, the simple free dance has been taught on Wednesday’s, and Fridays at 6:00 p.m. at Light Body Fitness. Location: Tlaquepaque Arts & Crafts Village 336 State Route 179 · Sedona AZ Website: http://www.onebillionrising.org

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2015

ROCHESTER, NY
Peace Concert & Workshop
This is the second Peace Concert hosted as part of the Season for Nonviolence, and marks the return to Rochester of Boston hip hop duo The Foundation Movement. This is a great opportunity for area youth to celebrate peacemaking, nonviolence, and good music! Location: Rochester Memorial Art Gallery M&T Bank Ballroom 500 University Ave. Contact: 585-463-3266 http://www.gandhiinstitute.org

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KELOWNA, BRITISH COLUMBIA
Peace Movie Night
Centre for Spiritual Living Kelowna presents films for validation and teens perspective on non-violence. Location: Fipke Centre Lecture Theatre – Room 204 · 3247 University Way Contact: Rev Lesley McNamara, 250.317.1570. Website: http://www.cslkelowna.org

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2015

ROCHESTER, NY
February Peace Concert & Workshop
This is the second Peace Concert hosted as part of the Season for Nonviolence, and marks the return to Rochester of Boston hip hop duo The Foundation Movement. This is a great opportunity for area youth to celebrate peacemaking, nonviolence, and good music! Location: Rochester Memorial Art Gallery M&T Bank Ballroom 500 University Ave. Contact: 585-463-3266 http://www.gandhiinstitute.org

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2015

KELOWNA, BRITISH COLUMBIA
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Centre for Spiritual Living Kelowna presents films for validation and teens perspective on non-violence. Location: Fipke Centre Lecture Theatre – Room 204 · 3247 University Way Contact: Rev Lesley McNamara, 250.317.1570. Website: http://www.cslkelowna.org

SCOTTSDALE, AZ
Introduction to Nonviolence and Conflict Resolution in the Kingian Principles
Discover the strategies and philosophy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Learn new ways to resolve conflicts and build a stronger community; Interactive and group work based training; Become a Nonviolent Leader Location: Franciscan Renewal Centre Scottsdale, AZ 85253University Way Contact: Bonnie Wanshiewski bonnie@thecasa.org Website: http://www.thecasa.org
• ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
Peace Flag Making Sessions
design individual peace panels that will be strung together to form peace flags that will be on display at Alaska Center for Spiritual Living for the Season. All materials will be provided and all ages are welcome. An additional session will be on 3/21/2015 at the same time and location. Location: Hope Community Resources, 650 West International Airport Road Contact: Alaska Center for Spiritual Living, 929 E 81st Avenue, Anchorage Ak. 907-522-0940 Website: http://cslalaska.org

• DOTHAN, AL
Dialogue on Race Relations
A panel explored issues of community race relations brought to the forefront of national debate by recent events in Ferguson, Mo/ and New York City. Audri Scott Williams, a member of the panel, concluded her remarks with: “When your grandchildren ask you, what did you do to create a sustainable future that works for all, let us be able to reply…we remembered that none of us are free until all of us are free.” Location: Troy University Contact: Audri Scott Williams aewnowtime@aol.com

• ROCHESTER, NY
Agents of Change Workshop
This is a pivotal point in our civilization. But what if it turned out that the anger, rage, conflict and oppositional forces driving our crises contained within them the energy, creativity and will to solve all the problems? What if we already had, each of us and all of us, those resources - the capacities necessary to make humanity a blessing to the Earth in the midst of, and made from, the seeming curse of humanity’s destructive power on Earth, its resources, its environment, and all living beings. Join us for a workshop where we explore these questions. Location: Gandhi Institute, Gandhi House, 929 S. Plymouth, Rochester Contact: To register, email Dwain Wilder dwain@bearmeadow.com, Check website or call 585-463-3266 http://www.gandhiinstitute.org

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Peace Rocks Project
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• BRUNSWICK, ME
Showing of “To Light a Candle” Education is Not a Crime
Film: the story of the persecution of Iran’s Baha’is, and the creation of the Baha’i Institute for Higher Education in the film “To Light a Candle”, produced by the Iranian-Canadian filmmaker Maziar Bahari. Using personal stories and dramatic archival footage the film explores the persecution of the Baha’is and the role of their peaceful resistance in Iran’s democratic movement Location: University of Southern Maine Portland, ME 04103 Contact: Parivash Rohani 207-782-5927, parivash9@hotmail.com http://www.educationisnotacrime.me

• PORTLAND, ME
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• SEATTLE, WA
Being Peace, Speaking Peace
The Freedom Project presents “Being Peace, Speaking Peace”, exploring the philosophy of nonviolence and the tools of Nonviolent Communication, as developed by Marshall Rosenberg, and concrete tools to build what Dr. King called the Beloved Community. Nonviolent Communication can give us the tools to help bridge the gap of us and them and create communities of cooperation and peace. Location: Seattle, WA Contact: Janice Eng, 206-706-1895 http://www.freedomprojectseattle.org http://www.nwcompass.org

• MOORESTOWN, NJ
Showing of Film “Admissions”
Showing of John Viscount Film for Peace, starring James Cromwell, Q & A after film. Location: CCL Church Office 302 N. Washington St., 101E, Moorestown, NJ 08057 Contact: Anne Creter – CCL SNV Peacemakers (annecrets@aol.com) (609-744-9439) Website: http://www.NewThoughtCCL.org

• TAMPA, FL
POSI Music Week – Feb. 27-March 2
Celebrate the 10th anniversary of the most awesome gathering of Posi Music artists on the planet! Nightly concerts, the wildly popular Pajama Jam acoustic music showcases, workshops, song circles, Namaste Cafe (share a song), and the 10th Annual emPower Posi Awards. Location: 725 S Harbour Island Blvd, Tampa, Florida 33602 Website: http://www.empowerma.com/Festival
UNDER THE SAME SUN is a contemporary parable set in the Middle East that puts forth the notion that people who have historically seen one another as enemies can work together peacefully and productively for the common good. Location: Spiritual Living Westlake Village, 880 Hampshire Rd, Suite W. Contact: Sherry Virsen - sherla1@yahoo.com, 805-495-0105, http://www.cslwestlake.org.

PORTLAND, ME
Showing of "To Light a Candle" Education is Not a Crime

SAN DIEGO, CA
Morse High School Peace March
Principal, Faculty and Students from Morse High School, along with members of the community, will do a Peace March from the high school through the Skyline neighborhood. Location: Morse High School 6905 Skyline Drive, San Diego, CA 92114. Contact: Sue Trisler, sue4peacenow@yahoo.com, www.afdop.org, www.kidsforpeaceglobal.org.

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
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• THOUSAND OAKS, CA
Under The Same Sun

• SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2015
SUNDAY March 1, 2015

• ROSEVILLE, CA
Season For Nonviolence - Special Sunday Service
Unity of Roseville - Foster peace, joy, love and light – Liberating your soul and opening your heart. Through the music, meditation, spoken word and vibrational healing techniques of Mary Lacalle, Michael Bayard, Ann Roach and Doug Matson, the Congregation will be empowered to be a vehicle for positive change in the world. In this service, we will focus on the heart chakra while fostering the intention of non-violence, and we will emphasize Enlightenment, God-Consciousness, Devotion, Meditation and Inner-listening. Location: 911 Washington Blvd. Suite 203 Roseville, CA 95678 Contact: 916-784-1054 admin@unityroseville.com Website: http://www.unityroseville.com

• SCOTTSDALE, AZ
Jesus: Peace Maker, A New Theology of Peace
Join Terry Ryne for coffee and a stimulating discussion of the hopeful news that the Church has gradually returned to its early teaching and is prompting Christians to once again embrace their call to peacemaking. Terry’s message is timely amidst growing global unrest. Location: Franciscan Renewal Center. 5802 E. Lincoln Dr. Scottsdale, AZ 85253 Contact: bonnie@thecasa.org, 480-948-7460 Website: http://www.thecasa.org

• SAN JOSE, CA
Admissions: A Film for Peace
The screening will begin at 12:25 pm. All are invited to participate. Location: 1948 The Alameda, San Jose, CA 95126 Contact: Rev. Carolyn J. Douglas, 510-230-4364 Website: http://www.illuminateasc.org

• DALLAS, TX
City of Dallas Proclamation
Mayor Mike Rawlings and this Proclamation for Season for Peace and Nonviolence. http://www.facebook.com/DallasSPAN
MONDAY March 2, 2015

• ROCHESTER, NY
Dialogues on Race
Dialogues hosted by the Friends and Foundation of the Rochester Public Library. Discussing race and the impact it has on our lives.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2015

• PORTLAND, ME
Welcoming the Stranger
Reza Jalali, On Sunday March 8, Reza Jalali delivered the message on “Welcoming the Stranger.” Reza, Coordinator of Multicultural Student Affairs at the University of Southern Maine, is a Kurd from Iran, a human rights and refugee activist who has lived in Maine since 1985. His essays, short stories, and commentaries have appeared in the local and international newspapers. As a member of Amnesty International USA Board of Directors, Jalali led delegations to different refugee camps in Turkey and Bosnia. He has participated in numerous United Nations-sponsored international conferences in Korea, Japan and Austria. Location: 54 River Road, Windham Contact: http://unitygreaterportland.org

• ROCHESTER, NY
Transcending Loss. Tragedy and the Impasse of Self-righteous Hatred
Throughout his life Dr. Abuelaish has beaten the odds: as a child growing up in a Gazan refugee camp, as an impoverished student focused on becoming a doctor, as a Palestinian medical expert treating Israeli patients, and now as a father enduring the loss of three of his children. Today, with his trademark, hopeful determination, he continues his efforts to bring Israelis and Palestinians together as people. Don’t miss this opportunity to meet and learn from someone whose life represents the best of our human ability to overcome adversity. Location: Interfaith Chapel, University of Rochester, 500 Wilson Blvd. Rochester, NY 14627 Contact: http://unitygreaterportland.org

•SELMA, AL
Bloody Sunday March in Selma
We joined 40,000 marchers in the 50th Anniversary “Bloody Sunday” Commemorative Walk to remember and reflect upon the sacrifices of another crowd that gathered at the same bridge half a century ago on a day that came to be known as “Bloody Sunday.” Location: Edmund Pettus Bridge Contact: Audri Scott Williams aewnowtime@aol.com

WEDNESDAY MARCH 11, 2015

• WESTLAKE, CA
"A Season for Peace" Event
"Present Moment - Wonderful Moment”
Rosemary Alden, M.A, M.F.T. Licensed Psychotherapist, Mindfulness Teacher and Labyrinth Instructor, will lead us in Buddhist Meditation and Mindfulness Practices as part of Season for Nonviolence Event. Location: Center for Spiritual Living Westlake 880 Hampshire Rd. Site W, Westlake Village, CA 91361 Contact: Sherry @ 818.297.2290 (805) 495-0105 www.cslwestlake.org

Season for Nonviolence
January 30 – April 4, 2015
By Audri Scott Williams
The Awakening the Heart of the Beloved Community grassroots movement stands at the intersection of global social justice and spiritual transformation. We began this year’s season for Season for Nonviolence with a pre-event, joining the walk to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in Dothan, Alabama on January 19th. This initiated our Season for Nonviolence activities in celebration of “The Beloved Community.”

The circle now complete is our gift to you.
• SEAL BEACH, CA
Celebration Service for Seasons for Non-Violence
This was a celebration service for the seasons of non-violence. The service included inspirational music and spoken messages. The event was facilitated by Michael Heinle and involved spoken and musical messages from seven ministerial students from the Holmes Institute School of Leadership.
Location: Center for Spiritual Living, 500 Marina Dr, Seal Beach CA 90740 Contact: mheinle2815@yahoo.com
(c) (714)737-6557, http://www.sbcsl.org

• MONTEREY, CA
Intentional Peace
Special Service for SNV
A special service in support of the Season For Non Violence with message by Rev. Kevin Kadel and original conscious pop music performed by Karie Hillery. Join us for an experiential and inspiring morning.
Location: Monterey Church of Religious Science, 400 W Franklin St Monterey CA
Contact: Email karie@karie.com Website: http://www.karie.com

• SEAL BEACH, CA
“World that works for Everyone Everyday”
9 am & 11 am “Affirming our Faith” - a panel of speakers - Muslim, Catholic, Jewish talking about how they express their faith in the world, and their scriptural viewpoints on nonviolence; 1:00-3:00 PM PRE-PARLIAMENT INFORMATIONAL EVENT - an open house to provide information about the Parliament of the Worlds Religions; 6:30-7:30 PM SEASON FOR NON VIOLENCE GATHERING - Ministerial students presenting spoken words and music in observance of SNV.
Location: Center for Spiritual Living Seal Beach 500 Marina Drive Seal Beach, CA 90740 Contact: Tel: (562) 598-3325, Email: sbcsl@sbcsl.org Website: http://www.sbcsl.org

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• KELOWNA, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Compassionate Communication & Peace Rock Painting

Join us to learn communication skills using compassion and active listening skills, following the workshop we will be painting peace rocks for our upcoming Peace Rock Walk.

Location: Pandosy Peace Centre. 2490 Pandosy Street, Kelowna, BC
Contact: 250.317.1570
http://www.cslkelowna.org

• WESTLAKE, CA

Interfaith Panel "I Have a Dream"

Conejo Valley Interfaith will gather to discuss their views on Dr. Martin Luther King's "I have a Dream". Participants may include clergy from Jewish, Catholic, Muslim, Buddhist, Science of Mind, Unitarian, Unitarian and other Faith Traditions. This event is open to the public.

Location: Center for Spiritual Living Westlake. 880 Hampshire Rd. Site W, Westlake Village, CA 91361
Contact: Sherry @ 818.297.2290 (805) 495-0105
Website: http://www.cslwestlake.org

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2015

• SPOTSYLVANIA, VA

Applying Aikido Principles to Diplomacy - March 27-29

Aiki Extensions is a nonprofit that applies the principles and methods of the nonviolent martial art of aikido in all aspects of life. Our annual US Conference will feature about 20 workshops focused on peace building, education, leadership, and mind/body. The pre-Conference workshop will focus on teaching aikido to veterans who have combat-related PTSD. Keynote by Daniel Russel, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs.

Location: 6155 Hickory Ridge Rd. Spotsylvania, VA 22551
Contact: http://www.aikiextensions.org/2015-us-conference

• BALTIMORE, MD

Songs of Protest, Songs of Peace

Singer/Songwriter Deletta Gillespie has created a cabaret series featuring songs associated with protest and peace movements around the globe. This edition features songs from civil rights social justice movements throughout the African Diaspora. Deletta is the director of the Music Ministry at the Spiritual Empowerment Center in Baltimore, MD.

Location: 6155 Hickory Ridge Rd. Spotsylvania, VA 22551
Contact: Deletta Gillespie at delettagillespie@gmail.com, or 443.600.7693;
Website: http://www.spiritualempowermentcenter.org http://www.delettagillespie.net

• CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA

Under the Same Sun - Spiritual Cinema Film Showing

Join Revs Patricia and Don after the the film for Q & A with Susan Koczis. Susan worked for the past twenty years for Search for Common Ground, an international peace-building organization that co-produced "Under the Same Sun." She toured with the film at film festivals throughout the United States.

Location: Unity of Charlottesville. 2825 Hydraulic Road
Charlottesville, VA 22901
Contact: unityrevdon@aol.com
Website: http://www.unitycville.org
**SAN DIEGO, CA**  
**Porter Elementary School Peace March**  
Faculty and students from Walter J. Porter Elementary School, along with members of the community Peace March from the school to Imperial & Euclid Avenues.  
Location: Knox Middle School, 1098 S. 49th St.  
Contact: Sue Trisler - Americans For a Department of Peace (also representing Kids For Peace, The Peace Alliance, Student Peace Alliance) sue4peacenow@yahoo.com http://www.afdop.org http://www.kidsforpeaceglobal.org

**BERKELEY SPRINGS, WV**  
**One God many Paths**  
Through music, dance and prayer, we celebrate peace and nonviolence. We also had: We also had a Peace Rock painting party on March 14- Moms Dads, Grandmas and Grandpas, kids of all ages painted rocks then distributed them around town.  
Location: The New Earth Granary, 143 N Mercer, Berkeley Springs WV 25427  
Contact: http://www.unityofberkeleysprings.com

**GRANTS PASS, OR**  
**Blessings & Nonviolence for Animals**  
Booth, speakers and blessings at Rogue Valley Humane Society. Animal Rights speaker, harpist, speaker for nonviolence, treat tables for animals. Blessings for animals by Rev. Marcia.  
Location: Knox Middle School, 1098 S. 49th Street  
Contact: Rev. Marcia Griffin: 541-476-7294   http://www.unityofgrantspass.org

**DENVER, CO**  
**Healing the Heart of Democracy**  
You are invited into community to explore each Habit of the Heart through a variety of inspirational materials, reflection, shared exploration and Open & Honest Questions®. The Five Habits of the Heart  
Location: Register on-line under upcoming events: http://www.bnaihavurah.org  
Contact: Susan Kaplan, 303.871.8469   kaplan@earthlink.net B’nai Havurah

**PORTLAND, OR**  
**Dances for Universal Peace**  
Location: Portland Family Peace Fellowship 2620 Hughes Drive West Linn, OR  
Contact: for more info and specific time: Eric Sylte ericsylte@gmail.com

**SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA**  
**Nonviolent Communication (NVC) Free Intro Talk**  
Free talk on NVC principles of Marshall Rosenberg, Ph.D.  
Location: exact location please email or call me at torybluesky@gmail.com or 805-441-5858  
http://www.communicatingwithcompassion.com

**LOS ANGELES, CA**  
**Season for Peace Concert**  
4th Annual Peace Concert featuring a host of Spectacular Musical Performances! Joining the celebration this year are the legendary Dwight Trible and Charles Wright along with Ashende Amun, Erica Dimakkus-Amun, Alia Atkins, Rev. Christy Engels, Harrem Lee  
Location: 7225 Crenshaw Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90043  
Contact: Guidance Church of Religious Science, (323)778-0773  
Website: http://guidancechurch.org
April

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2015**

- **CULVER CITY, CA**
  
  **SNV Celebration Service**
  
  Join Dr. Michael Bernard Beckwith and the Agape community for an exciting and uplifting program that honors the work of Gandhi, King, Gyatso and other leaders of nonviolence. The program will include a special guest speaker, a dramatic production by our theatre ministry, music and the Agape House Band. Location: Agape International Spiritual Center, 5700 Buckingham Parkway, Culver City, CA 90230
  
  Contact: Rev. Carolyn Wilkins, Director of GlobalWorks Ministry globalworks@agapelive.com or 310-348-1260 ext. 1505
  
  Website: http://www.agapelive.com

- **POWAY, CA**
  
  **Prayers for Peace Circle**
  
  We will be reading prayers for peace from many faith traditions. We will light a candle and set an intention where we wish to direct our prayers. After meditating, we will choose the prayer we wish to take in and walk the labyrinth. There will be time to walk around the peace pole and to create colorful mandalas.
  
  Location: 17762 St. Andrews Dr, Poway, CA 92064
  
  Contact: Dr. Abigail Albert 858-487-8885 or revabigail.afc@outlook.com
  
  Website: http://allfaithcenter.org

- **SEDONA, AZ**
  
  **Nonviolence Film Festival**
  
  An all day event featuring media that matters and makes a difference in our live, produced by World Peace Productions - a consortium of women filmmakers, artists, musicians and other such performance art and event producers. Our event included films "Chicago Girl", "Admissions", and "Under the Same Sun".
  
  Location: Sedona Healing Arts Center
  
  Contact: http://www.NonviolenceFilmFest.com

- **SEATTLE, WA**
  
  **Being Peace, Speaking Peace**
  
  In honor of the 18th annual SNV, Introduction to Nonviolent Communication. This evening we will explore the philosophy of nonviolence, and learn tools of Nonviolent Communication, as developed by Marshall Rosenberg, PhD to create more peace in ourselves, our relationships, and the world we want to live in, where all lives matter and everyone’s needs are met.
  
  Location: 4759 15th Avenue NE Seattle
  
  Contact: Janice Eng 206-706-1895 janice.eng2@gmail.com or 206-325-5678
  
  http://www.freedomprojectseattle@gmail.com

- **SEEKNONK, MA**
  
  **Pathway of Peace**
  
  This is a labyrinth event to celebrate our diversity, honor our differences and send peaceful intentions out into the world. $25 - preregistration required. Location: The Robin’s Nest, 799 S Main St, Bellingham, MA
  
  Contact: 508-244-4881 or go to
  
  http://www.therobininsnestma.com

**FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2015**

- **SEASON FOR NONVIOLENCE**

  - **Feature Films & Shorts**
  
  - **UNDER THE SAME SUN**
  
  - **ADMISSIONS**
  
  - **CHICAGO GIRL**
  
  - **POVERTY, INC.**
  
  - **FREEDOM**

  Location: Sedona Healing Arts Center
  
  Contact: http://www.NonviolenceFilmFest.com
**SEATTLE, WA**

**Transforming Enemy Images - Workshop**

Martin Luther King Jr. stated, “You cannot have influence over those for whom you have underlying contempt.” In this workshop you will learn skills to connect to your own compassion as well as to the humanity of another when their words or actions are triggering pain. Through Nonviolent Communication you can strengthen skills of building trust, clarity and connection with each other. Sliding scale $75-$150.

Location: 4759 15th Avenue NE Seattle
Contact: Janice Eng 206-706 1895 janice.eng2@gmail.com or 206-325-5678
Website: http://www.nwcompass.org

**ATLANTA, GA**

**Awakening the Heart of the Beloved Community**

On April 4, the last day for the Season for Nonviolence, the Awakening the Heart of the Beloved Community attended the wreath ceremony at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Coretta Scott King’s crypt in Atlanta, GA, and attended the official launch of Audri’s book “Awakening the Heart of the Beloved Community.” Download their SNV activities report.

Location: Atlanta, GA, Contact: Audri Scott Williams aewnowtime@aol.com, Website: http://www.audriscottwilliams.com/

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**KELOWNA, BC**

**Peace Rocks Walk**

This is the fifth and final event for this year’s Season of Peace and nonviolence. Meet on the grass across from the Kid’s Water Park and peacefully walk along the waterfront of Kelowna, sharing our painted Peace Rocks with those we meet along the way. The estimated time for the walk is one hour and we share the intention of experiencing a peace filled meditative walk in nature and with people.

Location: Kid’s Water Par
Contact: Rev Lesley McNamara 250.317.1570 http://www.csikelowna.org

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**18th Annual Season for Nonviolence**

**Global Peace Walk**

Audri Scott Williams

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**WWW.AUDRISCOTTWILLIAMS.COM**

**WWW.BLOGTALKRADIO.COM/NOWTIME RADIO**

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**KELOWNA**

**Peace walkers target conflict at home and around world**

Lesley McNamara wants people to think globally and act locally to end violence. McNamara, with the Centre for Spiritual Living Kelowna, organized Saturday’s inaugural Peace Rock Walk. About 200 people gathered in City Park in downtown Kelowna for a walk to the Okanagan sculptures and back to promote peace in the community and around the world.

There also handed out small rocks with hand-painted signs, symbols and words on them promoting peace, tolerance and understanding. While walking, the group sang the John Lennon anti-war song Give Peace a Chance.

The local walk was part of a global series of events between Jan. 90 and April 4 that marked the deaths of Gandhi and Martin Luther King.

The Centre for Spiritual Living Kelowna organized five events during that time aimed at ending violence.

“Kelowna has a high rate of domestic violence,” McNamara said, adding the centre presented a series of workshops that helped provide people with tools needed to achieve inner peace, thus reducing hostility.

“Where does violence occur in our community was our question.”

— The Okanagan Sunday
**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**

**Annual Peace Flag Auction**

Annual Fundraiser for Alaska Partners for Peace. Location: Alaska Center for Spiritual Living, 929 E 81st Avenue, Ste 105. Contact: Alaska Center for Spiritual Living @ 907-522-0940. [http://www.cslalaska.org](http://www.cslalaska.org)

**SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2015**

**PASADENA, CA**

**I of the Storm**

Embracing life’s challenges and creating Peace. The only true relationship is one based upon wholeness. This book guides us out of our excuses, fears, and conflicts to create authentic relationships and quality living. During these challenging and changing times in the world, it is refreshing to begin to live life from the awareness of Unity’s basic teaching, knowing there is One Presence and One Power in my life and in the world, God the good, omnipotent.

Location: 3053 E Del Mar Blvd, Pasadena, CA 91107
Contact: Rev Denese Schellink 805 708-7345, [http://www.unityofpasadena.org](http://www.unityofpasadena.org)

**MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2015**

**PORTLAND, OR**

**Nonviolence is a Choice**

We invite you to participate in this full day conference, hosted by the MHCC Diversity Resource Center, Sponsored by Associated Student Government, TRiO-SSS, the International Sufi School for Peace and Service, and Women’s Federation for World Peace.

Location: Mt. Hood Community College Student Union, 26000 SE Stark, Gresham, OR 97030
Contact: Roseann.kennett@mhcc.edu

**SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2015**

**SANTA BARBARA, CA**

**Marshall Rosenberg Memorial**

An uplifting philosophical, musical and memorable celebration together of Marshall Rosenberg - a man who changed so many lives, one who joyfully invited us to join in his work of recognizing how to be the change in the ultimate frontier: the human heart.

Location: Unity Santa Barbara, 227 E. Arrellaga St., Santa Barbara, in the Sanctuary
Contact: Rev Denese D Schellink deneseds@gmail.com
[http://www.unitysantabarbara.org](http://www.unitysantabarbara.org)

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2015**

**LOS ANGELES, CA**

**Talk to Strangers Opening the Dialogue Between Law Enforcement and the Community it Serves**

Law enforcement officers and community members participate equally in a small forum discussion, focused on issues surrounding police legitimacy, public trust, and community relations. Guests will also be challenged to consider the changing role of law enforcement and visualize alternatives to the status quo of our current criminal justice system. Participants will be broken down into small groups of individuals from various professional and personal backgrounds, and given a series of specific topics to discuss. At the conclusion of the discussion period, a representative from each of the groups will present the issues raised in their group for consideration. Each group will have a volunteer church practitioner to assist in moderation. Open and honest, informal discussion is encouraged.

Location: Guidance Church, An Affiliate of Centers for Spiritual Living, 7225 Crenshaw Blvd
Contact: Rev. Dr. Nirvana Reginald Gayle, 323-778-9773
Website: [http://guidancechurch.org/](http://guidancechurch.org/)

**GUIDANCE CHURCH presents**

Talk To Strangers: Opening the Dialogue Between Law Enforcement and the Community it Serves

Saturday April 4, 2015

**MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2015**

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Agnt.Org DAILY MESSAGES
Agnt.Org has beautiful graphics and daily messages in web format to inspire, create discussion, and hold in our thoughts each day during the 64 Days of the Season. Consider having your 2015 SNV campaign be to share these on Facebook or Twitter: http://www.agnt.org/64days-begin

STEVE BOLEN DOING GOOD TOGETHER
Continuing to do the work of nonviolence

Historic leaders—used as examples of peaceful action.

Each year at Unity Church of the Hills in Northwest Austin, we participate in the Gandhi King season for nonviolence. Now in its 18th consecutive year, the 64-day program was co-founded in 1990 by Arun Gandhi, grandson of Mohan- ma Gandhi, and the Association for Global New Thought.

It is an educational, media and grassroots awareness campaign spanning the time period between the Jan. 30 and April 4 memorial anniversaries of Mohandas K. Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Its purpose is to focus attention on the philosophy of nonviolence as taught by these and other legendary leaders, such as Cesar Chavez and Nelson Mandela, as well as living legends such as the Dalai Lama.

The "Season" encourages spiritual and other communities around the world to be creative in how their respective organizations celebrate and live the principles of nonviolence, foster the understanding of nonviolence, and nonviolence. Spiritually oriented communities around the world to be creative in how their respective organizations celebrate and live the principles of nonviolence.

Recently I spoke on how Gandhi was able to affect the change he did by his unrelenting love for God and his fellow man.

"It is fitting that their memorial dates frame the Season for Nonviolence and that we are reminded of the legacy they left for all mankind.

You can learn more about the Season for Nonviolence and the Association for Global New Thought website: www.agnt.org.

The Rev. Steve Bolen, a native of South Carolina and a U.S.-Vietnam veteran, is the senior minister at Unity Church of the Hills.

AUSTIN TEXAS DAILY MESSAGES
Unity Church of the Hills in Northwest Austin offers a daily message of peace for each day of the Season through social media sites, and weaves sermons to personalize the messages of individuals working for peace in the world, our homes and communities at large.

Contact: Rev. Steve Bolen: Stevebolen@UnityHills.org http://www.unityhills.org/

Martin Luther King, Jr.

"If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito.

DALAI LAMA"
Following the October 2014 success of the 1st Awakened World International Film Festival we learned the power of film to inform and inspire, witnessing how audiences were moved in their whole being, and how this led to exciting dialogue and commitments to action. If this can happen in an audience of viewers who then “go home” to places around the nation, think of how a community viewing might bring people together with the opportunity to keep them connected for sustainable good.

We selected two films from the Awakened World Film Festival, each to serve as a centerpiece for dialogue and workshops that inspire enlightened action. “Under the Same Sun” and “Admissions” both address the issues of the possibility of building peace in highly conflicted situations.

We added an additional film “#ChicagoGirl”, a documentary which examines the power of media, how the Internet is influencing a revolution and why a camera can be more effective than an AK-47.

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