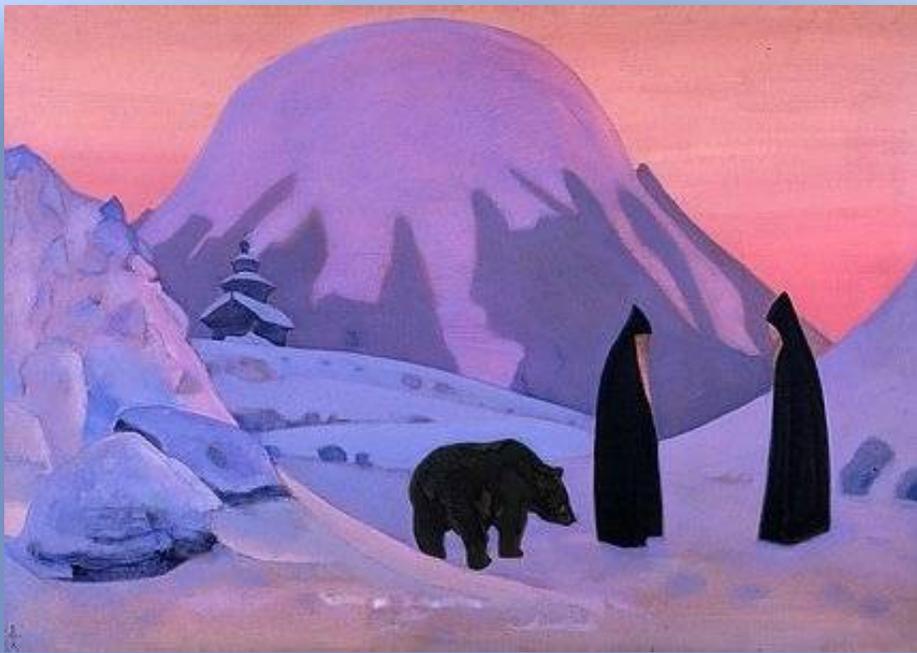


# And We Do Not Fear

Nicholas Roerich



***Revealing the  
Invisible Yet Existent  
Culture of Peace***

**Mohonk Peace Conference**

**November 7, 2016**



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**Mohonk is a Peace System**



In the book  
***Mohonk, Its People and Spirit***  
Chapter Four is titled  
**“We’ll Discuss It At Mohonk”**

# Sustainable Development Goals



[www.InternationalDayofPeace.org](http://www.InternationalDayofPeace.org) September 21<sup>st</sup>

*2016 Theme ...*

**Sustainable Development Goals:**  
**Building Blocks for Peace**

**SDG 16: *Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions***

# Banner of Peace

Nicholas Roerich



*Without Peace  
there is no Culture;*

*Without Culture  
there is no Peace*

**11 Days of Global Unity**  
September 11<sup>th</sup> – September 21<sup>st</sup>

**[Peace Day TV](#)**  
**International Day of Peace**

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



***“If we could read the secret history of our enemies, we should see sorrow and suffering enough to disarm all hostility.”***

## Signing Roerich Pact International Treaty



White House, Washington D.C. April 15th, 1935. The ceremony of signing the Treaty for the Protection of Artistic and Scientific Institutions and Historic Monuments (the Roerich Pact)

Sitting, right to left: Henry Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture (USA),  
Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the USA, Felipe A. Espil, Ambassador of Argentina

## Science of Right Human Relationship



If civilization is to survive, we must cultivate the science of human relationship – the ability of all peoples, of all kinds, to live together and work together in the same world, at peace.

*President Franklin D. Roosevelt*

## **What Is Peace**



**...peace is the wholeness created by right relationships with oneself, other persons, other cultures, other life, Earth, and the larger whole of which all are a part.”**

~ Earth Charter

**Simply put ...**



**Peace is living together in  
harmonious relationship with  
self, others and all life.**

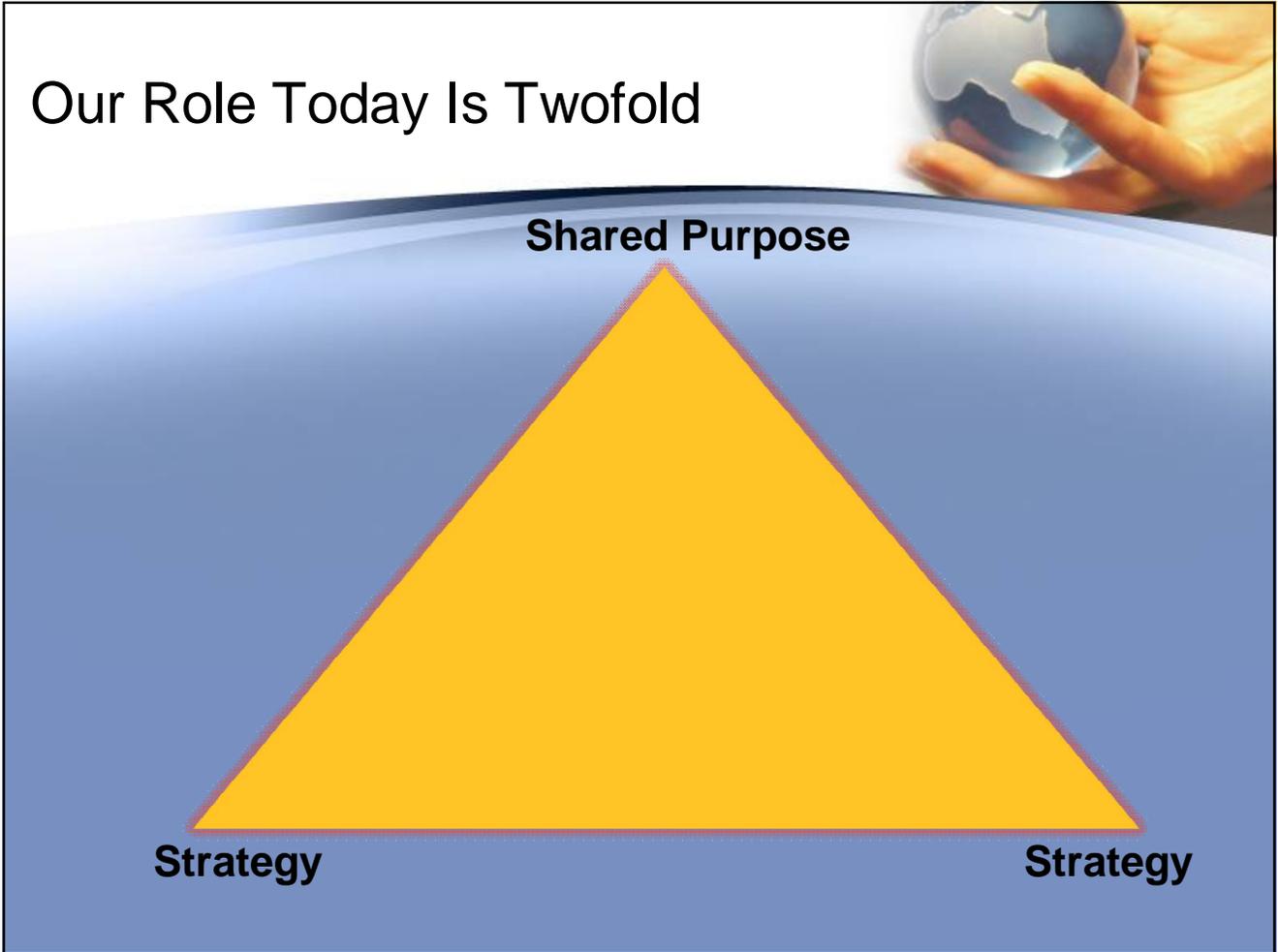
Our Role Today Is Twofold



**Shared Purpose**

**Strategy**

**Strategy**



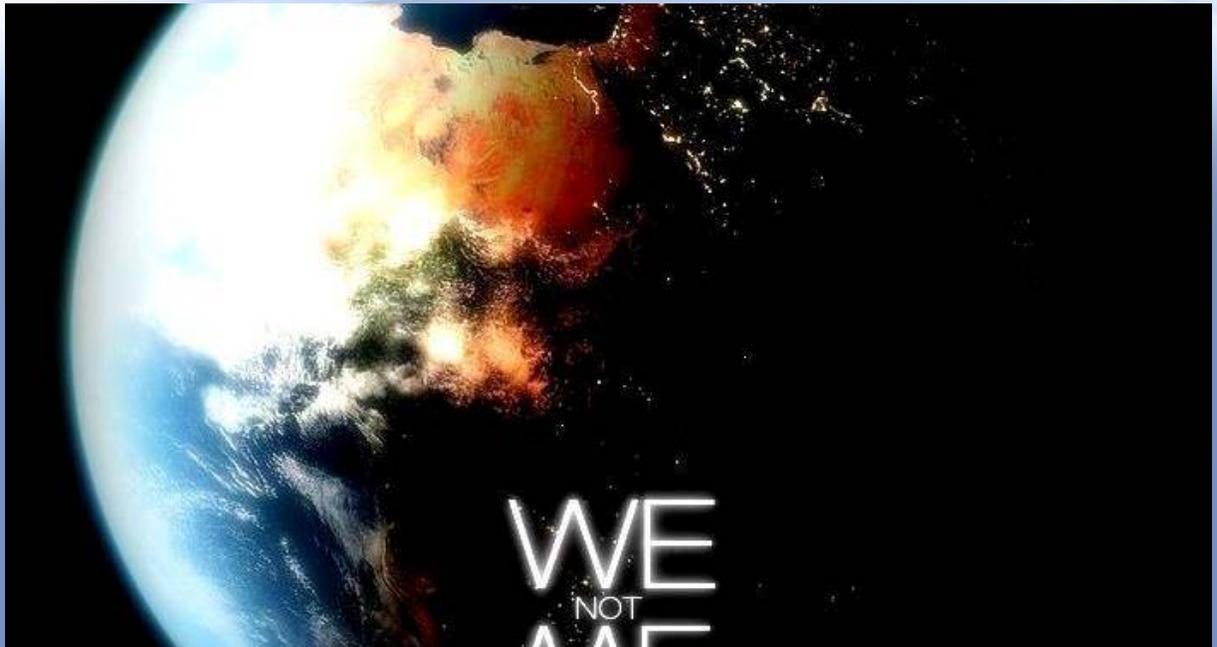
WHAT WE KNOW



<http://bumpercars.com/wombat/wombat.swf>

The Game Changer:  
WE ARE INTERCONNECTED

**WeDay.org**



# Mother of the World

Nicholas Roerich



## **March of Hope**



**Thousands of Israeli and Palestinian women recently spent two weeks walking for peace.**

### **Women March for Peace**

Solidarity events in Egypt, Tunisia, Morocco, Jordan, North & South America & Europe.

## Citizens Peace Movement of Iraq



Non-Governmental Organization (NGO)  
in Duhok, Iraq

# Earth Is a Sentient Being



**Bolivia's law gives  
nature equal rights  
to humans**



# **TRENDS**



## **Community Dialogue, Collaboration, & Action**

**Q: What trends are you seeing in your community; and as a global citizen, in the world community?**

# *Principle of Sharing*



[www.sharing.org](http://www.sharing.org)

**Free Store in Media PA**

**Crop Swap**

**We live in a Culture of Peace**



**Around the World  
Through the Lens  
of  
Peacebuilding**

*Peace is Sweeping the Globe*



**Citizens' Peace Movement of Iraq**

[Peace Brigades International - Canada](#)

**PJSA** – Peace & Justice Studies Association

**Doctors** without Borders; **Mediators** without Borders; **Lawyers** without Borders; **Meditators** ...

Global Peace Foundation – values based approach

*Peace is Sweeping the Globe*



**GAMIP** – Global Alliance for Ministries and Infrastructures for Peace - based in Geneva; Ministries of Peace in Costa Rica, Nepal, South Sudan

**Germany** – Auschwitz Peace Center

**Italy** – Community of Living Ethics

**Rwanda, Costa Rica, USA, Nepal - National Peace Academy**

**Mongolia** – Solar per capita – 70% Nomads

## *Peace is Sweeping the Globe*



**Ghana** – Peace Education – UNESCO mapping throughout Africa

**India** – Ghandi Institute; 2015 Peace Movement

Nonviolence and Peace Movements: Crash Course  
[World History 228](#)

**Films:** *Fambok Tol, Pray the Devil Back to Hell, Bully, Findhorn New Story Summit, Story of Stuff, Admission (in support of Departments of Peace)*

*Peace is Sweeping the Globe*



**Kenya** Democratic Peace Committees

**Children** of the Earth; **Kids** 4 Peace

**Latin American** Sustainable Agriculture Initiative

Pax Cultura House – **Argentina**

**PATRIR**– Peace Action Training and Research  
Institute of **Romania**

*Peace is Sweeping the Globe*



United States Institute of Peace - USIP

European Institute of Peace

Iraq Institute of Peace

International Peace Research Association IPRA

International Institute for Peace – Forest Whitaker

Institute for Peace and Justice USD

Canadian School of Peacebuilding International

Institute for Peace Through Tourism

UN University for Peace in Costa Rica

*Peace is Sweeping the Globe*



**Generation Waking Up** [GenUp.org](http://GenUp.org)

Peace Players International – **Peace through Sports**

Playing for Change – **Peace through Music**

**Peace through Business** – for women in Kabul,  
Afghanistan and Kigali, Rwanda

**International Sustainable Food Movement**

*Peace is Sweeping the Globe*



**Columbia Peace Process**

**Nonviolent Peace Force**

**Mindanao Peacebuilding Institute, Philippines**

**Bhutan – Gross National Happiness**

**New Zealand National Centre for Peace and  
Conflict Studies**

**Hudson Valley initiatives!!!**

## **George Bernard Shaw could be speaking of Mohonk founders**



“This is the true joy in life, the being used for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one; the being a force of nature instead of a feverish, selfish little clod of ailments and grievances complaining that the world will not devote itself to making you happy. I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the whole community, and as long as I live it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can. I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work the more I live. I rejoice in life for its own sake. Life is no “brief candle” for me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for the moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations”

## PEACEBUILDING STORY



**Harmony Through Conflict**

**The Essence: Right Human  
Relationship**

**The Storytellers: Humanity**

## ***The New Story***



- **Right/Harmonious Human Relationship**
- **Conflict Resolution prior to violence**
- **Violence always hurts; nonviolence heals**
- **Positive Peace**

## The Storyteller's Challenge



*“Developing the capacity to operate from the nothingness of the now, the ability to discern and take the next step in situations where old structures have broken down and new structures haven’t yet emerged is perhaps the most important core capacity of navigating work and life in this century.”*

*Otto Scharmer*

## **A CULTURE OF PEACE IS...**



“...a culture that promotes peaceable diversity involving constant shaping and reshaping of understandings, situations, and behaviors to sustain well-being for all.”

Elise Boulding

**Back to TRENDS**



**What trends are you seeing  
in your community; and as  
a global citizen, in the  
world community?**

A hand holding a globe, symbolizing global impact or care.

# Institute for Economics and Peace

[www.economicsandpeace.org](http://www.economicsandpeace.org)

*The world's leading think tank dedicated to developing metrics to analyze peace and to quantify its economic benefits.*

**TRENDS**

## Education Shapes Society



*The general purpose of peace education, as I understand it, is to promote the development of authentic planetary consciousness that will enable us to function as global citizens and to transform the present human condition by changing social structures and the patterns of thought that have created it. This transformational imperative must... be at the center of peace education.*

- Betty Reardon



## **Global Campaign for Peace Education**

Your source and community for  
peace education news, views,  
research, policy, resources,  
programs & events worldwide

<http://www.peace-ed-campaign.org>

**GCPE was founded at 1999  
Hague Peace Conference**



Hague Agenda for Peace and Justice for the 21st Century, a set of 50 recommendations for the abolition of war and the promotion of peace.

**Mohonk again played an early role ...**

## **Peace Studies**



**Over 400 Peace Studies Programs  
Worldwide**

**Graduating PhDs in Peacebuilding**

**Peace Education – Peer Mediation –  
Conflict Resolution**

## Restorative Justice on the Rise



Restorative Justice on The Rise is an international live dialogue via Webcast and Telecouncil platform, held weekly, reaching an international constituency of a wide spectrum of individuals, organizations, professionals, academics, practitioners, stakeholders and beyond.

&

[TheTruthTellingProject.org](http://TheTruthTellingProject.org)

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## TRENDS



***Q: What trends are you seeing in your community; and as a global citizen, in the world community?***

***Q: What are one or two specific examples that support the naming of the trend?***

## Buckminster Fuller



***“You never change things by fighting the existing reality.***

***To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete.”***

## United Nations – PBSO - 2005



In his 1992 report, “An Agenda for Peace,” former UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali **introduced the concept of peacebuilding** to the UN as *“action to identify and support structures, which will tend to strengthen and solidify peace in order to avoid a relapse into conflict.”*

## Ambassador Anwaral Chowdhury

*Former Under-Secretary and High Representative of the UN*



Decade for a Culture of Peace  
and Nonviolence on behalf of  
the Children of the World

Women at the center of peace:  
UN Security Council Resolution  
1325

**Asking the big question...  
Is Peace A Human Right**

## Solutions-Oriented Approach



**1898**

**“Problems cannot be solved with the same mindset that created them.”**

**Albert Einstein**

# Infrastructures for Peace



Panel & Roundtable discussion

Afternoon Session

*Thinking About Creating Conditions for the  
Culture of Peace*

**Our Unique Contribution**



**INSPIRING COOPERATION  
ON BEHALF OF THE COMMON GOOD**

## A Story of Transformation



In April, we cannot see sunflowers in France, so we might say the sunflowers do not exist. But the local farmers have already planted thousands of seeds, and when they look at the bare hills, they may be able to see the sunflowers already. The sunflowers are there. They lack only the conditions of sun, heart, rain and July. Just because we cannot see them does not mean that they do not exist.

~ Thich Nhat Hanh

## Our Role As Peacebuilders



Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever will.

Margaret Mead



# The Story of Peacebuilding



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## WELCOME CONFLICT



*Rather than be dangerous, conflict holds within it vital messages regarding unmet needs and areas of necessary change. Given this understanding, safety is increased not by avoiding conflict, but by moving toward it with the intention of hearing the messages within.*

Dominic Barter

It's A Work In Progress.....



# The Story of Peacebuilding



**Who We Are**



**SOLUTIONARIES..**

# Solutionary



- What Is a Solutionary?
- Noun
- 1. a person who brings knowledge and skills to bear on pressing and entrenched challenges in an effort to create positive changes for all people, animals, and the earth.
- 2. a person who identifies inhumane, unsustainable, or exploitative systems and then develops practical, effective, and visionary solutions, both large and small, to replace them with those that are restorative, healthy, and just.
- Adjective
- 1. pertaining to or characterized by solving problems in a strategic, comprehensive way that is good for people, animals, and the environment.
- 2. innovative and far-reaching in a positive way for all stakeholders.

## **CULTURE CREATING ACTIVITY**



“Culture creating activity involves constant interaction at every level of society.

Our societal capacity for aggression or peacebuilding depends on patterns developed from the individual and the interpersonal to the nations.”

Elise Boulding

## Elise Boulding ~ Imagining the Future



“Futures Remembering” was her effort to ensure that people gave specific shape and meaning to their images of a “world without weapons” while devising concrete plans for realizing them through time. This attention to the future is a very important tool in any conflict transformer’s toolbox. If there is no willingness to imagine and vision a positive future, actors in conflict will always be caught in a paralyzing past which will immobilize them politically in the present.

# IMAGINE



Appreciative Inquiry invites us to look out 20 years ... and from that visionary stance, determine the steps to arrive ...

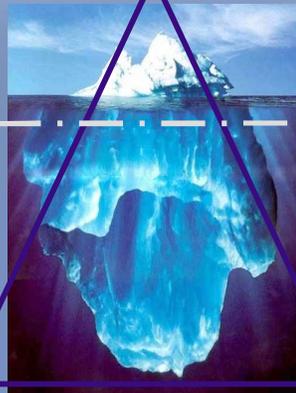
# The Iceberg of Violence\*



**Direct Violence** – the violent deeds and words we see;  
the symptoms we normally treat

**Structural Violence** – the social, economic, and political systems that, wittingly or not, result from and/or contribute to cultural and direct violence (e.g., systems of retributive justice and top-down globalization)

**Cultural Violence** – the social norms and values that legitimize and normalize direct and structural violence (e.g., fear or hate of differences, violence in the media, win-lose self-interest)



***What other examples of Direct, Structural, and Cultural Violence can you think of?***

\*The concept of the Iceberg of Violence is from Johan Galtung of Transcend ([www.transcend.org/ji](http://www.transcend.org/ji))

## **International Peace Research Association IPRA**



All of us were and are united by a common concern to ensure that cultures and structures of violence are replaced by cultures and structures of peace. To this end, we focused our attention on the diverse origins and sources of violence and how these might be replaced by processes and institutions that would guarantee stable peace, inclusion, and social justice through time.

*Kevin Clements, Queens University Sydney*

*Speaking of Elise Boulding and his work with IPRA*

Dag Hammarskjold ~ 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Secretary General of UN



***“The pursuit of peace and progress cannot end in a few years in either victory or defeat. The pursuit of peace and progress, with its trials and its errors, its successes and its setbacks, can never be relaxed and never abandoned.”***

## **Infrastructures for Peace**



**The Peace Alliance**

[www.thepeacealliance.org](http://www.thepeacealliance.org)

**Alliance for Peacebuilding**

[www.allianceforpeacebuilding.org](http://www.allianceforpeacebuilding.org)

**US Institute of Peace**

[www.usip.org](http://www.usip.org)

**National Peace Academy**  
**[www.nationalpeaceacademy.us](http://www.nationalpeaceacademy.us)**



**Supports, advances and nurtures cultures of peace by preparing the next generation of peacebuilders who will bring their unique background to communities and the corporate, nonprofit, and government workplace.**

**Through our learning programs we:**

- Support the development of the full spectrum of the peacebuilder – inner and outer, personal and professional**
- Facilitate the development of peace systems – local to global**

**We strive to embody and reflect the principles and processes of peace.**

## ***River Phoenix Center for Peacebuilding***



Everyone learns to resolve conflicts through healthy communication in relationships, thus breaking the cycle of violence and creating a safer community.

[www.centerforpeacebuilding.org](http://www.centerforpeacebuilding.org)

# River Phoenix Center for Peacebuilding PSA



**Working Together for a Safer Community**



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ia\\_IHMq44t4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ia_IHMq44t4)

**The Search for a Nonviolent Future**



**A Promise of Peace for Ourselves,  
Our Families, and Our World**

Michael Nagler, METTA Center

[www.mettacenter.org](http://www.mettacenter.org)

[www.thetruthtellingproject.org](http://www.thetruthtellingproject.org)

## Generation Waking Up



[www.generationwakingup.org](http://www.generationwakingup.org)

- **Who are we as a generation? What are the unique challenges and opportunities that we face?**
- **Where are we in the world today?**
- **What is the state of the world that we are inheriting?**
- **What has to change?**
- **How can we transform our worldview to create a new possible future?**
- **What do we do now?**
- **How can we each, in our own unique way, contribute to a thriving, just, sustainable world?**

**Global Alliance for Ministries and Infrastructures for Peace**



**Global Alliance founded in London 2005**

2006 – Canada Summit

2007 – Japan Summit

2009 – Costa Rica Summit

2011 - South Africa Summit

Theme: **Ubuntu in Action**

2013 - Geneva Summit

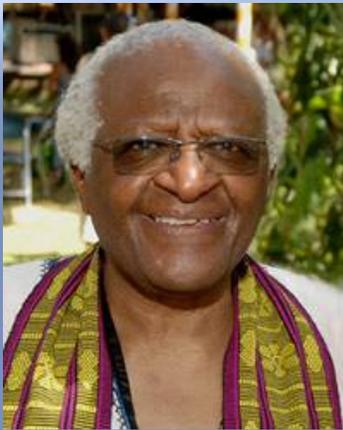
[gamip.org](http://gamip.org)

**HH Dalai Lama**



**... I am happy to give my support to such a body whose responsibilities would include being a consistent voice for non-violent means of settling disputes.**

## Archbishop Desmond Tutu



... Go for it and ... one day we'll ask,  
“Why were we so stupid for so long  
because of something so obvious?”

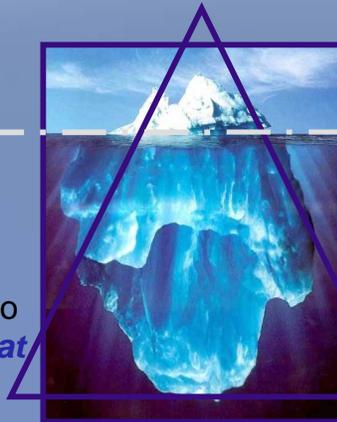
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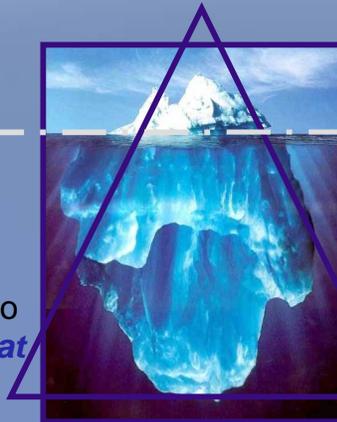
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Wendell Berry

*What We Need Is Here*



Geese appear high over us,  
pass, and the sky closes. Abandon,  
as in love or sleep, holds  
them to their way, clear  
in the ancient faith: what we need  
is here. And we pray, not  
for new earth or heaven, but to be  
quiet in heart, and in eye,  
clear. What we need is here.

## **Personal Culture of Peace**

What Can We Do?



***First***, we can take personal and shared responsibility for being the change we wish to see in the world.

***Second***, we can encourage and express goodwill – love in action – and begin naming and appreciating the signs of goodwill everywhere.

## What Can We Do?



***Third***, we can seek out others who are inclined to a spirit of cooperation and who demonstrate a willingness to work for what they want instead of fighting against what they do not want ~ an attitude of positive peace, knowing that we get more of whatever it is we focus on.

***Fourth***, we can offer our unique contributions on behalf of the common good, knowing that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts.

# GLOBAL COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

[WWW.GLOBAL-COMMUNITY.ORG](http://WWW.GLOBAL-COMMUNITY.ORG)



**L**ocal  
**A**ction for  
**S**ustainable  
**E**conomic  
**R**enewal

**The essential steps to a vibrant economy –**

- **Creating Real Wealth**
- **Building On Community Assets**
- **Taking Advantage of Global Trends**
- **Supporting Creativity and Entrepreneurs**
- **Making It Work!**

## LIVE SHARE GROW



**Live Share Grow** encourages five fingers of constructive action:

- localism/local food
- giving and sharing
- moving your money
- participation in change (community, movement, civic engagement)
- renewable energy and sustainability

[LIVE SHARE GROW](#)

from *Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals*  
by Claiborne et al



*“Peacemaking doesn’t mean passivity. It is the act of interrupting injustice without mirroring injustice, the act of disarming evil without destroying the evildoer, the act of finding a third way that is neither fight nor flight but the careful, arduous pursuit of reconciliation and justice. It is about a revolution of love that is big enough to set both the oppressed and the oppressors free.”*

**What Will We Do?**



**Thought ... Words ... Action**

**Our Commitment**

# OUTWITTED



He drew a circle that shut me out,  
Heretic, rebel, thing to flout.  
But love and I had the wit to win,  
We drew a circle that took him in.

- Edwin Markham

## **A World in Transition**



*There is no time left for  
anything but to make  
peacework a dimension of our  
every waking activity.*

*Elise Boulding*

## How Could Anyone



How Could Anyone Ever Tell You  
You Are Anything Less Than Beautiful  
How Could Anyone Ever Tell You  
You Are Less Than Whole  
How Could Anyone Fail To Notice  
That Your Loving Is A Miracle  
How Deeply You're Connected To My Soul

» Libby Roderick

## Peace in the World



If there is to be peace in the world,  
There must be peace in the nations.  
If there is to be peace in the nations,  
There must be peace in the cities.  
If there is to be peace in the cities,  
There must be peace between neighbors.  
If there is to be peace between neighbors,  
There must be peace in the home.  
If there is to be peace in the home,  
There must be peace in the heart.

*- Lao-tse*