

## ABOUT US

**Victoria Christgau, Founder and Executive Director** of the emerging Connecticut *Center for Nonviolence, A Martin Luther King, Jr. Institute*. Working as a Peace Educator for over 20 years she currently is a Teaching Artist for the Connecticut Commission on Tourism and Culture, (Arts Division) also Producer and founder of the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Dr. Martin Luther King Birthday Commemoration of Litchfield County. Victoria is a Peace Representative for the World Peace Prayer Society, where she assisted in the development of the international *Peace Pals* Program. Using music as a tool for social change, she is the Director and Founder of the *Peace is Possible Chorus*. Victoria has presented programs, workshops and visiting artist residencies though out the nation. Some venues include: The United Nations, Trinity College, University of Connecticut, Miss Porters School, The World Peace Sanctuary, and The University of Rhode Island among others.

Victoria is a Level II certified Kingian Nonviolence Trainer working with and under the direction of Dr. Bernard LaFayette, Jr., former Executive Staff Member for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Distinguished Scholar in Residence and Director of the Center for Nonviolence and Peace Studies at the University of Rhode Island. Dr. LaFayette serves as Honorary Chair of our Board.

**Doreen Breen, Program Director** had an extensive corporate background before entering the fields of social services, advocacy and building community collaborations. Doreen is a domestic violence and sexual assault crisis counselor, community educator and is certified in *Kingian Nonviolence Conflict Reconciliation* through the Center for Nonviolence and Peace Studies, at the University of Rhode Island. She also has an extensive background working with not-for-profit arts organizations in: grant writing; developing business plans; developing and implementing funds development plans; and developing volunteer networks. In Connecticut, Doreen is currently working on both Diversity and Youth Aggression Task Forces.

### Our Nonviolence Training Model

Dr. Bernard LaFayette, Jr. and Associates at the **Center for Nonviolence and Peace Studies** at the **University of Rhode Island**, has certified all of our Nonviolence Trainers in **Kingian Nonviolence Conflict Reconciliation**. A complete list of trainers and their contact information will be available soon.

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