



THE VALUE OF NON-VIOLENCE

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NON-VIOLENCE



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EDUCATOR & **PEACE-BUILDER**, SHE HAS ORGANIZED ROUNDTABLES AND WRITTEN A POSITION PAPER ON PROVEN, **EFFECTIVE VIOLENCE PREVENTION** AND **CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION TECHNIQUES**. SHE IS DEVELOPING WORKSHOPS ON **PEACE JOURNALISM** AND MOVING MEDIA TOWARDS A **CULTURE OF PEACE** FOR VARIOUS STUDENT AND ACTIVIST GROUPS.

EDUCATION FOR NON-VIOLENCE AND PEACE INCLUDES TRAINING, SKILLS AND INFORMATION DIRECTED TOWARDS CULTIVATING A CULTURE OF PEACE BASED ON HUMAN RIGHTS PRINCIPLES. THIS EDUCATION NOT ONLY PROVIDES KNOWLEDGE ABOUT A CULTURE OF PEACE, BUT ALSO IMPARTS THE SKILLS AND ATTITUDES NECESSARY TO DEFUSE AND RECOGNIZE POTENTIAL CONFLICTS, AND THOSE NEEDED TO ACTIVELY PROMOTE AND ESTABLISH A CULTURE OF PEACE AND NON-VIOLENCE...

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THE **INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NON-VIOLENCE** IS CELEBRATED ON OCTOBER 2 TO COINCIDE WITH MOHANDAS K. GANDHI'S BIRTHDAY. WITH ALL THE STRUCTURAL, CULTURAL AND DIRECT VIOLENCE THAT EXISTS IN THE WORLD, NONVIOLENCE IS PERHAPS MORE VALUABLE NOW THAN EVER BEFORE. NONVIOLENCE HAS VERY REAL APPLICATIONS FOR THE UN, NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS, BUSINESS AND INDIVIDUALS. LEARNING HOW TO IMPLEMENT NONVIOLENCE WILL HAVE A PROFOUND IMPACT ON OUR LIVES AND ON THE WORLD.

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1:15-2:45 PM

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