



Peace Conference Program

The Peace Conference is offered at no charge to participants; however, you will be asked to pay \$15 for your lunch and refreshments.

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| 8:30 - 9:15 | Sign in |
| 9:15 | Welcome & Introductory Remarks |
| 9:30 - 10:30 | Keynote Speech: Frances Fox Piven |
| 11:00 - 11:45 | Morning Workshops |
| 12:15 - 1:30 | Lunch (World Café® Event) |
| 1:45 - 2:30 | Afternoon Workshops |
| 2:45 - 3:30 | Plenary, Closing |

Each participant may attend one morning workshop and one in the afternoon. We will do our best to assign you to one of your first choices.

This conference is dedicated to and inspired by the memory of Elizabeth Huberman

MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the conference is to inspire and catalyze efforts by older adults to initiate and lead peace initiatives, by:

Offering participants information, insights, inspiration, and achievable goals around promoting peace on the personal, community, national, and global levels.

Presenting models and tools for initiating and strengthening relationships and collaborations among individuals and groups concerned with peace issues.

Acknowledging the potential for older people to contribute significantly to peace efforts locally and beyond, while supporting cultural awareness and an appreciation for diversity.

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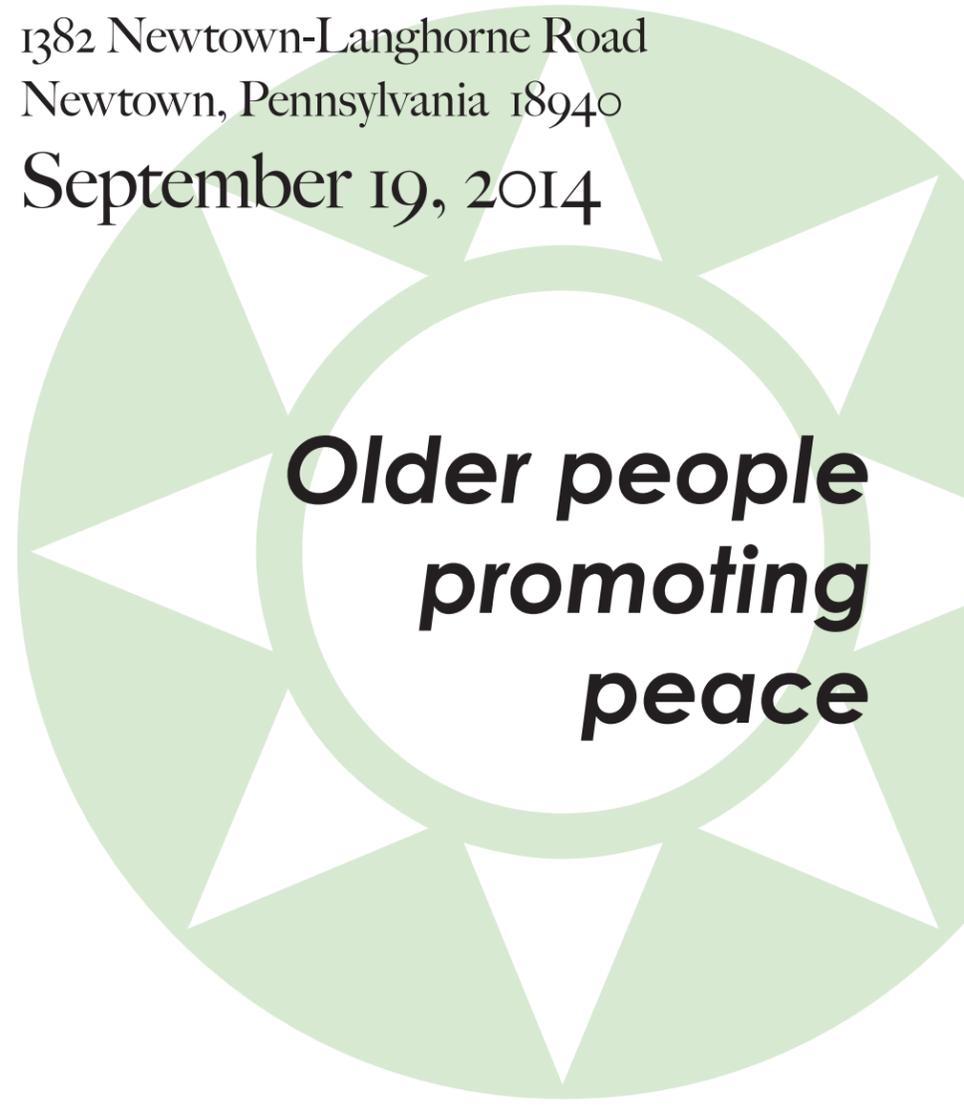
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Peace Conference

at Pennswood Village

1382 Newtown-Langhorne Road
Newtown, Pennsylvania 18940

September 19, 2014



Older people promoting peace

*"Let your lives preach,
let your light shine."*

GEORGE FOX

MORNING WORKSHOPS

☀ Peace in the Home

Betty Aptaker and Beth Taylor, former directors of two domestic violence shelters in Bucks County founded by women in their fifties. A brief history of the shelters, discussion of changing dynamics around refuge and family non-violence, and exploration of how older people can promote peace in the family through their support and advocacy.

☀ Compassionate Listening: A Necessary Component to Peace

Barbara Simmons, Executive Director, The Peace Center. The Compassionate Listening Program was developed by Leah Green, who spent years working in the Middle East. It has been used to help disputing parties move from anger, misunderstanding, and hostility to a more open heart and mind. This workshop will explore the skills needed for deep listening, and ways of applying them to improve our own personal relationships.

☀ Commitment to Peace and Non-Violence: Challenges & Risks

Leon Bass, Pennswood resident, World War II veteran, educator, proponent of peace, tolerance, and justice. In this workshop, participants will discuss the implications of making a full commitment to peace and non-violence, with references to such leaders as Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr.

☀ Interfaith Peace Testimonies

Fr. William O'Donnell, retired priest; Rabbi Joshua Gruenberg, Rabbi, Congregation Beth El; Surayya Catoovic, from the Zubaida Foundation; and Goman Samdup, (Greg Schultz), Tibetan Buddhist. Presenters will begin with a brief description of the peace testimony in their respective religions, and give an example of an elder proponent of peace in their religion, followed by a general discussion among presenters and participants.

☀ Staying True to Our Mission

Fran Foulkrod and Tina Shelton, Co-Chairs, Greater Philadelphia Branch, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. Many progressive groups and peace groups, of all sizes, have been subject to some kind of attempted takeover, or co-option, of their group - from within or without - thereby losing the focus of their original mission. WILPF is an international peace group that has endured for 100 years, through stresses in the past, which finds itself once again facing what is perhaps its greatest challenge, to maintain the original vision of Jane Addams and other great women.

We will present WILPF as a case study, and then lead a discussion with participants around common experiences in other groups and organizations, providing key points and insights that participants can apply to their work in building a world in which peace and justice can flourish.

☀ Speaking Up and Out for Peace

Suzy Sutton Harbaugh, Founder, The Esteem Institute. This workshop will offer practical steps for older people to speak up with courage, conviction, and confidence. Especially relevant for people who are self-conscious articulating their beliefs and ideas to others.

☀ Poetry for Peace

Chris Bursk, Poet, BCCC Professor. This will be an interactive workshop in which Chris Bursk encourages participants to write poems on the conference theme.

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AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

☀ Lobbying for Peace Can Include You Katherine Philipson, Network Building Associate at the Friends Committee on National Legislation.

Participants will learn how to have an impact without having to leave home. The workshop will consist of a discussion of effective lobbying through the use of the Internet and FCNL website tools.

☀ The Risks & Rewards of Educating for Peace Fran Bradley recently retired after 43 years at George School.

During those years he taught US History, Latin American History and economics. From 1980 until 2001 he served as George School's Director of Studies and Associate Head of School. Fran also led George School work-camps in Mexico, Nicaragua and Cuba. In June of 2014 he participated in another George School work-camp in the Quaker Community of Holguin, Cuba.

The workshop will consist of a description of the successes and challenges of George School's programs in Cuba, Nicaragua, China, Israel, Palestine and Vietnam.

☀ The Presence of Peace

Martha Kemper, Associate Professor, Penn State University Abington, Actor, Director, Producer, and Playwright. Martha uses the intimate power of theatre to create performances that inspire and connect us to one another. She has led theatre workshops at conferences, universities, and theatres in the United States and India. In this workshop, participants will borrow the tools of the actor, laughing, speaking, and moving together to discover the embodied experience of projecting a powerful, peaceful presence.

☀ Pete Seeger Sing-Along

Charley Peterson and Herb Spencer, Pennswood Village residents, will lead participants in singing songs for peace along with a DVD of a Seeger concert. Handouts: words to the songs.