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Signs of Peace Through Action

April 2022

Co-Creating Connection: Using Nonviolent Communication for Heartful Connection

Wed. May 11, 2022, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm EDT | Virtual Event | **Register [Here](#)**



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Broadview Church | Peace Through Action
Peaceful Speakers Event
Co-Creating Connection: Using Nonviolent Communication for Heartful Connection
Wed. May 11, 2022
River Dunavan
Certified Nonviolent Communication Trainer
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Peace Through Action is holding a training, [Co-Creating Connection: Using Nonviolent Communication for Heartful Connection](#), Wed. May 11, 2022, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm. Register for this virtual event [here](#).

This training has two aims: 1) present principles of Nonviolent Communication (NVC) in a condensed format and 2) offer a simple skill to answer the question, “What can I do, right now, to make genuine, heartful connection?” This skill offers a reframe that enables compassion to arise naturally, even in challenging situations.

Leading this training will be River Dunavan, a well-regarded certified nonviolent communication trainer.

Transformative Listening and Other Essential Skills for Facilitating Civic Dialogue

Mon. May 16, 2022, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm EDT | Virtual Event | **Register [Here](#)**



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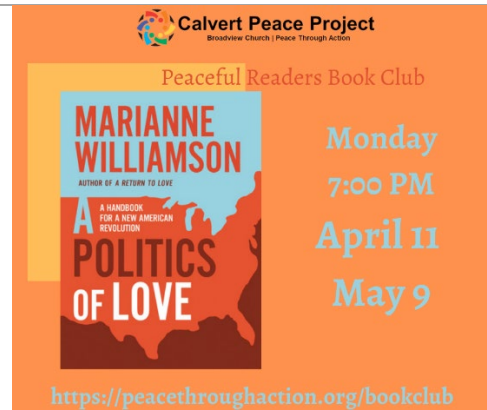
Calvert Peace Project (a project of Peace Through Action) and Calvert County Community Mediation Center invite you to a virtual event to teach basic skills for lay people to facilitate civic dialogues within their clubs, congregations, community organizations, and workplaces. The free session will take place Monday, May 16, 2022, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm EDT.

This event is not limited to Calvert County community members. Participants nationwide are welcome.

Register [here](#).

Peaceful Readers Book Club | *A Politics of Love: A Handbook for a New American Revolution*

May 9, 2022, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm EDT Virtual Meeting | [Register Here](#)



Peace Through Action's Peaceful Readers Book Club will continue its discussion of [A Politics of Love: A Handbook for a New American Revolution](#) by Marianne Williamson on Monday May 9, 7:00 pm EDT. Please join us. We welcome new members to the book club any time!

Register [Here](#).

Volunteer for Peace—Seeking Information Sheet Writers!



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Position Announcement—Writer

Peace Through Action USA seeks volunteers to develop information sheets intended to help others learn about interventions, curriculums, and practices (we call them "peaceful practices") to cultivate inner, interpersonal and collective peace (and overcome aggression and violence).

We invite people willing to offer their energy and talent to us to apply for a volunteer writer position. See the full position announcement [here](#) and the position description [here](#).

We accept applications for writer positions on a rolling basis. The position application is [here](#).

Our "Peaceful Practices" series helps various customers, groups, including K-12 and higher education students looking for source information for papers and presentations and people looking for introductory material on peaceful practices or seeking to teach others.

Peaceful practices to be addressed in the series include peace education, social and emotional learning, violence interrupters, reparations, and many more!

Each issue sheet in the series shall be about two-pages single-sided and will include sections on practice summary, appropriate practice settings, evidence of effectiveness, practice history, and referrals to additional sources of information.

We also have a few topics remaining to be written for our "Do Something" series on the various forms of aggression and violence. Topics remaining are anger, gun violence, and violence against the state.

Volunteer writers may offer to prepare one information sheet only or several, depending on their time availability and level of interest.

This opportunity may be well-suited for a high school or college student with course or service requirements, an encore volunteer with curiosity, or a working-age adult between jobs or looking for a way to volunteer on their own schedule and from their own location.

We aspire to achieve and maintain an organization culture and practice of [equal opportunity](#) and [disability inclusion](#). We do not discriminate against any person on the basis of any actual or perceived protected trait of such person. We provide reasonable accommodation to people with disabilities and encourage such people to request accommodation at any point in time. To do so, please complete and return an [Accommodation Request Form](#).

[Peace Through Action USA](#) is missioned to increase peace between people and within communities in the United States of America by promoting caring action. We activate and equip Americans to implement practical peaceful solutions to aggression and violence in their communities and our country. We are a national scope, charitable, civic and social capital building organization.

Resources

[Position Announcement](#)
[Position Description](#)
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[Accommodation Request Form](#)
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Peace Through Action observes [National Volunteer Week](#) (April 17-23, 2022) by recognizing the dozens of generous people who have helped us as [our volunteers](#) over our organization's lifecycle.

Also, we are using the #NVW observance to call for volunteer writers to develop information sheets on various peaceful practices. We invite people willing to offer their energy and talent to us to apply. See the full position announcement [here](#) and the position description [here](#).

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Pass this volunteer opportunity to someone else too!

Featured Peacebuilder | Graham Bodie, Listening Champion

Learn more about Graham and watch our interview [Here](#)



Featured Peacebuilders
Ordinary People Doing Something Extraordinary to Increase Peace

**Graham Bodie**
Listening Champion
Mississippi

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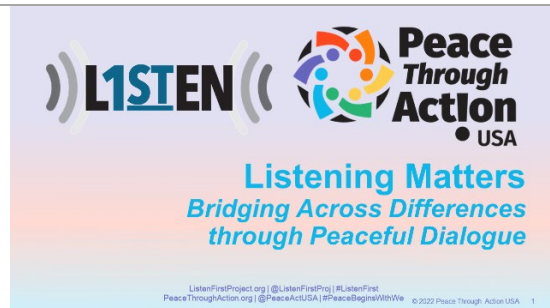
Please join us in celebrating scholar, educator, and consultant Graham Bodie as a *Featured Peacebuilder*. Peace Through Action is recognizing Graham because of his dedication to and enthusiasm in promoting the science, art, and act of *listening* as a critical skill for bridging differences between people, increasing empathy, and fostering peace.



Watch our interview with Graham and learn more about him [here](#).

Peace Through Action's [Featured Peacebuilders](#) initiative uplifts ordinary people among us doing extraordinary things to increase peace with whom and where they live, learn, work, play, and pray. By shining a modest ray of light on these individuals and groups, we hope to inspire others of us to take peaceful actions. You can be an ordinary/extraordinary person too!

Listening Matters: *Bridging Across Differences through Peaceful Dialogue*

March 30, 2022 | **Video Recording** [Here](#)



 **LISTEN** 

Listening Matters
Bridging Across Differences through Peaceful Dialogue

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[Listen First Project](#) and Peace Through Action USA held a virtual learning event on facilitated dialogue on March 30, 2022.

The session, *Listening Matters: Bridging Across Differences through Peaceful Dialogue*, established the science, art, and act of listening as a fundamental element to bridging differences. It introduced participants to an array of structured dialogue processes. Participants learned how they can join or lead a civic dialogue in their community. And session presenters pointed participants to listening opportunities upcoming through [America Talks](#) (April 21, 23) and the [National Week of Conversation](#) (April 24-April 30).

Watch the event video recording [Here](#).

Choose Compassion | Step 4—Empathy



Our Peaceful Readers book club completed their discussion of Karen Armstrong's [*Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life*](#) this past January. Armstrong sets out a twelve-step program that can lead each of us toward a more compassionate life.

We aim to present a very abbreviated step each month through December 2022. We encourage you to take the actions Armstrong suggests. You can rely on our briefest of “Cliff’s Notes,” or you might want to obtain a copy of *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life* through loan from your public library or through a bookstore.

Step 4—Empathy. Armstrong invites us to appreciate and get involved with the suffering of others. Suggestions for doing so include 1) reading chapter 4 of the book; 2) meditating on the suffering of a specific person or persons; 3) desiring those suffering persons to be free of pain; and 4) resolving to help those persons.

Next Month... Mindfulness.

Do Something Right Away to Increase Peace

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