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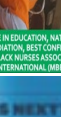
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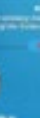
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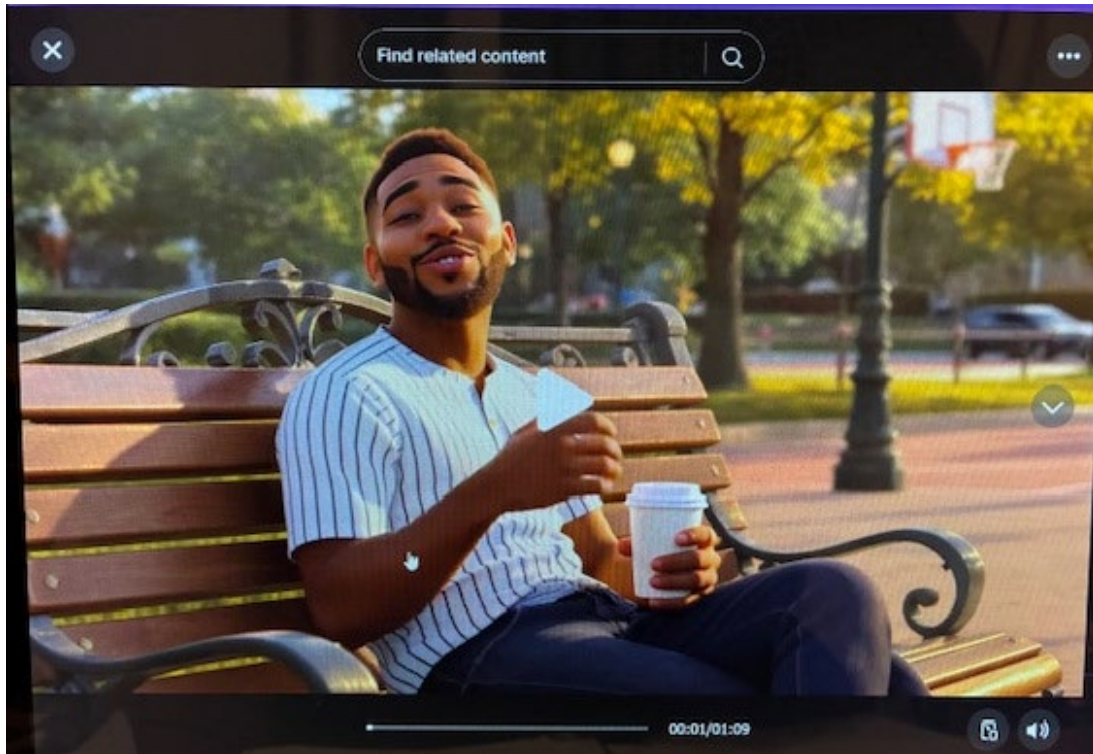
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Dear Supporters and Global Network.

The purpose of the 14th Annual Month of Non-Violence, Families and Understanding Artificial Intelligence was to encourage people and organizations in America and overseas, to create events that emphasized *“Changing the Culture of Violence in America, and the World”* and *“Understanding Artificial Intelligence.”* We are pleased that we had 36 organizers around the world who put together dozens of face to face and virtual events, in the USA, overseas in Germany, the Virgin Islands, South Korea and six (6) African countries. We are grateful that thousands of people participated in innovative, enlightening and significant discussions focused on anti-bullying, gun safety, domestic violence, building healthy relationships and the impact of Artificial Intelligence. Feedback from participants has been very positive.

We appreciate our very important sponsors Everytown for Gun Safety, Trusted Inc., National Association for Community Mediation, National Black Nurses Association, Mediators Beyond Borders International, 100 Fathers and many more. And, we hold up the Organizers and true leaders who have consistently demonstrated compassion and dedication to our educating communities.

We encourage everyone reading this report to donate and join our network at www.blackwomenforpositivechange.org Let's plan together for 2026.

Thank you!



Dr. Stephanie E. Myers



Honorable Daun S. Hester

**National Co-Chairs, Black Women for Positive Change
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Summary of National Impact

During the Y'2025 Month of Non-Violence, Families and Artificial Intelligence, the Positive Change Foundation and Black Women for Positive Change organized national and international face-to-face and virtual events to promote awareness of Peace Circles, non-violence, violence prevention, anger management, and conflict resolution. Mayors across America issued proclamations and recited the Peace Pledge to urge adults, GenZs and K-12 students to use behavioral tools for bystander intervention, and to overcome differences and conflicts in gender, race religion, age and culture.

The global outreach partnership was with organizations including Everytown for Gun Safety, Mediators Beyond Borders International MBBI, National Black Nurses Association, 100 Fathers, and a series of non-profits. This year the global network expanded its reach within the professional peacebuilding field by directly engaging mediators, peacebuilders, and conflict resolution practitioners across the United States and internationally. National endorsement from the World Conference of Mayors, and administrative assistance from Mediators Beyond Borders International, further amplified the initiative's profile and credibility.

In various parts of the United States, Africa, South Korea, Germany and the Virgin Islands, organizers mobilized professional leaders to record and share the Non-Violence Peace Pledge and to host and facilitate Peace Circles within their communities, workplaces, and professional networks. Peace Pledges were uploaded on TikTok, Instagram and Facebook to leverage the leadership and credibility of mediators and peacebuilders. The campaign also strengthened its ability to multiply impact through national and local media and included radio interviews, social media and sign-ups at the Month of Non-Violence website.

A new topic this year focused on helping people to understand the impact of Artificial Intelligence. Forums were held to encourage communities to evaluate the ethical and moral uses of AI and to help global communities prepare for job losses caused by AI expansion in cities across the world. Feedback was positive from attendees at AI Programs.

The impact of the 14th Annual Month of Non-Violence, Families and Understanding AI was assessed through reach, engagement, and influence indicators, including increased awareness and use of micro-grants, follow-up inquiries from organizations and community leaders, and evidence of non-violence messaging and dialogue frameworks being shared or adapted by partner organizations. Through this approach, global alignments were strengthened across the peacebuilding field and platforms were created for collective action, that reinforced non-violence norms and supported community-based efforts nationwide.

Building on prior participation of more than 5,000 individuals across multiple countries, **the** 14th Annual Month of Non-Violence advanced its goal of reaching over 10,000 participants by positioning professional mediators as ambassadors for non-violence, and reaching out through social media and media outlets. This strategy contributed to increased awareness, expanded dialogue-based conflict resolution practices, and reinforced a shared commitment to building non-violent communities and peaceful families.

Our sincere appreciation to Everytown for Gun Safety, Mediators Beyond Borders International, National Black Nurses Association, Landberger Fund, Trusted Inc. and the multi-cultural network of women and Good Brothers.

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Professor Michael Peters, CEO, Trusted Partnerships
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Queen Mother Rev. Dr. E. Faye Williams, CEO, The Dick Gregory Society

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The Institute For Nonviolence Los Angeles Days of Dialogue
Washington DC Chapter of The Continentals Societies Inc.
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14th Annual Month of Non-Violence Coordinators

Dr. Stephanie Myers, National Coordinator
Rev. Dr. Barbara Reynolds, Chaplain and Chair, AI Committee
Tina Jones, Co-Chair, AI Committee
Charlene Ligon, Web Producer
Lisa Hughes, National Communications Coordinator
Glynis Mason and Marcia Skeete, Co-Chairs, Amenities Committee
Jeannette Mobley, Co-Chair, District of Columbia
Sharon Shelton, Co-Chair Los Angeles, Chair, Needs Assessment, Peace Builder
Jan Perry, Co-Chair, Los Angeles, CA
Danyell Smith, Chair, Baltimore, MD
Rev. Oliver Buie and Dr. Frank Malone, Good Brother Co-Chairs
Rev. Dr. Attorney E. Faye Williams, Liaison, World Conference of Mayors
Gloria Dulan Wilson, Chair, Philadelphia, PA
Hattie Carlis, Social Media Technician, Tiktok, Instagram and Creator of Promo
Damon Nailer, Social Media Technician for Facebook

Month of Non-Violence & Peace Pledge Organizers in USA

Brian Carroll, Cure Inc., Houston, Texas
Lisa Bass Cooper, Holistic Homes Inc
Sal Corbin, DC Peace Team
Vera Fields, Howard University Gerontology Center, School of Social Work
Kendra Fipps, Bridge Foundation Development Corp.
Prince Hamm, Making a Difference (MAD), Maryland
Rev. Mark Hayes, Virginia Center for Public Safety, Virginia
Carthenia Jefferson, Esq., National Black Nurses Asso.
Tanya Johnson, Restored Sisterhood Circle
Tina Jones, BWFPC AI Committee
Constance Kinder, Auntie Connie's Creative Corner
Dr. Frank Malone, 100 Fathers, Washington, DC
Glynis Mason, Week of Prayer
Mayor McCoy, Alabama Parents of Murdered Children
William McMurray and London McMurray, Operation American RAC
Jeannette Mobley, DC BWFPC Co-Chair & The Continentals
Donna Brown and Ayanna Parker, The Encouragement Group, Inglewood, Calif.
Sharon Shelton, Positive Results Center, Lawndale, CA.
Rev. Dr. Barbara Reynolds, BWFPC AI Committee
Gail Reynolds, Virginia Center for Public Safety, Virginia
Michael Robinson, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity
Danyell Smith, Cure INC Baltimore MD
Marcia Skeete, National Black Nurses Association
Cherie Ward, Archbishop Carroll High School

Overseas Event Coordinators

Biki, Nairobi, Kenya
Paul Dadzie, Future Generation Africa
Adamson Eniola, Movement for African Emancipation
Abiola Faleye, Women in Mediation Network
Mafa Kwanisai Mafa, Midlands State University
Brown Masingati, African Harmony Collective
Ayegbusi Olufunke, Movement for African Emancipation
Adeyinka Oshunkoya, Movement for African Emancipation
Chinedu Okeke, Movement for African Emancipation
Michael Robinson, Omega Psi Phi, Army Bases, So. Korea, Germany, Virgin Islands

CITY PROCLAMATIONS,
PEACE PLEDGES AND SOCIAL MEDIA
LINKS

SOCIAL MEDIA PEACE PLEDGE LINKS:

TikTok: @Blackwomen4poschange

www.instagram.monthofnonviolence

Facebook: BlackWomenforPositiveChange

YouTube: BW4PCUrgentIssuesChannel

Proclamation



NATIONAL MONTH OF NONVIOLENCE

OCTOBER 2025

WHEREAS, from ancient times to the work of Mahatma Ghandhi and the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the principles of nonviolence have been central to the advancement of justice, equality, peace, and democracy; and

WHEREAS, nonviolence nurtures understanding, compassion, and reverence for the inherent dignity of every person, advancing the resolution of conflicts through dialogue, empathy, and understanding; and



WHEREAS, the 14th Annual National Month of Nonviolence and its mission to "change the culture of violence in America and the world," are powerful reminders of our collective responsibility to create a world where violence is replaced by kindness, respect, and peaceful coexistence; and

WHEREAS, we join Black Women for Positive Change in commemorating the National Month of Nonviolence by urging families, schools, and communities to unite in organizing violence prevention initiatives, all with a shared commitment to fostering a culture of peace, safety, and mutual respect:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF WASHINGTON, DC, do hereby
proclaim October 2025, as the "NATIONAL MONTH OF NONVIOLENCE

CALIFORNIA, CITY OF LANCASTER
Proclamation from Mayor R. Rick Parris for the
14th Annual Month of Non-Violence, Families and
Understanding Artificial Intelligence.



CALIFORNIA, CITY OF LONG BEACH
Proclamation from Mayor Rex Richardson,
for the 14th Annual Month of Non-Violence,
Families and Understanding Artificial
Intelligence.



CALIFORNIA, CULVER CITY

Proclamation for 14th Annual Month of Non-Violence from Mayor Dan O'Brien, Councilmember Brian "Bubba" Fish, Councilmember Albert Vera and Councilmember Yasmine-Imani McMorris.



World Conference of Mayors Endorses 14th Annual Month of Non-Violence, Families, and Understanding Impact of Artificial Intelligence



The Honorable Johnny Ford, Founder, Secretary General, and President Emeritus, World Conference of Mayors

World Conference of Mayors Resolution Endorsing the “14th Annual Month of Non-Violence, Families, and Understanding the Impact of Artificial Intelligence”

Whereas the World Conference of Mayors has approved a project to reduce gun violence with The American RAC, a firearm and storage company, and;

Whereas Black Women for Positive Change, member of the World Conference of Mayors, is dedicated to “Changing the Culture of Violence in America, and the World,” and;

Whereas, Black Women for Positive Change has sponsored 13th Annual Months of Non-Violence, Families, Voters Rights and Opportunities, that in 2024 included a White House Peace Circle and violence prevention activities in Alabama, California, District of Columbia, Florida, Kentucky, New York, Maryland, North Carolina and Virginia and oversea in the United Kingdom, South Korea, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Nigeria and Zimbabwe, and;

Whereas, Black Women for Positive Change requests a joint effort with the World Conference of Mayors to promote global opportunities, to teach anger management and conflict resolution, and to find innovative ways to use artificial intelligence to stop individual, family and world violence, and;

Therefore, be it resolved that the World Conference of Mayors has endorsed the October 1-31, 2025 14th Annual Month of Non-Violence, Families and Understanding the Impact of Artificial Intelligence.” WCM will work with Black Women for Positive Change to develop a global agenda and calendar to organize violence prevention activities in the USA, and overseas.



Mediators Beyond Borders INTERNATIONAL

Join the 14th Annual Month of Non-Violence, Families, and Understanding Artificial Intelligence

This October, we invite mediators, peacebuilders, and conflict resolution professionals to join the Positive Change Foundation and Black Women for Positive Change in observing the 14th Annual Month of Non-Violence, Families, and Understanding Artificial Intelligence. Your expertise and leadership are vital in advancing our mission of changing the culture of violence by fostering peace, resilience, and dialogue.

MBBI Liaisons with Positive Change Foundation and Black Women for Positive Change



Prabha Sankaranarayan
MBBI President & CEO



Benjamin Lutz, Ph.D.
MBBI Operations Manager



Sharon Shelton, BWFPCLiaison

How You Can Lead: As trusted mediators and peacebuilders, you are uniquely positioned to help expand this movement. Here are two powerful ways you can take action: (1) Record the Non-Violence Peace Pledge – Share your professional commitment to peace and inspire others in your networks to do the same; (2) Host or Facilitate a Peace Circle – Use your facilitation expertise to guide transformative conversations in your community, workplace, or professional associations.

Why Your Role Matters: Last year, more than 5,000 people participated in events across the United States, the United Kingdom, South Korea, and Africa. This year, our goal is to reach over 20,000 participants. As mediators and peacebuilders, your leadership can multiply impact—strengthening communities, equipping people with de-escalation tools, and modeling dialogue across divides.

Get Involved Today (1) Sign up and learn more; (2) Take and share the Peace Pledge; (3) Access Peace Circle facilitation toolkits: Together, as a community of mediators and peacebuilders, we can lead this effort to reduce violence, promote dialogue, and build non-violent communities and peaceful families. Your facilitation skills are vital to the success of this global initiative.

**WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO RECITE THE PEACE PLEDGE TO
IN THE NAME OF NON-VIOLENCE.**

**VIDEO RECORD YOUR PLEDGE AND SEND TO
Bkwomen4poschange@gmail.com**



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Will You Rap, Sing, Speak, or Dance the Peace Pledge?

***Make a 30 Sec-1 min. Peace Pledge Video Tape and Send to:
Bkwomen4poschange@gmail.com***



Sign attached authorization form and send copy of Peace Pledge video to:

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Mayor Cherelle Parker Chants the Peace Pledge



Gloria Dulan Wilson, Chair, Philadelphia, Black Women for Positive Change, asked Mayor Cherelle Parker to do the Peace Pledge. Photo taken at Delta Sigma Theta gathering.

Link to TikTok for Video

https://www.tiktok.com/@blackwomen4poschange/video/7554423317537590541?is_from_webapp=1&sender_device=pc&web_id=7555575625961424398

Mayor Cherelle Parker, is the first Black Woman to hold the office of Mayor in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 343 years.

Radio Talk Show Host Tavis Smiley Recites the Peace Pledge



Listen to Tavis Smiley and Peace Pledge

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Peace Pledge Recited by Mayor Alberta McCorey Hobson, Alabama



Mayor Alberta McCorey, City of Hobson, Alabama. Mayor McCorey is a Leader in the World Conference of Mayors.

Mayor McCorey and Parents of Murdered Children in Alabama, Recite Peace Pledge

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Peace Pledge Recited by Queen Mother Rev. Dr. E. Faye Williams



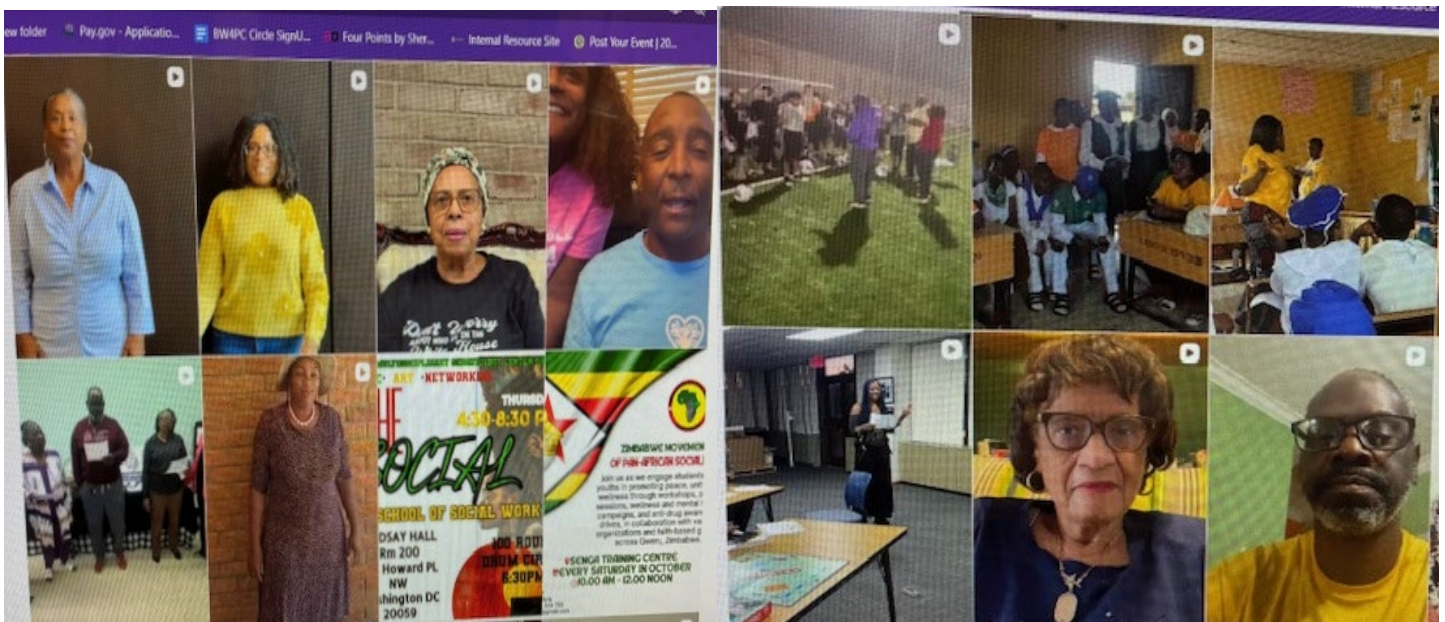
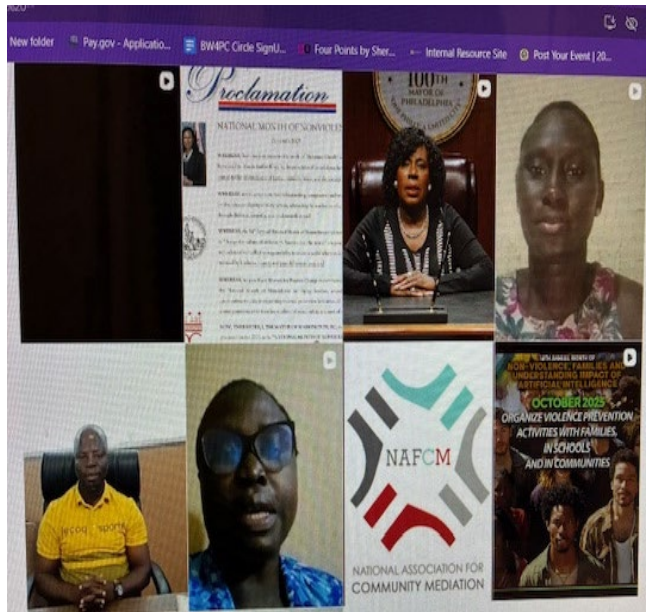
Queen Mother Rev. Dr. E Faye Williams, member of Black Women for Positive Change, was coronated in Accra, Ghana as a Queen Mother of the Ashante Tribe November 23, 2025. Queen Mother Williams is a leader in the World Conference of Mayors

Queen Mother Rev. Dr. E. Faye Williams, chants the Peace Pledge

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PEACE PLEDGE ON SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

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Facebook: BlackWomenforPositiveChange



Thanks to Peace Pledge participants including students at Archbishop Carroll High School, National Association For Community Mediation, students in Zimbabwe and Nigeria, Philadelphia Mayor Cherelle Parker, Ambassador Queen Mother Dr. Rev. E. Faye Williams, Omega Psi Phi Brothers at the Army Base in Kaiserslautern, Germany, William and London McMurray, Mayor Alberta McCrory and Alabama Parents of Murdered Children, Rev. Dr. Barbara Reynolds, Charles Chamber, Alyssa Sandford, deaf sign language interpreters and many more! (Partial listing)

THANKS TO OUR MEDIA AND ORGANIZATIONAL PARTNERS

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Carl Nelson Show, WOL Radio, WDC & Baltimore

Wake Up and Stay Woke, Dr. E. Faye Williams, WPFW Radio, WDC

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The People’s Choice, J.D. Flint, WCEG TV, Atlanta, GA

Igniting Change, Barbara Arnwine, Esq., WOL 1450 AM

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Changing the Culture of Violence Through the 14th Annual Month of Non-Violence, Families, and Understanding Artificial Intelligence

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Americans live under the threat of gun violence, domestic abuse, school shootings, attacks on churches, mosques, and synagogues, domestic terrorism, and the growing threat of Artificial Intelligence that can influence elections and eliminate jobs. The estimated number of violent crimes in the United States was 1,221,345, according to FBI data released in August 2025. In response to the growing epidemic of violence and diminished opportunities, Dr. Stephanie Myers and Honorable Daun S. Hester, National Co-Chairs of Black Women for Positive Change (BWFP), declared October 2025 the 14th Annual Month of Non-Violence, Families and Understanding Artificial Intelligence.

BWFP is an inter-racial network composed of a coalition of Women, Men, GenZs, Millennials, and Boomers who are intergenerational and ecumenical. Sponsors of the October Month of Non-Violence are the Positive Change Foundation, Everytown for Gun Safety, Trusted Inc., Best Conflict Solutions, 100 Fathers Inc., National Black Nurses Association, National Association for Conflict Resolution, Mediators Beyond Borders International, and many more.

In a joint statement, Dr. Stephanie Myers and Honorable Daun S. Hester said, "We are now in our 14th year of promoting Non-Violence and Changing the Culture of Violence in America, and the World. Our members and affiliates have held pro-peace and Peace Circle events in the USA, and overseas. During this October we promoted a social media 'Peace Pledge' and we are encouraging educators, sports activists, students, and public officials to sing, speak, and/or dance the non-violent Peace Pledge. In addition, the Peace Pledge is trending globally in Liberia, Nigeria, Malawi, Ghana and other African nations." Mayor Cherelle Parker, of Philadelphia, PA. and National Talk Show Host Tavis Smiley, have chanted the Peace Pledge on social media and DC Mayor Muriel Bowser and City of Lancaster, California Mayor R. Rick Paris, have issued Proclamations.

During October, a series of events have addressed the issues of non-violence and using AI from various perspectives. On October 18, 2025 Adam Clayton Powell III, a scholar and leader in cybersecurity, Dr. Denise Turley, an educator and trainer, and Dr. Barbara Reynolds, author of "Artificial Intelligence and the Rise and Fall of the Techno-Messiah", held a virtual platform about how AI is affecting the workplace and upcoming elections. Other events included, an honest session about "Understanding Intimate Partner Violence," by the National Black Nurses Association; "How Artificial Intelligence Impacts Systematic Thinking in Young People", at Archbishop High School, Washington DC; and a panel titled, "Voices, Vision and Voices Coming Together," among high school youth in Portsmouth Virginia, Center for Public Service. On Oct 27, 7 pm/EST, there will be a live webinar on "Conflict Resolution and Gun Safety," sponsored by Operation AmericanRAC. Information available at: www.monthofnonviolence.org

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Global 14th Annual Month of Non-Violence, Families and Understanding Artificial Intelligence, October 2025

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The 14th Annual Month of Non-Violence, Families, and Understanding Artificial Intelligence, is during the entire month of October 2025. This annual effort organized by Black Women for Positive Change, in affiliation with the Positive Change Foundation, is supported by Everytown for Gun Safety, The World Conference of Mayors, National Association of Black Nurses, National Association for Community Mediation, DC Peace Team, Mediators Beyond Borders, and 100 Fathers Inc. To date dozens of virtual and face to face events are planned in: Arizona, Washington D.C., Tennessee, California, Illinois, Michigan, Maryland, Washington State, Texas, and overseas in South Korea, Malawi, Nigeria; Kenya, and Liberia. The schedule for events is posted at: www.monthofnonviolence.org

"While we are glad to see statistics that report a national reduction of violence happening across America, we wake up too often to news stories about horrific violent incidents like the mass shooting that killed and injured children at the Church, in Minneapolis. We all must work hard to change the culture of violence in America and the world. This year there are three primary themes—"Non-Violence, Families, and Understanding Artificial Intelligence," said Honorable Daun S. Hester and Dr. Stephanie Myers in a joint statement. They continue, "First, we want organizations and individuals to focus non-violence and individual peace building strategies like Peace Circles; Second, we want people to strengthen their families and accept the fact that lots of violence begins at the kitchen table; and Third, we want communities to realize 'Artificial Intelligence' is here, and even if you don't like it, you must understand it and we must determine if AI can help stop violence."

The 14th Annual Month of Non-Violence, Families and Understanding Artificial Intelligence begins October 1, 2025 with "7 Days of Prayer" led by Faith Leaders who are Christian, Jewish, and Muslim. A workshop on "Understanding Artificial Intelligence" will be led by Dr. Denise Turley on Wednesday, September 17th, at 6 pm/EST. People can register for the Zoom link at www.blackwomenforpositivechange.org Dr. Barbara Reynolds, Chair of the AI Committee and Author of the Rise and Fall of the Techno Messiah says, "We want to educate people about the urgency of establishing ethics, morals and standards in artificial intelligence."

Individuals and groups are also asked to produce videos of the PEACE PLEDGE for posting on social media. Please send 60 second videos to Bkwomen4poschange@gmail.com Event schedule is posted at www.monthofnonviolence.org

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Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and it never will. Find out just what people submit to and you have found out the exact amount of injustice and wrong which will be imposed upon them and these will continue till they have resisted either with words or with blows or with both. The limits of tyrants are prescribed by the endurance those of whom they suppress.
- Fredrick Douglas (1849)

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During October, a series of events have addressed the issues of non-violence and using AI from various perspectives. On October 18, 2025 Adam Clayton Powell III, a scholar and leader in cybersecurity, Dr. Denice Turley, an educator and trainer, and Dr. Barbara Reynolds, author of "Artificial Intelligence and the Rise and Fall of the Techno-Messiah", held a virtual platform about how AI is affecting the workplace and upcoming elections. Other events included, an honest session about "Understanding Intimate Partner Violence," by the National Black Nurses Association; "How Artificial Intelligence Impacts Systematic Thinking in Young People", at Archbishop High School, Washington DC; and a panel titled, "Voices, Vision and Voices Coming Together," among high school youth in Portsmouth Virginia, Center for Public Service. On Oct 27, 7 pm/EST, there will be a live webinar on "Conflict Resolution and Gun Safety," sponsored by Operation AmericanRAC. Information available at: monthofnonviolence.org

7 DAYS OF PRAYER

7 DAYS OF PRAYER—OCTOBER 5-11, 2025, VIRTUAL PRAYER

Organizers



Glynis Mason,
Member, Faith
Committee



Rev. Oliver Buie
Co-Chair, Faith
Committee



**Rev. Dr. Barbara
Reynolds, BWFPD
Chaplain and Co-
Chair, Faith
Committee**



Black Women For Positive Change

JOIN THE 7 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR THE MONTH OF NON-VIOLENCE, FAMILIES, & UNDERSTANDING AI

2025

Sunday, October 5 to Saturday, October 11, 2025
7:30 PM/EST; 630 PM/CT; 5:30 PM/MT; 4:30 PM/PST

Faith Leaders

Sun - Rev. Oliver Buie
Mon - Imam Talib Shareef
Tues - Rev Hope Christensen
Wed - Rabbi Jeffrey Myers
Thurs - Dr. E. Faye Williams
Fri - Elder Emily Ward
Sat - Rev. Dr. Barbara Reynolds

Join us each night by one of these ways:

1. Scan the QR Code
- OR
2. Type the Zoom link into your browser



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89707580167?pwd=L3Q0MFJuL2xVV3hJNWtpV3VNR1hmUT09>



Attendees for 7 Days: 120

PRAYER LEADERS

- **Sunday, October 5, Rev. Oliver Buie**
- **Monday, October 6, Imam Talib Shareef**
- **Tuesday, October 7, Rev. Hope Christensen**
- **Wednesday, October 8, Rabbi Jeffrey Myers**
- **Thursday, October 9, Dr. E. Faye Williams**
- **Friday, October 10, Elder Emily Ward**
- **Saturday, October 11, Rev. Dr. Barbara Reynolds**

**VIRTUAL EVENTS BEFORE AND DURING 14TH ANNUAL
MONTH OF NON-VIOLENCE, FAMILIES
AND UNDERSTANDING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

Prelude Virtual Workshop: Understanding Artificial Intelligence Training Session, September 17, 2025

**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE PRELUDE OF
THE 14TH ANNUAL MONTH OF NON-VIOLENCE, FAMILIES AND
UNDERSTANDING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

AI TRAINING SESSION: LEARNING THE ABC'S OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE



FEATURING DR. DENISE TURLEY

DR. TURLEY IS AN AI ADVISOR WHO HELPS ORGANIZATIONS
TURN AI CURIOSITY INTO CONFIDENT ACTION.
WITH OVER A DECADE OF EXPERIENCE
DELIVERING ENTERPRISE-SCALE SOLUTIONS, DR. TURLEY IS KNOWN FOR
TRANSLATING COMPLEX TECH INTO PRACTICAL,
HUMAN-CENTERED STRATEGIES.

PRE-MONTH OF NON-VIOLENCE TRAINING SESSION,
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH, 90 MINUTES: 6 PM/EST: 5 PM/CT, 4 PM/MT; 3 PM/PST

TRAINING SESSION REGISTRATION FEE: \$25.00
SIGN UP AT WWW.BLACKWOMENFORPOSITIVECHANGE.ORG

SPONSORED BY BLACK WOMEN FOR POSITIVE CHANGE AND THE POSITIVE CHANGE FOUNDATION
QUESTIONS? EMAIL POSITIVECHANGEFDN@GMAIL.COM

Register for September 17th Workshop at
www.blackwomenforpositivechange.org

Organizers



Rev. Dr. Barbara Reynolds,
Chaplain, and Chair, AI
Academy Committee, Black
Women for Positive Change



Dr. Stephanie Myers,
National Co-Chair, BWFP



Tina Jones, Co-Chair, AI
Committee, Black Women
for Positive Change

Informative presentation by Dr. Turley about AI. Follow-up discussion about how artificial intelligence works, how it can be applied in positive ways for entrepreneurs, non-profits and students and discussion about needed guardrails. Attendees: 40

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, 13th International District

October 3, 2025: Protection of Womanhood



Organizer



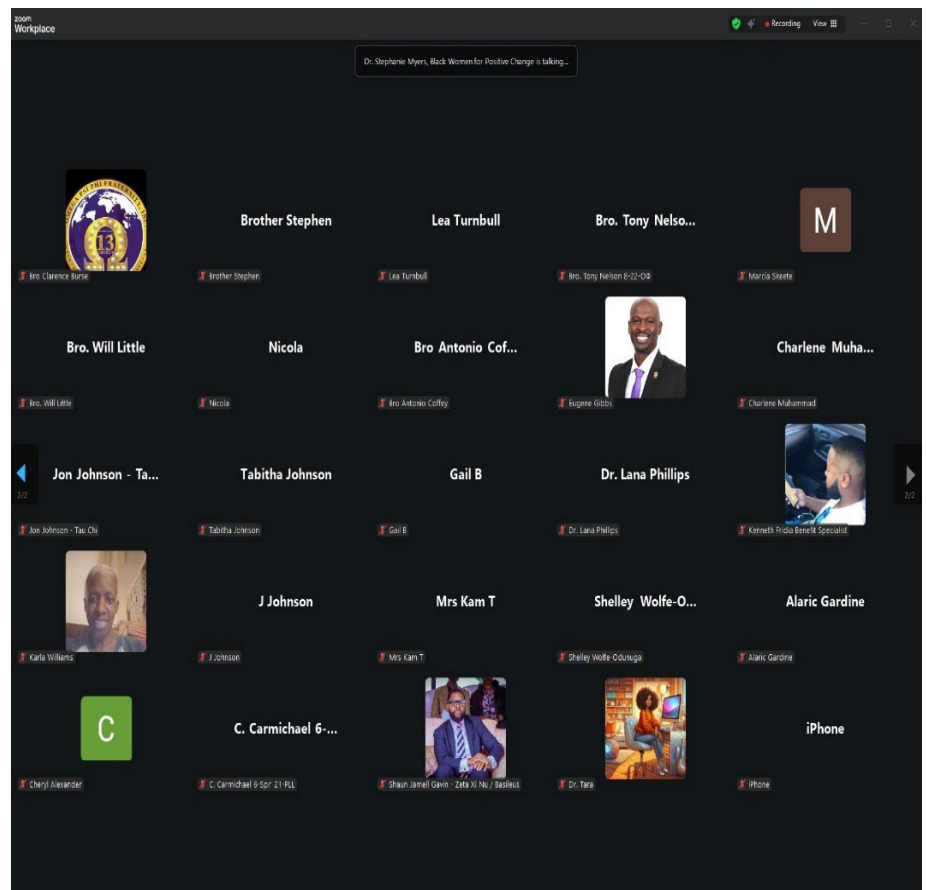
Michael Robinson,
13th International
District Fatherhood
& Mentoring Chair.
Omega Psi Phi
Fraternity, Inc.

Virtual workshop included male and female attendees from U.S., Germany, Japan, South Korea, Africa, and St. Croix, U.S., and the Virgin Islands.

Dr. Lawrence Henry, CEO of Core90 Network, was lead presenter.

<https://drlawrencehenry.com/>

Attendees: 59



Virtual Workshop National Black Nurses Association

October 14, 2025



Atty. Carthenia Jefferson,
Chair, NBNA Violence
Reduction Committee



Dr. Monica Debro, Co-Chair,
NBNA Violence Reduction
Committee



**National
Black Nurses
Association**

**Ad Hoc
Committee
on Violence
Reduction**

**Annual
October
Webinar**

Topic :

**Intimate Partner
Violence: Pathway to
Healing and Support**

📅 **Tuesday, October 14, 2025**

🕒 **5PM PST/MST
7PM CST
8PM EST**

📍 **Virtual Webinar: Register with
QR Code or Link**



PANEL OF SPEAKERS



Terrin Ramsey-Omonua
Advocate for Survivors of
Intimate Partner Violence



Minister Debra Neal
Crisis Intervention
Instructor and Trauma
Recovery Coach



Valerie Williams
Empowerment Speaker,
Author, Youth Advisor and
Consultant
CEO of Lovesmart Inc.



Minister Devon Croom
Leadership Coach and
Author
Founder of DC Consulting 7,
LLC.

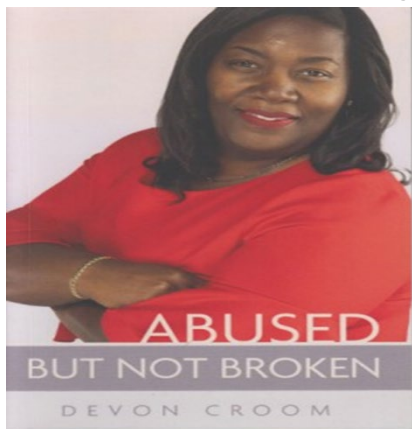


Dr. Carthenia Jefferson
Chair



Dr. Monica Debro
Co-Chair

This powerful workshop featured personal stories of women who were victims of domestic violence as children and adults. Their honest discussion revealed the power of mentors who helped them go from parental abuse, to juvenile delinquency to earning Doctorates and Masters Degrees in Nursing. Attendees: 40



Panelist Minister Devon Croom
wrote a book about her
experience with abuse—“Abused
But Not Broken.”

Virtual Workshop: AI Committee

AI Frontier: What Comes Next?, October 18, 2025

2025 AI SUMMIT

AI FRONTIER: WHAT COMES NEXT?

AI is transforming our lives, significant job losses including 300,000 held by Black women, concerns over compromised elections, and racial bias in various sectors. However, it also presents new opportunities, with many leveraging AI to launch businesses and become marketing and consulting experts.



REV. DR. BARBARA A. REYNOLDS
Award-winning Journalist, Activist, Educator, and Author of "The Rise and Fall of the Techno-Messiah: Artificial Intelligence and the End Times"

Don't pass up AI opportunities.



ADAM CLAYTON POWELL III
Media Executive, Distinguished Scholar, and Executive Director of the University of Southern California's Initiative on Election Cybersecurity



DR. DENISE TURLEY
Leading AI Expert, International Scholar, Writer, AI Strategist, Trainer, and Keynote Speaker



AKSHAYA ANANT
International Scholar, Co-Director, Global Inspire School of Talent & Greatness Training



THE DETAILS
18TH OF OCTOBER, 2025
1 PM EST, 12 PM CT, 11 AM MT,
10 AM PT, AND 10:30 PM IST
[Click on Zoom Link!](#)

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MAILTO: POSCHANGEAIACADEMY@GMAIL.COM

Organizers

Rev. Dr. Barbara Reynolds,
Chaplain, and Chair, AI
Academy Committee, Black
Women for Positive Change

Tina Jones, Co-Chair,
AI Committee, Black
Women for Positive Change

Dr. Stephanie Myers, Nat.
Co-Chair, BWPC

This meaningful discussion reviewed the status of Artificial Intelligence in the United States and the World, including issues regarding national security. Dr. Adam Clayton Powell III emphasized the importance of security for national, state and local elections. Rev. Dr. Barbara Reynolds shared concerns that there will be millions of job losses over the next decade. Dr. Denise Turley and Professor Akshaya Anant described the importance of knowing how to use AI and the cost savings to entrepreneurs and professionals.

Attendees: 40 from across the United States, India and Africa.

30

Virtual Event in Ghana, October 25, 2025
BENEFITS OF AI FOR THE GENERATION
LOYAL EDUCATION CENTER IN KOSOA, GHANA

**FUTURE GENERATION AFRICA AND
BLACK WOMEN FOR POSITIVE CHANGE**

PRESENT

**14TH ANNUAL OF
NON-VIOLENCE, FAMILIES AND
UNDERSTANDING AI UNDER THE THEME
"BENEFITS OF AI FOR THE GENERATION"**

ACTIVITIES FOR THE DAY INCLUDE:

- ✓ Theoretical and practical presentations on the benefits of AI for this generation

**25TH
OCTOBER 2025
10AM**

HOST:
APOSTLE
PAUL K. DADZIE

SPEAKER:
MR. ONESIMUS BORKUAH
(ICT ENGINEER)

**MILDAN SPOT COMPLEX OPPOSITE
LOYAL CARE EDUCATION CENTER, KASOA**

Organizer



**Paul Dadzie Jr.,
Future Generation
Africa**

The workshop, "Benefits of AI for the Generation" included a presentation on "Transitions and Digital Currencies" by Onesimus Borkuah, a United Nations experienced network and cybersecurity professional. Mr. Borhuah builds transparent, AI-powered systems for real-world impact in West & East Africa. He's completed an MSC, from the University of Liverpool, and focuses on digital anti-corruption in Liberia. His presentation discussed designing a dashboard to make public spending more transparent and he shared how AI and digital currencies are reshaping work, trust, and money. Mr. Borhuah spoke via zoom from Uganda where he currently works. Attendees: 37

VIRTUAL EVENT—THE AMERICAN RAC

Conflict Resolution, November 13, 2025

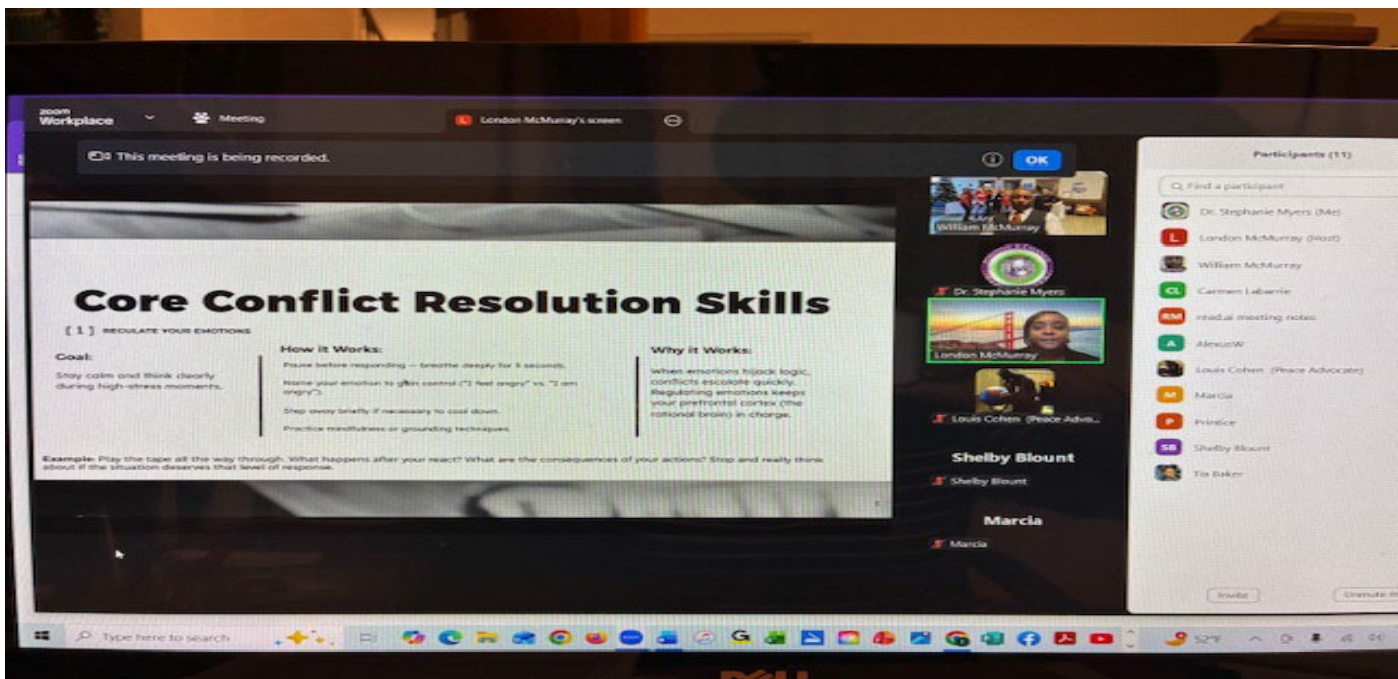


Workshop included conversation about ways to reduce gun violence. Strategies were explored for use in real life when a conflict arises with family, friends or colleagues. Attendees: 20

Organizers



William and London McMurray
of American RAC, doing the
Peace Pledge
<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DP7XIY3AFZ8/>



FACE TO FACE EVENTS IN THE USA

Alabama, City of Birmingham, November 22, 2025 Lawrence Mond Jefferson Foundation & Birmingham Black Nurses Asso., Stop the Violence Walk & Summit

STOP THE VIOLENCE

VIOLENCE, VIOLENCE, VIOLENCE!
I JUST WANT TO LIVE:
PROMOTING SAFETY
AND NON-VIOLENCE

2025 STOP THE VIOLENCE WALK & SUMMIT

Nov. 22, 2025
9:00am-12:00pm

FREE PUBLIC INVITED LIMITED SEATING!

SPEAKER PANEL

Donations are welcome visit: <https://lawrencejeffersonjrfoundation.org>

Sheriff Mark Patway
Jefferson County Sheriff's Office

Gary Carmichael
City of Bessemer Police Department Chief

Rev. Arthur Price, Jr.
Pastor, 16th Street Baptist Church

Michael Pickett
City of Birmingham Police Department Chief

Judge Stephanie Hunter
Jefferson County Family Court

Dr. Mark Sullivan
City of Birmingham Schools Superintendent

Michael Turner
Bessemer City Schools Superintendent

Dr. Melvin Love
Principal, Birmingham City Schools

Ronald Steele
Principal of John Carroll Catholic High School

Mayor Randall Woodfin
City of Birmingham

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

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OUR MODERATOR

SHERRI JACKSON
CBS 42 News Anchor

Organizer



Attorney Carthenia Jefferson and the Lawrence Mond Jefferson Foundation



Events held at 16th Street Baptist Church. Included Local Judge; Superintendent of City of Birmingham Schools; Principal, at a Birmingham School; Chief of Birmingham Police Department; Chief City of Bessemer Police Department; Captain Jefferson County Sheriff Department; Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, Birmingham Black Nurses Association and members of Alpha Kappa Alpha and Delta Sigma Theta. Attendees: 100

Arizona, National Workshops on Sisterhood Bi-Weekly During October 2025



REGISTER NOW

Gathering Alliance

BI-WEEKLY RESTORED SISTERHOOD CIRCLE

1st & 3rd Thursday of the month at 7pm (CST) -Online

-  Insightful discussions that bring understanding to emotionally complex relationships
-  Empowerment strategies to help you set boundaries and protect your peace
-  Healing practices that nurture self-worth, resilience, and restoration
-  A judgment-free sisterhood where you are seen, heard, and supported

COME AS YOU ARE—LEAVE WITH RENEWED STRENGTH AND A GROWING CIRCLE OF WOMEN WHO GET IT!

 **REGISTER NOW**

 **WWW.TINYURL.COM/GACIRCLEW**

EXPERIENCED COACHES AND HOST:



TANYA JOHNSON
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Life & Leadership Coach

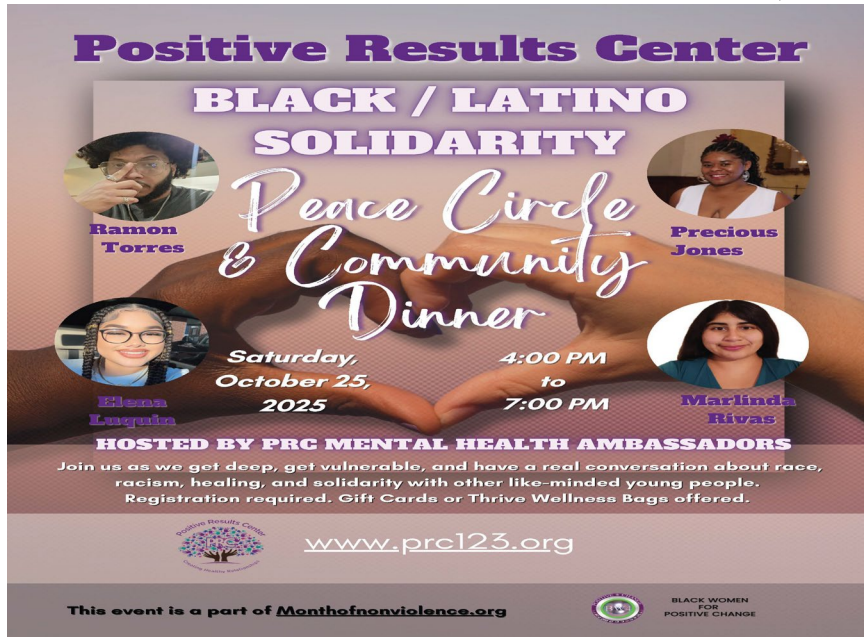


ERIKA MICHELLE
Erika Michelle Coaching
Inner Peace & Resilience Coach

Restored Sisterhood Circle 1st and 3rd Thursdays in October

California, City of Lawndale, October 25, 2025

Positive Results Center, Peace Circle



Organizers



Sharon Shelton, Executive Strategic Leader and Co-Chair, Los Angeles Black Women for Positive Change



Kandee Lewis, CEO, Chief Executive Officer, Positive Results Center



The Positive Results Center Peace Circle focuses on teaching de-escalation tools, healthy relationships, and empowering communities to reduce violence. The national campaign emphasizes peace circles, community dialogues, AI-focused education, and youth empowerment initiatives. This Black and Latino solidarity event was an essential component of the 2025 programming. A 2025 Peace Circle was hosted by the Positive Results Center (PRC) in and served as a powerful gathering designed to foster understanding, healing, and unity among Black and Latino youth. Attendees: 15

CALIFORNIA, CITY OF SANTA MONICA
CHURCH IN OCEAN PARK DECEMBER 21, 2025



Ayanna Parker, Founder,
The Encouragement Group



Donna Browne, Co-Founder,
The Encouragement Group

A Peace Circle and Reflection Workshop explored and discussed grief and how individuals and families can cope with it. Sharon Shelton led the discussion.



**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, NOVEMBER 2025
WASHINGTON D.C. CHAPTER OF THE CONTINENTALS SOCIETIES INC.**



Organizer



Jeanette Mobley, Co-Chair, DC Chapter Black Women for Positive Change, Chaplain and Community Engagement Coordinator, Washington DC Chapter of the Continentals Society

**The Continental Societies
Metropolitan Capital City Chapter
Conflict Resolution Program,
chanted the Non-Violence Peace
Pledge with girls at the Merrick
Center, Ward 8, WDC.**

Attendees: 16



District of Columbia, Oct 4th and Oct 11th 2025 DC Peace Team, Topics: Partner Abuse and Community Safety

Organizer



**Sal Corbin, Board
Chair DC Peace Team**



**Francis Gortaire
Operations
Manager, DC Peace
Team**



**The Language of
Partner Abuse: Are We
Actively Listening?**

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 4TH
1PM-4PM ET
ONLINE**

Sal Corbin
FACILITATOR

Jamal Jones
FACILITATOR

REGISTER NOW AT [DCPEACETEAM.ORG](https://dcpeaceteam.org)

The Language of Partner Abuse: Are We Actively Listening?

The DC Peace Team sessions focused on how effective partner communication is essential to long-term success, happiness, and satisfaction in relationships. The session revealed the psychological foundations for unhealthy communication which can challenge people's sense of safety and security in the world and compromise their identity which informs their relationship choices. Abuse or neglect towards partners can be one of these outcomes. There was focus on language preferences that intentionally or unintentionally cause harm through manipulation, deceit, or control.

Objectives: 1) Awareness - raise awareness of effective communication; 2) Insight - Review typical communication styles that produce harm; 3) Skills – learn how to support families/friends/colleagues/neighbors that are in abusive relations; 4) Provide resources for partner violence situations. Attendees October 4th - 6; October 11th -- 20 Attendees.

District of Columbia, October 20, 2025

Archbishop Carroll High School, Jim Vance Scholars Program

Panel Discussion: How AI Impacts Systematic Thinking in Young People



Organizer



Dr. Cherie Ward,
Director, Jim Vance
Media Program,
Archbishop Carroll
High School



Students in the Jim Vance Media Program.
Attendees: 40



Dr. Cherie Ward, Executive Director, Jim Vance Media Program; Kadence Johnson'26, Jim Vance Media Club President; Dr. Stephanie Myers, Nat. Co-Chair, Black Women for Positive Change, L. Jeannette Mobley, DC Co-Chair, Black Women for Positive Change

District of Columbia, October 18 & October 25, 2025

DC Peace Team: Active Bystander Intervention and ICE Situations



Active Bystander Intervention and ICE Situations

*This advanced session will focus on the strategy of developing early response to ICE situations.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18
2-5 PM ET
ONLINE (ZOOM)

Register Now
dcpeaceteam.org

Facilitated by



Eli McCarthy & Sal Corbin

The poster features a central illustration of a person in a green shirt and brown pants shouting into a megaphone. There are three red circles with exclamation marks around the person. In the top right corner, there is a circular logo with a flag and the text 'DC PEACE TEAM'.

Organizer



**Sal Corbin, Board
Chair DC Peace Team**

The training focused on effective skills for assessing, de-escalating, and diffusing a harmful or inappropriate behavior (bullying, harassment, physical violence) in situations when ICE may arrive. It provides participants with the tools they need to quickly recognize when they are bystanders, evaluate the consequences for everyone involved, and take action. Training sessions promoted nonviolent alternative approaches for defusing harmful situations and engaging with the aggressor and those subject to harmful acts. An advanced session focused on the strategies of developing early responses to ICE situations, and the need to prepare protection for immigrants at sensitive locations, such as schools or religious communities.

Attendees: October 18th—76 and October 25th—6.

District of Columbia, October 29, 2025

100 Fathers Inc. and Richard Wright Charter School Youth Expressions Contest and Peace Pledge



**Dr. Frank Malone,
CEO 100 Fathers and
Organizer, Youth
Expressions Non-
Violence Contest,
Richard Wright High
School, WDC.**

YOUTH EXPRESSIONS ON NON-VIOLENCE CONTEST

Sponsored by The 100 Fathers Inc.
and Black Women for Positive Change
In celebration of the 14th Annual
Month of Non-Violence

RAP SPOKEN WORD MUSIC

*Ordinary men doing
extraordinary things
begins with ordinary
youth doing courageous
things."*

FACEBOOK LIVE

OCTOBER 29, 2025 AT 6PM

- THREE \$100 FIRST PLACE PRIZES
- THREE \$50 SECOND PLACE PRIZES
- THREE \$25 HONORABLE MENTIONS

MR. ROGER MURRAY RMURRAY@RICHARDWRIGHTPCS.ORG

The 100 Fathers and the Youth Leadership Academy

Our Peace Pledge

The 100 Father's pledge is to uphold peace in the name of nonviolence, promise to seek the path of peace and to treat others with fairness and respect.

We pledge to do this for the sake of humanity, so we can all live together in peace and harmony



Check this out



The 100 Fathers, led by Frank Malone, organized a concert at Richard Wright Charter School, where students competed with Non-Violence poems and songs. Winners got prizes. Attendees: 100

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, HOWARD UNIVERSITY DRUM CIRCLE EVERY THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2025



CALL TO ACTION: *100 Round Drum Circle*



Youth and Young Adult Led Intergenerational Restorative
Community Drum Circle.
We need to hear from the youth and young adults to define and
bring forth understanding: Heal, Restore, Soul, and Community

COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

- Rafah and Labby
- 100 Fathers Inc.
- Parent Watch
- Sounds of my People LLC
- Black Women & Positive Change
- HU Multidisciplinary Gerontology Center



INITIATIVE

- STOP the Violence
- Community of Caring

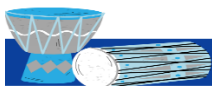
Join us Thursdays at 6:30 pm
Where: Howard University
School of Social Work -
Founders Way Courtyard

MISSION

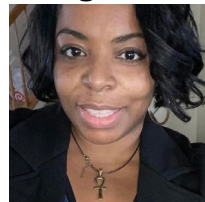
- To determine, initiate, activate and embrace solutions to heal and restore the soul of our communities.

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- 📍 601 Howard Pl NW, Washington, DC 20059



Organizer



Vera Fields,
Outreach Program
Coordinator,
Howard University
Multidisciplinary
Gerontology Center.



Howard University Drum Circle Chanted the Peace Pledge

The 100 Round Drum Circles were inspired by a White House Peace Circle sponsored by Black Women for Positive Change, during the Biden Administration. The young adult-led intergenerational restorative drum circles initiative, is a restorative arts-based program designed to combat gun violence, social isolation and community fragmentation. Structured drum circles are used to empower youth ages 12–25 and to re-engage seniors 55 and older, fostering relationships, mentorship, and mutual societal function. Attendees: 30.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, MAKING A DIFFERENCE (M.A.D.)

Boy Scouts, Conflict Resolution & Stop the Violence 3 Day Program



Organizer



Prince Hamm, Founder and Director of Making a Difference (M.A.D.), Ward 8 in DC.

Day 1: The group focused on Conflict Resolution and Anger Management, and discussed how to diffuse, avoid and de-escalate peer/family conflict. Participants were paired into groups to discuss conflict scenarios and how they would handle the conflict positively. Coping strategies were discussed when the youth feel anger, pain, and resentment, and how to be leaders in school, with family and peers as well as inside of neighborhoods/communities.

There were also healing sessions for the single mothers with no father involved. Therapeutic sessions were held to assist Moms with healing and coping strategies for the trauma they've experienced from grief, domestic cases, and many other burdens. To help the sons and Moms benefit the program together, we had the boys serve their Moms lunch while expressing some positive words of affirmations and gratitude.

Day 2: Started the day off with some positive affirmations and continued lessons on conflict resolution for reducing violence and how to de-escalate and in some cases, avoid conflicts. The group built bird houses while learning the importance of helping each other out when a team mate, friend or family member is in need. At lunch, the boys served their moms lunch and gave them hugs. The stay ended with skating at the park to support a stop the violence initiative called, "Roll Away from Violence."

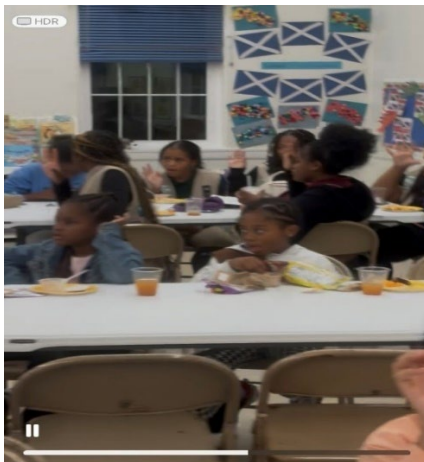
Day 3: Took the boys fishing and taught them how to catch fish. After fishing, the boys served their mom's lunch and made smores which was an exciting and fun, due to some of the boys had never made and/or ate smores before. At the end, we asked the boys to give feedback of the 3 Day M.A.D boy scouts' program, what they learned and will take away to use at school, inside of their communities and neighborhoods. Day 3 was closed with a small ceremony where the boys received program completion awards, shirts and flowers for their mom.

MARYLAND, CITY OF BALTIMORE

PEACE PLEDGE WITH BALTIMORE GIRL SCOUTS, PARENTS AND BROWNIES



**Danyell Smith,
Chair, Baltimore,
Black Women for
Positive Change**



**Girls Scouts, Parents, Girl Scout Leader and Danyell Smith of Baltimore
Black Women for Positive Change Take Peace Pledge**

Danyell Smith, Chair, Baltimore Black Women for Positive Change, joined Cure INC, Baltimore County NAACP, Girl Scouts, Daisys and Brownies, for a Peace Circle and Real Talk Conversation titled "What's On Your Mind" and Way's to Express. They did the Peace Pledge and discussed alternatives to resorting to violence. Attendees: 25

MARYLAND, CITY OF CLINTON

Surrattsville High Student's Art Portrays Peace and Non-Violence



Surrattsville Art Students Join the National Movement for Non-Violence, Families, and AI Awareness

By Ms. Constance A. Kinder



Student artists:
Luis V., Tamari H.,
Kaylie G.

This October, Surrattsville High School's art students proudly aligned their creative work with the 14th Annual Month of Non-Violence, Families, and Understanding the Impact of Artificial Intelligence, an initiative led by Black Women for

Positive Change and the Positive Change Foundation.

The month-long observance encourages schools and communities across the nation to organize activities that promote peace, unity, and dialogue around how technology shapes family and social life. Students in Surrattsville's Visual Arts Department embraced the theme through a hands-on art challenge



titled "Non-Violence, Families, and AI."

Each student selected a creative format—Mixed Media Collage, Digital + Traditional Hybrid Art, or a Mural Panel Contribution—to express how families can build peace in an age of rapid technological change. Their works combine traditional artmaking with innovative approaches, merging texture, digital tools, and personal symbolism to reflect harmony, empathy, and responsibility.

In addition to creating their art, students wrote reflections exploring three essential questions:

- What does non-violence mean to me?
- How does my family influence peace in my life?

- How can AI help or harm families in the future?

These reflections opened space for dialogue on both compassion and caution—how technology can connect generations or, if misused, distance them.

The project not only amplified the Black Women for Positive Change message but also encouraged young people to see themselves as agents of peace in their families, schools, and communities. Their finished pieces will be displayed as part of the school's ongoing commitment to art with purpose—art that speaks, teaches, and inspires change. For more on the national campaign and ways to get involved, visit www.monthofnonviolence.org.

Organizer



Constance A. Kinder,
M.A, Chief Creative
Officer, Founder, Auntie
Connie's Creative Corner.

PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL VISUAL ARTS: ART TO ART NEWSLETTER

Aunt Connie's Creative Corner partnered with Surrattsville High School, in Maryland to encourage students to use Mixed Media Art, or a Mural Panel Contribution—to express how families can build peace in an age of rapid technological change. Their works combine traditional artmaking with innovative approaches, merging texture, digital tools, and personal symbolism to reflect harmony, empathy, and responsibility. In addition to creating their art, students wrote reflections exploring three essential questions: (1) What does non-violence mean to me? (2) How does my family influence peace in my life? (3) How can AI help or harm families in the future? Number of Attendees: 70

MARYLAND, CITY OF MOUNT RAINER

AI for Good: Digital Tech and AI for Wellness



Organizer, Lisa Bass Cooper, Founder and President, Holistic Homes.

SAVE THE DATE
AI for Good: Digital Tech and AI for Wellness
Join us for a **digital tech and AI for wellness** discussion to observe World Mental Health Day

Silent Auction benefiting Holistic Homes
Advancing personalized wellness and supportive housing for adults with mental health conditions

Plus: Himmer App Launch
Build your holistic wellness plan
Supported by a grant from:  **Truist Foundation**

CRAIG DELARGE
MPH, MBA, CPC
WiseWorking Leadership
Keynote Speaker

 **Fri, Oct 10**
6:30-8:30 PM

Joe's Movement Emporium
3309 Bunker Hill Road Mount Rainier, MD 20712
Light hors d'oeuvres, mocktails, refreshments
Supported by a grant from Black Women 4 Positive Change to raise awareness in October about Non-Violence, Families, and Artificial Intelligence



Renowned digital mental health expert, Craig DeLarge, engaged a gathering of enthusiastic attendees who learned about the pillars of wellness and how AI and digital tools must be used responsibly and intentionally to promote wellness across the pillars of health outlined. Those pillars included sleep, diet, movement, meditation, and relationships. The lecture focused on multiple anecdotal use cases to demonstrate apps and tools that could help in each pillar of wellness. Attendees received an overview and update about a wellness app, unveiled during the lecture. Numbers of attendees: 15.

Texas, City of Houston, Spence Elementary School Non-Violence Lecture and Discussion

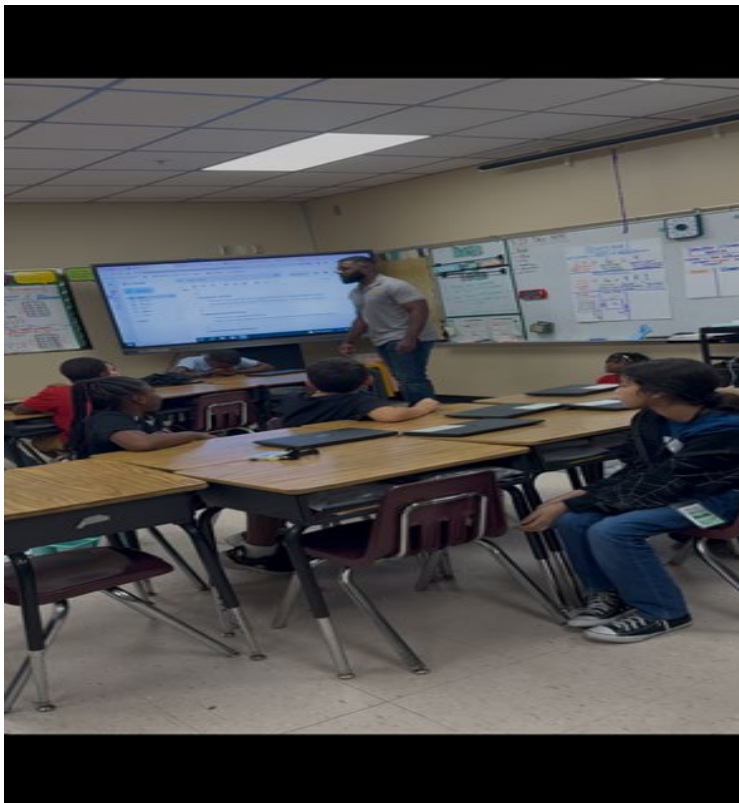


Bryan Carroll leads students in Peace Pledge

Organizer



**Bryan Carroll, of
Bryan Carroll and
Associates, Super
Carroll.**



**Spence Elementary
School students discuss
the importance of
controlling emotions
during conflicts and
confrontations with
classmates, relatives
and friends.**

Attendees: 17

VIRGINIA, CITY OF PORTSMOUTH

Virginia Center for Public Safety, Youth Basketball Summit, October 18, 2025



YMCA OF PORTSMOUTH
4900 High St. West
Portsmouth, VA 23703
PH: 757-962-5523



THE VIRGINIA CENTER
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Independence from Gun Violence

Celebrating the 14th Annual Month of Non-Violence
YMCA of Portsmouth
The Virginia Center for Public Safety
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The Black Women for Positive Change presents....

YOUTH BASKETBALL SUMMIT

Scan QR Code to register or stop by YMCA front desk



Agenda:
10a – 11a Meet & Greet
11a – 12p Round Table Discussion
12p – 1p Lunch (included for players)
1p – 2p Team Building Activities/Practice Drills
30 Minute Break
2:30p – 4p Showcase Game

"IT'S ABOUT SAVING LIVES"
Circle of Peace

Saturday October 18th 10:00am – 4:00pm

Young Men between the ages of 13 – 17 years old

\$25 per player
Open to members and nonmembers




Organizers



Rev. Dr. Mark Julius Hayes,
Director, Saturday Academy



Gail Reynolds

Teen Basketball Summit (Ages 13 to 17)

This event helped young men to improve their basketball skills and engage in a round table discussion about Non-Violence and provided an overall an opportunity to interact with other young men, and to have a Peace Circle. After the discussion, there was a showcase game that showed off their basketball skills to family and friends. Attendees: 35



VIRGINIA CENTER FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

Mural Project

Portsmouth, Virginia Police Department

Organizers



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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025
11 AM - 2 PM**
New Mount Olivet Baptist Church
1000 County Street
Portsmouth, VA 23704
Dr. Cardell Patillo, Interim Pastor
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

Performances
Music
Stories

IT'S ABOUT SAVING LIVES!

FOR MORE INFO: www.vacps.org



The youth-driven, insightful mural project was unveiled to the public at the Portsmouth, Virginia Police Department, October 23, 2025. The artwork the young artists created was insightful. Attendees: 100

International Events

Gambia, Africa, Bridge Foundation Development October 22, 2025

One Night That Can Change Kuntaur: A Nonviolence Event with Mayor Jawara

Bridge Foundation Development Presents
14th Annual Month of Non Violence
**One Night That Can Change Kuntaur:
A Nonviolence Event with Mayor Jawara**
Discover proven ways to end violence & build stronger families in Kuntaur.

Date/Time
22th October, 2025
Start at 8:00pm GMT

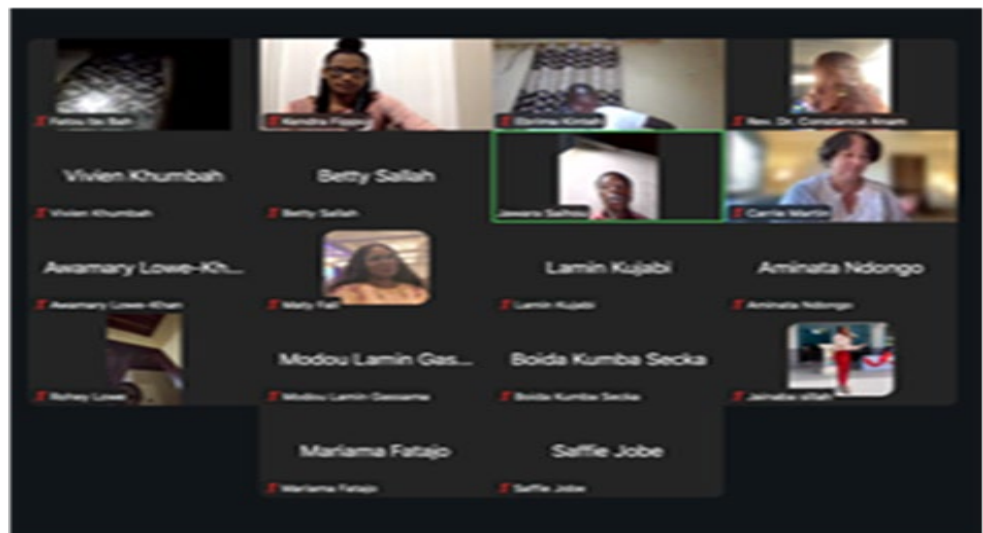
Location
Virtual Event

Scan QR Code To Register!



**Organizer Kendra Fipps,
with the Bridge
Foundation
Development.**

Honorable Mayor
Jawara Saihou, of
Gambia



The meeting centered on peacebuilding, gender equality, and nonviolent family relationships. Participants explored the root causes of violence in African communities — including poverty, unemployment, lack of opportunity, and weakened family systems — and discussed the need for education, economic empowerment, and faith-based unity to promote peace. Virtual Attendance: 20

Germany, Kaiserslauten, October 22, 2025

Unity Day and Advocates Against Bullying

Phi Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Organizers with Omega Psi Phi



(Left to Right) Anthony Polk, Fatherhood and Mentoring Chairman, Phi Gamma Gamma Chapter, Kaiserslautern, Germany; and Michael Robinson, 13th International District Fatherhood & Mentoring Chair. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Unity Day was sponsored at the Army Base in Kaiserslauten, Germany. The Brothers of Phi Gamma Gamma Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. engaged the Kaiserslautern Bulldog football team in a heartfelt discussion about the importance of unity, support, non-violence, anti-bullying and solidarity. Received outstanding comments from all attendees. Attendees: 20.

Anti-Bullying was the Theme for Unity Day in Kaiserslauten



Young men on the football team discuss unity and non-violence with Omega Psi Phi brother

Kenya, October 25, 2025

Mathare Young Women Community Based Organization



Organizer



**Biki Ogola Omwa,
Coordinator,
Mathare Young
Women's Organization**

The Mathare Young Women Community Based Organization in conjunction with Black Women for Positive Change, conducted a Non-Violence Peace Workshop in Mathare, Kenya, where there is violence after elections. This always leads to violence at home, with neighbors and extends to the entire community. During this time the most vulnerable people are women and children and the violence leads to children losing their parents, broken marriages which hinders community development. They planned future workshops to avoid such occurrences, and to have healthy communities and strengthen happy families. Attendees: 13



Biki, the Coordinator



Members Discuss Peace



Peace Workshop Facilitator

During lunch break members discussed how they will keep peace at their homes and surroundings. They decided to come up with regular group meetings to discuss their progress and requested to have a counselor to advise them consistently. Most of the members are single mothers who have lost their husbands in the previous violence.

Malawi, Africa, Ntima Village Zomba, October 16, 2025

Civic Education for Women on Gender Based Violence organized by African Harmony Collective

Banner says “Men of Quality Respect Women’s Equality



Objectives of Gender Based Violence (GBV) event:
Educate women about the common forms of gender - based violence; Provide a platform for victims of GBV, to share their experiences and ideas on factors that promote GBV; Empower participants on how to report and deal with GBV; and Enhance community engagement for collective identification of needs and action when dealing with GBV. Attendees: 15

Organizers

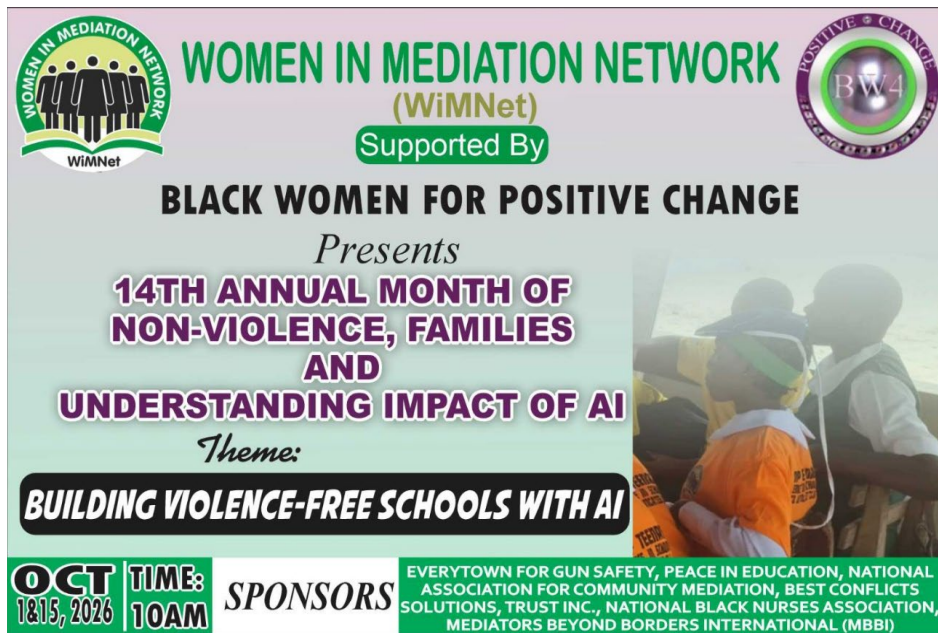


**Brown Masingati,
Executive Director,
Harmony for Families
and Communities; with
Dafter Molande and
Gender Officer Rupert
Kamtsendero**



The Microgrant and other donations during the Month of Non-Violence helped to purchase sewing machines that promote Self Sufficiency among the women in Malawi.

Nigeria, City of Lagos



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**14TH ANNUAL MONTH OF
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Theme:
BUILDING VIOLENCE-FREE SCHOOLS WITH AI

OCT 18 & 19, 2026 TIME: 10AM

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Organizer: Abiola Faleye

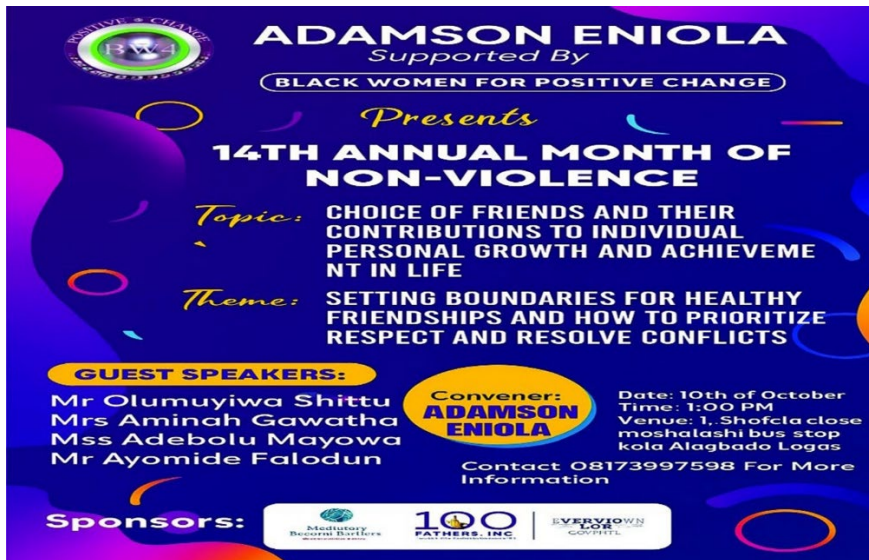


Executive Director of
Women in Mediation



Two students from each school promised to work with their team members to develop an app for building peace in schools to help teachers create a safe space for learning and development. Looking forward to the annual program since the theme helps them to look at areas of peace deficiency in their learning environment and work to develop an adaptive solution. They are recommending in Y'2026 A Peace Certification program for Peace School Ambassadors. Attendees: 30

NIGERIA, CITY OF LAGOS, OCTOBER 15, 2025
Moshalashi Bus Stop, Two Schools in Kola Alabbado

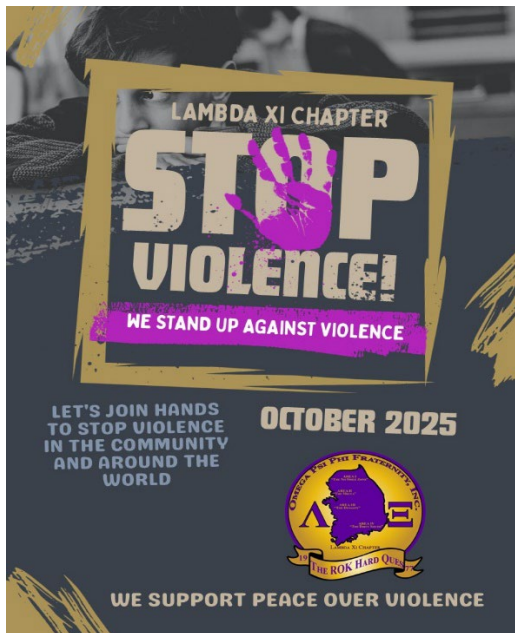


**Workshop on the Choice of friendship and their contributions
to individual growth and development in Life**

This event included drama and talk shows on how Artificial Intelligence can be used to improve and build peace in school environments. Two students from each school promised to work to develop an app for building peace in schools to help teachers create a safe space for learning and development. The Month of Non-Violence helped them to look at areas of peace deficiency in their learning environments and work to develop adaptive solutions. They recommend a Peace Certification program for Peace School Ambassadors. The event was peaceful and inspiring and attendees were given customized jotters with pocket perfume, foods and drinks. The event was held at two high schools to educate and enlighten young souls. Organizer was Adamson Eniola Simisola. Attendees: 48.

South Korea, Humphreys Army Base October 13, 2025

Lambda Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.



Lambda Xi Chapter flyer promoting Month of Non-Violence.



Students Signing Anti-Bullying Pledge



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



Brother Michael Robinson and Brother Ron Kenzie at display table promoting Month of Non-Violence



Display Table with Anti-Bullying brochures and information

NIGERIA, OGUN STATE
Living Together--Different Faiths, Cultures, Perspectives
School Hall, Ilaro Campus, October 24, 2025

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October 24, 2025
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Campus,
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Organizer

Ayegbusi Olufunke

In an increasingly diverse world, learning to live together with differences is essential for building peaceful and inclusive communities. This means embracing varied faiths, cultures, and perspectives with respect and openness. By fostering dialogue, empathy, and mutual understanding, we can move beyond tolerance toward genuine connection, where differences are not just accepted but valued as strengths that enrich our shared human experience. Attendees: 20. See Peace Pledge: <https://www.instagram.com/monthofnonviolence/t:>



YOUNG MEN IN NIGERIA DOING THE PEACE PLEDGE IN YORUBA

VIRGIN ISLANDS, ST. CROIX

Eta Iota Iota Chapter, Omega Psi Phi,

Event on Bullying Prevention



Organizers
(Left to right) Omega Psi
Phi Brothers Clement
Heyliger, Tyrone Sackey
Jr. and Quincy Lewis,
(Basileus). Not pictured
Brothers David Delgado
and Joe Pierce.

Brother Tyrone Sackey Jr.
talking with 3rd Grade
students in St. Croix, Virgin
Island about types of
bullying.

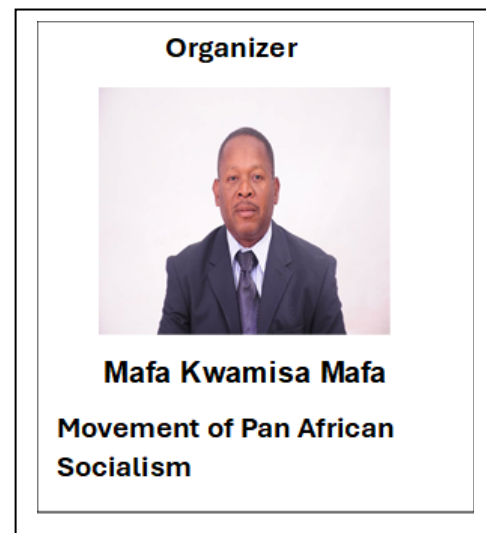
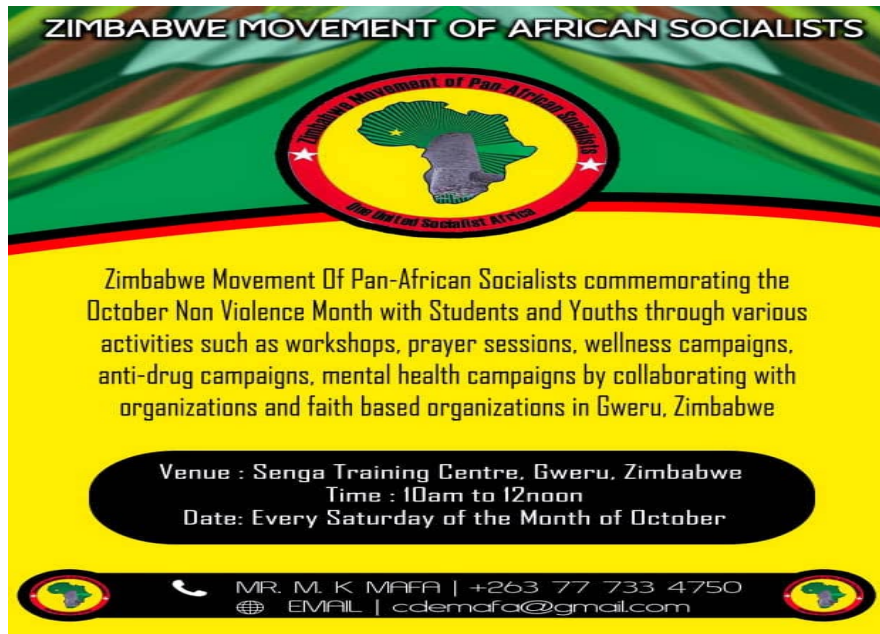


The Brothers of Eta Iota Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., in collaboration with Greater Changes LLC, conducted an anti-bullying presentation for third-grade students at Low Muckle Elementary School located in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands. Attendees: 20

Zimbabwe, City of Gweru

Movement of Pan African Socialists

Three Saturdays, October 2025



The Zimbabwe Movement of Pan African Socialists extends sincere gratitude to **Black Women for Positive Change** for their invaluable sponsorship and commitment to the Gweru youth community. During the Month of Non-Violence they report witnessing the profound positive impact of these monthly interventions on the students and youths, fostering a culture of non-violence, responsibility, and civic awareness. The Peace Pledge was submitted by Arasiah Phiri. in the Shona language.

STUDENTS and YOUTH CLUBS CAMPAIGN FOR THE NON VIOLENCE MONTH



Young People in Zimbabwe discussed Non-Violence

LIST OF ACTIVE MEMBERS, INCLUDING GOOD BROTHERS

2025 ACTIVE MEMBERS, INCLUDING GOOD BROTHERS
BLACK WOMEN FOR POSITIVE CHANGE

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