



CONNECTICUT  
**CENTER FOR  
NONVIOLENCE**  
A Martin Luther King, Jr. Institute

December 5, 2008

Dear Friends,

It has been an extraordinary first year for the Connecticut Center for Nonviolence. We have successfully completed several nonviolence trainings in inner city high schools and at Touchstone in Litchfield. We are returning for more extensive training in both locations.

We led a program for **seventy-five fifth grade students** in Colchester, CT. The Superintendent of Schools has invited us back to train both the fourth and fifth graders. This summer, Victoria gave the **keynote address** for the CT Association of Teachers. Victoria recently joined 125 **high school students** who **marched in Hartford CT.**, proclaiming to all "INCREASE THE PEACE" "NO VIOLENCIA" insisting that the violence cease. We are working with community organizers to bring nonviolence training to these courageous students.

As our fledgling organization emerges, The World Peace Prayer Society is continuing to act as the umbrella organization. Meanwhile it is up to Victoria as Executive Director and the Board of Directors of The Connecticut Center for Nonviolence to raise funds in order to sustain our exceptional programs. These include:

- Introduction and core education in *Kingian Nonviolence Conflict Reconciliation* in schools and for professional organizations
- *The Art of the Peaceful Community*, professional development for teachers
- The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Commemoration
- *The Peace is Possible Chorus* – performances throughout the east coast
- *Peace/Arts Education* for young children
- *Be the Change*- Nonviolence Youth Leadership Academy
- Nonviolence training for incarcerated youth and adults

For our 18<sup>th</sup> MLK Commemoration, we are overjoyed to host world-renown musician, **David Darling** Keynote Speaker, **Deacon Arthur Miller**, Director of Black Catholic Ministries, Hartford, CT and the remarkable **Women of the Cross** singers. Joining us also will be, King Scholar, **Richard Tarlaian**, and children/youth from the region and **Peace Is Possible Chorus**. I have included a save the date document so please mark your calendar now.

How can you help? We're seeking contributions immediately to allow us to continue our programs. This is an extra special appeal as we now have a generous, anonymous donor offering a matching grant of \$5,000.00, once we raise \$10,000.00. Your donation counts considerably in helping us be able to continue this work. We thank you for your generosity in these most challenging times.

Ours is a bold plan, yes, and vital to the success of our mission: ...*To help build a world of mutual understanding among people where nonviolence processes are used to reconcile conflict and strengthen the quality of family and community life.*

**Will you join me as an investor in peace?**

Debbie Helck

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President, Board of Directors

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Have a magnificent Holiday Season. **Thank you!**