

FOR A NONKILLING WORLD

Report of the First Global Nonkilling Leadership Forum

**Honolulu, Hawai'i
November 1-4, 2007**

Greetings to the Leaders and Peoples of the World

Amidst continuing global bloodshed in the seventh year of the UN International Decade of Peace and Nonviolence for the Children of the World (2001-2010), and in the first year of the Nobel Peace Laureates' Campaign for a Charter for a World without Violence, the First Global Nonkilling Leadership Forum convened in Honolulu, Hawai'i during November 1-4, 2007.

The Forum was organized by the nonprofit Center for Global Nonviolence and was co-sponsored by the Spark M. Matsunaga Institute for Peace, University of Hawai'i, and the Mu Ryang Sa Buddhist Temple of Hawai'i.

Forum Co-chairs were Nobel Peace Laureate Mairead Corrigan Maguire and Dr. Balwant (Bill) Bhaneja, Senior Research Fellow, Program for Research in Innovation Management and Economy (PRIME), School of Management, University of Ottawa.

Over 30 participants from 20 countries of Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, North America, and Pacific shared experiences. Among presentations were by Prof. James MacGregor Burns, former President of the American Political Science Association; Dr. Abdel Salam Majali, President of the World Islamic Academy of Sciences; Prof. William Smirnov, Vice-President of the Russian Political Science Association; Prof. Baoxu Zhao, Honorary Director, Research Center on Contemporary China, Peking University; Provost A. M. Wokocha, Rivers State College of Education, Nigeria; Dr. A. T. Ariyaratne, Founder of the Sarvodaya Shramadana Movement of Sri Lanka; Dr. N. Radhakrishnan, Chairman of the Indian Council on Gandhian Studies, Dr. Jose V. Abueva, former President of the University of the Philippines; and Prof. Johan Galtung, Founder of TRANSCEND.

The Forum arose from reader responses to the book *Nonkilling Global Political Science* (Gandhi Media Centre, 2002; Xlibris 2002, 2007), which is being translated into 26 languages with 13 already published. The full English text is universally accessible at www.globalnonviolence.org. The book advances the thesis that it is possible for humans to stop killing each other. This thesis is supported by the conclusion of the WHO, *World Report on Violence and Health* (2002) that human violence is a "preventable disease."

The Purposes of the Forum were:

1. To convene and establish relationships among pioneering contributors to a nonkilling world.
2. To demonstrate spiritual, scientific, artistic, and practical grounds for confidence in human capabilities to realize a killing-free, open-ended world. That is, a world in which human beings do not kill each other and where social conditions are open to infinite human creativity.
3. To share translation, institution-building, and community awakening experiences in globalizing understanding of nonkilling human capabilities.
4. To review lessons from nonviolent, nonkilling leadership experiences to advise on creating a Global Nonkilling Leadership Academy.
5. To advise on creating a small endowed Center for Global Nonkilling to serve as facilitator to share advances in research, education-training, and service in cooperation with individuals, affiliates, and institutions worldwide.
6. To prepare a brief concluding statement to the global public on the significance of the Forum.

After due deliberation we can now report to the leaders and peoples of the world the following:

We reaffirmed the presence of the Global Nonkilling Spirit in religious and humanist faiths: Hawaiian, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Humanist, Islam, Jainism, and Judaism.

We reviewed and reaffirmed the thesis that, viewed globally, human beings can stop killing each other on at least seven grounds: spiritual, scientific, skill, institutional artistic, historical, and predecessor demonstration.

We shared affirmations of the global significance of the nonkilling thesis by participants from Bangladesh, Canada, China, Colombia, DR Congo, Galiza, Germany, Hawai'i, India, Japan, Jordan, Korea, Nepal, Nigeria, Northern Ireland, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Russia, Sri Lanka, Thailand and the United States,

We shared experiences in globalizing understanding of the nonkilling thesis through translations into Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, Filipino, French, Galizan, Hindi, Japanese, Kiswahili, Korean, Malayalam, Portuguese, Russian, Sinhala, Spanish, Tamil, and Urdu.

We shared experiences in publishing English editions in India, Nigeria, and the Philippines, as well as in the United States.

We shared self-supporting efforts to found affiliates of the existing Center for Global Nonviolence in Haiti, Nigeria, and Great Lakes Africa (DR Congo, Burundi, Rwanda).

We shared reports of community-awakening educational experiences based on the nonkilling thesis among national, town, and village leaders and people in the DR Congo, Haiti, Nigeria, and the Philippines—as well as in universities, schools and a Martin Luther King kindergarten with 100 children in Kazimia village of the DR Congo.

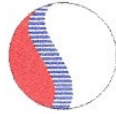
We shared nonviolent leadership lessons from Tolstoy, Gandhi, Abdul Ghaffar Khan, Martin Luther King, Jr., Governor Guillermo Gaviria, Petra Karin Kelly, Ronald Stephen Mallone, and TKN Unnithan for guidance to educate and train future nonkilling leaders.

We shared advice on how to organize a short-term Global Nonkilling Leadership Academy that would enable young leaders to share experiences, benefit from newest nonkilling research findings, and empower them as mutually supportive transforming leaders for the future nonkilling world.

We then shared needs that could be served by a long-term Center for Global Nonkilling in which a core group of eight workers from a strongly endowed base can assist research, education-training, and nonkilling policy initiatives through worldwide cooperation toward a world without killing. Among the Center's principles, "No More Killing!" and "Everyone can be A Center for Global Nonkilling."

The Forum calls upon the UN General Assembly and educators to include the right not to be killed and the responsibility not to kill others in the world programme of Human Rights Education so that the right of every citizen to live in a violence-free society will be ensured.

Finally the Forum respectfully invites UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, the UN General Assembly, leaders of all UN member states and agencies, civil society organizations, all world leaders, the public, the media, and all who learn of this report, to join in affirming the Global Nonkilling Spirit to guide and support nonkilling action toward the measurable goal of a killing-free world that is open to infinite human creativity for the well-being of all.



AFFIRMATION OF THE GLOBAL NONKILLING SPIRIT

In remembrance
of all who have been killed
of all the killers
of all who have not killed, and
of all who have worked to end killing;

Guided by the Global Nonkilling Spirit
taught by faiths and found within,

We pledge ourselves and call upon all
to work toward the measurable goal
of a killing-free world
with infinite creativity
in reverence for life.

We call upon all leaders and everyone in the World
to join in affirming the Global Nonkilling Spirit
and each to become a Center for Global Nonkilling
to bring about a killing-free world.

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