

Event Arrangements



- Event will begin at 7:00 pm EST.
- Event is being recorded.
- If you do not want to disclose your name, voice, or image, please change your participant name, mute microphone, and keep video off.
- You may type questions or comments in the chat.
- Speaker view or Gallery view recommended.
- Introduce yourself in the chat if you wish. Share your name, location, and organization affiliation, if applicable.



PEACEFUL CITIES:
Local Strategies for
Peacebuilding & Nonviolence



**LEARN HOW TO MAKE YOUR CITY
A PEACEFUL CITY!**

**THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 26, 2023
7-8pm ET**

📍 Register now at bit.ly/peacefulcities 📍

*Peaceful Cities:
Local Strategies for
Peacebuilding and
Nonviolence*
with
**Rivera Sun, Ruth Ann Angus,
Migdalia Garcia, & Mary Bonney**
October 26, 2023

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Session Outline



- **Introducing Our Speakers**
- **Exploring Initiatives in Practice**
- **Needs Assessments & Action Planning**
- **Q & A Conversation and Reflection**

Presenters



Rivera Sun
Program
Coordinator,
Pace e Bene



Ruth Ann Angus
Director,
Yes We Can
Peacebuilders



Migdalia Garcia
Director,
The San Antonio
Peace Center



Mary Bonney
Peace Agent,
The Calvert Peace
Project

Project Purpose



Peace Through Action USA activates and equips Americans to implement practical peaceful solutions to aggression and violence in their communities and our country.



Project Partners



- **Broadview Church**

- Mission to grow deeper and broader in our spiritual lives while partnering to meet needs in our community.
- Serving Calvert County since 2003.

- **The Calvert Peace Project**

- Our project's mission is to increase understanding, collaboration, and community among youth and adults in Calvert County by providing civic and social engagement activities with a focus on peace.



Sharing Personal Intentions & Goals

- What inspired you to attend this event with us tonight?
- Is there anything you're hoping to learn?

Please share in the chat!

What is a “peaceful city”?



Dictionary

Definitions from [Oxford Languages](#) · [Learn more](#)



u·to·pi·a

/yoo'tōpēə/

noun

noun: **utopia**; plural noun: **utopias**

an imagined place or state of things in which everything is perfect.
"misplaced faith in political utopias has led to ruin"

Similar:

ideal place

paradise

heaven

heaven on earth

Eden

Garden of Eden



Origin

GREEK

ou
not

GREEK

topos
place

→ utopia
mid 16th century

mid 16th century: based on Greek *ou* 'not' + *topos* 'place'; the word was first used in the book *Utopia* (1516) by Sir Thomas More.

Consider Gotham City

- What could happen if we directed our collective heroic energy towards more peaceful pursuits?



Featured Presenter Introduction



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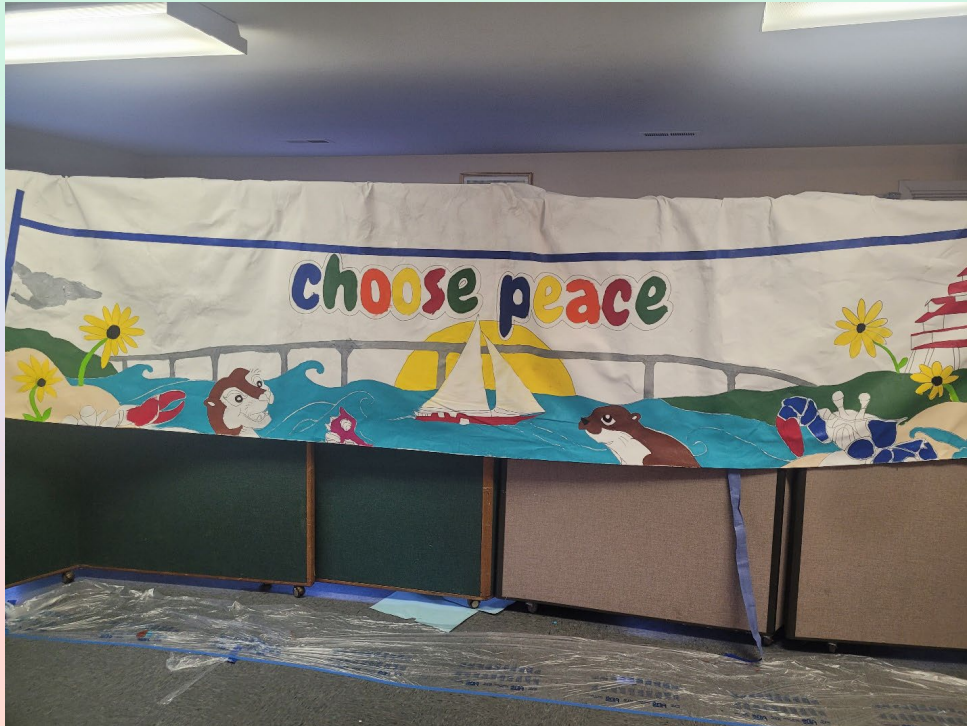


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The Calvert Peace Project



Breakout Discussions

- 1.) Needs Assessment:
 - What issue(s) or areas of focus might a peacebuilding effort address in your community?
- 2.) Action Plan:
 - Do you have any ideas for how your city / town could take action for peace? Envision a plan of action.

Strategies for Action

- **1.) Needs Assessment:**
- Interviews and insights from key stakeholders – community members, organizations, individuals, and groups.
- **2.) Action Plan:**
- Strive to ensure that your work is both accessible and actionable for your community.



AmeriCorps

Our *Future* National Service Corps for Peace

Peace Through Action AmeriCorps

Program Purpose

Implement civic engagement, social cohesion, and peacebuilding interventions in socially stressed communities which seek to bridge divides between, unite, and increase peace among their people and in their places.

Our Intention

**Our national service corps
for peace!**

**The “Go To” program for communities
seeking access to AmeriCorps to improve
their social cohesion and
increase their peace.**

Our Vision

**Americans
increasing peace
in their communities –
continually and in perpetuity –
through national service.**

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Peace Through Action AmeriCorps Interest Form

bit.ly/ACPInterest

Email signup: PeaceThroughAction.org/email



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Engage in our AmeriCorps Planning Activities:



- We are currently recruiting community organizations to join us as a service site in our Peace Through Action AmeriCorps Program Application!
- How to engage in this opportunity:
 - Submit your application.
 - [Peace Through Action AmeriCorps Service Site Application \(office.com\)](https://www.peacethroughaction.org/office.com)
- Learn more about this opportunity:
 - [PeaceThroughAction.org/AmeriCorps](https://www.peacethroughaction.org/AmeriCorps)



Q + A Conversation and Reflection



Please share your questions for our speakers.

Community Resource Share



Please share any resources or community efforts being implemented in your local areas supporting peacebuilding efforts.

Reflecting on Impact

- How could this work initiate a “ripple effect” in your community?



Project Engagement Opportunities

- **Post-Event Survey:** Please follow the link from the chat and complete the post-event survey.
- **Volunteer with us!**
- **Sign up for project newsletter**
- **Follow project on social media**
- **Attend speaker and film discussion events**
- **Join virtual events**
- **Join service projects**



Project Engagement Opportunities

- Encourage youth participation in leadership development group
- Invite us to present to your group
- Promote project activities and events
- Donate event space or project supplies
- Make a donation of money

Peace & Justice Table Invitation



Calvert *Peace* Project



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Website

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