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Please note our new address and phone number. We welcome your comments on this newsletter.

## Director's Column-the Pleasure Of the Unexpected



HIPP at NCCJ-see p. 3

Dear Friends: It is always a pleasure to receive packages, especially when unexpected, as well as surprise visitors. Recently we received one of each. The package was a lovely book full of photographs of people and places affected by wars and conflict around the world. The photos are part of the Aftermath Project <http://www.theaftermathproject.org/> The artists' purpose is not to show only the horrors of war,

but, in the belief in the philosophy that "war is only half the story", as the editor notes, the photos depict the human side of conflicts after the fighting stops. Suffering is in evidence in many of the photos, but also one sees in many of the pictures that the indomitable human spirit shines through. Sara Terry, founder of the Aftermath Project, quotes a human rights colleague in the book's preface, "I believe that what we shine light on is what grows". I could not agree more.

Peace education, at its best, also seeks to bring to light the best practices and models of pedagogy which can transform what ails our fragile world and illuminate the path toward a future of sustainability in ecology, justice, peace, economic development and hope. We trust that, in some small way, this newsletter can help with this process. We can become

the world we seek and we can leave in darkness those seeds of war and conflict which, without sustenance, cannot survive. Education, at its best, is the path that can show us the way through this process.

The second of our gifts was a surprise visit from a young colleague from the Seattle area who had heard of our work through her grandmother, who is an attendee at our occasional book discussion group. It is always a pleasure to highlight the good work of individuals, especially those who represent the next generation of peace educators. Nyla works for the Institute for Community Leadership, an organization that teaches nonviolence and leadership skills to young people through , among other educational activities, poetry literacy and the study of the philosophy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and

his colleagues in the Civil Rights Movement. For more information see <http://www.icleadership.org/who we are/v.cfm>

In this Fall issue of the newsletter, you will read of the summer's International Institute on Peace Education in Budapest, learn of recent HIPP (Help Increase the Peace) workshops

and can find links to various peace education initiatives around the world. I believe that networking is one of the best pedagogical "lanterns" for sharing knowledge, building a peace education community and furthering the work of educating for peace. *Rt-Dr. Bernard LaFayette, Jr. leads a workshop on Kingian Nonviolence-see p. 5*



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# Pax Educare Newsletter Fall-Winter 2009

## News from the International Institutes on Peace Education



Sixty colleagues from around the world gathered at the beautiful European Youth Center in Budapest, Hungary, near the Danube River and the ancient castle area of the city, for a week in late July 2009. Workshops and plenaries were around the theme of "Human Rights Learning as Peace Education". In its 27th year since Betty Reardon founded IIPE, the institute continues to inform and to model the very best in peace pedagogy.

Participation is kept small enough to insure community building. Daily reflection groups offer a chance for a smaller group of participants to share their understandings and to further lasting relationships among colleagues. Formal papers are not read, rather the "expertise" arises from the community. Risk taking in new approaches is encouraged. Mary Lee Morrison was able to present a workshop on poetry as peace pedagogy, a "work in pro-

gress". Copies of various works presented may be found on the Pax Educare home page link: [www.paxeducare.org](http://www.paxeducare.org). Plans are for next year's IIPE to be held in Bogota, Colombia. Please get in touch with us if you would like further information on the IIPE or go to <http://www.i-i-p-e.org/>

Picture at left (l to r): Betty Reardon, Effie Papatzikou-Cochron and Sakina Jacoobi

Further pictures are below



Left to rt-Hungarian IIPE host Eva Nagy with Betty Reardon; Cultural Night skit; a reflection group enjoying meeting outside in the patio of the Youth Center.



Bottom l to rt- learning about peace education in the Nagaland region of India; an IIPE reunion in New York in late September with US colleagues.

## New Online Peace Education Journal-In Factis Pax



Dale Snauwaert (middle) is the founder of In Factis Pax

l to rt-Tony Jenkins, IIPE Coordinator, Steven Campbell of Great Britain, Dale Snauwaert US, Bernard Kurgat of Kenya, David Ragland, US outside the European Youth Center in Budapest.

**In Factis Pax** is a peer-reviewed online journal of peace education and social justice dedicated to the examination of issues central to

the formation of a peaceful society - the prevention of violence, political challenges to peace and democratic societies. Social justice, democracy, and human flourishing are the core factors which highlight the importance of the role of education in building peaceful societies.

Founder and editor Dale Snauwaert is Associate Professor in the Department of Educational Foundations and Educational Leadership and the Director of the University of Toledo's Center for Non-violence and Democratic Education. The Center is pleased to announce the opening of the Betty Reardon Collection.

## In Factis Pax, continued

A celebration was held at the Center on October 30th to announce the opening of this collection that will include Dr. Reardon's papers and archives.

Mary Lee Morrison is pleased to have been asked to join the editorial board of In Factis Pax. The next issue will feature work of some of the participants at the IIPE.

*HIPP youth facilitator Jack Lee with other youth at the NCCJ HIPP workshop in October*



## Recent HIPP (Help Increase the Peace) News

In late May, HIPP adult facilitators Mary Lee Morrison and Carolann Boucher, together with HIPP youth leaders Rainer Humphries and Winnie Schauer, led an introductory mini-HIPP for 60 youth leaders at **Camp Jewell in northwest Connecticut, as part of NCCJ's Camp Anytown program.** NCCJ stands for the National

Conference for Community and Justice. In early October, Mary Lee, Rainer and additional youth leaders Carlos Reyes and Jack Lee, of Burr School, together with NCCJ staff Youth Director Muneer Panjwani, led a **2 day Basic workshop at the NCCJ office for their youth staff.** See picture below.

*HIPP Youth Leaders Winnie and Rainer*



## HIPP, Continued



*NCCJ HIPP, October 2009*

In August, Mary Lee Morrison facilitated a HIPP Basic at St. Pat-

rick/St. Anthony Church for an orientation of AmeriCorps staff <http://www.americorps.gov/>, who are under the direction of Sr. Barbara-Jean Kubik.

*Rt-Role Playing at AmeriCorps workshop, August 2009*



## HIPP Workshops, Continued



Cedric Shaw of Try-beForce with Victoria Christgau of the CT Center for Nonviolence

The final in the 2008-09 series of HIPP workshops with the **partnership of Burr and Watkinson Schools** was held in May at Burr School. This was a training for facilitators under the leadership of adults Diane Weinholtz, Caron Shanahan, Barbara Michelson, Nancy Smeeth, Kate Cota and Katie Novak. Youth facilitators included Allie Miller, Eneidaliz Perez, and Jack Lee. 2009 marks the 7th year of partnership in HIPP between these two mid-

dle schools.

A **combined 2nd and 3rd level of HIPP** was held at the **Hartford Seminary** in early May, 2009, the 2nd in a series of **intergenerational HIPP**. Some of the trained participants helped out with the Burr-Watkinson workshop later that month.

*Rt-Classical Magnet student DeShawn Marshall participated in the Intergenerational HIPP workshop*

**If you or your organization is interested in a HIPP workshop, please get in touch with us.**



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## More HIPP-Youth for Change Conference April 2009

In April, Pax Educare high school intern Chassidy Swaby and youth board member Sage Hardesty co-lead an Introduction to HIPP workshop for 23 youth and youth staff at the 2nd Annual Peace It Up Youth for Change conference at the Asylum Hill Boys and Girls Club in Hartford. Chassidy also served as one of the co-hosts for the event.

The gathering hosted youth from the greater Hartford area. Sponsors were Communities Empowering Youth, a partnership of the Capital Workforce Partners and the Hartford Office for Youth Services.

*Rt-Sage Hardesty at the Peace It Up conference*



Chassidy Swaby and co-host Armando Jimenez at the Peace It Up conference, April 2009

## Death of Advisory Board Member Miriam Bergamini

We mourn the recent loss of our colleague and friend, Miriam Bergamini, member of the Advisory Board of Pax Educare. "Hoppy" as she was known to friends, was a lifelong peace activist and great soul to many of us. She worked in the field of publishing during her adult years. Miriam was a wonderful

friend and we will miss her. She was instrumental in finding the site for the first office for Pax Educare, in the Parish House of the Church of the Good Shepherd on Wyllys Street in Hartford. A celebration of her life was held at Saint James Episcopal Church in West Hartford, CT in late June, 2009.

The **results of the evaluative study done on HIPP last year are in** and will be submitted to a leading journal of peace education for possible publication. We are glad to share the results if you are interested. Contact Pax Educare.

## News from the CT Partnership for Sustainability Education [www.ctpse.org](http://www.ctpse.org)

We are delighted at our growing partnership with CTPSE, the state affiliate of the U.S. Partnership for Education for Sustainability [http://www.uspartnership.org/main/view\\_archive/1](http://www.uspartnership.org/main/view_archive/1)

The mission of CTPSE is the integration of sustainability into educational practice in Connecticut, with particular emphasis on K-12 education. Educational sustainability is the pedagogy which seeks to

promote a just society based on strong environmental principles, the promotion of local, national and world peace and economic development that reaches all sectors of our global society. **On October 30, CTPSE, with Pax Educare co-sponsoring, held a workshop for Teacher Educators at Central Connecticut State University**, in which over 40 faculty from area faculty participated. Lead speaker was **Matt Dubel** of

**the Sustainable School Projects of Shelburne Farms, near Burlington, VT**, which is doing innovative work in schools.

<http://www.shelburnefarms.org/>

Other sponsors were the CCSU School of Education, the CCSU Center for Teaching Excellence and the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education, CT Chapter. See picture at right.



## Governor Rell Signs Education for Sustainability Resolution

Governor Jodi Rell of Connecticut has proclaimed the **week of November 9-13th, 2009 as National Education for Sustainability Week** in Connecticut. In the words of the resolution: "Whereas sustainability resides at the intersection of a vibrant economy, an equitable society and a healthy environment...Whereas sustainabil-

ity education provides students with 21st Century perspectives and skills necessary to succeed in an increasingly interconnected world..Whereas young people should be valued for their idealism, passion, energy, creativity and commitment... Therefore I do hereby officially designate the week in the state of Connecticut and

recognize it as devoted to students, teachers, colleges of education and the larger community working to create sustainable communities". Thanks to CTPSE board chair Jim Malley for his advocacy for this resolution.

*Rt-Matt Dubel leads us on October 30th*



## Partnering and Collaborating-keys to educating for peace

The advantages of a small-grass-roots organization such as Pax Educare, include the idea that we need other individuals and groups to survive. We look out for, and are also sought out, for collaborative work that fits the mission of educating for peace. Here we highlight several recent partnering opportuni-

ties. Such occasions are win-wins, in the jargon of the language of nonviolence.

A series of workshops in **Kingian Nonviolence** was convened by the CT Center for Nonviolence, under the leadership of director Victoria Christgau, and held at the University of Hartford in the

summer and into the fall. This included a diverse group of participants in age, gender and ethnicity and race and included several prominent members of the Hartford area clergy and youth staff.

We are very appreciative of our growing relationship with the Center. [www.ctnonviolence.org](http://www.ctnonviolence.org)



Participants in the August 2009 Kingian Nonviolence Workshop

# Pax Educare Newsletter

## Community Collaborations, continued



Americorps HIPP workshop-brainstorming a "Tree of Violence"

We are happy to be working with **The National Conference for Community and Justice of Western Massachusetts and Connecticut (NCCJ-MA/CT)**. (See write-up under the HIPP heading). Plans are in the works for continued HIPP work with their youth leaders and Muneer Punjwani, youth director. [www.nccjctwma.org](http://www.nccjctwma.org)

Mary Lee Morrison is on the board of the newly emerging organization, the **CT Partnership for Sustainability Educa-**

**tion** ([www.ctpse.org](http://www.ctpse.org)). There are many opportunities to develop the ties between the pedagogy of peace and that of sustainability. It is difficult to have peace without sustainability and the converse is also true. Pax Educare was a co-sponsor of the October 30th teacher educator workshop (see p. 5).

On October 15th, **Pax Educare partnered with the Peace and Social Concerns Committee of Hartford Friends Meeting to host an**

**evening with Pax Educare board members Carolann and Ray Boucher**, who showed slides and facilitated a discussion of their work with the Alternatives to Violence Program (AVP) last summer. <http://avpinternational.org/>

The Bouchers traveled to Jordan to work with Iraqi and Palestinian refugees.

**Teacher Educator Dialogues with Curriculum of Hope**-as a member of the Curriculum of Hope Committee of the Alpha

"HUMAN HISTORY BECOMES MORE AND MORE A RACE BETWEEN EDUCATION AND CATASTROPHE" H.G. WELLS SO..WE CAN GET MOVING

## Collaborations

State chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. ([www.deltakappagamma.net](http://www.deltakappagamma.net)) women's educational honorary, Mary Lee Morrison helped to facilitate, along with other committee members, a series of dialogues with area teacher educators on the integration of peace education principles and concepts into classrooms. Jacqueline Abbot, member of Cur-

riculum of Hope, was the lead facilitator for this under a grant from the Society. The series was held, in 2 sessions, last Spring and this Fall at Saint Joseph College. Results of the dialogue process can be found on the Pax Educare web site, link on the Home Page.

On May 20, 2009 a diverse group of educators met at the

University of Connecticut, Hartford campus, under the guidance of **Dr. Amii Omara-Otunnu, UNESCO Chair and the Institute of Comparative Human Rights at U Conn and director of CHRONE-the Coalition of Human Rights Organizations of New England**. The agenda was networking and visioning for future collaboration among members. See picture p. 7

## November 5 Reel to Real Community Conversation

One hundred people participated in a viewing of the film "Cities of Light: the Rise and Fall of Islam Spain" on November 5, followed by small group discussions under the general query-"what lessons do the history of interfaith relations in medieval Spain hold for us today?" Held at the Hartford Seminary, the

evening began with a light supper. Chief organizer was Pax Educare colleague and West Hartford resident Kim Weiner DeMichele, an advocate for interfaith and intercultural education and understanding. **Pax Educare was a co-sponsor**, along with the Seminary, Trinity Episcopal Church and the West Hart-

ford Initiative on Racial and Ethnic Diversity.

The evening was produced through a collaboration between film producer Unity Productions, Public Agenda and 20,000 Dialogues.



Two friends, Saint Joseph College students, enjoy the Reel to Real conversation

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Special thanks to those who helped out with our office transition: Karen Will, Diana Desnoyers, Bill Upholt, Ray and Carolann Boucher, members of the Hartford Meeting library committee, Cynthia

Reik.

Save the Date -January 8, 2010, once again the Adaskin String Trio with Sally Pinkas, pianist, will give a benefit performance for Pax Educare. 7:30 PM. Call or email for address and directions.



Members of the CHRONE Network, May 2009

## Peace Links and Good Connections

For an excellent online, comprehensive encyclopedia of the methodology and theories, history and philosophy of peace education <http://www.tc.edu/centers/epe/entries.html>

For free resources go to Peace One Day

<http://education.peaceoneday.org/>

Updates from the National Peace Academy: the purpose of the NAP is to support, advance and nurture cultures of peace by conducting research and facilitating learning toward the development of peace systems. Tony Jenkins has been appointed the new Education Director of NAP. The 4 P's of the Academy are: peace education,

peace research, peace policy and peace practice. For more information go to

[http://www.nationalpeaceacademy.us/index.php?option=com\\_frontpage&Itemid=1](http://www.nationalpeaceacademy.us/index.php?option=com_frontpage&Itemid=1)

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## Peace Links and News of Former Interns and Staff

For good sources on jobs and internships in peace studies, conflict resolution, international affairs, public policy, human rights, international development, NGOs, the UN and other international organizations, go to

<http://kroc.nd.edu/alumni/career-resources/jobs>

**Former HIPP Coordinator Kate Cota** is a high school English teacher in the Jefferson Parish Schools, Louisiana, and a member of the Teacher Corps of Teach for America.

**Former High School intern Chassidy Swaby** is a freshman at Central CT State Uni-

versity, hoping to major in nursing.

**Former Student Associate Jacob Ritter** is teaching English, Tai Chi and Yoga at Prince of Songkhla University on Phuket Island, Thailand, and integrating some HIPP activities into his teaching.



Shyamala Raman and Patricia St. Onge, members of a small dialogue group at Reel to Real, November 5

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**Founding Director**-Mary Lee Morrison

*Pax Educare began in 2003, out of an office in the Church of the Good Shepherd Parish House in Hartford. Since that time, we have relocated and are currently in the North Frog Hollow section of Hartford, a vibrant and ethnically and socio-economically diverse neighborhood. Our mission is to nurture, mentor, support and promote those individuals, programs, organizations and communities that hold interest in educating for a more peaceful world. We promote the study, teaching and research of peace and peace education. A good deal of what we do is help connect like-minded learner/teachers of all ages to resources and to each other, believing that networking can be a powerful tool of peace pedagogy. We are small and grass-roots but reach a wide, international audience.*

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