

Global Strategy of Nonviolence, For the Children

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An **EMERGENCY PLAN** to Unite the People to Create Peace, Ban Nuclear Weapons, and Save the Environment that is ready NOW

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Dear Caretakers of the World:

Roger Kotila, Editor of *Earth Federation News & View*, forwarded the article, **NATO Warmongering at the Highest Pitch**, because of his fear that “US/NATO's actions could lead to a (nuclear) war with Russia.” The danger of nuclear war is growing and what is being done now to turn it around is not working! The world is becoming more and more divided and violent. We need an emergency plan to unite! We have to be innovative, think BIG, and try everything. I propose that it is time to use a new psychology to unite the people first then use the **political clout** attained to defuse conflicts. The following is a new plan to capture and “keep” the attention of the media and the people – a plan of GOOD WILL and nonviolent direct action – the largest movement of nonviolence the world has ever seen!

I humbly, but **BOLDLY**, would like to submit a plan to UNITE the PEOPLE of the WORLD, all the movements, religions, and Mayors and Community Leaders in every village, town, and city in every country and it is designed to begin immediately. One last step remains.

This is an **EMERGENCY**. The people in every country must rise up and UNITE at the same time as everyone else **to influence their own government** to defuse the threat of war and defuse the political rhetoric. How? WOMEN can make it happen, nonviolence is the tool, and the motivation is the children!

Non-governmental women leaders will enlist women to be the “first” to rise-up and unite as the peacemakers. The plan is one step away from beginning! This is a **formal request** for help with one element of the last step to get the movement started (enlisting specific women leaders) and enlist all the anti-nuke organizations and initiatives to help as well. The plan is designed as the umbrella movement (the mother movement) that everyone will be asked to **support and promote while working for their own cause!**

Everyone will be asked to promote a Gandhi / King-like people movement of nonviolence called a **GLOBAL MOVEMENT of NONVIOLENCE, For the Children (GMofNV)**. A GMofNV is a comprehensive plan that includes mobilization, conflict resolution, and a constructive phase. A GMofNV will be implemented by an initiative called a

CALL to WOMEN, a World-Wide Unity Campaign.

This is not just for women, it is for everyone, women and men, as the Civil Rights movement in the U.S. was for everyone and not just for Blacks, but when women rise up, watch what happens! It is time for women to take the world stage. Women are rising up as evidenced when they mobilized [at the DMZ](#) in May of 2015, on [October 21st in Israel](#), and in [South America](#) on October 25th. Now is the time to promote the concept on a global scale.

I have networked with non-governmental women leaders from around the world (see list below) and presented the plan to the peace and anti-nuke movements, the religious and spiritual movements, and the environmental movement. I am currently in communication with the directors of humanitarian organizations (ex: Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, UN High Commissioner of Human Rights, Filippo Grandi, UN High Commissioner of Refugees, Peter Maurer - President of the International Red Cross, and Ertharin Cousin - Executive Director of the United Nations World Food Programme, etc.) to ask them to support and promote the plan with women leading the way. This is just the beginning. There is much more to tell you. It is time to unite!

THIS IS AN EMERGENCY! Now it is time for action! **The environmental movement will fail** without a peace movement of comparable size because war interferes with the work that is needed to be done to save the environment. Nuclear disarmament will not happen without a peace movement. Therefore, first and foremost, the plan must be focused on uniting the people to prevent, defuse, and **STOP WAR**.

Comprehensive plans are ready as a guideline (See Highlights below). The mechanisms are in place and the catalyst to begin the movement is prepared. The **KEY is to GET IT STARTED**. What makes a GMofNV different is that it also includes a means to fund the entire movement and at the same time fund the constructive phase, "For the Children" of the world. Please ask for the budget. The people will be promoting a new narrative of committing to nonviolence and committing to working together for humanity – helping others. This narrative is the vital component to **change the consciousness of the people** of the world.

It is time for WOMEN to take a voice of their own. Women are needed now to save the planet. When women unite as the peacemakers, it will affect the hearts of women and men for time eternal and reduce the threat of violence. Please help with the last step!

There is no other plan as bold or ready now. The success is predicated on women leaders coming to the forefront and the support of all peace, environment, and humanitarian organizations – “For the Children.”

The children are watching. We must act now in behalf of the children or forever hold our peace! Please contact me as soon as you are able to discuss the full plan, the strategy to enlist the leaders, and a specific request. Thank you.

Peace and Love,
Andre Sheldon

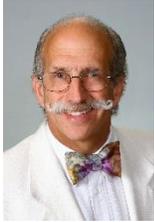
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P.S. I am a man, a person, 65 years old, who believes society can change from a male-dominated society to a partnership society (cultural transformation theory from The Chalice and the Blade by Riane Eisler) and am dedicated to help bring it to fruition.

Riane Eisler wrote to me: *“I was moved by your deep understanding of my work, your quotes from Chalice, and your commitment to empowering women. Your initiative is great...”*

SUPPORT STATEMENTS

Helen Caldicott – Author, World Peace Activist, Nuclear Abolitionist

“I think this is a very good idea.” (The plan is based on her original idea of uniting women)

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.”*

Howard Zinn - Author, Activist, Historian - (Howard was my confidante) – *“Your ‘Call to Women’ is excellent. Well written, clear, strong. No doubt women represent non-violence best.”*

Noam Chomsky – Author, Activist

“I hope your effort achieves the resonance it should.”

Robert Koehler – Columnist at Huffington Post wrote to me,

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

Rabbi Michael Lerner – Founder of Network of Spiritual Progressives

“I agree that the patriarchal world needs to change.”

Gila Svirsky - Co-founder of Coalition for Women for Peace and Women in Black

“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.”

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

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

QUOTES

David Krieger, President of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation [wrote](#), “...*the people united are a superpower that can take charge of our planet.*”

Naomi Klein, Author and Environmental Activist [wrote](#), “... *strengthening the threads tying together our various issues and movements – is, I would argue, the most pressing task of anyone concerned with social and economic justice.*”

Klein also wrote, “**This is an emergency**, a present emergency, not a future one, but we aren’t acting like it. The Paris Agreement commits to keeping warming below 2°C. It’s a target that is beyond reckless.”

Jill Stein, Presidential Candidate in the U.S. of the Green Party said, “*The challenge of our era is to bring our movements together so we’re working with a common agenda and to some extent a common strategy.*”

Oprah Winfrey quote [in People Magazine wrote](#), “*What I’m looking for is some kind of leadership to come out of this to say, ‘This is what we want. This is what has to change, and these are the steps that we need to take to make these changes, and this is what we’re willing to do to get it.’*”

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.”

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)

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.”

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.

Network of leaders informed of a GMofNV

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
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
Eve Ensler	Author and founder of V/Day
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
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>	

HIGHLIGHTS

**Global Movement of Nonviolence,
For the Children**

**CALL to WOMEN,
World-Wide Unity Campaign**

**GLOBAL PEACE NEGOTIATIONS, led
by Women**

GLOBAL PHILANTHROPIC FOUNDATION

GLOBAL FUNDING PLAN

LOCAL PLAN –

Every Mayor / Community Leader

LOCAL SPONSORS

WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN

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