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Newsletter Theme:

Knowing that active nonviolence is always our MPT focus, how do we keep on doing the good work with informed action in community, and with commitment in the face of obstacles? And secondly: What are effective ways of overcoming our own, our community's, our world's sense of hopelessness, paralysis, atomization, apathy and cynicism?

Some Tools for the Long Haul

Peter Dougherty

What helps us keep on doing good nonviolent work without burning out in the midst of the violence we strive to change?

Training For Change¹ in its worldwide study of groups working for social transformation in conflict and war zones learned of best practices for building resiliency in those difficult situations. They found that two of those best practices are Ritual and Co-Counseling. We can glean insights from these for our long haul work of healing, justice and peace.



Ritual

Celebrating ritual can ground a group in its common cause in the midst of strife. Ritual gives strength. It also returns individuals into a comfort zone together for nurture needed to carry on.

In Michigan Peace Team (MPT) we begin all our Core, Staff, Committee meetings, Nonviolence Trainings, and many Presentations with ritual. We refer to it as our "Spiritual Centering." It brings our focused attention to the rooted meaning of what we are about before jumping into the business of organizing and action. The centering can be yoga breathing, poetry, music, or stories that challenge and inspire. Participants might respond to the prepared centering with brief reflections of their own. The centering might

last 7 - 12 minutes, enough time to make a difference on our conscious mission together.

An MPT intern who had worked in his country's government in the area of human rights remarked to me that he has appreciated the MPT ritual. He never had this communal centering in the workplace. It has made an impact on his life.

Co-Counseling

In traumatic or stress situations, we can end up with ineffective behavior, distressed feelings, and the shutting down of our creative thinking. Co-counseling involves the discharge of bottled-up emotions and creative ideas. The discharge may manifest itself in talking, crying, silence - whatever the person needs to do.

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Co-counseling is based on the idea that we each have within us our own answers. The process establishes an agreement between two persons that they take turns being heard, each for the same amount of time. Each listens to the other with total attentive love without comment or interruption.

MPT prepares its international peace teams to do co-counseling while in the conflict zone. Some people use co-counseling to maintain their well-being in the ordinary course of their lives.

Principles underlying co-counseling are used in situations where there isn't the formal one-on-one structure. Support groups do this. In our work of nonviolent peacemaking together, we can keep in mind that at times we listen to each other and let people discharge pent-up feelings, knowing they have their own answers – we don't have to "rescue" them. We should do this more often.

In all our MPT meetings, we follow up the Centering with a brief check-in by each person present: How are you feeling right now? What's happening for you? Occasionally a person expresses a fairly high level of distress. The group lovingly listens, giving the person space and time to vent, to discharge. Usually individuals might offer brief affirmations in support. And then we move on with the meeting.

Would that all groups in society begin gatherings with ritual and a "check-in" of some sort!

¹Training For Change, 1501 Cherry St., Philadelphia, PA 19102; www.trainingforchange.org



A Noble Difference

Annette Thomas



Recently, as I excitedly shared with a friend my plans to fly to Brazil to work with young girls who were taken in, cared for and educated by a woman from my hometown in Michigan, I was dumbfounded by his apathy. Even more surprising was his comment that what I had wanted to do was noble, but I would not make a difference in anyone's life, especially not someone in a faraway land. When I shared with him the devastating living conditions and inhumane treatment these children were subjected to, his face showed no signs of empathy. Again his response was negative and pessimistic - I could not change anyone's life and that my primary focus should be on my own children. After my retirement in December, I will book my flight to Brazil.

As I waited for my coffee at a drive-through one morning, a local teacher backed his van up to my car to chastise me about my Obama/Biden bumper sticker, then someone at my favorite park placed a hate note beneath my windshield wiper regarding this same sticker. After that, an individual snuck to my home in the dead of night to leave another hateful note, this time about my COEXIST sticker under my wiper and yet another person entered our employee parking lot to tape a derogatory note to my rear window. Although a bit taken aback by these attacks against my right to exercise my freedom of speech, I will continue to share these messages of hope and diversity.

There are times when I believe we become what we are surrounded by, that our thoughts and behaviors are greatly influenced by the region and environment in which we live. Having just returned from a trip to Eugene, a beautiful, diverse college town in Oregon, I was struck by the positive, optimistic attitude of its residents.

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While there, I took the opportunity to interview a few of the locals to get a feel for the current economic and political climate. As I approached a man at the Saturday farmers market to ask him his views of the current state of the world and his world in particular, his enthusiastic response was: "I choose to not be cynical. My glass is half full and it's rising, changing, filling. How can you look around and not see the love and be happy?" Others shared his same view and believed that a better world was on the horizon.

After sharing a final meal with my family before my return home, my beloved nephew, Antony, a recent college graduate, scribbled on a napkin these words of hope and wisdom: "We got out of the Depression. We will overcome what we currently have as well."

Where There Is Apathy, Let Us Bring Hope

Albert F.J. Kreitz

In a world currently struggling with apathy and cynicism, it is important to focus on hope, to continue living in love – love for God, the community and ourselves. This must be done by human example, both in words and actions. We touch countless lives every day in many ways. Because we have a tendency to be unable to move outside of our own worries, insecurities, fears, and, ultimately, hope of being able to make any difference in the lives of others or even ourselves, it at times seems pointless to even get out of bed in the morning because we have robbed ourselves of any power to do anything worthwhile, let alone change the world.

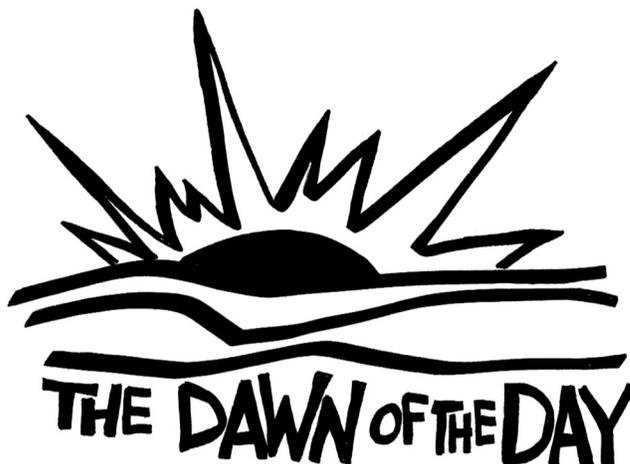
But we must change the world or at least our slice of it. Imagine if Christ, Gandhi or King had succumbed to feelings of hopelessness, powerlessness or the belief that nonviolence was something only reserved for cowards or the weak. In order to succeed, we must become strong, living testaments of their example.

If we reflect on our earliest moments in the dawn of day upon our Creator, the Maker of our body, mind and soul, who offers us the ability to make a change in our hearts, such an adjustment would allow us to rise up to win the day and to win it in such a way that we could go forth in the spirit of everything that is good and noble, full of love and caring. We would reach out to the hopeless and downtrodden with hands and hearts that are

available to help, hold and feel the pain and to change that pain to hope – change hate to love – one person at a time as that person may be the one to change a family, a village, a nation.

Together in this spirit of hope, yes, we can actually make a difference, but we must believe that we can make this difference and that God, our friends, families and loved ones can assist us in this noble endeavor.

Let us rise up together in this special moment in time and make today count. Let us reach out to those less fortunate than ourselves. Let us stand together before time runs out and we no longer have such an opportunity.



This is It!: Experiencing Beloved Community in Bil'in

Kim Redigan



It was a balmy April night in the West Bank village of Bil'in. The front yard of Abdullah's home was filled with tables bent under the weight of heaping plates of hummous, falafel, chicken, and rice. Michigan Peace Team was there to celebrate that day's

demonstration in honor of Rachel Corrie and the arrival of Jonathan, a young Israeli activist who was seriously injured weeks before by an IDF-launched tear gas canister during one of Bil'in's weekly nonviolent demonstrations.

The yard was filled that spring night with virtually everyone from the small Palestinian village and their guests: Israeli peace activists and internationals from around the world, including MPT. It was a black and starlit night filled with laughter, singing, and prodigious hospitality.

The party came to a stop when the van carrying Jonathan snaked up the hilly road and stopped in front of Abdullah's home. There was silence as Jonathan stepped out with a wide smile and a bandaged head. Applause and then a short ceremony in honor of this young Israeli whose first stop after being released from the hospital in Tel Aviv was Bil'in. Words of gratitude read in Arabic, Hebrew, and English. Hugs and kisses and high fives. A sense of camaraderie and connectedness that was palpable.

I have always shied away from writing about what I experienced at that moment for fear of being called sentimental or something worse, but since this issue is focusing on community, I am going to take the risk and report that what happened to me that night was perhaps the defining moment of my life as a peacemaker and maybe as a person.

While this Israeli activist was being honored by his Palestinian friends, I heard an internal voice as clear as that remarkable April night saying: ***This is what the world is supposed to look like. This is what's meant by Beloved Community. This is what it's all about. This is it.*** I will never forget the feeling of profound and inexplica-

ble peace I felt at that moment. It was an overwhelming sense of being enveloped – all of us there – in something much bigger than ourselves. In an instant, everything that mattered and all I would ever need to know seemed to collapse into that single moment.

I looked around and knew to my core that this is what the Beloved Community looks like.

Tattooed anarchists wearing torn shirts and dreadlocks, an elderly women in hijab, Mansour waving a chicken drumstick during an animated conversation with a group of Europeans, sweet Pheel (who himself was later killed by a tear gas canister) sharing jokes with members of our team, children darting between long tables of food. An icy white moon smiling down on the sight of Palestinians and Israelis and their friends from around the globe breaking bread and uniting in the work of justice.

The magic of that moment was abruptly broken when Israeli soldiers in armored jeeps roared into the village in pursuit of a youngster they accused of throwing stones earlier in the day. Within seconds, the party was over as everyone united, once again, to face the reality of life under occupation.

I have had much time to reflect on what happened that night in a small Palestinian village and have come to believe that the Beloved Community is not some abstract and spiritualized ideal. Rather, it is the sweet fruit of risky peacemaking that reaches across borders and boundaries. The kind of peacemaking I witnessed on a warm April night in Bil'in.



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World
is supposed to look like.***

Seeing the Other

Kristie Guerrero-Taylor

Kristie Guerrero-Taylor travelled to Israel Palestine with the IFPB Delegation July 14-27, 2012 as a representative of Michigan Peace Team. The delegation met with local people and community leaders to hear their stories, and toured large areas of the region.

As we got off the bus in Hebron, we were swarmed by little street kids with their green, red and black Palestinian bracelets smiling and pushing their merchandise with polite yet assertive insistence. They smiled and spoke through their dust-covered faces and unkempt hair and looked curiously content given the circumstances they live in. We eventually reached our destination where we were greeted by a gray-haired, bearded man with a Glock strapped to his side, by the name of David. He gave a subtle and somewhat cold greeting, a complete contrast to the neighborhood children, as he guided us into the building and then proceeded to describe the history of Hebron, the massacre of Jews in 1929, and the return of the Jewish people..

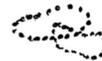
I mourned as he relayed the story of how these 67 Jews were murdered by their Arab neighbors in 1929; it was obvious that he felt his traditions were desecrated and forgotten. He spoke of the betrayal of a people and a tradition of distrust and hate between the Arabs and the Jews. I recognized that his suffering and pain were legitimate, and I cried as I re-

flected on the potentially destructive nature of religion and politics. I felt that there was a shared history, shared suffering, and that maybe there could be some sort of bridge that would remedy this horrible conflict. This common thread of human suffering could be a starting point for trust. That maybe by recognizing and validating each other's pain, progress towards peace could be made. Then he stated, "I'm for human rights, but if I had a choice between human rights and security, I choose security"



This is where the problem lies. When we violate the rights of others and no longer see their humanity, we begin to draw lines, create boundaries and follow narratives that feature each other as a threat rather than as co-habitators of the earth. We begin to feel threatened, defensive, broken, afraid and, worse, we become enemies. By putting security over compassion, understanding and cooperation, we create a world where the "other" feels shame, powerlessness and fear. We create a world where we need fences and walls to secure our borders, guards stand outside homes and Glocks are strapped to our side. We, in our efforts to protect ourselves, create a world from which we need protection.

We left David and eventually joined a local community leader as he walked us through Hebron and many of the locations where the Israeli guards or settlers had violated the human rights of local Palestinians. The children that greeted us at the beginning of our visit would occasionally pop up and again offer us goods or just try to talk to us. We arrived at a site where Israeli settlers and the army had closed prospering local markets which now were a massive trash heap. At this spot I saw a young boy who was about 5 or 6 with dirty, round-wired rimmed glasses. He impressed



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me so much I had to take his picture and after he came up to me and asked my name. I responded, "Kristie" and he repeated it back in his tiny munchkin voice, "Kristie." We had a momentary connection that I will never forget.

I pray someday a child will approach David and ask his name. My hope is that David will remember his humanity. Not policy, history, facts or his own fears, but that he is looking at another human being.

The Outcome Is Not In Our Hands

Sandra Schneiders, IHM

Sandra Schneiders, IHM is a prominent author and lecturer. She is regarded as one of the most significant and influential figures in the emergence of the study of Christian spirituality as an academic discipline and as the focused exploration of religious experience. In response to a request by Nancy Ayotte, IHM, a member of the MPT Newsletter Working Group and artist for MPT publications, Sandra wrote this article for MPT. Her article offers a Christian perspective.



At some point in our ministerial career, most of us realize that we are working harder and longer, but we are not winning. Wars are more frequent and widespread; violence increases; racism finds different victims but is no closer to extinction; the poor get ever poorer while the rich get richer. As we lobby, demonstrate, organize, volunteer, speak, write, and pray, two steps backward defeat every step forward. Even if we do not abandon our commitments, this growing realization can generate hopelessness, cynicism, or futile overwork.

The spiritual root of both deadening despair and furious overwork in ministry might be called "the heresy of efficient causality." People naturally think that if they do the right thing well enough with sufficient commitment and energy, they *will* achieve the desired result because, in the "real world," hard work, prudence, and commitment usually produce at least some measure of success.

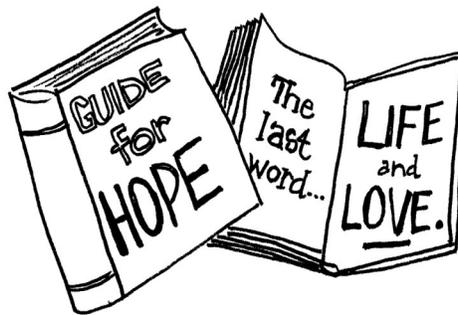
However, human projects are qualitatively different from God's work entrusted by Jesus to his disciples. The salvation of the world is not a human enterprise. Our efforts are simply not proportionate to the task. It will not be accomplished in our lifetime. This great work has already been accomplished by the death of Jesus, precisely by his utter human failure against the evil *he* confronted. On the cross the "world," Satan's kingdom, apparently triumphed. But, as Jesus said to his disciples, it was a pyrrhic victory in which the apparent victor has already perished. This paradoxical victory of the "Loser," not our effort, is the foundation of our unshakable confidence that every effort we make is part of a success that is both invisible in the present and absolutely assured. The Resurrection is the definitive sign that when evil has done all it can do, abun-

dant, eternal life springs forth. Life and love have the last word. But this is still a matter of faith and hope, not of vision.

Jesus told his disciples that their work would not succeed by human standards; the world would persecute them unto death as it had him. They are not the vine but the branches that cannot bear fruit of themselves. They are not the master but the "unprofitable servants" whose best work is never enough. They are workers in, not the owner of, the vineyard. They will never succeed in pulling up all the weeds but must steadfastly continue to cultivate the wheat even as the weeds entangle the harvest. They saw Jesus' best efforts end in betrayal and crucifixion. The servant is not above the master.

When we lose sight of the Resurrection, the heresy of results takes over: that our efforts in ministry *should* succeed, that we *are* the efficient cause of salvation, at least in our small corner of the vineyard. This fundamental possessiveness fuels un-centered overwork, discouragement, and despair. It must, finally, be surrendered in the profound "poverty of spirit" that accepts the inability of human effort to bring about the salvation of the world. Our task is essentially to proclaim it, to witness to it, to believe and hope in it, and thus to empower others to wait and work with us in unshakable hope.

Detachment from results is neither resigned passivity nor a pseudo-spiritualization of failure. It empowers us to do all we can, as well as we can, as long as we can, even unto death. But our final word will not be a cry of rage or frustration but a peaceful, "Now, O God, receive your servant because, finally, I have seen *your* salvation."



Cynicism and Community

Lydia Wylie-Kellermann

Cynicism seems an easy road these days. From my own porch, I watched the house across the street burn just days after U.S. bank told us they had no intention to ever sell. On the corner a fifteen year old girl was shot and killed. At the Catholic Worker, I spend more time answering phone calls and turning down desperate pleas for a place to stay that night. In Detroit, democracy slips away as the city is taken over by corporate interests. Wars continue endlessly with no end in sight and growing rumors of more to come. Not to mention the political climate, the environmental climate, the continuing racism, sexism, classism, and homophobia around us. We all have an ever growing list. It is all too much. I can understand the temptation to look out at this world from a distance and say "it will never change" and slam your door. How do we resist a hopelessness that enslaves us and stops our action?

Community. I think of Dorothy Day writing in The Long Loneliness "We were just sitting there talking when Peter Maurin came in. We were just sitting there talking when lines of people began to form, saying, "We need bread."... We were just sitting there talking and people moved in on us... We were just sitting there talking and someone said, "Let's all go live on a farm." It was as casual as all that, I often think. It just came about. It just happened... It is not always easy to be joyful, to keep in mind the duty of delight." It is in those moments of sitting with one another that hope finds a form, that creativity breaks through the soil, that the world doesn't seem so big. Community offers us space to express our grief and outrage in a way that fosters movement. It is within community that I am held accountable to this world, to the work, and to counting it all joy.

How can I be cynical when I witness the easy laughter of a woman raising three kids whose husband was deported to Guatemala, when a housemate is organizing homeless folks to join a park clean-up led by folks trying to run these same men out, when I see the amazement on a seven year-old's face as he admires the compost that once was his apple, when I stand at anti-war vigils that have been going on weekly for a decade, when I join a circle of folks reading the Gospel and calling for an end to empire, when my

neighbors spend an afternoon cleaning the ally of needles and condoms. It is in these circles, in these relationships, in these communities that hope gets its grasp in my bones.



It's been four years since my time with MPT in Palestine, but my heart is visited regularly by a group of children in the town of Saara. We were joining a protest at a road block where a couple hundred kids had carried signs, singing chants, and symbolically shoveling away the dirt. These children were met by eight military vehicles, snipers, sound bombs, tear gas, and the threat of live ammunition. In the initial fear, the children fled back in to town. My heart sank at the insanity of mass violence against nonviolent protests organized by children!! I would have turned back then giving into cynicism. But that was never a possibility in the minds of these children who walked back to the road block. A group of the boys came out in traditional Palestinian dress and began to dance the Dabka. Singing, clapping, and joyful sounds were raised overpowering the evil of violence that surrounded them. That to me is the purest example of community being the strength to overpower cynicism.

Grace Boggs says that in this historical moment the most important work that we can be doing is to build community. Build community in every moment, in every place, with all those you touch. Allow them to hold you accountable to hope and to joy. Offer gratitude for the communities that have and continue to nourish our souls.

Making a Difference, Moment by Moment

Paula Marie

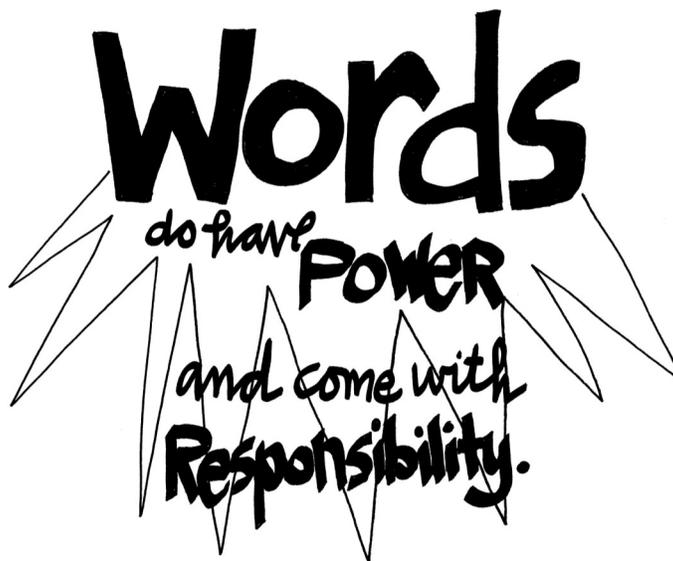
Last week, after driving my daughter to college, I decided to grab a quick cup of coffee and spend some time on campus. Instantly, it brought back nostalgic memories of when I, myself, had been a student. It was a good feeling to be in the midst of such youthful energy. Soon, I began to feel very, very young, but also (sadly) rather old, and all at the same time! I guess it's because, despite my mature age and physical appearance, I probably have a "teenager" spirit. I felt very much at home being with those kids!

As I stood at the counter looking for sugar and cream, I noticed a lovely Muslim student dressed in a veil standing all alone, away from the crowds. I noticed how terribly shy she appeared and instead wanted her to feel welcomed. I remembered a few Arabic phrases I had learned while in Palestine and looked up at her, smiling.

"Salam Alyakum!" I said, as she looked into my eyes warmly. She undoubtedly spoke English, but I wanted to accept her in an individual way.

"Do you know where the sugar packets are?" I added.

The girl seemed so grateful for my unexpected friendliness that she rushed over to personally hand me the sugar herself, along with a plastic



mixing spoon.

"Shukran," I said, silently touched by her actions.

"You are welcome," she answered. "Milk, too?"

This encounter made me realize how much good can be done in only a few seconds of our time. I know many Americans are misguided about the Muslim faith and are discourteous toward women who wear veils and will often stare or make rude comments, (which I have witnessed before in public).

I have since made a firm promise to myself: I will go out of my way to be kind and if I encounter someone being disrespectful toward any Muslim woman (or anyone who is being unfairly treated) I will go right into "MPT mode." I still retain the beautiful teachings I learned in training and remember how to stand up for the rights of others. I can now do that right here at home, just as I did in Palestine.

This is one easy way for me to keep doing the good work in my own community and perhaps overcome some of the incredible apathy and cynicism in our society. It is also a very rewarding way to make new friends. Hopefully, others will notice and likewise discover the unique joys of embracing different cultures.

Be the Change You Want to Happen!

MPT's 8-hour Basic Training and MPT's Step Two training will be scheduled soon. Open to All!

8-hour

Basic Nonviolence Training

To inquire or sign-up: CALL or EMAIL Mary Hanna
517-484-3178 MaryHanna.MPT@gmail.com
Learn about and practice skills for nonviolent peacemaking. Experience the transforming power of nonviolence.

STEP TWO:

Advanced Nonviolence Training

Go beyond the basics; grow your skills in active nonviolence; bring new learnings to your home, neighborhood, work site; learn about domestic & international peace teams. EMAIL Nicole: NicoleR.MPT@gmail.com

Peace Teams and Fall 2012 Peace Team

Michigan Peace Team is an international organization that places violence reduction Peace Teams in conflict zones around the world. We train volunteers from all walks of life to join our teams--from across the United States, and increasingly, from all over the world. We use Third Party Nonviolent Intervention (TPNI) as a way to reduce and prevent violence. MPT places teams where invited by one or both parties to a conflict (both in the United States and internationally), and works closely with local leadership.

When invited by local groups, MPT trains and sends peace teams to conflict zones. In past years MPT has sent peace teams to Bosnia, Chiapas Mexico, Haiti, the First Nation, the West Bank, Gaza, Juarez Mexico, the Sinai Peninsula, Cairo, and Panama.

Presently, MPT's Fall 2012 Peace Team members are hard at work in the West Bank. Their eye witness accounts and experiences are posted regularly on the Web. MPT's Website is presently under construction. To follow the Fall 2012 Peace Team's active nonviolence work, go to:

<http://mptinpalestine.blogspot.com/p/about-mpt-teams.htm>

To apply for participation on a MPT international peace team:

Go to mptinpalestine.blogspot.com & click on "Contact and Apply"

Another way to get directly involved in MPT peace team work is to help sponsor a MPT Anchor:

Our MPT international peace teams have an experienced team member as the Anchor. The Anchor's experience is invaluable for new team members. The Anchor's role is to share the wisdom of that experience with the new team members regarding risk, team tasks, MPT team discipline.

Those who return on our teams as Anchors cannot ask the same friends and acquaintances for the level of money they must raise each time they go. MPT depends on an Anchor Fund to supplement what the Anchor is able to raise. A donation to this fund or to a specific Anchor would be deeply appreciated!



Recent Photos from the Fall 2012 Peace Team

Top Photo: Section of the separation wall

Middle Photo: Palestinian woman sorting olives

Bottom Photo: A 93 year old woman displaced from her home



Growing Community Events — Join Us!

From Shock Doctrine to BELOVED COMMUNITY

Saturday, November 3, 2012

6 PM-7 PM Wine & Cheese Reception

7 PM-9 PM Program

**Marygrove College, Madame Cadillac Bldg
8425 W. McNichols, Detroit, MI 48221**

Presenters:

Jesse Cox

Bill Wylie-Kellermann

Nina Rodriguez, CSJ

Elizabeth Walters, IHM

Call to Action: Peter Dougherty

Emcee: Kim Redigan



Cost: \$20

\$15 for senior citizens & students

**If you can't afford these requested amounts, please know
you are welcome!**

Proceeds will help support Michigan Peace Team's education, training, & peace team work.

**Michigan Peace Team
Display/ Outreach Table
& olive oil sale at**

**Holiday Shopping
Swords into Plowshares
Peace Center & Gallery
33 East Adams St.
Detroit, MI 48226**

**Saturday
November 10, 2012
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
JOIN US!**

**Michigan Peace Team
Display/ Outreach Table
& olive oil sale at**

**Alternative
Holiday Sale
Peace Education Center
855 Grove Street
East Lansing, MI 48823**

**Saturday
November 17, 2012
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
JOIN US!**



Come to a Buy the Change Event!

Sunday, December 2, 2012

2:30 PM to 5:30 PM at Kim Redigan's Home

A great way to support fair trade and the vision and mission of Michigan Peace Team!

All of the products sold at a Buy the Change Event are handmade by women who have faced economic and social struggles, from human trafficking and war, to extreme poverty. In addition to being made by women, all products are fairly traded which means the artists were paid a living wage and worked under safe, humane conditions.

If you can't make the show you can still help make a difference. Go to www.buythechangeusa.org and place an order. During the check out process put "Kim" in the coupon box. Your purchase will count toward Michigan Peace Team.

For more information or to sign-up to participate on December 2nd contact Kim Redigan: 313 520-7465
kim.redigan@gmail.com

Growing Community Events — Join Us!

**WE
ALL
CARE
DEEPLY.**

We all care deeply for each other,
our common environment,
and future generations...

Sunday, December 9, 2012

2 PM - 3 PM: Wine & Cheese Reception

3 PM - 5 PM: Program

Cicccone Vineyard & Winery

10343 E. Hilltop Rd, Suttons Bay, MI 49682

Peter Dougherty

“Our Urgent Task Is to Create a Culture of Nonviolence”

Anabel Dwyer

“Achieving Complete Nuclear Disarmament, A Job for Us All”

Emcee: Elizabeth Walters, IHM

Cost: \$20

\$15 for Senior Citizens & Students

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MICHIGAN PEACE TEAM GOES ZUMBA! JOIN US!



DATE: Saturday, January 12, 2013

TIME: 3 PM to 5 PM

PLACE:

**Our Lady of Fatima Hall
13500 Oak Park Boulevard
Oak Park, MI 48237**

COST: \$15

If you can't afford this requested amount, please know that you are most welcome!

Proceeds will help support Michigan Peace Team's programs

ZUMBA ... Healthy, Fun-filled Exercise AND Dancing for Peace!



Michigan Peace Team
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Our Vision:

We seek a just world grounded in nonviolence and respect for the sacred interconnectedness of all life.

Our Mission:

Michigan Peace Team pursues peace through active nonviolence in places of conflict.

Our Goals:

- Recruiting, training, and placing Peace Teams both domestically and internationally
- Educating the public to the vision and practice of nonviolence, particularly as it relates to nonviolent conflict intervention
- Cooperating, supporting, and participating with local peace and justice groups, particularly as it relates to our Mission
- Providing training in active nonviolence designed for the specific needs of the participants

Michigan Peace Team Web Site: michiganpeaceteam.org

International Peace Team Blogs:

<http://MPTinPalestine.Blogspot.com>

<http://MPTinJuarez.Blogspot.com>

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Michigan Peace Team Needs Your Help!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED at MPT

Are you able to volunteer **two to three hours** a week, OR every other week, OR once a month on behalf of MPT? If so here are some big needs & great opportunities:

- Help staff MPT outreach/display tables at conferences and events.
- Work on data entry
- Work on follow-up contacts, via phone, email, and postal mail. to all who express interest in getting involved in MPT.
- Help create and design display boards, and other educational materials and help keep materials organized and accessible.

If you can help, call Elizabeth Walters at 517 484-3178.

HELP CONTINUE THE DREAM!

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1. **Check:** send Payable to Michigan Peace Team via postal mail.
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3. **Credit Card:** call the MPT office at 517 484-3178 to request a return envelop and credit card donation form
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