Creating and Sustaining Peace

November 1-3, 2019

A special weekend conference devoted to peacebuilding and celebrating the 150th anniversary of Mohonk Mountain House

FRIDAY EVENING

8:00 pm  Introduction and Welcome to Conference: Marty Irwin & Brad Berg
8:30 pm  Peace in Our Time: Dot Maver
9:00 pm  Peace Through Music & the Arts: Vanaver Caravan
          Peace Crane Project: Sue DiCicco

SATURDAY

7:00 am  Mohawk Sunrise Thanksgiving at Skytop Tower: Michael Ridolfo
          Meet at the central stairway on the ground floor.

9:00 am  Native American Prayer: Tecumseh Red Cloud (Rev. Nick Miles)
9:15 am  Welcome & Conference Overview: Eric Gullickson, Brad Berg, Sandra Smiley
9:30 am  History & Tradition of Peacebuilding at Mohonk Mountain House: Louisa Finn

10:00 am  Mindfulness: Nina Smiley
10:10 am  Keynote, Philip Hellmich: Vision for Peace—Challenges and Successes
10:55 am  BREAK
11:15 am  Keynote, Dr. Sakena Yacoobi: Building Peaceful Societies; Educating Girls & Women
12:00 pm  Q&A: Philip Hellmich and Dr. Sakena Yacoobi

12:45 pm  LUNCH in the Lake Lounge
2:15 pm  PANEL: Successful Solutions and Best Practices
          Jeffrey Weisberg, River Phoenix Center for Peacebuilding
          Masooma Rahmaty, International Peace Institute: Progress on the UN’s Global Sustainable Development Goals
          Solange Muller: Out of the Silence: Sacred Activism (A Quaker Perspective)
3:30 pm  BREAKOUT SESSIONS: Ways of Sustaining Peace
          Mindfulness in Nature Walk  Nina Smiley (weather permitting)
          Finding Common Ground in Daily Life  Philip Hellmich
          Quaker Perspective & Activism  Solange Muller
          Community Initiatives  Jeffrey Weisberg
          Empowering Women & Youth  Dr. Sakena Yacoobi
          Role of Development  Masooma Rahmaty

4:30 pm  Tea & coffee with speakers and Mohonk Consultations board members

8:30 pm  Music: Gretchen Koehler and Michael Hartigan
**SUNDAY MORNING**

*Please note that Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday at 2:00 am, when clocks are turned backward 1 hour to 1:00 local standard time.*

7:30 am  Quaker Meeting: Smiley Family Parlor  
9:15 am  Musical Interlude  
9:30 am  Welcome, Opening, & Recap of Saturday  
Eli Bashavant, Vassar College: Review of Archival Research on International Arbitration Conferences  
9:50 am  Mindfulness: Nina Smiley  
10:00 am  PANEL OF STUDENTS: Youth and the Future of Peace  
Rondout Valley High School Human Rights Club  
SUNY New Paltz International Student Program & Global Engagement Group  
Bruderhof Community, The Mount High School  
11:00 am  Q&A  
11:30 am  Bringing Peace to Your Community: Open Conversation with Dot Maver and Philip Hellmich  
  • What did you hear that inspired you?  
  • What actions are you moved to take?  
12:15 pm  Summary  
12:30 pm  Closing: Brad Berg  

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