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Signs of Peace Through Action

November 2022

GIVING TUESDAY

Give Your Gift for Peace this [#GivingTuesday](#)

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Peace Through Action USA invites you to [give a gift of money for peace](#) this season, commencing with the global day for generosity, [#GivingTuesday](#), this November 29.

You have infinite choices available for your charitable gifts. We hope that Peace Through Action will be among them. After all, [#PeaceBeginsWithWe](#), and the “We” includes YOU.

In 2021-2022 we delivered eight online learning [events](#) on subjects such as civic dialogues, nonviolent communication, and transformative listening; held discussions on five [books](#) on topics including compassion and social cohesion; and commenced a demonstration of our [community peace project](#) model program in Calvert County, Maryland.

Your gift of money will allow us to increase online advertising of our virtual learning events available to Americans nationwide. We desire to reach more people who, like you, want to [#DoSomethingForPeace](#), and just need more information how. Surely you agree that our nation would benefit from more people practicing peace with others. Your gift will make that possible!

We welcome your gift, at whatever amount comfortable for you, on [#GivingTuesday](#) or any day. We accept gifts of money [online](#) and through [other methods](#).

Thank you for considering this invitation to give to Peace Through Action so that together, We may increase peace, through action, here at home.

[Peace Through Action Event | CIRCLE UP Film and Discussion | Monday, December 19, 2022, 7:00 pm – 8:45 pm ET | Virtual Event | Register \[Here\]\(#\)](#)



Peace Through Action USA invites you to join us for a virtual screening and discussion of [CIRCLE UP](#) on Monday, December 19, 2022, 7:00 pm-8:45 pm Eastern Time. Register for this free virtual event [HERE](#).

This virtual film screening of the feature-length documentary CIRCLE UP makes a call to action for reframing approaches to crime and punishment through the lens of restorative justice, forgiveness, and accountability. After the brutal slaying of her teenage son, Janet Connors reaches out to her son's killers to offer a chance at forgiveness. They team up with a group of mothers of murdered children to help young people in their community break the chain of violence and revenge. In viewing this story of grieving mothers, the men who murdered their children, and the unexpected relationships they create, participants will explore strategies to prevent violence and promote reconciliation in their communities.

Featured Peacebuilder | Julie Mallozzi, Filmmaker



Peace Through Action USA is pleased to recognize documentary filmmaker [Julie Mallozzi](#) as our latest featured peacebuilder. Peace Through Action selected Julie because of her work documenting stories of people engaged in peacebuilding, including the family members featured in [CIRCLE UP](#) who are responding to murders of their children with restorative justice practices.

Peace Through Action USA's [Featured Peacebuilders](#) initiative is an expression of our belief that *all* of us can be peacebuilders. Very few of us will reach the heights of Gandhi, King, or Tutu. But *each* of us can do *something for peace*.

Know someone we may consider recognizing as a featured peacebuilder? Nominate them by email to programs@peacethroughaction.org.

New Board Member | Sarah Wallace



The Peace Through Action USA board of directors is pleased to have elected [Sarah Wallace](#) as a director at its October 2022 meeting. Sarah, of Washington, District of Columbia, brings to this mission leadership position a history of valued foreign policy experience and a significant time abroad, studying cultural competency to learn how to diversify her approach to different cultures to ensure that she communicates in a meaningful and peaceful way. These studies have shown her how diverse individuals are and the thoughtfulness required to interact with each person.

Sarah’s addition to the [board of directors](#) brings our mission leadership team to an eight-member strong body.

Choose Compassion | Step 11—Recognition



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 11—Recognition. Armstrong invites us to pay attention to the period in our twelve steps to a compassionate life when we recognize the pain of others and connect with that other person and their pain unconsciously. Suggestions for doing so include 1) making conscious efforts to allow the pain of others to enter our consciences; 2) working practically to alleviate the pain of others; and 3) allowing for reconciliation with one’s enemies out of recognition they hold you in the same frame.

Next Month ... Love Your Enemies.

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