

Global Strategy of Nonviolence, For the Children

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SUBJECT: BOLD VISIONS – New Plan Designed for This Moment in Time

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Dear Mr. McKibben,

Namaste, Salam, Shalom, Peace, Pace,

Your efforts to influence the UN meeting in September has opened a window. When the opportunity knocks, one must take it. There is an amazing opportunity to unite all the movements this September which will lead the way to unite the people everywhere.

I humbly, but **BOLDLY**, would like to submit the formula and plan to unite the people of the world and all the movements and it is ready now! All it needs is one last item! It is all about leadership! This is a formal request to speak with you as soon as you are able.

To unite the people and the movements, the common element is nonviolence and the motivation is the welfare of the children – the children of today and the children of the future! The plan is a Gandhi / King-like people movement called a Global Movement of Nonviolence, For the Children (GMofNV). **All the elements are aligned now!** The intricacies are complex, but there is simplicity in setting it in motion. The key is getting it started!

This September, many major movements have large initiatives planned.

The proposed plan is to implement a simple strategy for all the movements to use their initiatives as a springboard, while they have the attention of the media and the spotlight on themselves, to promote the largest movement of nonviolence the world has ever seen. September 21, 2014 is a perfect time to maximize their exposure and start the movement by uniting and saying they are united to promote what is **coming next** – a GMofNV is beginning June 21, 2015. There will be time to fine tune the details, but tell the people what is coming! The guidelines for the implementation and **“follow-up”** are prepared. Once started, it will take on a life of its own. A GMofNV must be big to attain “Political Clout.”

A GMofNV will affect every movement and offer an opportunity for the people everywhere to participate because a SPECIAL STIMULUS, a CATALYST, is planned to “Reach into Every Household.” The time is here to enlist the people that ordinarily are

not involved, that UN General Secretary Ban Ki Moon called “a powerful and yet untapped force for peace,” – **WOMEN!**

A step by step plan is ready, **now**, to implement a GMofNV. The plan is to enlist non-governmental women leaders to enlist the leader of each movement (see attached), whom in turn, enlists their own movement. The next steps are to enlist every mayor, or community leader, and enlist the United Nations to promote it. Then the piece de resistance’. The women leaders issue a CALL to WOMEN to promote empowering women and the movements, the mayors, and the United Nations are all asked to promote it as well. A complete marketing plan is prepared.

Special plans are designed to attract and “keep” the attention of the media, a Global Funding Plan is prepared, a Global Philanthropic Foundation is planned “For the Children” to facilitate people everywhere working together and can be used in every community (and be utilized in every community to help stop violence with economic stimuli), and a specific segment is designed to help defuse conflicts everywhere. We must act now!

Gandhi said about nonviolence, “First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, then you win. I have gone through the first three. **It’s time to win!**”

Important elements:

- Every women’s organization will be asked to come to the forefront to promote a GMofNV and a CALL to WOMEN
 - Every school will be asked to participate
 - Every children’s organization will be asked to participate
 - Every university will be asked to participate
- (Details to follow)**

If your children were about to be swallowed up in the world’s violent quagmire, would you act as soon as you could? The world’s children are everybody’s children. From this comes the motivation for everyone to act now. The children are the motivation for each segment of a GMofNV – mobilization, conflict resolution, reconciliation, and working together as human beings.

There is still time! Special elements must be in place by September 15th. If war was coming, the people would mobilize within two days. Now we have three weeks.

It is important that the movements unite this year because in the United States, once the presidential campaigning begins next year, it will be impossible to mobilize effectively for the next two to three years. The Middle East conflicts (Israel, Palestine, Syria, Iraq) are growing, people are suffering in many African countries, and the debate about Iranian nuclear development is about to enter the fray again. Violence is in every city.

All the movements began from the bottom up. Now it is time to tie them together. The movements have been trying to unite. **The success is dependent upon leadership!** We must not miss this opportunity! There are many other important components.

Women and nonviolence go hand in hand. It will be shown that when the women leaders join, all the elements mentioned will be able to come to being. Also, in the last eight months, there have been incredible events that prove the time is right. Please ask me about the latest events, mechanisms that are in place now, the step by step plans, and the **ONE LAST ITEM NEEDED!**

I am a strategist. I am not a doomsayer. However, violence is everywhere, the war drums are beating and it is becoming more and more difficult to change anything. A door is open! As we get older, there are fewer opportunities to make a difference. We can leave it to our children or we can act now. The children are watching!

Please contact me as soon as possible!

Peace and Love,

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P.S. I am a man, a person, 63 years old, who believes society can change from a male-dominated society to a partnership society (cultural transformation theory from the Chalice and the Blade by Riane Eisler) and am dedicated to help bring it to fruition.

SUPPORT STATEMENTS

Louise Diamond - Author, Activist

“Andre, Thanks for sending the information on your wonderful project. The children are indeed a unifying force, and women are indeed the active agents of a most great peace. Your GSofNV/Call to Women can enliven the spirit of peace that we so desperately need on the planet in these days.”

Margarita Papandreou - Former 1st lady of Greece, Co-founder of WINPEACE

“This sounds like a positive initiative.” (See letter below)

Gila Svirsky - Co-founder of Coalition for Women for Peace

“I completely agree with your vision and overall approach – to mobilize women to lead the way to peace. This has been core to our peace activism in Israel for almost 20 years.”

Michael Nagler – Founder of the Metta Center for Nonviolence

“Let me know if you see ways that Roadmap and Metta should be involved.”

Helen Caldicott – Author, World Peace Activist

“I think this is a very good idea.”

Robert Koehler – Columnist at Huffington Post wrote to me,

“I couldn't agree more, regarding women as peace leaders.”

Rabbi Lerner – *“I agree that the patriarchal world needs to change.”*

Howard Zinn - author, activist - (Howard was my confidante)

“Your ‘Call to Women’ is excellent. Well written, clear, strong. No doubt women represent non-violence best.”

MOST RECENT FINDINGS:

[Rita Henley Jensen](#), Founder and Editor-in-Chief Women eNews, said, ““What will the world look like when the words of women are heeded? We may catch a glimpse as the gun control debate in the United States led by women goes forward in the coming year. And as the power of technology continues to give the women of the Middle East, including Syria, the ability to organize and protest, let us sing out our hope that they will be heard and heeded as well.”

[IPB Headlines](#), 1-21-14 Women Needed to Create Peace Today in Syria, Tomorrow Everywhere

Madeleine Rees, Secretary General of WILPF. “Without the inclusion of Syrian women, Syrian peace negotiations will continue to fail.”

[Vandana Shiva said](#), “Women are leading the paradigm shift to align the economy with ecology.”

[Mary Robinson](#), former UN Human Rights Director, said, "Women's leadership matters and must be at the heart of the peace process in the DRC."

[Marion Wright Edelman](#), Founder of the Children’s Defense Fund said, “But women have also *always* been the invisible backbone, unseen but strong, of transforming social movements and of all anchor institutions in society—our families, congregations, schools, and communities—employing behind the scenes quiet essential leadership and organizational, communication, and fundraising skills to get things done.”

[Nonviolent Peaceforce](#) and NGO, wrote, “Women in South Sudan are not waiting for peace to be delivered, they are making peace happen.”

[Ambassador Anwarul K. Dhowdhury wrote](#), “Civil society, in particular women’s organizations, human rights activists and peace groups around the world, need to mobilize their efforts to hold governments accountable for the commitments they made in Resolution 1325.”

There are a multitude of initiatives by women globally. There are two new initiatives called **Women Lead to Peace** (CODEPINK) and **Women’s Power to Stop War** (WILPF).

UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon said, “Women are a powerful and yet untapped force for peace.”

QUOTES

Sister Joan Chittister, September 11th, 2004, at the Omega / V Day conference: “Women and Power” said, *“The lives of our children, the protection of millions, the hopes of all humankind, wait again now for women, from opposite cultures, opposite tradition, to step over the line of political hatred to save them.”* (I was there)

Sana Shtasel, Executive Director of Alliance for Middle East Peace (ALLMEP) wrote, *“We must mount a strategic, sustained, global campaign that will support the grassroots peacebuilders in supporting the peace process.”*

Ambassador Swanee Hunt, Director, Institute for Inclusive Security, Harvard University *“What difference does difference make? Researchers and policymakers say when women decision-makers are present in critical mass (around 30 percent) they build bridges across political and ethnic divides; provide fresh ideas and perspectives; add deeper understanding of ground-level reality; shift budgets away from guns to education, health, and environment; create a more civil political sphere; and govern with greater transparency and less corruption.”*

Arundhati Roy, activist from India, stated, *“Radical change cannot and will not be negotiated by governments; it can only be enforced by people. By the public. A public who can link hands across national borders.”*

Martin Luther King wrote in Strength to Love, about nonviolence: *“It gives them new self respect. It calls up resources of strength and courage that they did not know they had. Finally, it so stirs the conscience of the opponent that reconciliation becomes a reality.”*

Adil Najam, Boston University, International Relations said: *“If a person with black hair sees a person with red hair, he or she sees someone different, but, if a person with black hair sees a child with red hair, he or she sees a child.”*

Nobel Laureate Mairead Maguire said about peace in Ireland, *“Without women it would not have happened. The men were so entrenched in their political parties”*

“In Northern Ireland, when we had our war, women didn’t normally go out to work for peace, onto the streets and work and build a peace movement. But we knew for the sake of our children and their future, we had to act as well.”

A Future Without War (AFWW) mission statement: *“Ending the practice of war will require: leaders who embrace the goal of ending war and are motivated to facilitate and guide the process of change, and a critical mass of citizens around the globe who staunchly support such leaders.”* www.AFWW.org By Dr. Judith Hand

Kofi Annan wrote,

“Women, who know the price of conflict so well, are also often better equipped than men to prevent or resolve it. For generations, women have served as peace educators, both in their families and in their societies. They have proved instrumental in building bridges rather than walls. They have been crucial in preserving social order when communities have collapsed.”

Thomas Merton – in Ghandi and the One-Eyed Giant , Chapter One, stated,

“Non-violence heals and restores man’s nature, while giving him a means to restore social order and justice.”

Andre Sheldon says,

“Women and Nonviolence can change the world. The time has come for Nonviolence to be the Doctrine of all Societies!”

Martin Luther King's Acceptance Speech, on the occasion of the award of the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, December 10, 1964:

Your Majesty, Your Royal Highness, Mr. President, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I accept the Nobel Prize for Peace at a moment when 22 million Negroes of the United States of America are engaged in a creative battle to end the long night of racial injustice.

*After contemplation, I conclude that this award which I receive on behalf of that movement is a profound recognition that **nonviolence** is the answer to the crucial political and moral question of our time - the need for man to overcome oppression and violence without resorting to violence and oppression.*

NETWORKING to enlist TEAM

In the name of the Nobel Women and with their help, we can facilitate women leaders in every movement to join and bring in their movements.

The following strategy is planned: (or variations thereof)

Nobel Women enlist Women Leaders from around the world to set in motion a **Chain Reaction** to enlist all the International Women Leaders

Alice Walker, who enlists MLK III and Arun Gandhi
Which yields → The Civil Rights Movement (Movement of Nonviolence)

Billie Jean King enlists Gloria Steinem, who enlists **OPRAH WINFREY**
Which yields → Celebrities and Dignitaries

Bill McKibben enlists Naomi Klein, Dr. Jill Stein, and Dr. Margaret Flowers
Which yields → The Environmental Movement and the Occupy Movement

Wendy Silvers enlists Marianne Williamson, who enlists Barbara Marx Hubbard
Which yields → The Spiritual Movement

Sister Joan Chittister enlists the Pope and the Dalai Lama, etc.
Which yields → The Religious Movements

Marion Wright Edelman enlists UNICEF → then all the UN orgs.
Which yields → All Children's Groups

Malala (Pakistan) and Shirin Ebadi enlist Women in Islamic Countries
Which yields → the Arab Spring

Helen Caldicott → Queen Noor → All the Mayors of every city in the US
Which yields → Anti Nuke movement → Ted Turner → Sam Nunn →
Which yields → Business's / Universities

King and Gandhi → contact all NV orgs

Eve Ensler and UN Women → contact all women's orgs

PLUS MUCH MUCH MORE

International connections not listed here are also an intricate part for enlisting all the movements. In the name of the Nobel women, an administrative team, will send letters to all the women's orgs first, then all the peace orgs, then all the children's orgs, then all the schools, etc. to enlist them!

Network of leaders informed of a GMofNV

Arundhati Roy	Author and activist from India
Anita Vargas	World March of Women, from Bolivia
Ela Gandhi	Granddaughter of Mahatma Gandhi
Margarita Papandreou	Former first lady of Greece
Dr. Helen Caldicott	Author and activist from Australia
Rev. Joan B. Campbell	Chair of Global Peace Initiative of Women (GPIW)
Sister Joan Chittister	Co-chair of GPIW
Kathe Schaaf	Founder of Gather the Women
Gila Svirsky	Co-founder of Women in Black and Coalition of Women for Peace (CWP)
Regina Birchem	Former International President of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)
Susan Shaer	Executive Director of Women's Actions for New Directions (WAND)
Sharon McErlane	Founder of Grandmothers Speak
Wendy Silvers	Founder of Million Mamas Movement
Gloria Hammond-White	Pediatrician, Minister and Anti-Slavery Activist
Swanee Hunt	Director of Women Waging Peace
Medea Benjamin	Co-founder of CODEPINK and Global Exchange
Joan Baez	Activist and entertainer – was recently sent information
Ann Smith	Founder of Circle Connections
Dr. Judith Hand	Peace Activist, Visionary
Leymah Gbowee	Woman recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize
Maired MaGuire	Woman recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize
Shirin Ebadi	Woman recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize
Kathy Kelly	Voices for Creative Nonviolence
Kavita Ramdas	Global Fund for Women
Phyllis Bennis,	Fellow at the Institute for Policy Studies
Cora Weiss	Hague Appeal for Peace
Neyleen Heyzer,	Former Director of UNIFEM
Lois Herman	Women's United Nations Reporting Network (WUNRN)
Riane Eisler	Author and founder of Partnership
Jehan Sadat	From Egypt
Lucy Nussibeh	From Jerusalem
Arun Gandhi	Grandson of Mahatma Gandhi
Rabbi Michael Lerner	Network of Spiritual Progressives
Archbishop Desmond Tutu	Religious leader from South Africa
Mr. Mark Johnson	Director, Fellowship of Reconciliation, US
Noam Chomsky	Professor Emeritus, MIT, Author, Activist
<i>Plus many more!</i>	

Letter from Margarita Papandreou

Dear Andre Sheldon, this sounds like a positive initiative and especially if you line up a group of women who have experience with working for a culture of peace, that is, for non-violent solutions to conflict. I am interested in participating, but I would like to hear more about your plans and strategy. It is not an easy mission. We had one of the largest anti-war movements ever seen prior to the war in Iraq which included not only non-governmental organizations, but many governments and outstanding personalities throughout the world. Despite this, the US Administration went ahead with a war on the Iraqi people. We have to think carefully as to how we can be effective.

I will be waiting eagerly for more information from you. By the way, I am heartened that you are a man. After all, it is still true that men make the decisions on the use of violence to resolve a conflict. Either women's perspectives get injected into the decision making process, or we have to change the mentality of men. Probably both.

Yours in peace and love, Margarita Papandreou, founder of the Center of Research and Action on Peace (KEDE) and co-founder along with Zeynep Oral of WINPEACE, a Greek-Turkish-Cyprus women's peace initiative for peace among our countries.

Andre Sheldon

After September 11, 2001, I began to work directly with the peace movement.

Before September 11th, I had been writing a book about my elderly parents, Alzheimer's, and caretaking. It was boring. To enhance the story line, I attempted to spice it up by adding international intrigue. The main character would become motivated by all that she had learned from the sacrifice of caretaking and become dedicated to working with women in the women's peace movement. Interestingly, I had no experience working in a peace movement, but was motivated because the ending of the plot was apparent to me. The women's movement had strength! I kept writing to get to the end.

When September 11th occurred, my focus became clear because of a few elements. There was a lot of introspection evident throughout the U.S. after September 11th. A very close woman friend stated to me that the way to find peace in the world is to first find peace within yourself. I knew she was right. Spirituality became a unifying quality. The questions I was asking myself were, what are the basic common denominators -- what are the commonalities between people and society? The answers I found were family and children. All societies want to procreate, raise children, and protect the family for the next generation. I realized, if societies were focused on the needs of the children, there could be peace. All my research pointed to women, the caretakers of family and society, to lead the way for peace.

My pathway became specific. I would dedicate myself to facilitating women being the catalyst for bringing the peace movement into the mainstream of politics. The attempt had to be proactive and bold. It needed to have leaders. It needed to have women leaders. One person couldn't do it, but many influential "women" leaders could do it!

Boston has a plethora of women leaders and right from the start I had initial success communicating with Dr. Helen Caldicott and having her indicate interest. Immediately afterward, Rev. Joan Brown Campbell, chair of Global Peace Initiative of Women, stated if Dr. Caldicott is involved, I am involved, which proved my theory – women will follow other women. To my good fortune, Howard Zinn, author and activist, and Elise Boulding, author and activist (both now deceased) lived close to me and had become friends and confidantes.

Since 2001, I have conducted research and developed a comprehensive plan for a Global Movement of Nonviolence, For the Children. I may not see the fruits of my labor, but the road is the most important element.

The Children are Watching!

Peace and Love



Andre Sheldon

