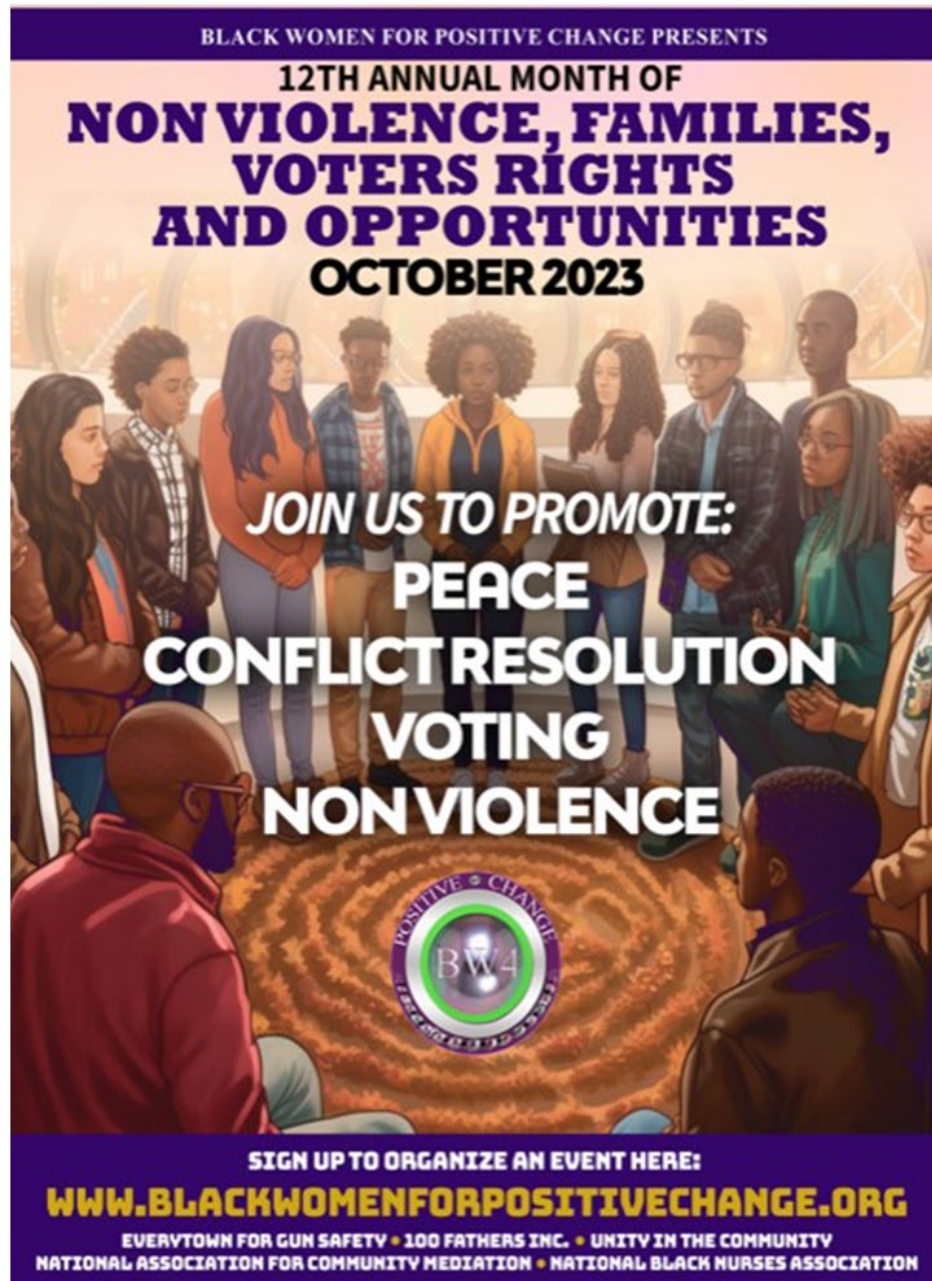


12th Annual Month of Non-Violence, Families, Voters Rights and Opportunities Report, 2023

Black Women for Positive Change & Positive Change Foundation



A multicultural, intergenerational, inter-faith organization of women and Good Brothers seeking to “Change the Culture of Violence in America, and the World.”

2023 Message from Black Women for Positive Change

Dear Black Women for Positive Change Networkers,

It was with distress—and hope, that we implemented the October 2023 12th Annual Month of Non-Violence, Families, Voters Rights and Opportunities. The epidemic of violence in the world, is frightening to us all and our global network believes we must *“Change the Culture of Violence in America, and the World.”*

During October and early November, we hosted a combination of 83 Peace Circles, workshops, and classroom activities, in 14 USA States and 8 nations. Over 3,500 participants from diverse backgrounds, religions, and nations attended the activities which addressed school violence, school safety, bullying, domestic violence, gun control and the impact of artificial intelligence on society. Now, our challenge is to find resources so we can measure the impact of our programs and expand Peace Circles to 50 States, and dozens of countries. Also, included in this Report on page 11, is a listing of podcasts of some of the events. We encourage you to view and listen to the presentations.

Many thanks to our sponsors and partners Everytown for Gun Safety, National Black Nurses Association, Mediators Beyond Borders, The Preeclampsia Foundation, Saint and Streetfighter Foundation, the 100 Fathers, and to the wonderful organizers and attendees. Only by working together can we *“Change the Culture of Violence.”*

Thank you for your leadership and support.

Sincerely,



Dr. Stephanie E. Myers



Honorable Daun S. Hester

National Co-Chairs, Black Women for Positive Change

President and Board Chair, Positive Change Foundation

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SECTION I

REPORT SUMMARY

The violence prevention initiative established by Black Women for Positive Change, began in 2012, with the first “Day of Non-Violence.” A day-long event was held at Metropolitan AME Church in Washington, D.C. Following that year, the “Day of Non-Violence” expanded to a “Week of Non-Violence and in October 2023 became the 12th Annual “Month of Non-Violence, Families, Voters Rights and Opportunities.”

During October 2023, there were 83 Peace Circles and virtual and face-to-face events in 16 USA States, and 8 countries. Over 3,551 adults, youth and children participated in events that focused on conflict resolution, anger management, de-escalation of violence, artificial intelligence and “opportunities as alternatives to violence.”

This report provides a summary of the events and Peace Circles that took place during the 12th Annual Month of Non-Violence, Families, Voters Rights and Opportunities. We hope readers will join this effort, so in 2024 can be expanded worldwide.

SECTION II

**Thank You to Honorary Co-Chairs, Sponsors, Partners
and Organizers**

2023 SPONSORS AND PARTNERS



Everytown for Gun Safety



Saint and Streetfighter Foundation



National Association for Community Mediation



The 100 Fathers Inc.



National Black Nurses Association



Trust Network



TRUSTED INC.



Peace In Education



Best Conflict Solutions



DIVERSITY IS THE HALLMARK OF DIVINITY

Whole Genome Science Foundation

Honorary Chair 12th Annual Month of Non-Violence

Congresswoman Gwen Moore



“I was pleased to again serve as an Honorary co-chair for this 12th Annual Month of Non-Violence. As a lawmaker, I am focusing on championing federal policies that promote peace in our communities. That means understanding what is driving violence and building some real equity. But I also recognize the critical role that community members play, as highlighted by the range of activities that took place across the country under this initiative and included in this report. That is why I am working on proposals that help empower our communities by expanding access to de-escalation training and making investments in health, housing, education, nutrition assistance, and good-paying jobs. This work is ongoing, and I am honored to have such dedicated partners in this effort to make our communities safer for all, including Black Women for Positive Change.”

Honorary Co-Chair 12th Annual Month of Non-Violence

Rev. Dr. George Holmes



We are Citizens of the United States of America, and the entire World. We come from different backgrounds, different ethnicities, different places, different political parties, and we have different views and ways in which we look at our Nations, our Politics, our Lives, and each other. But, I say unequivocally that despite our many differences, we still have more that "unites" us, than divides us! We are stronger when we 'work together' to solve our divide! Because within these differences, we will become stronger as Nations, as we open our hearts and find ways to communicate to each other to solve our great divide. Now is the time to come together as the Citizens of the World, despite our indifferences, and to listen and try through God's help to best understand each other, not through violence but through nonviolence. Therefore, I am pleased to work with Black Women for Positive Change to help to *“Change the Culture of Violence” in America, and the World*

2023 AFFILIATE/PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

13th International District, Omega Psi Phi

Archbishop Carroll High School, WDC

100 Fathers, Inc.

Best Conflicts Solutions

Blogging Carnival for Non-Violence, UK

Continental, WDC

Everytown for Gun Safety

Lawrence Mond Jefferson Foundation

Mediators Beyond Borders

National Association for Community Mediation

National Black Nurses Association

PCTV, Pittsburgh, PA

Peace Team, WDC

Peace In Education

Penn Hills Elementary School

Preeclampsia Foundation

Saint and Streetfighter Foundation

Sonoma State University

Three C's Met Mediators

Unity in the Community

Whole Genome Science Foundation

Trust Network

Trusted Inc.

United for Peace Against Conflicts International

2023 MONTH OF NON-VIOLENCE ORGANIZERS AND LEADERS

(Alphabetical by State or Country)

Dr. Carthenia Jefferson, Esq., Alabama

Honorable Jan Perry, California

Professor Renata Valree, CEO, California

Rev. Oliver Buie, California

Rachel Carbone, California

Rolanda Hatcher-Gallop, Florida

Hattie Carlis, Indiana

James Offuh, Ivory Coast

D.G. Mawn, Kentucky

Damon Nailer, Louisiana

Rev. Dr. Barbara Reynolds, Maryland

Dr. Georgia Dunston, Maryland

Danyell Smith, Maryland

Charlene Ligon, Nebraska

Marcia Skeete, New York

Rose Murray Ellington, New York

Chijioke Eibeku, Nigeria

Lisa Hughes, Ohio

Prabha Sankaranarayan, Pennsylvania

Latara Jones, Pennsylvania

Kristin Brown, Pennsylvania

Michael Robinson, South Korea

Kimberly Best, Tennessee

Byran Carroll, Texas

Charles Chambers, Texas

Continued Organizers 2023

Zhana, United Kingdom

Glynis Mason, Virginia

Honorable Daun S. Hester, Virginia

Sal Corbin, Washington, DC

Jeannette Mobley, Washington, D.C.

Dr. Stephanie E. Myers, Washington, DC

Dr. Frank Malone, Washington, DC

Dr. Cherie Ward, Washington, DC

Section III

PODCASTS & RADIO SHOWS

Black Women for Positive Change Urgent Issues Channel

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKODe-8lxDY>

Tune Into YouTube Black Women for Positive Change Urgent Issues Channel

- (1) Changing the Narrative: Examining Black Maternal Health through the Lens of Advocacy & Non-Violence. Moderator: Rolanda Hatcher-Gallop
Link to YouTube:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NDjz52qlkNk>
- (2) Black Women for Positive Change in Collaboration with Kitril Consultancy
Moderator: Damon Nailer
Link to YouTube:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=YAysqYqkbUQ&list=PLDWqft1AoVSbS_0bMm8Y0kAc5w_YhA0wD&index=3
- (3) “Building a Culture of Global Peace”
Moderator: Prahba Sankaranarayan

Link to YouTube:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7S5uZWW4tps&list=PLDWqft1AoVSbS_0bMm8Y0kAc5w_YhA0wD&index=3
- (4) Promoting Non-Violence Communication Forum
Moderator: Zhana in the UK
[Link To YouTube:](#)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Sq19Hstffs&list=PLDWqft1AoVSbS_0bMm8Y0kAc5w_YhA0wD&index=4
- (5) The Perils and Opportunities of Artificial Intelligence
Moderator: Dr. Barbara Reynolds
Link to YouTube:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dXm9o_bpkbA&list=PLDWqft1AoVSbS_0bMm8Y0kAc5w_YhA0wD&index=5
- (6) Co-Creating Circles of Peace, on Bridges of Peace Show.
Host: Kathleen Oweegon
Special Guest: Dr. Renata Valree
<https://www.buzzsprout.com/1554039/13653269>.
- (7) Archbishop Carroll High School
Peace Forum on Non-Violence
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hki-vTpPqz0&t=16s>

RADIO SHOWS



- (1) Guest Dr. Stephanie Myers, National Co-Chair, Black Women for Positive Change, discussing 2023 Month of Non-Violence, Families, Voters Rights & Opportunities

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/griot-baba-lumumba-dr-stephanie-myers-financial-advisor/id1533859805?i=1000631933483>

- (2) Guest Dr. Barbara Reynolds debuts her book, “The Rise and Fall of the Techno-Messiah, Technology and the End Times.” Futuristic Researchers Sadiki Bakari provides an AI Artificial Intelligence update and explains the Ascension Algorithm and its relationship to Spiritual Technology.

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/futuristic-researcher-sadiki-bakari-dr-barbara-reynolds/id1533859805?i=1000632607815>

- (3) Guest Frank Malone and Diane Powell discuss a free Online Alzheimer Workshop for the Black Community and Radio One Chairperson Cathy Hughes celebrates the 43rd anniversary of the founding WOL Radio.

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/radio-one-chairperson-cathy-hughes-mollie-bell-shwan/id1533859805?i=1000630878252>

SECTION IV

PEACE CIRCLE PROJECTS

2023 FOCUS—RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PEACE CIRCLES

During the Month of Non-Violence in October 2023, the network of organizers reached out to schools and educational institutions to encourage “Restorative Justice Peace Circles.” The goal was to teach youth and adults how to change their personal, family, and community cultures, so that violence can be avoided. We had an excellent response and extend our thanks to the teachers and students.

Peace Circle Co-Chairs were Professor Renata Valree, Director, Peace in Education and Professor, California State University at Dominguez Hills, California; and Kimberly Best, CEO of Best Conflict Solutions LLC, in Tennessee. At the outset of the Month of Non-Violence Dr. Valree and Ms. Best commented, “We are aware that Educators use effective Peace Circles in many cities and states. We invite school superintendents, principals, and teachers to expand this effort by organizing Peace Circles at their schools.” Schools and organizations in Pennsylvania, Washington, D.C., Ivory Coast and Nigeria, responded by organizing Peace Circles and teaching children how to build relationships, relax and express themselves honestly and peacefully.



Peace Circles Co-Chairs

Renata Valree, Co-Chair

Kimberly Best, Co-Chair

Special Project of Peace Circles Committee

5 Points for Conflict Resolution Wallet Card

The Peace Circle Committee designed individual “Wallet Cards” for young people, to help them learn how to avoid conflicts.

SAMPLE WALLET CARD FRONT AND BACK



For information about how to donate to order Wallet Cards contact:

Bkwomen4poschange@gmail.com

SECTION V

VOTERS RIGHTS AND SOCIAL MEDIA





SIGN THE PLEDGE

JOIN BLACK WOMEN FOR
POSITIVE CHANGE
in 2023 launch of

JOHN LEWIS NATIONAL GOOD TROUBLE

**Voters' Rights Legacy PLEDGE CAMPAIGN FOR
ONE MILLION* signatures on THE PLEDGE**



John Lewis Good Trouble National VOTERS' RIGHTS Legacy PLEDGE 2022
(Sponsored by THE BLACK WOMEN FOR POSITIVE CHANGE)

I _____ *(print your name here)* _____, am a **Citizen of the United States of America**, with the **Constitutional Right to VOTE** in all Local, State, and National elections, and the

Birthright to pursue life, liberty, happiness, and equal rights under the law;

I accept and assume my full responsibility to **VOTE** in each and every election, and encourage others to do the same, regardless of race, political affiliation, or creed.

I pledge to make **VOTING** decisions that benefit my family and community on the State, Local, and National level.

Like the great **Congressman, John Lewis**, I am committed to getting in **GOOD TROUBLE**, to ensure that our **CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACY** - the '**Rights OF the People, FOR the People, and BY the People**' are protected, upheld, and shall not perish from this promised land.

and VOTE in the 2024

SIGN 2024 PLEDGE CARD ON-LINE AT

<https://blackwomenforpositivechange.org/good-trouble-voters-rights-pledge/>

VOTERS RIGHTS SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS

Dr. Georgia Dunston, Co-Chair, Voters Rights Committee

Gloria Dulan-Wilson, Co-Chair, Voters Rights Committee

TIK TOK VIDEO—REGISTER AND VOTE!

**Featuring Rev. Dr. Barbara Reynolds, Ambassador Thomas Daughton,
Dr. Mindy Burrell, Dr. Stephanie Myers, Maria Jones, Henry Joseph, and
Students from the Capstone Project**

<https://www.tiktok.com/@drsteffmyers?lang=en>

JOHN LEWIS GOOD TROUBLE VOTERS RIGHTS PODCAST FROM BLACK LIVES MATTER PLAZA IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

**Featuring Dr. Georgia Dunston, Rev. Oliver Buie, Dr. Frank Malone, and
Dr. Stephanie Myers**

**[https://www.tiktok.com/@drsteffmyers/video/7122258877613100331
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SECTION VI

**EVENTS DURING MONTH OF NON-VIOLENCE, FAMILIES, VOTERS
RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

LOCATIONS OF PARTICIPANTS DURING 2023 MONTH OF NON-VIOLENCE, FAMILIES, VOTING RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Eighty-four Peace Circles, Workshops, face to face activities and webinars were organized during the October 2023 Month of Non-Violence by the Black Women for Positive Change global network. Events included activities at schools, faith institutions, community agencies and towns and villages overseas. There were over 3,551 participants and organizations, in 16 USA States, and 8 countries.

USA

Alabama

Massachusetts

California

Nebraska

Florida

New York

Georgia

Pennsylvania

Indiana

Tennessee

Illinois

Texas

Kentucky

Virginia

Maryland

Washington, D.C.

Overseas

Canada

Cuba

Jamaica

Ivory Coast

Nigeria

Scotland

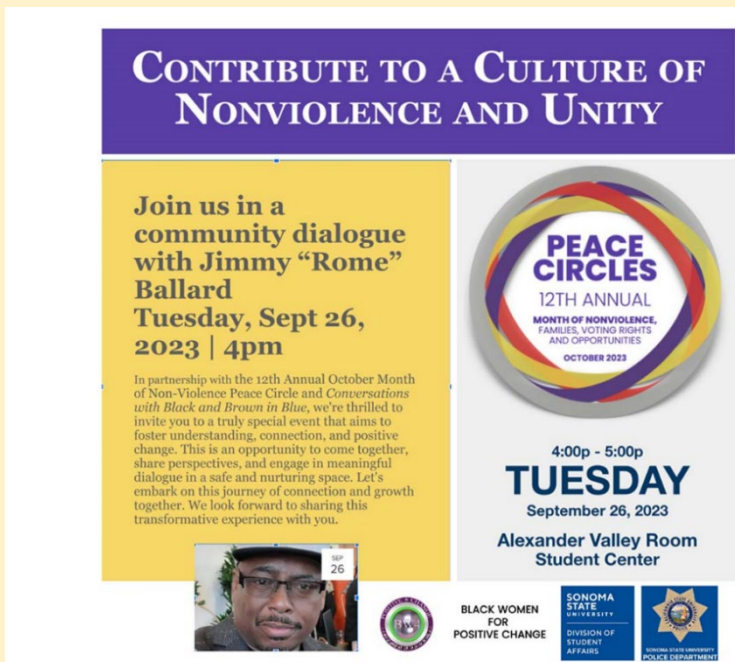
South Korea

United Kingdom

SEPTEMBER 26, 2023—SONOMA STATE UNIVERSITY, CALIF.

Organizers: Rachel Carbone and Renata Valree

of Participants: 60



CONTRIBUTE TO A CULTURE OF NONVIOLENCE AND UNITY

Join us in a community dialogue with Jimmy "Rome" Ballard
Tuesday, Sept 26, 2023 | 4pm

In partnership with the 12th Annual October Month of Non-Violence Peace Circle and *Conversations with Black and Brown in Blue*, we're thrilled to invite you to a truly special event that aims to foster understanding, connection, and positive change. This is an opportunity to come together, share perspectives, and engage in meaningful dialogue in a safe and nurturing space. Let's embark on this journey of connection and growth together. We look forward to sharing this transformative experience with you.

4:00p - 5:00p
TUESDAY
September 26, 2023
Alexander Valley Room
Student Center

SEP 26

BLACK WOMEN FOR POSITIVE CHANGE

SONOMA STATE UNIVERSITY
DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

SONOMA STATE UNIVERSITY
POLICE DEPARTMENT



(Photo left to right) Arthur Chaney, Rachel Carbone, Jimmy "Rome" Ballard and Chief Nader Oweis.



Photo includes Jimmy "Rome" Ballard, Rachel Carbone. Office of the VP for Student Affairs, Sonoma State U. Chief of Police Nader Oweis, Arthur Chaney, President of 100 Black Men, campus officials and security police. (Students not pictured for confidentiality).

Formerly incarcerated Jimmy "Rome" Ballard, of Kingian Nonviolence Conflict Reconciliation teacher, and author of "Trans-Communality: Selling Social Change Without Selling Out" led an hour-long discussion with faculty, staff and students. Rachel Carbone facilitated a discussion about how each campus community member plays a role in leadership on campus and in surrounding communities.

**OCTOBER 1-31st, PEACE WEEK, PENN HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
PITTSBURGH, PA, Organizer: Principal Kristen Brown
of Participants: 1,200 students in 60 Classrooms:**



**Third Grade Visions—
USA United for Peace**

***"Room 152 Can Drive
Peace Into the
World"***



Love, Love, Love

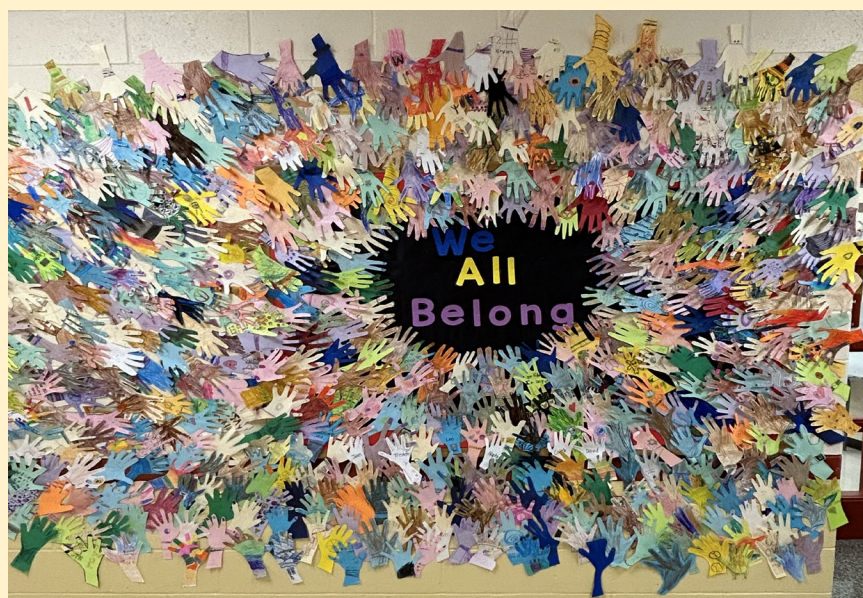
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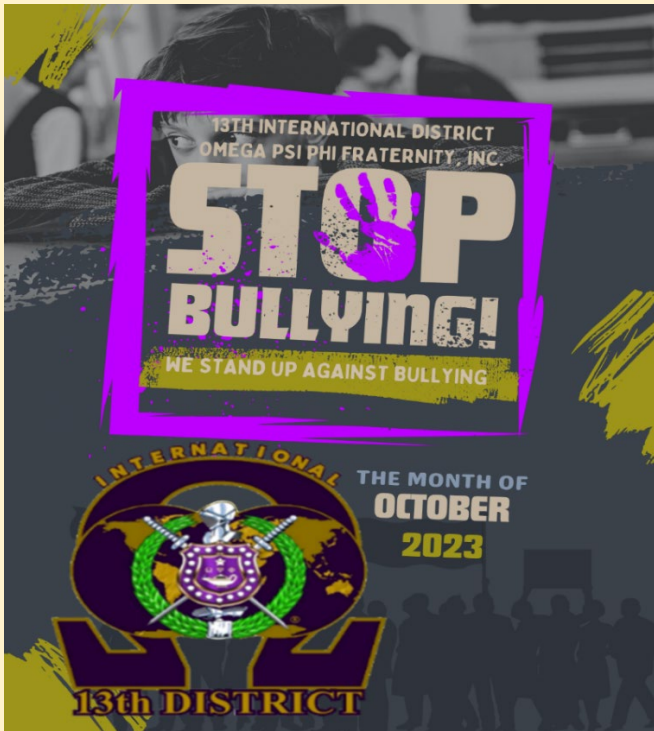
Gestures for Peace



All Belong



OCTOBER 1-21, 2023, OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY
South Korea 13th District; Michael Robinson, Organizer
of Participants: 1,000 students, 5-8th Graders



The Brothers of the 13th International District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. joined the National Bullying Prevention Center (PACER's) to promote the annual theme: "United for a Kinder, More Accepting, and Inclusive World," from October 1 – October 31, 2023. The goal is to unite communities worldwide to educate and raise awareness of bullying prevention. People from schools, communities, and businesses come together to spread the word and make everyone aware of bullying prevention.

Anti-Bullying Campaign and Unity Day—Oct 26th



Over 1000 students grades 5 – 8, attended Anti-Bullying Event held at Humphreys Middle School, South Korea



Brothers in Lambda Xi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi at "Don't Be The Bully" campaign.

OCTOBER 2, 2023: VIRTUAL WORLDWIDE

Building a Global Culture of Peace, Organizer: Prabha Sankaranarayan

of Participants: 55



BLACK WOMEN FOR POSITIVE CHANGE
2023 MONTH OF NON-VIOLENCE, FAMILIES, VOTERS
RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NON VIOLENCE



**BUILDING A
GLOBAL CULTURE
OF PEACE**

02 OCTOBER 2023

SPEAKERS



REV. DR. GEORGE E. HOLMES,
SERVED AND ASSISTED 5 UNITED STATES
PRESIDENTS, RECENT HONORARY
AMBASSADOR OF LIBERIA,
TRAINED BY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS



DR. SCILLA ELWORTHY,
THREE TIME NOBEL PEACE PRIZE
NOMINEE, THE
OXFORD RESEARCH GROUP



HON. LANTANO NABAALA
SPEAKER OF THE COUNTY
ASSEMBLY, OF LAIKIPIA, KENYA



H.E. REV DR DIANE MOORE-EUBANKS,
ESQ, CHANCELLOR,
GLOBAL OVED DEI SEMINARY AND UNIVERSITY



REV. GERALD DURLEY,
EMERTUS CHAIR,
INTERFAITH POWER AND LIGHT

MODERATOR:



PRABHA SANKARANARAYAN,
MEDIATORS BEYOND BORDERS



TIME: 2PM- 3:30PM(EST)

REGISTER: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/3EMgBB6](https://bit.ly/3EMgBB6)

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT MONTH OF NON VIOLENCE GO TO
WWW.MONTHOFNONVIOLENCE.ORG

“Creating a Global Culture of Peace” panel was an extraordinary international forum, that featured insights from esteemed leaders, both male and female, hailing from Kenya, Scotland, Ghana, United Kingdom, United States, South Korea, Ivory Coast and beyond. Participants included GenZs, Millennials, X’ers, and Boomers alike, who were part of this transformative experience.

YouTube Recording of Workshop:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7S5uZWW4tps&t=29s>

OCTOBER 7, 2023: BYSTANDER INTERVENTION WORKSHOP:
DOMESTIC AND PARTNER VIOLENCE

Organizer: Sal Corbin; # of Participants: 10



This session, coordinated by Sal Corbin of the DC Peace Team, revealed the psychological foundations for unhealthy relationship building, which can challenge people's sense of safety and security in the world and compromise their identity, which informs their relationship choices. Violence towards partners can be one of these outcomes. The session focused on responses and/or interventions to those reacting with violent behaviors. No video tape or photos due to confidentiality

OCTOBER 14, 2023: BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

“Stop the Violence Summit,” Birmingham Black Nurses

Organizer: Carthenia Jefferson, Esq.; # of Participants: 114

STOP THE VIOLENCE

VIOLENCE, VIOLENCE, VIOLENCE
WHAT IS GOING ON?
"PROMOTING SCHOOL SAFETY"

2023 YOUTH STOP THE VIOLENCE SUMMIT

VOTER REGISTRATION ON-SITE

OCTOBER 14, 2023
10:00am - 12:00pm
Birmingham Civil Rights Institute (BCRI)
520 16th Street North

FREE
PUBLIC INVITED
MASS PARTICIPATION
Registration for Summit
on Eventbrite
LIMITED SEATING

SPEAKER PANEL DONATIONS ARE WELCOME VISIT: lawrencejeffersonjrfoundation.org

Juandalynn Givan
Alabama State Representative

Mark Petway
Jefferson County Sheriff

Reva Palmer
City of Birmingham Police Department 5205 Coordinator Lieutenant

Dr. Mark Sullivan
City of Birmingham Schools Superintendent

Dr. Walter Gouspolin
Jefferson County Schools Superintendent

Dr. Wanda L. Ward
Retired Educator Consultant/Mediator

Awalski Moore
Common Ground Outreach Coordinator

Deon Arnold
Teen Founder of Solutions

RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SUMMIT
For more information contact: Carthenia Jefferson at cwjeffersonlaw@gmail.com or (205) 324-1505

DJ MAGIC MIKE
VIBE 9.2 FM

OUR MODERATOR **SHELIA SMOOT**
SUMMIT MEDIA

Logos: Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, Alabama State Representative, Jefferson County Sheriff, City of Birmingham Police, City of Birmingham Schools, Jefferson County Schools, Retired Educator Consultant/Mediator, Common Ground Outreach, Teen Founder of Solutions, DJ Magic Mike, Shelia Smoot Summit Media, and various partner organizations.



**Alabama State Representative
Juandalynn Givan
& 2023 Youth Stop the Violence
BW4PC Event Organizer
Carthenia Jefferson, Esq.**

Cont. Birmingham, Alabama Forum: “How Can the Black Community Address Violence?”



Panelists from left to right: Deon Arnold, Teen Solutions founder; Dr. Wanda Ward, Retired Educator; Alabama State Representative Juandalynn Givan, Birmingham Police Department Lieutenant Reva Palmer, Captain James Perry, Office of the Sheriff; Bishop Alwaski Moore, Common Ground Coordinator; Dr. Shelia Smoot of Summit Media, Moderator.



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Birmingham Metro Graduate Chapter



**Birmingham Black Nurses Association members,
Alabama State Representative Juandalynn Givan**

Moderator Dr. Shelia Smoot of Summit Media

OCTOBER 17, 2023, Virtual Workshop

NATIONAL BLACK NURSES ASSOCIATION, COMMITTEE ON NON-VIOLENCE REDUCTION AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

Organizers: Dr. Carthenia Jefferson, Esq. and Dr. Monica Debro
of Participants: 30

**National Black Nurses Association
Ad Hoc Committee on Violence Reduction
Domestic Violence Awareness Webinar**



Ms. Ruth Glenn **Dr. Carthenia Jefferson** **Dr. Monica Debro**
CEO & President **Chair** **Co-Chair**
NCADV



Tuesday, October 17, 2023
4pm PST
6pm CST
7pm EST
Register with the QR Code

This webinar educated, empowered, and mobilized participants to address the pressing issues of fostering empathy, support, and prevention with the goal to end the cycle of domestic abuse.

OCTOBER 1 -30, 2023, IVORY COAST, AFRICA

Bingerville, City in Cote d-Ivoire: Organizer: James OFFUH

of Participants: 120, in 6 Village Activities

“Nothing replaces face-to-face relationships – neither armies nor treaties, not intellectual analyses, diagnoses, theories, or peace education. Authentic change begins at the heart, without which fear disables creativity and limits the brain to rationalizing old thinking and mean acts in the illusion that there is somehow individual survival. Eye-to-eye engagement transcends our human default setting of “taking sides.” Understanding expels ignorance. Intimacy replaces disengagement, transforming fear to trust and releasing unprecedented creativity for the good of all. The means are the ends in the making.”

James OFFUH, Peace Advocate of ONG-UFPACI, President-Founder United for Peace Against Conflicts Intl

Youth Peace Leadership Practice Peace Forum in Six Villages in Cote d-Ivoire

Discussions to Address the Use of Violence

- Domination versus Promoting Peace
- Mutual Respect.
- Interconnectedness



**James OFFUH, Peace Advocate of ONG-UFPACI
President-Founder United for Peace Against Conflicts Intl**

(Cont.) Youth in Ivory Coast Intercultural Non-violence Peace Circles promoted communication, conversation and peace.



Young people in six villages discussed conflict resolution, peace and reconciliation.

OCTOBER 19, 2023: VIRTUAL

Changing the Narrative: Examining Black Maternal Health Through the Lens of Advocacy and Non-Violence; Sponsor: Preeclampsia Foundation; Organizer Rolanda Hatcher-Gallop

of Participants: 165

The poster features a pregnant Black woman with curly hair, wearing a yellow long-sleeved shirt, sitting and smiling with her hands clasped in front of her. The background is a soft-focus indoor setting. The title 'Changing the Narrative:' is in a large, elegant script font. Below it, the subtitle 'Examining Black Maternal Health through the Lens of Advocacy and Non-Violence' is in a smaller, serif font. To the right, the text 'Free Live Webinar' is in a serif font, followed by the date and time 'Thursday, October 19, 2023 6:30 PM ET via Zoom' in a bold, sans-serif font. Below this, it says 'Register in advance via Zoom:' followed by a QR code. At the bottom, there is a dark blue banner with the text 'Brought to you by:' and logos for 'BLACK WOMEN FOR POSITIVE CHANGE' and 'PREECLAMPSIA FOUNDATION'.

Black Women for Positive Change and the Preeclampsia Foundation engaged in a provocative discussion on how we can transform Black Maternal Health in the U.S. Listen as invited healthcare providers, community leaders, patient advocates, and other experts discuss how we can change the narrative on Black Maternal Health and promote positive birth outcomes, keeping moms and babies safe.

WATCH ON YOUTUBE: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NDjz52qlkNk>

OCTOBER 20, 2023, NIGERIA

Organizer Chijiokei Eibeku

of Participants: 23

Three C's Met Mediators has organizations across Nigeria in Bwari, Abuja, Gwagwalada and Kwali. They are teaching children how to do Peer Mediation. The Organizer Chijiokei Eibeku asked the youth what their response would be if the smallest girl in a class of 23 children slapped each of them. Mr. Eibeku's program in Nigeria is trying as much as possible to get young people to have their emotions in check. Video of the discussion is available on the Black Women for Positive Change YouTube Urgent Issues Channel.



**Youth trained to be Peer Mediators, in Nigeria, during the
2023 October Month of Non-Violence**

OCTOBER 21, 2023, PITTSBURGH, PA

Organizer: Latara Jones, Chair, BW4PC, Pittsburgh, PA

“Speaking on It: The Importance and Value of Black Men within their Families and Communities”

of Participants: 33

SPEAKING ON IT:
“THE IMPORTANCE AND VALUE OF BLACK MEN WITHIN THEIR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES”

Saturday, October 21, 2023
Time: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m./EST
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m./CST
8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m./PST
Registration Link:
<https://bit.ly/3ZNbHNW>


T.E. Jones
Co-Host & PCTV Community Producer
Good Brother of Black Women for Positive Change


Latara Jones
Host & PCTV Community Producer
Black Women for Positive Change


Reverend Oliver Buie
Good Brother of Black Women for Positive Change
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Minister Rosilynn Gilliard
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The National Black Women for Positive Change (BW4PC), Pittsburgh Community Television Corporation (PCTV), and key stakeholders are collaborating to offer a free virtual webinar entitled, “Speaking on It: The Importance and Value of Black Men within their Families and Communities.” This webinar is part of The National Black Women for Positive Change 12th Annual Month of Non-Violence, Families, Voting Rights, and Opportunities from Sunday, October 1, 2023, through Tuesday, October 31, 2023. Join us as we hear Black men comment on their life experiences, recollections, etc. Hear from Black women who support our Black men in their efforts. The topics of our discussion are Relationships, Blended Families, Child Support-Child Care, Law Enforcement, The Role of Fathers as Providers and Protectors, Historical Facts that Show How Black Men are Systemically Attacked, Education, and Employment.

For more information: Call or Email
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Panelist Dion Dupree on Instagram , grind_mode412
Honored to be a panelist speaking on the
importance and value of Black Men within their
families & Communities on @pctvpgh

Instagram: 2,520 Likes

OCTOBER 21, 2023, 100 FATHERS, INC.
Difference Makers Summit
Organizer: Dr. Frank Malone, Washington, D.C.
of Participants: 120

The 100 Fathers, Inc. in collaboration with Black Women for Positive Change
12th Annual National month of non-violence presents.



What works and what is promising to create a non-violent community

Please come and join us on October 21, 2023 from 1pm to 4pm at

The Marion Barry Building

441 – 4th Street, NW 11th Floor

Washington, DC 20001

Let's come together to have discussions about creating a non-violent community
with fathers, mothers, youth, families and community organizations.



Cont. 100 Fathers Difference Makers Summit, WDC



The 100 Fathers, Alliance of Concerned Men, Saturday Academy for Positive Self Development, Portsmouth, VA, CREWS, Black Women for Positive Change, and National Action Network supported the Difference Makers Summit, stressing need for Leadership to rebuild families, stopping violence and helping young people to succeed.



Youth received Certificates from the Saturday Academy for Positive Self Development, Portsmouth, Virginia

OCTOBER 24, 2023, MARYLAND

Perils and Opportunities of Artificial Intelligence

Organizer: Rev. Dr. Barbara Reynolds, Chair, BW4PC AI Committee

of Participants: 50

OCTOBER 24, 2023
7 PM/EST; 6 PM/CT; 5 PM/MT; 4PM/PST

BLAKE LEMOINE
Software Engineer.
Worked at Google with companys AI engine, LaMDA.

CALVIN D. LAWRENCE
Works with Artificial Intelligence, with data and AI, including at IBM Watson, as CTO for Cognitive Computing and CTO at Smart Cities programs.

THE PERILS AND OPPORTUNITIES OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

ZOOM LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86271694168?pwd=OXVZZndRT3dYZmtkZGFTNzJYQzVNUT09>
Meeting ID: 862 7169 4168 Passcode: 019638

PETER (PETE) ATORE
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Filmmaker and Master of Architecture Candidate at MIT.

REV. DR. BARBARA REYNOLDS, CHAPLAIN
Black Women for Positive Change, Co-Founder, Positive Change Academy; and Author of The Rise and Fall of the Techno-Messiah

Sponsored by The Positive Change Academy Black Women for Positive Change
2023 Month of Non-Violence, Families, Voters Rights and Opportunities Dr. Stephanie Myers and Honorable Daun S. Hester, National Co-Chairs, Black Women for Positive Change and Co-Founders Positive Change Academy

Sponsors: Everytown for Gun Safety; Saint and Streetfighter Foundation; National Association of Black Nurses; Preeclampsia Foundation; 100 Fathers Inc.

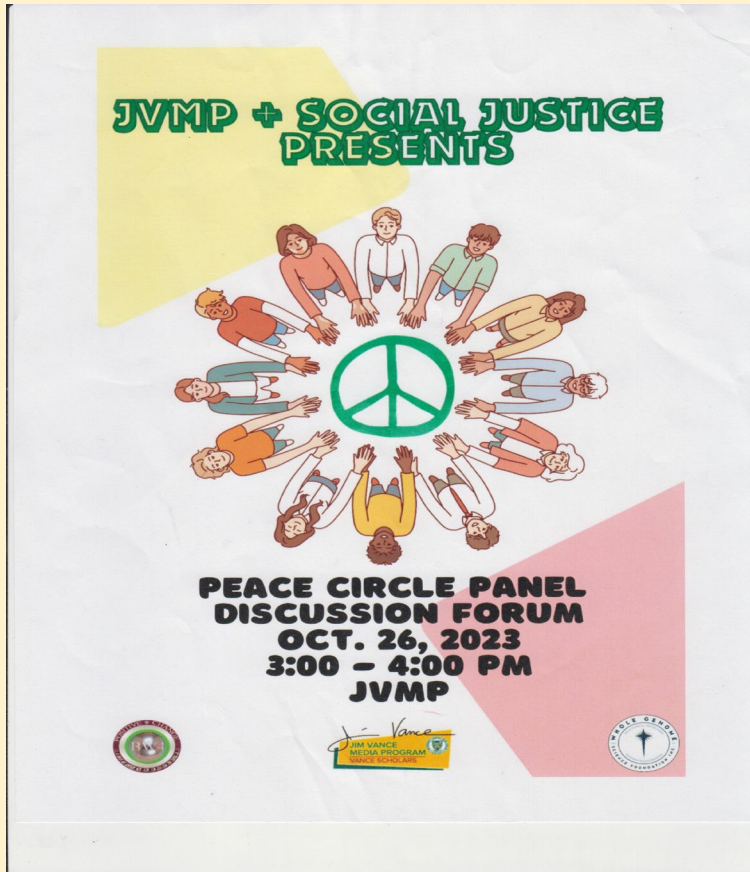
Powerful discussion about the power of Artificial Intelligence and its impact on bias in Facial Recognition, criminal justice, mortgage finance and many other industries. Excellent experienced speakers. Moderator: Rev. Dr. Barbara Reynolds, author of the Rise and Fall of the Techno Messiah, Amazon <https://www.amazon.com/Rise-Fall-Techno-Messiah-Technology-Times/dp/B0CK3QR1Z6>

PODCAST LINK: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dXm9o_bpkbA&t=6s

OCTOBER 26th PEACE FORUM PANEL, WASHINGTON, DC

Archbishop Carroll High School, Organizer: Dr. Cherie Ward

of Participants 50



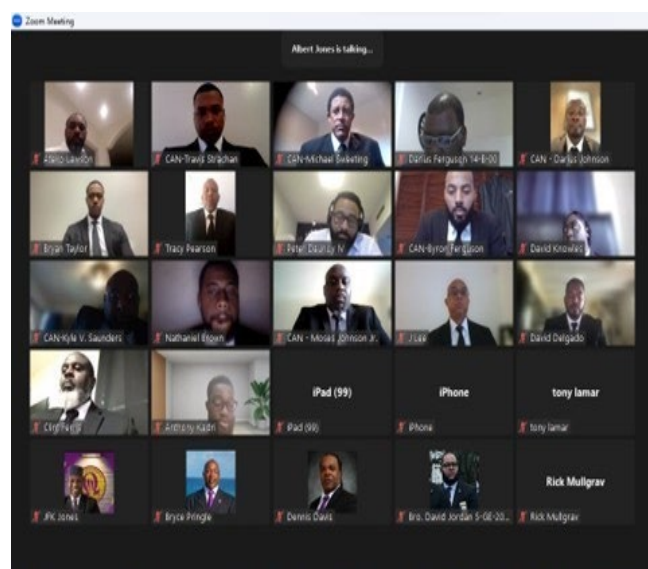
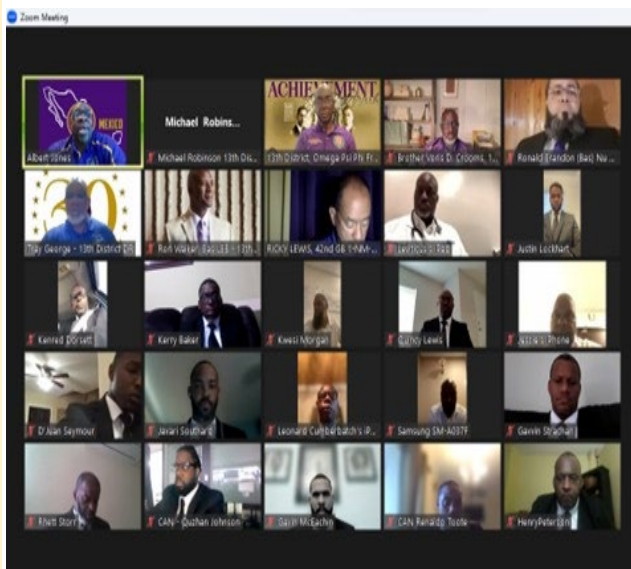
The Peace Forum at Archbishop Carroll High School featured students discussing violence, non-violence, gun safety, protecting families, bullying, climate change and how to stop violence. Archbishop Carroll Peace Circle Forum Sponsored by Whole Genome Science Foundation and Black Women for Positive Change.



Students at Archbishop Carroll High Schools discuss ways to stop violence.

PODCAST LINK: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hki-vTpPqz0&t=84s>

OCTOBER 28, 2023—OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY
Conflict Resolution Symposium, 13th International District
Month of Non-Violence Liaison: Michael Robinson, South Korea
of Participants: 62



62 members and guests of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. met via Zoom. The panel provided 10 commandments we can use to stir us in the right direction once that moment arrives.

Continued....Omega Psi Phi 13th International District

10 Commandments for Conflict Resolution

Commandment 1: Conflict is a reality. There is no escaping the fact. Hiding won't solve anything.

Commandment 2: You can't wish the problem away. Don't pretend to put on a mask. Keeping your feelings cooped inside won't work.

Commandment 3: Learn to deal with the problem, not the person. Conflict occurs because of a particular issue, not because of a person. Don't make it personal.

Commandment 4: Be respectful. Listen to the other person. Really listen. Listening to your parents or teachers may seem like a drag but zoning out is not the solution.

Commandment 5: Be assertive. You don't need to be either passive or aggressive to deal with teen conflicts. You need to be assertive. Being, assertive means putting your views forward confidently and calmly.

Commandment 6: Learn to negotiate. This is the most important skill you need to learn. Negotiating is a skill that will serve you in the long term.

Commandment 7: Stick to the present. Don't drag in past issues. Doing so will only muddy the conflict further.

Commandment 8: The silent treatment does not work. Sulking is as bad as getting aggressive - it won't solve the problem. Talk it out.

Commandment 9: Be understanding. Try to put yourself in the other person's shoes. Don't get defensive and analyze the situation.

Commandment 10: Learn to say sorry. Stand in front of the mirror and practice if need be! If you are wrong, accept it. Doing so will not make you a wimp. Only a strong person has the strength to say "sorry". This simple word can be like magic, try it!

OCTOBER 28, 2023, UNITED KINGDOM How To Have Non-Violent Communications

Organizer: Zhana in the United Kingdom
of Participants: 40

- Black History Month
- Black History Month UK
- Dr. Lynne Muhammad
- Pastor Charetta Hodge
- African Heritage Month
- Month of Nonviolence
- The Blogging Carnival for Nonviolence
- STREAM Labs
- HWPL
- Peace Summit
- violence
- nonviolence
- UK
- London
- South London
- Black Women for Positive Change
- Zhana

October was the annual Month of Nonviolence, which is held by Black Women for Positive Change, and is open to **EVERYONE**. And that means it was the month of the annual Blogging Carnival for Nonviolence. Zhana asked her guests to comment on two recent violent incidents in South London, and to suggest ways to prevent these types of incidents. Zhana's two guests were Dr. Lynne Muhammad, founder of the STREAM Labs, and Pastor Charetta Hodge of the Christhood International Ministries of St. Louis. You can also connect on Facebook at The Female Solution and on YouTube at The Female Solution.

Blogging Carnival for Non-Violence: <https://blognonviolence.weebly.com/2023-blogs>



Participants discussed improving non-violent communications from United Kingdom, South Korea, Ireland, etc.

OCTOBER 30, 2023, HOUSTON, TEXAS
Anti-Bullying Middle School Forum
Organizer: Bryan Carroll
of Participants: 300



Good Brother Bryan Carroll talked with several hundred middle schoolers in Houston, Texas, about bullying and how to stop it.

VERBAL BULLYING

1. Name-calling/teasing.
2. Making hurtful comments.
3. Threats.

SOCIAL BULLYING

Spreading rumors.

2. Causing embarrassment.
3. Encouraging others to be excluded from the group.

CYBER BULLYING

1. Sharing embarrassing photos/videos.
2. Sending hurtful comments/ messages.
3. Impersonating another person online.



DEALING WITH BULLIES

4. Know who you are.
 - Being confident in knowing who you are can give you a different perspective about other people's negative opinions.
 - People always have something to say, the question is, do you believe what they are saying?
 - You have to be grounded and confident in who you are!!

DEALING WITH BULLIES

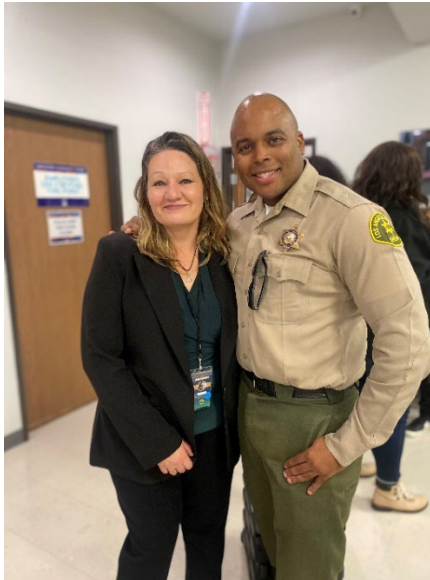
5. Don't give the bully any attention.
 - Effect of comets like "OK" "Who cares" and "So what" take away the power of the bully

NOVEMBER 6, 2023, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIF.
Peace in Education and Law Enforcement Dialog/Peace Circle
Organizer: Dr. Renata Valree
of Participants: 80

Peace In Education (PiE) held a Law Enforcement-Community Dialogue on the topic of “Existing of Deputy Gangs and Gang Subculture”, with the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department.” Attended by 80 individuals, there was standing room only. Attendance included representatives from law enforcement, civic leaders, educators, community-based organizations, faith-based leaders, youth, young adults, families, and oversight organizations.

The dialog allowed for open and honest discussion in the form of a Peace Circle and key points made were:

- An L.A. County Deputy acknowledged historical harm and accepted responsibility for it.
- Desire for Emotional Intelligence training, particularly in the areas of community, trauma, and trauma-informed approaches.
- Importance of understanding, empathy, and practical skills to ensure the safety of deputies and community members.
- Mutual recognition, respect, and appreciation between the law enforcement officers in attendance and community members with understanding that meaningful change can only occur through communication, active listening, and open-mindedness.
- Recognition from the community and law enforcement that they cannot achieve change without each other. The voices of youth were valued and emphasized, and the training highlighted the perspectives and insights of the youth.



Renata Valree and Julie Ali, of Peace in Education met with 80+ citizens in Los Angeles County, and LA County Deputies to discuss how to improve communications and improved relationships.

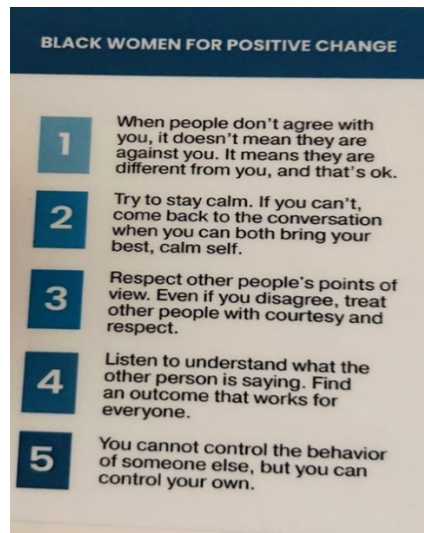
NOVEMBER 9, 2023, WASHINGTON, DC

“Girls On The Rise,” Workshop Sponsored by Continentals

Organizers: Jeannette Mobley and Phyliss Manigault, President

of Participants: 10 Girls, and 10 Adults

“Girls on the Rise” is a prevention and empowerment program designed to engage at risk girls ages 8-18 and their families residing in Southeast DC. The program offers girls various growth-enhancing opportunities, including activities and experiences that promote academic, personal, social, emotional, cultural and recreational development. Using positive youth development principles, a holistic and a two generational approach, they focus on creating opportunities that address the needs of young ladies and their families. The Continentals support this program at the Merrick Center, in Southeast DC. BW4PC members Dr. Stephanie Myers, Jeannette Mobley and Karen Carrington-Washington joined a Conflict Resolution workshop.



Each young lady at “Girls on the Rise” received a backpack with school supplies with Conflict Resolution Wallet Cards.

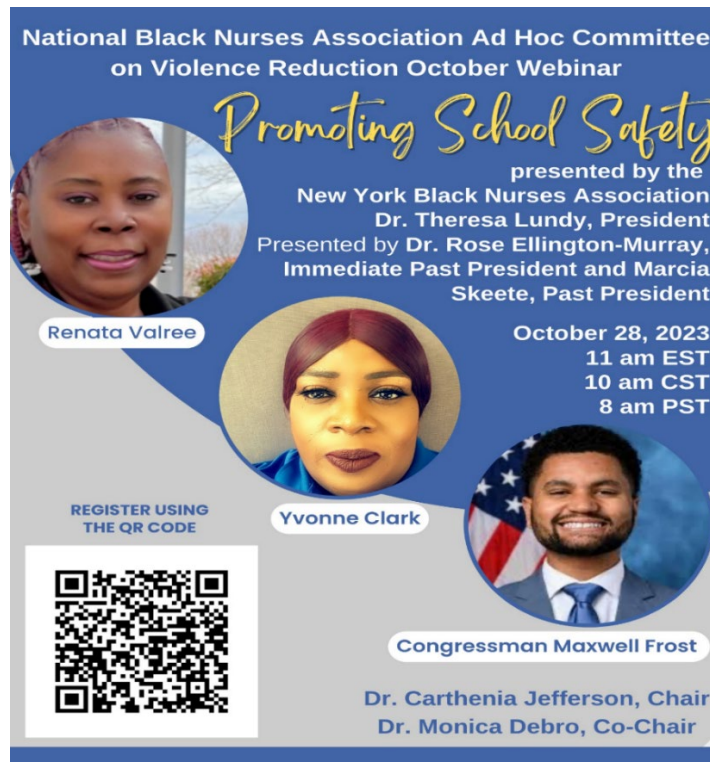


The Continentals gave a presentation to the girls on how to handle conflicts and arguments without violence.



Jeannette Mobley, member of Black Women for Positive Change provided “5 Tips for Conflict Management” Wallet cards.

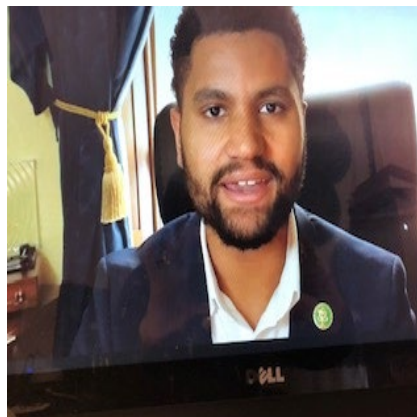
DECEMBER 2, 2023, PROMOTING SCHOOL SAFETY
Event sponsored by New York Black Nurses Association
Organizers: Dr. Lundy, Marcia Skeete, Dr. Ellington-Murray
of Participants: 37



Speakers at NBNA Webinar on School Safety



Dr. Theresa Lundy
President, New York
Black Nurses Asso.



Congressman Maxwell Frost
Representative, D-Florida



Professor Renata Valree
Black Women for Positive
Change, Peace Circles



SECTION VII

Leaders in Black Women for Positive Change

2023 BLACK WOMEN FOR POSITIVE CHANGE

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National Co-Chair



Honorable Daun S. Hester
National Co-Chair



Karen Carrington
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Dr. Barbara Reynolds, Chaplain
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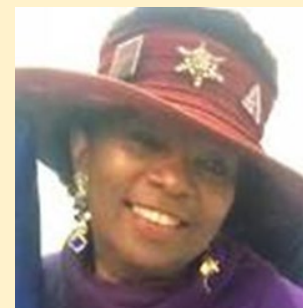
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**Marcia Skeete, Lay Leader Chaplain
and New York Black Nurses**



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BW4PC Philadelphia, PA**



**Dr. Rose Ellington Murray President
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**Latara Jones, Chair
BW4PC Pittsburgh**



**Rolanda Hatcher-Gallop, Liaison
Preeclampsia Foundation**



**Prabha Sankaranarayan, Global Events
Mediators Without Borders**



**Hattie Carlis
Carlis Design Studio**



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**Crystal Francis
GenZ & Millennial Outreach**



Hazel Trice Edney, News Service

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**Good Brother Frank Malone
CEO, 100 Fathers**



**Good Brother Rev. Oliver Buie
Black Men Working Together**



**Good Brother Damon Nailor
Social Media Producer**



**Good Brother Michael Robinson
Fraternity Liaison, Omega Psi Phi**



**Good Brother D.G. Mawn
Conflict Resolution Liaison**



**Good Brother Henry Joseph
Videographer**



Good Brother Charles Chambers, CEC Imaging

Positive Change Foundation CEO Council



Good Brother Stan Jackson
Co-Chair, CEO Council



Professor Michael Peters
Co-Chair, CEO Council

Black Women for Positive Change GenZ Connection



Nahla Owens, Chair, GenZ Connection



Dillon Mims, GenZ Connection

Liaisons, Everytown for Gun Safety



Nakida McDaniel, Community Builder
Everytown for Gun Safety



Korey Salter, Senior Director Partnerships
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SECTION VIII
MEDIA OUTREACH

CITIZENS CONNECT SOCIAL MEDIA



[HTTPS://CITIZENCONNECT.US/](https://citizenconnect.us/)



October 1 @ 8:00 am - October 31 @ 5:00 pm EDT

Month of Nonviolence

[BLACK WOMEN FOR POSITIVE CHANGE](#)

Location: Online

The 12th Annual Month of Non-Violence, Families, Voters Rights and Opportunities, October 1-31, 2023, is sponsored by Black Women for Positive Change, an inter-faith, multicultural, inter-generation organization of Women and Good Brothers. The overall mission is to “Change the Culture of Violence in America, and the World.” Individuals, Organizations, Schools, Businesses and Faith Institutions are invited to this month-long event.

BLACK WOMEN FOR POSITIVE CHANGE HOPES TO EXPAND “PEACE CIRCLES” TO STOP YOUTH VIOLENCE

During October 2023, the 12th Annual Month of Non-Violence, Families, Voter Rights and Opportunities, will take place in twenty (20) states across America. This year the focus is on promoting “Peace Circles,” that teach young people and adults how to improve communications, resolve differences and ways to de-escalate fighting and violence. The effort to expand Restorative Peace Circles, is organized by **Black Women for Positive Change**, (BW4PC) along with Good Brothers, Millennials and GenZs.



“During the Month of Non-Violence in October 2023, we are reaching out to schools and educational institutions to organize “Restorative Justice Peace Circles.” We must teach youth and adults how to change their personal, family and community cultures, so violence can be avoided,” stated Dr. Stephanie Myers and Honorable Daun S. Hester, National Co-Chairs, Black Women for Positive Change. The Co-Chairs continued, “We have worked for twelve years with government leaders, civic leaders, faith leaders, educators, and the business sector, to put a priority on violence prevention and to promote de-escalation of violence. We, the people of all backgrounds, races and religions, must find ways to stop the growing epidemic of mass shootings and individual violence.”

The Peace Circles Committee is led by Professor Renata Valree, of Peace in Education, in California, and Kimberly Best, CEO, Best Conflict Solutions LLC, in Tennessee. Dr. Valree and Ms. Best stated, “We are aware that effective Peace Circles are used by Educators in many cities and states. We invite school superintendents, principals, and teachers to expand this effort by organizing Peace Circles at their schools. School districts and educators can sign up at www.monthofnonviolence.org. Individuals and groups who sign up will receive free Peace Circles Tool Kits. We will also connect those interested in receiving advance training through a National Association for Community Mediation, local community mediation center.” Co-sponsors of the 12th Annual Month of Non-Violence, Families, Voters Rights and Opportunities, and the Peace Circles initiative are National Black Nurses Association, Peace in Education, Best Conflict Solutions, National Association for Community Mediation, 100 Fathers Inc., Everytown for Gun Safety, Trusted Inc., Preeclampsia Foundation and Positive Change Foundation.

PREECLAMPSIA FOUNDATION TEAMS WITH BLACK WOMEN FOR POSITIVE CHANGE TO ADDRESS SELF-ADVOCACY IN BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH, NONVIOLENCE

- **OCTOBER 16, 2023, PRESS RELEASE**

Two national nonprofit organizations known for their advocacy work for women and families are partnering to address disparities in Black maternal health and provide solutions to close the gap.

The Preeclampsia Foundation and Black Women for Positive Change are co-hosting the live Zoom event, “Changing the Narrative: Examining Black Maternal Health through the Lens of Advocacy and Non-Violence,” at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, in recognition of October as the Month of Non-Violence, Families, Voters Rights, and Opportunities. The free webinar includes invited healthcare providers, community leaders, patient advocates, and other experts discussing strategies to help ensure more Black mothers and babies survive childbirth and the postpartum period. Registration is available via [Zoom](#).

“This discussion is urgently needed when we consider the alarming statistics on maternal morbidity in the U.S. that disproportionately affects Black women,” says Dr. Stephanie E. Myers, PhD, national co-chair of Black Women for Positive Change. The organization is a multicultural advocacy network dedicated to “changing the culture of violence” by promoting awareness of de-escalation tools and methods, supporting de-escalation legislation on state and federal levels, and the main sponsor of annual Months of Non-Violence. “By arming pregnant persons and their families with knowledge and steps on how they can advocate for themselves in maternal health spaces, we are helping to curtail potential conflict in emergency situations,” Myers adds.

Featured speakers for the event include leaders from the Black Women for Positive Change and the Preeclampsia Foundation; Connie Graves, MD, MFM, Medical Director of Tennessee Maternal Fetal Medicine; Porsche Holland-Otunba, M.S., CLC, C-CBE of Reclaim Black Motherhood; Alexis Dunn Amore, PhD, CNM, FACNM, NYU Professor, Choices Center for Reproductive Health; Carthenia Jefferson, Esq., RN, Chair of the National Black Nurses Association; Valda Crowder, MD of University of Pittsburgh Medical Center; Patient and Family advocates Shakima Tozay, LICSW, PMH-C and Wanda Irving of Dr. Shalon’s Maternal Action Project; Sheridan Blackwell, MHA, Head of Systems Change, Partnerships and Hospitals of the IRTM app.

According to the latest report by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Black women are nearly three times more likely to die during childbirth than women of other races and ethnicities. In addition, Black women are 60% more likely to develop preeclampsia, a life-threatening hypertensive disorder of pregnancy, with statistically worse outcomes, including being three times more likely to die from complications. “Like Black Women for Positive Change, the Preeclampsia Foundation focuses on solutions, not restating the problem,” said Preeclampsia Foundation Director

of Communications and Engagement Laney Poye. “We take an evidence-based, multi-level approach that includes national, local, and individual action to address preeclampsia and its impact on Black women and birthing people.”

“That is why the webinar on Oct. 19 is so important. We have assembled a panel of speakers who will bring different perspectives on Black Maternal Health to the discussion that adds to real, actionable ways we can transform care and improve outcomes,” Poye said. The Preeclampsia Foundation is currently amplifying the voices of Black moms and their birth experiences in research on the disorder through its Take 10 for Preeclampsia Research campaign. The initiative urges women to take 10 minutes to sign up for the Preeclampsia Registry and add their pregnancy experience to preeclampsia research efforts. Log on to www.preeclampsia.org/Take10 for more information on the campaign.

The Black Maternal Health webinar is one of several events sponsored by the Black Women for Positive Change during the Month of Non-Violence, Families, Voters Rights, and Opportunities. Visit www.monthofnonviolence.org for more information.

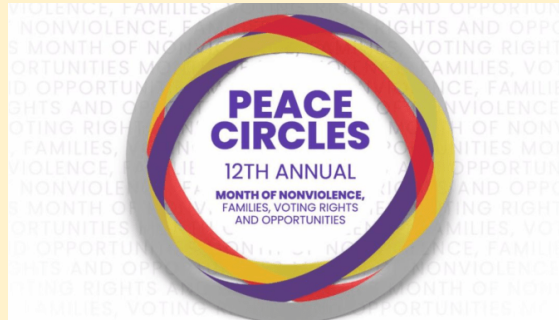
About the Preeclampsia Foundation and MoMMA’s Voices

The Preeclampsia Foundation is a U.S.-based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established in 2000 to improve the outcomes of hypertensive disorders of pregnancy by educating, supporting, and engaging the community, improving healthcare practices, and finding a cure. We envision a world where preeclampsia and related hypertensive disorders of pregnancy no longer threaten the lives of mothers and babies. For more information, visit www.preeclampsia.org.



PROMOTE PEACE CIRCLES TO TEACH YOUTH HOW TO STOP FIGHTS AND VIOLENCE

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By Black Women for Positive Change

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**Sign up for organize Peace Circles and for a free “Peace Circles Tool Kit”
at: www.monthofnonviolence.org ; #monthofnonviolence.org**

The Month of Non-Violence, Families, Voting Rights and Opportunities is an opportunity for individuals, organizations, youth, Millennials, Faith Institutions, business leaders, athletes, Educators and everyone else to organize large and small events to promote non-violence, peace and getting along. You are invited to schedule your own event in your own neighborhood to inform youth that they can master their anger, and learn conflict resolution and anti-bullying skills.

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