



CENTER FOR NONVIOLENT SOLUTIONS

Helping our Community Build a Culture of Peace

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Dear Members and Friends,

I am writing to invite you to the *Center for Nonviolent Solutions*'s Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 27, 2010, 9:30-11:30 a.m., in the Saxe Room of the Worcester Public Library.

The meeting will include a report on the Center's activities over the past year and plans for the future, followed by coffee and Danish; then at 10:30 a.m., a presentation on "Nonviolent Solutions at Home and Abroad."

We are particularly pleased with the program, featuring **Mary Bennett**, Director, Anger Management Program, University of Massachusetts Medical School, and **Emma Reinhardt**, a specialist in conflict resolution and peace researcher who studied The Wajir Peace Group in Kenya. She is the founder of *Her Voices*, a nonprofit group in Framingham which encourages women and girls to share their stories to increase cross-cultural awareness.

Mary Bennett will describe the skills necessary to conduct workshops in anger management with people required to participate in them. She is a skilled practitioner in nonviolent communication and its relationship to private discourse. **Emma Reinhardt** will speak of her involvement with a very successful peacemaking effort conducted mainly by women in Wajir, Kenya, which resulted in stability during the very violent period following the 2008 elections in Kenya.

The Board is anxious that you have an opportunity to ask questions, and to make comments and suggestions. We regretted not having had more time for discussion after Coleman McCarthy's lecture on October 17, and wish to remedy that on March 27.

I look forward to seeing you and speaking with you on March 27, and encourage you to get in touch with Libby Westie, office coordinator at the Center or with any board member for information regarding events, speakers and resources on peacemaking.

Sincerely,

Michael True
Chair