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The World House Global Network

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The World House Global Network (WHGN)

We are a global network of organizations and individuals committed to human rights and nonviolence. The World House Global Network facilitates communication and collaboration among people working on local and global levels for peace and justice. Our goal is to build solidarity and grow the sense of community among all people defending human rights nonviolently and realizing King's vision of peaceful coexistence in the World House.

WHGN Member Spotlight



David Hart

David is the **co-director** of [Nonviolence International](#) (NVI). He has been a frequent participant in our weekly network calls and is proud to be building on the good work of NVI's founder, [Mubarak Awad](#), who was among the keynote speakers at the conference at Stanford University that led to the creation of the network.

When David was a little kid, people asked him what he wanted to be when he grew up - at a time when all his friends were saying Astronaut or Fireman - he always said, "I'm going to be a peace activist." This calling was in his heart early and he has pursued that goal with vigor and sustained focus since that time. He studied peace and conflict both as an undergraduate at Oberlin College and as a graduate student at Syracuse University's Maxwell School, Program on the Analysis and Resolution of Conflict (PARC).

Just out of college, he was lucky to be hired as executive director of a local peace group in Bucks County, PA. David is an experienced progressive movement leader, conflict resolution practitioner, and nonprofit manager. He was the Chief Executive Officer of the Association for Conflict Resolution and Director of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Mediation Program at the Key Bridge Foundation, where he mediated civil rights disputes for the US Department of Justice. David has served as executive director of local, state, and national nonprofit organizations, including [Veterans for Peace](#).

David led a People to People International delegation of fifty conflict resolution professionals to South Africa to study the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. At the World House, he is always fascinated to hear Prof. Clayborne Carson reflect on the struggle against apartheid and the ongoing US Black Liberation movement and what we can learn from successful movements of the past to inform our vital work today.

He is inspired by the mission of the World House Global Network and values the opportunity to engage with the impressive learning community we are building together. With the world facing a series of interrelated crises, David believes that the old system is falling all around us and works to build a new and better world in collaboration with all those seeking justice, peace, and environmental sanity.

He is particularly proud of the work he has done in recent years supporting youth leaders to create NVI's Spotlight on NV video series at [YouTube.com/Nonviolence](https://www.youtube.com/Nonviolence) and the [Many Faces of Nonviolence](#) profiles where interns write about people and movements that inspire them. David invites you to read more about [the growing crisis in Palestine](#) and learn about NVI's [wonderful fiscally sponsored partners](#) doing important work all around the world.

David asks readers of this newsletter to consider [recruiting one or two people to join](#) the World House Global Network. Come to our weekly calls and let us know how we can meet your needs and strengthen and expand your activism. He believes that the future is calling on us to increase our impact and find a path forward to live together in peace in the World House.

Research, Activism, Education, and Art



Drew Dellinger, Ph.D.

Drew is an internationally sought-after speaker, poet, writer, and teacher who has inspired minds and hearts around the world, performing poetry and keynoting on justice, ecology, cosmology, and compassion. He is also a consultant, publisher, and founder of Planetize the Movement.

Preach Heaven Down

(With language from the speeches of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.)

now is the time.

now is the time for
planetize the movement

now is the time to
fierce urgency of now

now is the time to
nonviolent noncooperation with evil

now is the time for
let freedom ring.

When he spoke,
it was like the sound
could bring down Pharaoh,
towering walls of Jericho
smashed to the ground.

like the sound could shift history
challenging white supremacy

like the sound
could save the soul
of the land.
like the sound could
make freedom ring
and
preach
heaven
down.

if we are wrong,
then God Almighty is wrong

if we are wrong, then God Almighty is wrong

like the pulpit was a portal;
like the movement was a mountaintop

like Dexter Avenue Baptist Church
and Ebenezer Baptist Church
and Holt Street Baptist Church
and Mason Temple
became vessels overflowing with the waters of justice,

like the power of truth could flood the world.

lightning would strike
when he stepped to the mic
like he lived in the eye of a storm

like 5000 people
singing one song
could initiate the kingdom of heaven

like the beauty of words could embody the future,
like the joy we all felt was the foreshadowing of freedom

like his conscience
was an intolerable fire.
like compassion and outrage could fuel the same blaze,
like they were alternating currents shining forth as one light

like it would take an act of state
to preempt this Black Moses in Memphis.

now is the time for
we as a people will get to the promised land

we are on the move now.
not even the marching of mighty armies can halt us.
we are on the move now.

how long? not long.
because no lie can live forever.
how long? not long.
because you still reap what you sow.
how long? not long.
because truth crushed to earth will rise again.
how long? not long.

now is a time when
the earth is crowned with thorns

now is the time of
waves of earthlings fading into history

now is the time for
a new green economy
lifting people out of poverty

now is the time to
turn up the heat in the White House

and fill the streets.

now is the time for

Let us rise up tonight with a greater readiness. Let us stand with a greater determination.
And let us move on in these powerful days, these days of challenge to make America what
it ought to be. We have an opportunity to make America a better nation.

and
now
is
the
Time.



Christian Bartolf, PhD

Christian is an educational and political scientist, a graduate of the Free University Berlin, and President of the Gandhi Information Center, Berlin.

Human Rights and Humanitarian Aid

“Humanitarian principles define what humanitarian aid is: delivering life-saving assistance to those in need, without any adverse distinction. They distinguish humanitarian aid from other activities, for example, those of political, religious, ideological, or military nature. Adherence to the humanitarian principles facilitates access and acceptance, and helps humanitarian workers carry out their work.”

“The principles of humanity, neutrality, impartiality, and independence are fundamental to humanitarian action.

Humanity means that human suffering must be addressed wherever it is found, with particular attention to the most vulnerable.

Neutrality means that humanitarian aid must not favor any side in an armed conflict or other dispute.

Impartiality means that humanitarian aid must be provided solely on the basis of need, without discrimination.

Independence means the autonomy of humanitarian objectives from political, economic, military, or other objectives.”

“The overriding objectives of humanitarian action, as enshrined in the Consensus, are:

- Preserving life
- Preventing and alleviating suffering
- Helping to maintain human dignity in the face of natural hazards and human-induced disasters.”

Let us read the first three points of “The humanitarian challenge” of the “European Consensus on Humanitarian Aid.”

“1. Humanitarian aid is a fundamental expression of the universal value of solidarity between people and a moral imperative.

2. Humanitarian crises include both man-made and natural disasters. Their impact is increasingly severe, linked to a number of factors, such as the changing nature of conflict, climate change, increasing competition for access to energy and natural resources, extreme poverty, poor governance, and situations of fragility. The main victims are civilians, often the poorest and most vulnerable among them, mainly living in developing countries. Humanitarian crises have led to large numbers of displaced people, both refugees and internally displaced persons.

3. Humanitarian actors today face a number of major challenges. There has been an increasing tendency for International Law, including International Humanitarian Law, Human Rights Law, and Refugee Law, to be ignored or blatantly violated. The ‘humanitarian space’ that is needed to ensure access to vulnerable populations and the safety and security of humanitarian workers must be preserved as essential preconditions for the delivery of humanitarian aid.”

Humanitarian Aid dates back to the 19th century when during the beginning of the Crimean War in 1854 Florence Nightingale and her team of 38 nurses arrived at Barracks Hospital of

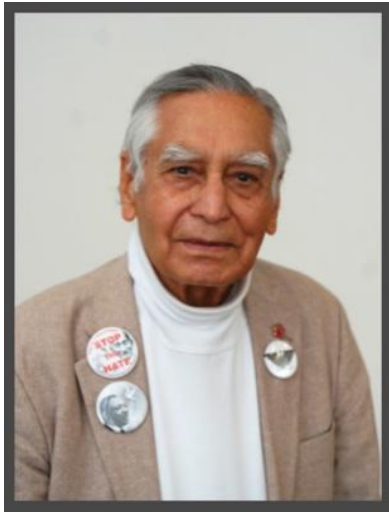
Scutari where there were thousands of sick and wounded soldiers. Typhus, typhoid, cholera, and dysentery were common in army hospitals. Nightingale and her team established a kitchen, laundry, and increased hygiene. At last, the General Hospital at Scutari was able to care for 6,000 patients. The great Gandhi - who himself had been a stretcher-bearer in an Indian Ambulance Corps during the Second Boer War - highlighted Florence Nightingale, "There was no preparation. And just as in the Boer War, so in the Crimean War, too, they committed blunders in the beginning and suffered a crushing defeat. Fifty years ago, the various facilities for nursing the wounded which are available today did not exist. People did not come out to render aid in large numbers as they do now. Surgery was not as efficacious then as it is today. There were in those days very few men who considered it an act of mercy and merit to succor the wounded. It was at such a time that this lady, Florence Nightingale, came upon the scene and did good work worthy of an angel descended from heaven. She was heart-stricken to learn of the sufferings of the soldiers. Born of a noble and rich family, she gave up her life of ease and comfort and set out to nurse the wounded and the ailing, followed by many other ladies. She left her home on October 21, 1854."

"It is said that she did an amount of work that big and strong men were unable to do. She used to work nearly twenty hours, day and night. When the women working under her went to sleep, she, lamp in hand, went out alone at midnight to the patients' bedside, comforted them, and herself gave them whatever food and other things were necessary. She was not afraid of going even to the battlefield and did not know what fear was. She feared only God. Knowing that one has to die someday or another, she readily bore whatever

hardships were necessary in order to alleviate the sufferings of others. This lady remained single all her life, which she spent in such good work. It is said that, when she died, thousands of soldiers wept bitterly like little children, as though they had lost their own mother."

Henri Dunant, a Swiss businessman, and social activist, upon seeing the sheer destruction and inhumane abandonment of wounded soldiers from the Battle of Solferino in June 1859, began a relief response. Despite little to no experience as a medical physician, Dunant worked alongside local volunteers to assist the wounded soldiers from all warring parties,

including Austrian, Italian, and French casualties, in any way he could including the provision of food, water, and medical supplies. His graphic account of the immense suffering he witnessed, written in his book "A Memory of Solferino" (1862), became a foundational text to modern humanitarianism. "The 1864 Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded in Armies in the Field, signed 150 years ago, was the founding text of contemporary international humanitarian law."¹



Dr. Sudarshan Kapoor

Sudarshan, Prof. Emeritus Social Work Education and Peace Studies delivers the keynote address at the Clovis Police Department Community Breakfast on January 14, 2023.

"Remembering Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Tributes to Greatness"

His words inspire us and empower us.
His struggle energizes us and strengthens us.
His cause still endures, and his dream still lives on.

Monday, January 16th was a federal holiday in honor of Dr. King's 94th birthday, which was observed across the nation and around the world. It is a holiday to some but a holy day to others. Let us take a moment to reflect on the life of an iconic figure in the history of this nation.

We all know that Dr. King is one of the most revered leaders of our times, inspiring millions of us. Why? Dr. King's life and legacy continue to be a timeless source of inspiration for me personally. Dr. King was a drum major for peace, justice, and righteousness. He was the conscience of his generation. He was an uncompromising champion of human rights and

¹ "European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations. Humanitarian Principles." [European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations by the Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO)]

² "European Consensus on Humanitarian Aid." [European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations by the Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO)]

³ Joint Statement by the Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council, the European Parliament and the European Commission (2008/C 25/01; Official Journal of the European Union, 30 January 2008) [European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations. by the Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO)]

⁴ Indian Opinion, 9 September 1905, in: *The Collected Works of Mahatma Gandhi*, vol. 5, pp. 61 f.

⁵ Hans Haug: *Humanity for All. The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. Chapter III. The Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.* [Henry Dunant Institute], Berne, Stuttgart, Vienna: Haupt, 1993, p. 443

⁶ *The 1864 Geneva Convention* [International Committee of the Red Cross]

nonviolence; like Mahatma Gandhi, he believed that nonviolence is an infinitely superior method of achieving social justice and resolving conflicts.

When Dr. King shared his dream in one of the most famous speeches in history, it also became our dream. But he was also a great man of action. He led the successful Montgomery Bus Boycott in 1955 nonviolently and led the movement further resulting in the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, to name just a few of his notable accomplishments.

His activism and nonviolent protests became a triumph of courage and love bringing down the wall of segregation and hate through the power of love and nonviolence. His words sparked a nonviolent revolution that changed the course of history in this nation. He was a nonviolent warrior.

Dr. King is not with us today, but he lives in our hearts and minds. We can still draw on his message, courage, and wisdom with these words and thoughts:

His life informs us and enlightens us.

His dream sustains us and nurtures us.

Today Dr. King would strongly condemn the violence that we witness today across the nation — the violence we see in our homes, in our communities, in our schools, as well as the violence that occurred on January 6th two years ago at the Capitol Building. Glad we are witnessing some reduction in gun violence in our local community. Thanks for such admirable efforts which need to be strengthened further with community support.

He would not only speak against the epidemic of Gun Violence, but he would also advocate a ban on assault weapons.

He would oppose the war and violence in Ukraine as he opposed the war in Vietnam. He would instead strongly recommend dialogue and diplomacy. He would also reach out to moral and spiritual leaders of the world to intervene in the Ukraine-Russian Conflict and would himself join the group to lead.

At The Home Front

He would want to see a new era in the political history of the nation where Republicans and Democrats would work together and find common grounds for the benefit of the entire nation on issues such as healthcare for all, homelessness, mental health, COVID-19, elimination of student debt, addressing the climate crisis and sound immigration policies that would pave the way for citizenship. He would condemn and protest strongly the suppression of voting rights. Voting Rights for which he fought vigorously.

I believe he would also ask all of us a very important question: “What are you doing for others?” Let us not forget that Dr. King’s Birthday is also a “National Day of Service”. In honor of the National Day of Service, for example, one can volunteer for programs such as Beautify Fresno, which offers cleanup events at different locations in the community. HandsOn Central California has a list of other opportunities for service in our community.

I think Dr. King would also say it eloquently today:

My Dear Fellow Americans,

It is a time for healing, not for hate or finger-pointing. There is no room for hate in any form or shape in this nation — no room for antisemitism, homophobia, transphobia, xenophobia, Islamophobia, Hindu or Sikh-phobia.

It is a time for unity, not for polarization or divisiveness.

It is a time for compassion, forgiveness, and understanding, not for revenge or retribution.

It is a time for acceptance and celebration of diversity, mutual respect, and civility, not for provocation or harassment, or bullying.

It is a time to work for integration, not for separation or segregation.

It is a time for redemption and reconciliation, not for dehumanization or demonization.

It is a time to serve those who lack resources to meet their basic needs and are suffering because of circumstances beyond their control.

On Dr. King's Birthday, let us recommit ourselves to nonviolence and nonviolent resistance. According to Dr. King, nonviolent resistance to injustice is the most potent weapon available to oppressed and marginalized people in their struggle for freedom and human

dignity. Dr. King gave us a blueprint to follow on the journey as we fight for justice, equality, and human rights for all.

In his speeches and writings, Dr. King mentioned his dream of creating a Beloved Community. He believed that a community of love, justice, and solidarity would eventually be realized.

Let us be the beacon of light. Let us set aside our differences for the betterment of all. Let us work together to realize the dream of Dr. King in creating the Beloved Community and Symphony of Brotherhood.

He further articulated his dream in “World House” — a final chapter in his book entitled “Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community.” He wrote, “All inhabitants of the globe are now neighbors.... Together we must learn to live as brothers or together we will be forced to perish as fools.”

The major barriers in the realization of Dr. King’s dream, as mentioned in his writings and speeches are Racism, Materialism (consumerism), Militarism, and Sexism.

Let us remember that we are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly affects all of us indirectly because we are one human family and are connected. Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.

Let us remember the lesson that he taught us, that we will not judge people by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

Let us remember Dr. King’s belief that “Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hatred cannot drive out hatred, only love can do that.” My Mantra: Fear Not, Hate Not, and Hurt Not.

Dr. King’s message of love, peace, justice, and brotherhood is relevant today, and will remain relevant tomorrow and for generations to come.



Caroline G. Whitcomb, Ed.D.

Caroline is the WHGN Newsletter Editor, Caroline was also guest of Dr. Kapoor's at the Annual Community Breakfast Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

It was an honor to attend the event as a guest of Dr. Kapoor. The breakfast, held at California Health Sciences University, was hosted by the Clovis Police Department in partnership with The Fresno MLK Unity Committee. The ballroom was full despite pouring rain and cold temperatures. City officials, representatives of the Clovis Police Department, local ministers, and the worship teams from Image Church and Gospel Church Fresno were part of the program. The invocation was given by Assistant Pastor Edward Darrell Thomas II. Thomas is the head of the nonprofit, Impact Outreach and was named one of the top young preachers in the country in 2021. Dr. Kapoor gave the moving address featured above and the benediction was given by Dr. Marie Archie, the senior pastor of the Moments of Blessings Church of Fresno, California.

On a side note, I had the privilege of sitting with Roman Rain Tree. Rain Tree, a member of the Dunlap Band of Mono Indians, led the successful, multi-year campaign to change Squ__ Valley's name to Nuum Valley. In the Western Mono language, Nuum means, "the people." Over breakfast, Rain Tree shared that his wife, Filmmaker Rieka L. Rain Tree, made a

documentary about their work and journey. The film, "Non-Acknowledged" can be found here <https://cmac.tv/thebigtell/>.



Kumu Gupta

Kumu Gupta, Secretary General Global Peace Secretariat, was nominated for the 2023 Nobel Peace Prize for over 2 decades of volunteer, social justice, and human rights work.

Global Peace Secretariat hosted a virtual '*In Conversations with*' on January 21st, 11-12 pm EST on the occasion of the 75th Anniversary Martyrdom of Mahatma Gandhi (January 30th) & 73rd India's Republic Day (January 26). The program was an official pre-Parliament event hosted in support of the upcoming 2023 Parliament of the World's Religions. The emcee and coordination of the program were Ms. Kumu Gupta.

The program kicked off with 'Vaishnav Jan To' Gandhi ji's favorite bhajan (spiritual song) on violin by Arun Saigal, Conductor of the San Francisco Civic Symphony. It was followed by a conversation with the authors of *Pathways of Global Transformation: Conversations with Bapu*, Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu (Gandhi Smriti), and Ms. Munazah Shah Sr. News Anchor (India).

The audience then heard from Demitrius Barksdale, a student of the U.S. State Department Gandhi-King Exchange Initiative's inaugural batch, from the University of Alabama for whom this book was written and gifted during their recent visit to Gandhi Smriti in New Delhi, India. Finally, the program ended with the playing of the Indian National Anthem on the violin by Arun Saigal.

As we celebrate the 75th anniversary of the martyrdom of Mahatma Gandhi, the life and message of the Mahatma have become significant and the values he espoused need to be assimilated and practiced in a real sense.

The Parliament of World's Religions will be held from August 14-18, 2023 at the McCormick Place Lakeside Center. The convening will address the most urgent and critical global issue of our time: freedom, democracy, and human right while celebrating 130 years of history in the City of Chicago. The Parliament of World's Religions is the world's largest, most diverse, and inclusive interfaith convening of people of faith, spirituality, and goodwill. It is

organized by a 501(c)3 non-profit organization by the same name headquartered in the city of Chicago and boasts a historic legacy dating back to the 1893 World's Parliament of Religions.



To watch the event click [here](#)

WHGN Working Groups Update



Youth Working Group

Youth participated in virtually hosted The Dais Global Voices Model UN, 27th - 28th January 2023. On the occasion of Human Rights Day, The Dais and its partners launched the second edition of The Dais Global Voices Model United Nations.

The Youth-led movement on SDGs at The Dais Global Voices Model UN 2023 took place during the LearningPlanet Festival (powered by Learning Planet Institute and UNESCO) on the 27th - 28th of January and celebrated the International Day of Education. The theme of the virtual conference was 'From Citizenship to Planetizenship.' The event was open for youth ages 14-25.

Committees and Agendas:

1. Health Committee: World Health Organisation

Agenda: Addressed the mental health and well-being-related challenges to the youth

2. Education Committee: UNESCO
Agenda: Reimagining Schools and School Education for the 21st Century
3. Climate Leadership Committee: UNEP
Agenda: Building youth leadership in climate actions through education, promoting social entrepreneurship and advocacy skills with youth
4. Tech Committee: International Telecommunication Union
Agenda: Exploring AI and Tech for Good
5. Governance Committee: Remodel United Nations General Assembly
Agenda: Rediscovering Global Development and Diplomacy with Increased Role of Civil Society & Private Organisations
6. Children's Rights Committee: UNICEF
Agenda: Rights of the Children in the 21st Century

Find more at: www.thedais.co.in/modelun or <https://forms.gle/GF8vVFCfkfgC965W8>

Neurodiversity Working Group

If you are interested in joining this working group contact: Dr. Johnny Mack at jjmack@stanford.edu.

Education Working Group

If you are interested in joining this working group contact: Dr. Mira Foster at miraf@stanford.edu.

Human Rights and Democracy Working Group

This group meets the hour before our weekly Zoom meeting. Their work and ideas will be featured in future newsletters. If you are interested in joining this working group contact: Dr. Johnny Mack at jjmack@stanford.edu.

The Spirit of Bandung, a Potential Working Group

A working group may form around the aftermath of the historic 1955 Africa-Asia Conference in Bandung, Indonesia where 29 heads of state met to affirm commitments to a nonviolent, nonaligned global south path to peace and development. Since 1955, several subsequent (and occasional anniversary observances) have convened in different parts of

the world. This group intends to monitor the progress of current movements that identify with the Bandung Conference. This group will also explore becoming a subgroup within an existing working group focused on human rights, economic development, climate justice, and peace-building. For more information or to join this group contact: Dr. Robert Franklin at rmfrank@emory.edu.

Calendar of Events

March 22, 2023

Hosted By: Latino/a Programs and Services, Cross Cultural and Gender Center, and College Assistance Migrant Program



CESAR E. CHAVEZ
COMMEMORATION

JOIN US IN WELCOMING
SON OF CESAR E. CHAVEZ
PAUL F. CHAVEZ
CHAIRMAN AND PRESIDENT
OF THE CESAR E. CHAVEZ FOUNDATION

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2023
11 A.M. TO 1 P.M.
PEACE GARDEN

ENJOY FOOD, MUSIC,
RESOURCE FAIR, AND PERFORMANCES!

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT:
FRESNOSTATE 
Student Affairs and Enrollment Management
Latino/a Faculty and Staff Association

A Department within the
Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management.
All are welcome!
If you need accommodations please contact
the Cross Cultural and Gender Center at 559.278.4435.
or email ccglatino.a@mail.fresnostate.edu by March 17, 2023.
Fresno State is a tobacco-free, smoke-free and vapor-free campus.

Dr. Sudanshan Kapoor, Founder of Fresno State's Peace Garden

March 28, 2023



Can you join us for a special Global Town Hall conversation?

In 2023 Israeli apartheid is intensifying. While Palestinians remain steadfast on their land, the new far-right government is encouraging settlers to violently attack Palestinians and giving the green light to occupation forces to carry out explicit ethnic cleansing policies. As more and more people around the world turn their attention to Palestine and demand accountability for apartheid, we will gather for a report back from two Palestinian experts on nonviolence and conflict resolution about their recent experiences on the ground.

We will hear from NVI co-founder, Jonathan Kuttav, who has just returned from a month-long trip home to Palestine. We are excited that he will be in conversation with Mohammed Abu Nimer, an internationally renowned expert on conflict resolution who will be joining us from the region.

The webinar will be hosted by Tess Greenwood, a recent addition to the NVI staff who is active in Jewish anti-apartheid and Palestine solidarity spaces.

[Please RSVP](#) to join us on Zoom on Tuesday, March 28th at 10:30 am ET. This will not be a typical webinar but will include plenty of opportunities to go beyond Q&A and engage with the experts in a real community conversation.

To make this work, we ask that, if possible, you review Jonathan's recent moving [travel blog posts](#) before joining us. If you haven't yet read his visionary and important short book, *Beyond the Two State Solution*, please consider doing so. It is [available for free](#) on our site in Arabic, Hebrew, and English. If you want a print copy, we urge you to support this wonderful DC area bookstore.

If you don't have time to read the book, please read the Executive Summary or watch this [under 5-minute video](#) where Jonathan speaks to NVI interns about why he wrote this book at this time.

Of course, this gathering does not take place in isolation. Instead, we will come together as supporters of the basic human dignity of all people including Palestinians. While we

welcome vigorous debate, if you haven't yet realized that Palestinians are human too, this isn't the place for you. But, if you are ready to face the harsh reality of the world as it is and feel it is important to do something about it, please not only plan to join us but share this event with a friend or two.

If you or one of the people you invite to join us are new to this topic, please consider spending some time with [the powerful introductory resources](#) we have gathered.

We need each other now more than ever and are grateful to our cosponsors [Friends of Sabeel North America](#) (FOSNA) and [Just Peace Advocates](#).

Shalom,

David Hart, Co-Director

Nonviolence International

PS Please invite people to join this timely and important event. Ask them to [RSVP here](#).

Nonviolence International

<http://www.nonviolenceinternational.net/>

Past Events - Highlights

To celebrate the 2023 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, [The World House Project](#) at CDDRIL hosted a four-day virtual film festival from Friday, January 13, through Monday, January 16.

The films and conversations focused on the theme of "The Crisis of Democracy in the World House."

The 2023 World House Film Festival was a powerful showcase of thought-provoking documentaries, interviews, and discussions featuring Dr. [Clayborne Carson](#) and guest speakers, including filmmakers, peace activists, and artists. With over 1,600 registrants from 31 different countries, the event was a great international success and a true testament to the importance of highlighting the voices of marginalized communities and

reviving the histories of the extraordinary women and men fighting for a more just society. This year, the festival also debuted a new section of African films that was highly acclaimed by attendees.

The festival was produced in partnership with [Bullfrog films](#), [California Newsreel](#), the [Camera as Witness Program \(Stanford Arts\)](#), [Clarity Films](#), the [Kunhardt Film Foundation](#), the [Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom Center](#), [Silicon Valley African Film Festival](#), the [USF Institute for Nonviolence and Social Justice](#), and the [United Nations Film Festival](#), who graciously made 45 films and documentaries freely available over the course of the weekend. Trailers and information on how to watch the full films can be found on the [festival website](#).

The World House Project is dedicated to realizing Martin Luther King Jr.'s vision of a peaceful World House in which "we have to live together," and the festival served as a powerful reminder of the importance of education, human rights, and nonviolence in achieving this goal.

Join our WHGN Weekly Meetings:

Fridays at 10:00 am — [REGISTER](#)

Did you miss a WHGN meeting? Interested in contacting a previous speaker? Seeking access to view a past session? [CLICK HERE](#)

Questions? Please email worldhouse@stanford.edu

A Note From the Editor

If you have articles, calendar events, or general information you would like featured in coming newsletters, please contact me at **cw10355@georgiasouthern.edu**.

Moving forward, the newsletter will feature a more streamlined, link-based format. Guidelines for submitting articles, events, updates, and artistic endeavors are forthcoming.

I look forward to sharing your submissions with the WHGN.

In solidarity,
Caroline G. Whitcomb, Ed.D.

"We have inherited a large house, a great 'world house' in which we have to live together— black and white, Easterner and Westerner, Gentile and Jew, Catholic and Protestant, Moslem and Hindu—a family unduly separated in ideas, culture and interest, who, because we can never again live apart, must learn somehow to live with each other in peace."

— MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., 1967