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Notes from the Director

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I am continually inspired by the ability of humans to recognize our own culpabilities, mistakes and judgments, and to learn and change from our experiences. It gives me hope that education can and does improve the human condition. I recently read that the actress Jane Fonda was transformed by a meeting she had in the 1980s in Waterbury, Connecticut with veterans of the Vietnam War, where she was able to express her shame and regret for her lapse in judgment, as she described it, for sitting on an anti-aircraft gun during the war. She stated "we may not always agree with one another, but our narratives must be heard. And when that happens, the possibility of healing begins".

Hearing stories is such a powerful step in helping to build peace and social change. There are many inspiring narratives of people working to help heal the world through the understanding, sharing of and the listening to stories of human suffering. A young woman from Connecticut, a volunteer with the Red Cross, wrote recently in the *Hartford Courant*, describing her trip to Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina, transformed by her experiences as she learned the healing power of giving simple hugs to children. The work of the Compassionate Listening Project, taking delegations to Palestine and Israel for the difficult work of listening to many sides to the conflicts, is another example of how listening can have the power to transform, both ourselves and the "other".

In May I walked with Jack Sibbald and his dog, Birch, who are on a national walk for peace, traveling with the pair through portions of Connecticut. Jack, a native of Colorado and Alaska, plans to walk the breadth of the U.S., stopping as the Spirit wills, to meet with and talk with people about how to heal the earth and to make peace in the world. He is taking nothing with him but the provisions he can carry on his back. His is a story of one man listening to his own Inner Guide and following a leading that he hopes will inspire others to work for peace.

What is your story of peace? Each of us has one, two or more. I find myself continually needing to recheck my "list" of spiritual necessities for making peace. These begin with the need to forgive, and continue with the need for openness and humility. Writing as the guest columnist for a recent issue of the Curriculum of Hope newsletter, these words came to me: "can we envision a world where our priorities will shift from militarism and divisive politics to one in which individuals and groups engage in substantive dialogue on a huge variety of issues, across so many of the boundaries that divide us? How different our world might look if this could come to be".

I welcome your comments and feedback on this newsletter. Let us together network, connect, listen and dialogue against all fear and despair and envision a more hopeful and interdependent world.

Mary Lee Morrison, Founder and Director

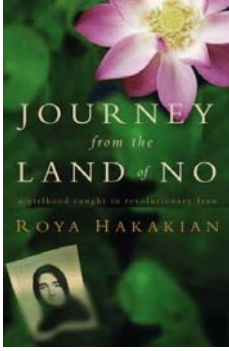
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The Mission of Pax Educare is to link families, educators and community practitioners to partnering opportunities and resources in order to help promote the processes and skills needed to build a more peaceful world. In doing so, we seek to answer the question-how do we educate for a more peaceful tomorrow?

Some Recent Additions to our Library

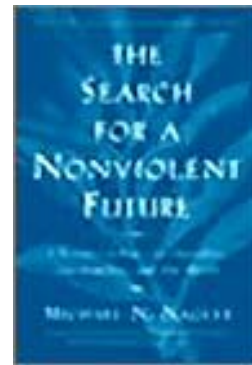


Journey from the Land of No by Roya Hakakian, Crown, 2004- a gift from Debbie Humphries.

Roya Hakakian's memoir of her girlhood in pre-revolutionary Iran, through her teen years during the revolution of the late 1970s, is an often spellbinding story weaving in poignant issues of her pubescent awakenings against a backdrop of a deeply violent and repressive culture, particular egregious to women. The young Roya finds solace and deep companionship as she discovers her own voice and talent as a writer, affirmed by a noble teacher who lost her university position during the uprising and is now teaching at the all girls' school that Roya attends.

A former associate producer at CBS's *60 Minutes* and a documentary film maker, Hakakian is the author of two acclaimed volumes of Persian poetry and a recipient of a Dewitt Wallace-Reader's Digest Fellowship. She immigrated to the United States in 1985 and currently resides in Connecticut.

The Search for a Nonviolent Future by Michael Nagler, Inner Ocean, 2004. Michael Nagler does a splendid job in this book of laying out a strong argument for the learning and teaching of nonviolence as the only way to build our future. Using refreshingly non-academic language, he explores the history of nonviolence and points to little known success stories. One comes away from reading the book with hope.



Lost Prophet: the Life and Times of Bayard Rustin by John D'Emilio, 2003

This from the publisher (University of Chicago Press)

*Bayard Rustin is one of the most important figures in the history of the American civil rights movement. Before Martin Luther King, before Malcolm X, Bayard Rustin was working to bring the cause to the forefront of America's consciousness. A teacher to King, an international apostle of peace, and the organizer of the famous 1963 March on Washington, he brought Gandhi's philosophy of nonviolence to America and helped launch the civil rights movement. Nonetheless, Rustin has been largely erased by history, in part because he was an African American homosexual. Acclaimed historian John D'Emilio tells the full and remarkable story of Rustin's intertwined lives: his pioneering and public person and his oblique and stigmatized private self. Based on more than a decade of archival research and interviews with dozens of surviving friends and colleagues of Rustin's, *Lost Prophet* is a triumph. Rustin emerges as a hero of the black freedom struggle and a singularly important figure in the lost gay history of the mid-twentieth century. John D'Emilio's compelling narrative rescues a forgotten figure and brings alive a time of great hope and great tragedy in the not-so-distant past.*

Some Other New Holdings

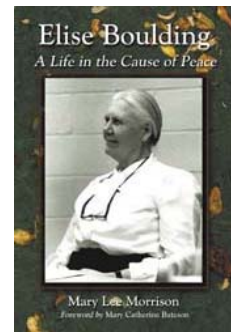
Global Directory of Peace and Conflict Resolution Programs 2000 Edition

Consortium on Peace, Research, Education and Development (now called the Peace and Justice Studies Association).

DVD of the film "Gandhi", shown at the conclusion in May of our Winter-Spring film festival.

War is the Coward's Escape from the Problems of Peace-a recent lecture on video by the Rev. William Sloan Coffin, gift from Jack Lucas

You Don't Have to Ride Jim Crow- DVD purchased from Juanita Nelson, widow of Wally- Nelson, one of the riders on the 1947 Journey of Reconciliation featured in this 1995 New Hampshire PBS special. Both of the Nelsons are featured in the film, which chronicles a reunion, with footage from the original ride, of the surviving members, the ride an activity designed to test the U.S. Supreme Court's recent ruling that segregation on interstate buses was unconstitutional. The journey, not well publicized, at least in comparison to later civil rights activities, helped to set the stage for the more famous activities of the early 1960s. The movie was shown at Pax Educare on August 3, following a pot luck.



Elise Boulding: A life in the Cause of Peace by Mary Lee Morrison. Recently published by McFarland and Co., Inc. this intellectual biography of Boulding, whose contributions to peace research, peace education and Quaker thought are of great import, is available for sale at Pax Educare. Price: \$35.

One copy is available for check out and another is on reserve for use in research at the Center.

Can we learn anything about our present U.S. preoccupation with war from the past decades and from those who have put their lives on the line for peace and the ending of oppression?

Consequences: Truth and by Daniel Berrigan S.J.

A diary exploring the course of the author's mind and heart during the mid 1960s, in the Deep South of the U.S., in Johannesburg, into exile in Cuernavaca, Rio and throughout Latin America. McMillan, 1967

No One Walks Waters: New Poems by Daniel Berrigan, McMillan 1966

The Prison Journals of a Priest Revolutionary by Philip Berrigan. A record of the priest's second imprisonment at Baltimore and at Federal penitentiaries at Lewisburg and Allenwood, PA for his actions of civil disobedience drawing attention to the war in Vietnam, including throwing blood on the draft files in Baltimore in 1968 and napalming the records in Catonsville, MD. Father Berrigan later served out his term in Danbury, CT. Ballantine, 1970

The Trial of the Catonsville Nine, a play by Daniel Berrigan. Bantam Books, 1970.

Anyone interested in joining Mary Lee and others in a play reading?

The Geography of Faith: Conversations Between Daniel Berrigan When Underground and Robert Coles

How do a Jesuit priest and a child psychiatrist deal with the demands placed on human development in a time of war and national protest? Includes a long introduction by Coles on the meaning of his own work and the example which Daniel Berrigan has set. Beacon Press, 1971.

Steadfastness of the Saints: a Journal of Peace and War in Central and North America.

A journal of epiphanies experienced by Daniel Berrigan during a trip through El Salvador and Nicaragua in the early 1980s. The trip begins in the U.S where a group from Plowshares is on trial for symbolically and actually disarming components of U.S. first-strike nuclear weapons systems. Orbis Books, 1985.

A collection of past issues of The Journal of Peace Psychology, a gift from Liz Vitale

Upcoming Pax Educare Events

Events are always unfolding so stay tuned.....

Benefit Concert with the Adaskin String Trio October 29th at 7 PM. Once again the trio offers their wonderful music to benefit the operating budget of Pax Educare, in a living room setting at the home of Karen and Phil Will in Hartford, this time again accompanied by pianist Sally Pinkas and, in addition, the double bass player, Robert Black. The group will perform "The Trout Quintet" by Franz Schubert, along with a piano/violin duet by Robert Schumann. To RSVP and obtain further information, contact Pax Educare at 231-0445 or paxeducare@comcast.net. Suggested donations \$20 and up. Donations to be collected at the door. Light snacks will follow the concert.

Contract with the United States Institute of Peace- Pax Educare, Inc. has recently received a contract with the United States Institute of Peace (www.usip.org) for research and writing into the founding and subsequent legislation establishing the Institute. The Institute is an independent, non-partisan federal institution created by Congress in and established in 1984 to promote the prevention, management and peaceful resolution of international conflicts. Mary Lee will research and subsequently report to the Institute on the unique contributions of Elise Boulding

in the founding of the organization. She was one of the original Commission members appointed by President Carter for the establishment a national academy on peace and conflict, which became the USIP.

Girls and Violence Forum- forum on Girls and Violence, for educators, students, clergy, youth leaders and community members, to be held at the Friends Meeting House, 144 South Quaker Lane, West Hartford October 21st, 8:30-12 AM. The event is convened and supported by the Governor's Prevention Partnership's Safe Schools and Communities Coalition and the Dept. of Public Health's Injury Prevention Program. Pax Educare and Hopeworks, Inc. are the hosts for the West Hartford event. Other similar forums are being held throughout the state in various geographical locations. The events are a follow-up on the work done by the Girls and Violence Task Force of the Safe Schools Coalition. www.preventionworksct.org For an invitation, contact Mary Lee at Pax Educare.

In early October Mary Lee will present a workshop at the annual meeting of the **Peace and Justice Studies Association**, to be held at Goshen College in Indiana. The title of her workshop is "Elise Boulding, Peace Pioneer: Some Thoughts on Her Life and Work". Elise Boulding played a major role in the founding of the Consortium on Peace, Research, Education and Development, the forerunner of the PJSA.

In mid October Mary Lee will be the invited guest speaker at a **colloquium on peace education with several women educators from the Afghan Institute of Learning** at Columbia Teachers College . www.tc.edu/PeaceEd. The AIL is an Afghan NGO dedicated to improving the education and health of women in the war ravaged country. Mary Lee will speak and facilitate dialogue on the contributions of women in educating toward and building a culture of peace.

Pax Educare will be a co-sponsor of the **November 9 forum**, convened and sponsored by the West Hartford Citizens for Peace and Justice with **Ray McGovern, former CIA Intelligence analyst and witness at the Conyers Downing Street memo hearings** in Congress. Joining Ray will be a former marine and CIA analyst, Dave MacMichael. Stay tuned at the WHCPJ web site: www.westhartfordpeace.org

Another year of HIPP trainings is planned with students and staff of Burr and Watkinson schools. Our coalition welcomes interested adults and other youth to join us for the trainings. Stay tuned for the date and time of the first basic, probably in early November. HIPP stands for Help Increase the Peace, and is a violence transformation program geared for youth 12 and up, sponsored by the national office of the American Friends Service Committee. It is also appropriate for adults who want to learn more about nonviolence and building social change. Help bring nonviolence to your school or organization. Contact Pax Educare if you would like to participate.

Stay tuned for information on the return of **Magical Strings** to the Hartford area. The Bouldings will bring once again their melodious Celtic harp and hammered dulcimer peace music for a concert in March or April sponsored by Pax Educare. www.magicalstrings.com

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Liz Vitale for the donation of a collection of past issues of *Peace and Conflict: The Journal of Peace*

Psychology and related newsletters
Sr. Mary Louise Rouleau for her donation of the book *Seeking Peace* by Johann Christoph Arnold

Some Recent Events at Pax Educare

March-talk at the monthly gathering of the Epsilon chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Women's educational society

April-Magical Strings returned for their third visit to Hartford, offering a spiritually rich peace concert at the Friends Meeting House in West Hartford

In April Mary Lee presented a workshop in building cultures of peace to the staff of the Center City Churches Center for Youth.

In April Pax Educare hosted a gathering of colleagues in the Hartford area who are engaged in mediation work.



Give Peace a Dance

In late April we had a successful "Give Peace a Dance", contra dance for peace, organized by student intern Tara Lower and partially funded by generous contributions. Sixty participants danced the night away for peace at the Friends Meeting House.

In May, Mary Lee presented a workshop on creating cultures of peace at the annual Caritas conference, sponsored by the Social Work department of Saint Joseph College

In March and again in late May, Burr and Watkinson students and staff and Pax Educare teamed up for HIPP trainings. We now have several students trained to help with future facilitation, for which we are very glad.

In May we concluded our fall and winter film series with a showing of "Gandhi".

In July Mary Lee presented Pax Educare resources and curricula at a teacher conference, "Countering Hate", sponsored by the Hochberg Holocaust and Human Rights Committee of Temple Bnai Israel at EastConn in Hampton, CT. Jeanne Morascini organized the event.

In July Mary Lee was invited to write the guest lead column for the Curriculum of Hope newsletter.

Pax Educare was featured in the Spring issue of *The Peace Chronicle*, the newsletter of the Peace and Justice Studies Association (www.peacejusticestudies.org)

In August we hosted a pot luck and showing of the film *You Don't Have to Ride Jim Crow*, a chronicle of the reunion of the surviving members of the 1947 Journey of Reconciliation, with footage of the original ride, designed to push for enforcement of the recent Supreme Court ruling banning segregation on interstate bus and train travel. The film is available for loan.

In August Mary Lee facilitated a workshop on building cultures of peace for a conference sponsored by the UNESCO Chair in Human Rights program at U Conn. Over thirty young adults from around the globe, many from developing nations, participated.

In August we also tabled at the annual back to school Hip Hop Festival at Riverfront Recapture in Hartford. We held a raffle and the winner was awarded a peace T shirt. Entrants were asked to put a wish for peace in the bottle. Here is what one articulate young woman wrote: *My vision for peace is for people to not hate other races when they are not fully aware of their backgrounds.* Another wrote *to treat others with respect. This includes animals and nature.* The winner was Linda Valentin of Hartford.

We were a co-sponsor of the annual Hope Out Loud Peace Festival in Bushnell Park September 11 and hosted a table with our literature.

September 21 we helped to celebrate International Day of Peace, sponsoring a talk with David Adams, UNESCO's first director of the Year for a Culture of Peace and a Pax Educare advisory board member. David reported on the Global Movement for a Culture of Peace. The event was held at the Real Art Ways cinema and gallery. Co-sponsors were the CT Program office of AFSC and the Hartford chapter of UNA-

USA. The talk was preceded by a pot luck supper. Thanks to Real Art Ways for their wonderful space. For more information on the Global Movement for a Culture of Peace, go to www.decade-culture-of-peace.org.

Peace Links

some good web sites:

<http://www.iacm-conflict.org/> The **International Association for Conflict Management** was founded to encourage scholars and practitioners to develop and disseminate theory, research, and experience that is useful for understanding and improving conflict management in family, organizational, societal, and international settings.

<http://www.rootsandshoots.org/home.asp> **Roots and Shoots**. Founded by Jane Goodall, this global program emphasizes the principle that knowledge leads to compassion which inspires action. Curricula emphasizes service learning promoting care for animals, the human community and the environment.

www.publicconversations.org-The **Public Conversations Project (PCP)** helps people with fundamental disagreements over divisive issues develop the mutual understanding and trust essential for strong communities and positive action.

<http://www.tlpeace.org.au/index.htm> **Teaching and Learning for Peace**. The sharing of peace-building stories, songs and activities with and for children and adults is found on the site.

<http://www.cdainc.com/rpp/> **Collaborative for Development Action, Inc.** A non profit organization whose mission is the learning of practical lessons about the reduction of poverty and conflict. One of the major projects of the organization involves helping humanitarian assistance organizations to conduct their international missions without exacerbating already existing conflicts.

<http://www.1000peacewomen.org/eng/html/nominierte/index.php> The project **1000 Women for the Nobel Peace Prize 2005** defined as its objective the nominating of 1000 women to represent collectively the millions of women world-wide working for peace and justice and the alleviation of suffering. The life stories, the visions, methods, strategies and networks of these 1000 women will be publicized. Millions of women are engaged daily in working for a better future. They call for reconciliation, demand justice and rebuild what has been destroyed. They transform conflicts. They fight against poverty and for human rights. They create alternative sources of income and they strive for access to land and clean water. They educate and heal. They reintegrate HIV patients. They find solutions to a great many forms of violence and they condemn the genital mutilation of girls.

Women from the USA on the list include Ambassador Swanee Hunt of the Harvard Program on Women and Policy, Betty Burkes of the Hague Appeal for Peace and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, singer and song-writer Holly Near, poet Grace Paley, Betty Reardon of Columbia University's peace education teacher training program, Quaker peace researcher and founder of the International Peace Research Association Elise Boulding, and Connecticut's own peace activist and nonviolence trainer Kate Donnelly. To obtain the list of women world-wide visit the web site.

<http://decade-culture-of-peace.org/> **World Report on the Culture of Peace**. David Adams writes this about his global report: "The conclusion of the report is simple. The culture of peace is advancing, according to most of the almost 700 organizations from around the world, despite neglect by the mass media and, to a great extent, by the United Nations. Therefore, it is up to all of us in the coming years to turn this around so that actions for a culture of peace are treated as more newsworthy than the news of violence".

<http://www.iearn.org/index.html> **iEARN (International Education and Resource Network)** is a non-profit organization made up of over 20,000 schools in more than 109 countries. iEARN empowers teachers and young people to work together online using the Internet and other new communications technologies. Approximately 750,000 - 1,000,000 students each day are engaged in collaborative project work worldwide.

<http://globalvillageschool.org/index.html> **Global Village School** offers a progressive, accredited, customizable K-12 homeschool diploma program via online and text-based curriculum, complete with individualized teacher services. Courses integrate peace, justice, and diversity studies with the core subjects. An international school welcoming students from around the globe.

<http://www.acuns.org/>. The Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS), now headquartered at [Wilfrid Laurier University](#), was first created in 1987 at Dartmouth College as an international association of scholars, teachers, practitioners, and others who are active in the work and study of the United Nations system and international organizations in general. The members share an interest in encouraging and supporting education, writing and research which contribute to the understanding of international issues and promote global cooperation. <http://www.sojo.net/index.cfm?action=registration.magazine&returnURL=action%3Dmagazine%2Earticle%26issue%3Dsoj0509%26article%3D050922> "Peace by Degree". The latest issue of *Sojourner's* magazine has a wonderfully descriptive article on the growing movement on college campuses for the teaching of peace, including many good web sites. <http://www.nationalpeace.org/> **National Peace Foundation**. The National Peace Foundation's Mission is to strengthen the foundations for peacebuilding, peace education and conflict resolution by promoting democratic justice through partnerships, intercultural exchanges and citizen networks.

The following links are excerpted from the Hague Appeal for Peace's latest online report. For more information go to: www.haguepeace.org

Peace and Disarmament Education, Available Online. Last month, the Hague Appeal for Peace launched its new publication at the UN German Mission in New York, *Peace and Disarmament Education, Changing Mindsets to Reduce Violence and Sustain the Removal of Small Arms*.

This book is now available online at <http://www.haguepeace.org/resources/DDA-book.pdf>.

Preparing for the Culture of Peace Midterm Report

October Youth Event at the UN David Adams reports: "We are beginning to prepare for the UN General Assembly discussion on the Culture of Peace Decade. Young people will be trained to advocate and present the Culture of Peace Midterm Report through a public event and personal visits to country missions at the UN next October 3-14 in New York. The program is sponsored by the *United Network of Young Peacebuilders* (UNOY), under the auspices of the *Fundacio Cultura de Paz* and in collaboration with *The Hague Appeal for Peace* and *Global Youth Action Network*."

Fall Trainings and Workshops in Peace Education

Columbia University Teachers College, New York, USA, Fall 2005

Perspectives on Security: Alternatives to War and Armed Conflict, Oct 7-8, 14-15

Issues of security are a central concern of educating for peace. Special emphasis will be given to possibilities of curricular implementation of the United Nations study on disarmament and non-proliferation education.

Education for a Culture of Peace and Justice: Human Rights Perspectives, Oct 28-29, Nov 4-5. This workshop focuses on how to design human rights curriculum for schools or informal NGO education environments. Thematically, the class will focus on "child labor".

For further information or to register, please visit the web at: www.tc.edu/PeaceEd or contact by e-mail: peace-ed@tc.edu

Cathedra Guillermo Gaviria for the Promotion and Consolidation of the Culture of Peace and Nonviolence

Workshops and Trainings, Colombia, Fall 2005. In May 2004, convinced that "Education for Peace" is the tool and the most important means for the transformation of a Culture of Violence into a Culture of Peace, the *Cathedra Guillermo Gaviria for the Promotion and Consolidation of the Culture of Peace and Nonviolence* was established as a space for training and meeting for groups working to promote respect for human rights, peace and social justice. This project has been framed in the United Nations program Decade for the Culture of Peace

For more information, details about the proposed courses, you can contact one of the following: catedraguillermogaviria@yahoo.es or lucia.camacho@esap.edu.co or comisionddhhfecode@yahoo.es

**Teachers of Peace: Educating for Peace and Social Change
Teachers of Peace Seminar, Washington DC, USA**

Oct 20 to 23, 2005. Peacemaking takes place on two levels –individual interactions and work on society’s policies and institutions. Our schools have begun embracing peacemaking at the individual level, with a rich variety of conflict resolution programs. But it is more than time to also embrace curricula focused on ways we can change society – and William Penn House’s Free Teachers of Peace seminar is designed to help teachers do just that.

In a supportive Quaker community, participants will explore peacemaking through the lens of Multi-Track Diplomacy – a holistic framework for both understanding and teaching peace. For middle, junior and senior high school educators.

For any question please contact Bernadette or Patricia at the William Penn House (+001) 202-543-5560. You may also get more information about the seminar and download an application at www.wmpennhouse.org/teachersofpeace.htm

Teaching Guide on Peace Education for English Language Learners

United States Institute of Peace. The United States Institute of Peace has developed this guide on conflict resolution as a resource for students and educators to help students develop the skills necessary to negotiate the world and to be effective, responsible individuals. The resulting guide is intended to introduce concepts of conflict resolution into the classroom or workplace. It is important to note that the framework for this guide comes from a manual for Israeli and Palestinian high school students developed by Edy Kaufman and Manuel Hassassian.

The guide is divided into five sections (trust building, defining conflict, prejudice awareness and reduction, communication, conflict management) which each include lessons plans, student handouts and instructions.

For free download, go online at <http://www.usip.org/class/guides/conflict.html>

More Local Links and News:

The **Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World** is a project of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, women’s educational society, and was founded by Pax Educare advisory board member Jeanne Morascini, a Connecticut resident. Curriculum of Hope committee members are eager to share their ideas and projects. One of the latest is the publication of a book of sample activities for peace and care for the earth, currently being piloted by 20 teachers in eastern Connecticut. Wider distribution of the book is expected in the near future. Mary Lee is a member of the committee. To obtain a copy of the newsletter, contact founder Jeanne Morascini, Jemora@aol.com or editor Janice McKusick, jmckusic@charter.net

The newsletter is published several times a year and is chock full of wonderful resources and ideas for educators of all kinds. It is sent out internationally. Here are a few highlights from the latest issue:

UN Day October 24. The web site for students and educators is www.un.org/Pubs/CyberSchoolBus/.

Human Rights Day is December 10th. Celebrate by reviewing for students the Universal Declaration for Human Rights adopted by the General Assembly in 1948.

Additional local news:

Sacred Trust Forum: Religion and the Environment. The annual forum, sponsored by the Inter-religious Eco-Justice Network and Hartford Seminary will be held **October 11** at St. John’s Episcopal Church in West Hartford, 4-9 PM. For more information go to www.irejn.org or contact the Hartford Seminary at www.hartsem.edu

The New England Peace Studies (NEPSA), currently housed at the Peace Abbey in Sherborne, MA, has two initiatives going. One is the development of a web site, being facilitated by faculty and students at Assumption College, which will feature a rich array of resources and links. The other is the planning of an educational conference in peace studies for secondary and college teachers for the Spring of 2006. Stay tuned. To find out more about NEPSA or to join, contact Kathleen Kautzer at kautzer@regiscollege.edu.

The Institute for Global Leadership, with founder Virginia Swain, housed in Worcester, MA, offers workshop participants the opportunity to reflect on their vocational calling, enabling a realignment of values and gifts in harmony with the precepts of a culture of peace and nonviolence. Workshops are held at the United Nations and in Worcester. For more information go to http://www.global-leader.org/gl_upcomingevents.htm

News from the Center for Serenity, Inc., West Hartford, CT.

Guided meditations Tuesdays at noon- 12:30 PM.

Earth Prayers, a gathering of people of all faiths and spiritual paths to sing, pray worship and share, learning to heal the earth, is held each second Monday of the month. October 10th, nutritionist Debbie Humphries, a Quaker, will speak of the importance of eating local produce and supporting local farmers. www.centerforserenity.org

Sacred Sound and Rhythm Circle, with John Boiano of Pulse Integration, is held each fourth Monday in the Chapel of First Baptist Church, 90 N. Main in West Hartford. No experience is necessary. Drums are provided or bring your own.

Wisdom Painting and Art, with Mary Gravelle, 56 Arbor Street, a Pax Educare neighbor on the 2nd floor. Through creative drawing and painting, participants in Mary's workshops discover their own power and tools to live a life of passion and meaning. www.wisdompainting.com

I can pledge to understand the words of Thich Nhat Hanh that "to reconcile conflicting parties we must have the ability to understand the suffering on both sides. If we take sides, it is impossible to do the work of reconciliation".



*Walk with Jack, Birch and friends, May 2005
For more information on Jack and his walk, go to
www.peacefulsteps.com*

Donations to Pax Educare are gratefully accepted. Donations may be sent to Pax Educare: 56 Arbor Street, Hartford, CT 06106. Our application for non profit designation is in progress. Donations are tax deductible, to the extent permitted by law. Suggested donations:
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