


SSJ Sister Karen Klimczak  
Center for Nonviolence




## Creation of Peace

Celebratory worship service  
in memory of Sister Karen  
on the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
of her journey to God

**Friday**  
**April 15, 2011**  
**7:30 PM**

Blessed Sacrament Church  
1035 Delaware Avenue  
Buffalo



Featuring:  
Rev. Jeff Carter,  
preacher

Rachel Henderson,  
NOW Generation

Keep the vision of a world  
without violence alive...

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*Come join us on  
April 15th to remember  
Sister Karen, to share  
the love that motivates  
us to learn and grow in  
the nonviolence that she  
practiced. Come, sing  
and pray so that we can  
continue to leave ever  
deeper Peaceprints as  
we walk together.*  
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## Nonviolence Streetworkers



Teny Oded Gross will be visiting Buffalo on April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Teny is Executive Director of the Institute for the Study and Practice of Nonviolence in Providence, Rhode Island. The Institute is a pioneering organization that teaches the principles and practices of nonviolence locally, nationally, and internationally. The Institute's **Nonviolence Streetworkers Program** is an acclaimed intervention and outreach program for stemming gang violence in the inner city. The U.S. Conference of Mayors selected the Institute's work as "best practice" in combating gang violence.

The Sister Karen Center is working closely with the Providence, RI Institute and Teny Gross. There is a similar program called Operation SNUG (GUNS spelled backward) that is being implemented in Buffalo. Services to at-risk, gang-involved, and out-of-school youths are being provided as alternatives to violence and incarceration.

Our director Vivian Waltz is attending meetings with leaders in the city about both programs. She has been asked by U.S. Attorney William Hochul to join the board of Project Exile, an anti-crime initiative composed of clergy, neighborhood associations, and law enforcement.

## SUMMIT FOR NONVIOLENCE

“We’ll Walk Hand in Hand” was the theme of the Sister Karen Center’s first Summit for Nonviolence at Mt. St. Joseph Academy in Buffalo last April. It began with a youth retreat with the theme “It Takes Heart.” The youth learned about the courage to live nonviolently in a violent world.

The Summit continued with presentations on the roots and responses to violence in our nation’s cities. John Carmody from the Center for Christian Nonviolence spoke on “Nurturing Compassion in the Vortex of Violence.” Teny Gross spoke about the Nonviolence Streetworkers program which focuses on gang outreach and intervention. A panel discussion with representatives from community and faith-based groups working to stem the tide of violence in Buffalo followed.

In the evening on Saturday Sister Kathy Sherman, CSJ from Chicago, performed a concert of her original songs in the church sanctuary.

The Summit culminated with a “Walk for Nonviolence” on the streets around Leroy and Main where murders had recently been committed. “I Leave Peaceprints” signs were given to neighbors as a message of hope.

Young people set out from Mt. St. Joseph Academy on the Walk for Nonviolence



### New Advisory Board Members



The Reverend Jeff Carter, pastor of Ephesus Ministries, was welcomed onto the Sister Karen Center’s Board in September. Minister Marquitta Whitehead joined the Board in February. She is an Associate Minister at True Bethel Baptist Church and the founder of D.I.V.A.S. for Christ, Inc. which focuses on mother and daughter relationships.



Current board members are Sr. Jean Marie Zirnheld (President of the Sisters of St. Joseph), Marilyn Peterson (Director of Development), Sr. Philip Marie Cirincione, SSJ, James Mang (Associate of the SSJ), Sr. Beatrice Manzella, SSJ, and Bill Marx.

# CAMP PEACEPRINTS

## SUMMER 2010

### Another World is Possible

Camp Peaceprints had another great year – better than ever. The wonderfully diverse group of more than 40 children and youth involved over the two-week period, both campers and youth assistants, showed real commitment to each other and to trying to “be the change they want to see in the world” (Gandhi). Through camp co-directors Vivian Waltz, Director of the SSJ Sister Karen Klimczak Center for Nonviolence, and Victoria Ross, Peaceful Conflict Resolution Specialist, everyone involved in Camp Peaceprints 2010 grew in the knowledge and practice of nonviolence that the Center promotes. Over the course of camp - the work and the play, the Peace Agreements made and explored, the Peace Tools discovered and practiced, the Alternatives to Violence Project games and exercises experienced, the speakers heard and field trips gone on, the conflicts peacefully resolved – Camp Peaceprints truly became a beloved community and a hope for the future.

The themes of Think Globally the first week, and Act Locally the second week, were reflected in the speakers, art projects, and field trips the campers experienced. Agnes Williams, Seneca, from Indigenous Women’s Initiatives and Native American Community Services, inspired with stories of the Haudenosaunee about Creation and the world as well as our roles in caring for it; and Jill Hambee and her wonderful children came down from the Tuskarora Nation to join Dinah Porter, NACS, in sharing their local experiences, the ways they learn about their clans, and why they stand up for the rights of all. We all gained new insights into an indigenous perspective.

Karima Amin, storyteller, drummer, teacher, mentor, and community pillar extraordinaire (founder of Prisoners Are People Too and co-chair of Erie County Prisoners Rights Coalition), told a number of high impact  
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## Help Increase the Peace! HIP Community Program



Help Increase the Peace is an activity-based series of workshops where people learn to lead nonviolent lives. We explore the causes of violence, the roots of nonviolence, and how to resolve conflicts in a positive way. Community programs are available for both youth and adults. Contact the Sister Karen Center for Non-violence if you or others you know may be interested in a workshop.

HIP is a program of the Alternatives to Violence Project. Our AVP Niagara Frontier Council oversees the program at Albion Correctional Facility (women) and Wende Correction Facility (men). This year, Albion is scheduled to offer AVP workshops on five weekends facilitated by Kathy Essek from Buffalo and Judy Halley from Rochester. Four workshops are set for 2011 at Wende. Bill Marx, a member of the Center's board, works alongside inmate facilitators who have an amazing enthusiasm for the program and a desire to help young men in the system learn more productive ways of dealing with conflict situations. In addition, our Council responded to a call for assistance from FCI McKean, a federal facility near Bradford, PA. Audrey Mang has committed to lead two workshops there.

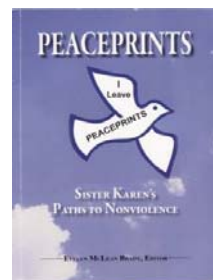
A team of teachers committed to nonviolence created lessons for the book

### PEACEPRINTS: Sister Karen's Paths to Nonviolence.

Key themes include:

- \* *Peace: The legacy of Sister Karen*
- \* *Jesus, Gandhi, and Martin Luther King, Jr.*
- \* *Tolerance and respect for self comes first*
- \* *Challenge and blessing of forgiveness*
- \* *Leaving Peaceprints: Building the Kingdom*
- \* *The gift of prayer and the message of angels*
- \* *Called to be mystics, one with God*
- \* *Transformation & redemption*

We invite your faith, educational, or community group to explore these themes through a presentation, class, workshop, or retreat.



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at no charge at

[www.sisterkarencenter.org](http://www.sisterkarencenter.org).

Books can be purchased at

[www.buffaloheritage.com](http://www.buffaloheritage.com)

or call the Center at 362-9688.

Proceeds from book sales benefit the Center and the Interfaith Peace Network. Please pray that our outreach efforts bear much fruit!

### Another World is Possible (continued from page 3)

stories about the artificial boundaries and fears that keep us apart. She also imparted the kind of energy that will put a spring in our steps for a long time to come.

Kelly Cooper came from Journeys End to help us understand what refugees and immigrants go through, and their role in Buffalo, invigorating our city and giving it new hope. As citizens of Buffalo with approximately a quarter of the children and youth in the camp coming from other countries (Bolivia, Eritrea, Haiti, Nepal, Rwanda/Kenya/Togo), this was a very important piece for us all.

We also learned a lot during the field trips. Week 1's trip to Forest Lawn was filled with history and imagery - symbols of love, remembrance, and hope. Week 2 brought our annual visit with Mayor Byron Brown, with questions and suggestions from the campers evidencing real insight on local issues. They made us proud. Then on to the Colored Musicians Club, where President, bandleader, and terrific sax player George Scott shared the impressive history and exciting prospects of the Club and its soon-to-be-realized interactive museum, as well as letting us jam with him on the (David Granville) song "Peaceprints." What fun! Our last stop was the Michigan St Baptist Church, where Bishop William Henderson showed us where slaves stayed and were cared for on this, their last stop on the Underground Railroad, on the road to Freedom. The moments of silence we spent in their memory were uplifting.

Our volunteers and staff also shared awesome gifts with us. Young Neighbors in Action, a team of Catholic service-learning youth from Tewksbury, Massachusetts bonded with the campers in no time. Enthusiastic Ellen Moomaw modeled and educated about recycling; Jazzy Jan Burns (of ECCPASA) led art exercises and projects (including contributions to the national Empty Bowls project, sponsored by Buffalo State College locally); Blissful Bekah Starr taught yoga; Smiling Sarah Gallo facilitated improved identification of our feelings; and Karibu Kate Mang offered up whatever seemed needed at the time. We are also grateful to Cowboy Charley Bowman and Friendly Frank Gage who faithfully brought children, parents, or whoever and whatever was missing. Sincere thanks are also due to the St. Margaret's School for kindly sharing their ideal facility, and to St. Columba-Brigid Church for generously lending their van.

Without the support and commitment of so many, Camp Peaceprints would not have been possible. With it, another better world is possible. Nonviolence begins with us, and we'll keep learning how to leave and spread peaceprints wherever we go. Sister Karen's ministry lives on!

*Written by Victoria Ross*



**CAMP PEACEPRINTS 2011**

**"Peace and Justice in Space and Time"**

**July 25-August 5, Mon. - Fri. 9 AM—4 PM**

**St. Margaret School, 1395 Hertel Avenue, Buffalo**

**Seeking campers (8-13 yrs), youth assistants,  
and volunteers.**

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*A multitude of peaceprints  
have been left in your honor!*





**Our director Rev. Vivian Waltz** smiles with Sisters of St. Joseph and Associates after receiving a 2010 Community Commitment Award from VOICE-Buffalo, a faith-based community organizing project working for peace and justice in our region.



## Here and there.....

### October

- A new Sister Karen Peace Garden at SS Columba-Brigid Church was blessed by Bishop Kmiec.
- A HIP (Help Increase the Peace) workshop was presented by director Vivian Waltz and Victoria Ross at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Buffalo to their Youth Group.

### November

- Councilmember Curtis Haynes, Jr. invited the Center to be part of a conference at City Hall "Step Up To Help Stop Community Violence."

### December

- The Erie County Trauma Task Force participated in an Alternatives to Violence Project workshop given by Vivian and Audrey Mang.
- A Peaceprints presentation was given to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Buffalo and teachers at Buffalo United Charter School.

### January

- Vivian participated in a rally to celebrate one month with no homicides in Buffalo!
- Board member Jim Mang and Vivian joined a Stop Youth Violence Task Force of VOICE - Buffalo.

### February

- *Peaceprints* book editor Evelyn Brady and Vivian presented "The Message of Angels" to the Rosary Guild at St. Jude the Apostle in Tonawanda.
- "Forgiveness" was the topic of an evening program by Vivian and Vicki with 80 ninth- graders in Religious Education at St. John the Baptist in Alden.

### March

- A Peaceprints Leadership Training workshop was given at the International Institute of Buffalo to refugees from Burma, Bhutan, Nepal, and Iraq.
- A workshop on "Building a Social Justice Agenda" was presented by Vivian, Vicki, and Evelyn to Diversity Club students from the Buffalo Independent Secondary School Network. They also gave a nonviolence retreat with seventh grade students at St. Joseph University School.



































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