

James Mang Elected Emeritus Board Member



The Advisory Board of the SSJ Sister Karen Klimczak Center for Nonviolence voted unanimously to designate James Mang as Emeritus Board Member. Jim and his wife Audrey were interim directors of the Center when it opened in 2007. Jim served on the Advisory Board from that time until we regretfully accepted his resignation last January.



In response to this honor, Audrey shared, "Jim not only held Karen in high regard but he felt personally called to carry on her work--and that's what the Center gave him an opportunity to do. He and I are so grateful to have helped start the Center and then to have stayed connected."

We thank Jim, and Audrey as well, for their dedication to the Center and our mission to eliminate violence. In this issue of *Alternatives*, we also recognize and thank all those who have supported our work this past year. You are a blessing to each person we touch in Sister Karen's name!

Mark your calendars now for our annual event on **Sunday, April 19th, 2020**. Our speaker will be Bishop Dr. Frederick Gelsey who is an expert on the effects of violence in the media on youth. The program promises to be powerful and relevant!

May the Spirit of the Season
be with you and yours,

Vivian

Vivian Ruth Waltz, Director



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Sunday, April 19, 2020 at 3 PM

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Alternatives to Violence"**

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Meet Our New Board Members



**Joe Testa and
Sr. Michele Beiter, SSJ**

In Sister Michele's own words: *I choose to be on the Board of the SSJ Sister Karen Klimczak Center for Nonviolence because I believe this ministry is one of the most needed in our area. The Sisters of St. Joseph and Associates of Buffalo, NY, in our desire to bring about unity and reconciliation and out of our deep reverence for all life, have made a corporate commitment to confront violence and powerlessness in ourselves and in our society. We created the Center for Nonviolence to carry on Sister's Karen vision of a world without violence. There are so many groups that Vivian has been collaborating with and for which she has provided many educational opportunities. I have personally experienced the Alternatives to Violence Project program and I have seen how it touches people's lives.*

As a child I loved reading and continue to enjoy time for that. I grew up in West Seneca with 4 brothers and competed with them in most sports: softball, football, basketball, ice and roller skating. However, at this point in my life I enjoy watching sports on TV!

I attended Mt. St. Joseph Academy High School where I was taught by the Sisters of St. Joseph. Their values and joyous spirit attracted me to pursue being a sister. I was fortunate and grateful for the educational opportunities I had: a B.A. from Medaille College here in Buffalo, a M.A. in Religious Education at LaSalle College in Philadelphia and a M.S. in Organizational Development from American University/National Training Lab in Washington, D.C.

My ministries have included teaching in various grade and high schools in the Diocese of Buffalo, Co-Director and Co-Foundress of The Center for Christian Living in Clarence, NY – an adult enrichment Center offering opportunities for spiritual/human growth, free lancing as a facilitator and consultant to Parishes and Religious Congregations in the US and Canada and serving on Leadership Teams for the Sisters of St. Joseph (1989-93, 2009-2019).

Over the years I also have had meaningful opportunities for spiritual growth. I have attended conferences and retreats, meeting many inspiring people. I have grown in awareness of justice issues. Sister Karen's death and the book Peaceprints touched me deeply. Her way of life is an inspiration, example and challenge for me to live nonviolently and help others to do the same.

Joseph Testa is a native of Western New York who has four children and 8 grandchildren. His wife of 55 years Mary Ann passed away 4 years ago. Joe graduated from University at Buffalo with an engineering degree. He was general manager of Sierra Research for 25 years and grew the company from 11 to 1,500 employees. He then went on to be President of Bell Aerospace for 25 years from which he retired in 1993.

Joe studied theology at Christ the King Seminary. He taught scripture for 13 years. He was President of Serra Club which works with priestly vocations. As a member of the vocation network of the Diocese, Joe met many Sisters which led him to become an Associate of the Sisters of St. Joseph 17 years ago. Today Joe is a Pastoral Care Minister at Suburban Hospital and Park Creek Nursing Home.

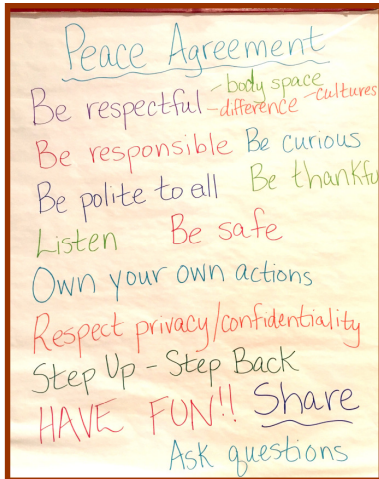
Joe's community service includes membership on the board of Teaching and Restoring Youth (TRY) as well as positions on the Town of Amherst government studies, planning, zoning, and conservation boards.

Joe was a friend of Sister Karen Klimczak. He is grateful for the opportunity to serve on the board of the Center for Nonviolence and feels that our work is more important now than ever.

CAMP PEACEPRINTS 2019

"Discovering Diversity: An Intercultural Adventure"

July 15-26, 2019 ~ St. Mary's School for the Deaf



Camp Peaceprints was a successful and fun adventure this year! There was a total of 37 culturally diverse campers (ages 8-13) in attendance, and 11 youth assistants/volunteers (over 14). We had rave reviews from the campers, borne out by a growing number of repeat campers and referrals from camper families.

This success was in part due to the collaboration of staff and volunteers from the SSJ Sister Karen Klimczak Center for Nonviolence, the Interfaith Peace Network of WNY, the WNY Peace Center, Erie County Council for the Prevention of Alcohol and Substance Abuse, Young Neighbors in Action of the Roman Catholic Center for Ministry Development, and the Foster Grandparent Program of Catholic Charities.

As a camp, the children were able to learn and play through activities focused on diversity and nonviolence. Some of these exercises included sign language lessons, conversations on de-escalation of conflict, mindfulness practices, and discussions of other cultures and respecting others.

The various cultures explored included:

- * the Deaf community through ASL/signing lessons as well as discussion with teachers and students from St. Mary's School for the Deaf;
- * the Yemeni community through the Arab-American Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS) of WNY Summer Enrichment Program bringing their students and teachers to visit us at Camp Peaceprints as their field trip. The groups spent the whole day together – making group murals, learning about the Afghan Peace Volunteers and US foreign policies, and writing to our congressional representatives, as well as learning ASL/signing, playing, and eating together!;
- * further learning about the Afghan community through joining in on a Global Days of Listening call with the Afghan Peace Volunteers – yes, actually speaking with them – for those who were able to participate over the weekend;
- * the Haudenosaunee Native American community through starting and ending with a Gnonyoh (traditional opening and closing Thanksgiving Address) as well as an activity station offered by Haudenosaunee Jocelyn Jones on dances and ceremonies;

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CAMP PEACEPRINTS 2019 (continued)

* the flora (and fauna) communities through learning about the environment, biodiversity, newly discovered flora sentience, and the natural interconnectedness through a presentation by Ilyas Khan, the youth leader of the Buffalo Youth Climate Strike.

Campers also learned from each other's cultures through daily interaction with participants from various communities, including African - Congolese and Rwandan; African-American; Argentinian/Pakistani; Bolivian; Burmese; Congregation of Israel; Indian (from India); Muslim; White - various Eastern and Western European; and more.

Four afternoons of swimming were a highlight of camp as well as two fieldtrips. The first, to the Albright Knox Art Museum, exposed the children to diverse artists and their works centered on culture, and especially refugees, immigrants, and prisoners. The second trip was to Buffalo's City Hall, which continued on to the Outer Harbor and Tifft Nature Preserve. When meeting with the Mayor, the children were encouraged to speak their minds – asking him questions, as well as giving him their opinions of what is needed in the community.

Camp Peaceprints campers also held a rally in Niagara Square to advocate for other children: "Families Belong Together." This experience, and preparation therefor, further encouraged the children to focus on immigration issues and what families around the world face both at home and in trying to find refuge to survive. The embracing of our common humanity was very clear.

At Camp Peaceprints, young people learned to honor their differences and feel their connections, empowering them to be activists for human rights, equality, and true nonviolence throughout their lives. As Gandhi said, "If we want to have a lasting peace, we must start with the children." Camp Peaceprints continues to follow this path, and we are thankful to all who made it all possible, especially the support of the Riefler Ministry Enablement Fund, as well as the donors to the Jim and Audrey Mang Camp Peaceprints Scholarship Fund. We are truly grateful.



Alternatives to Violence Project News



The mission of the Alternatives to Violence Project is to empower people to lead nonviolent lives through affirmation, respect for all, community building, cooperation, and trust. Founded in and developed from the real-life experiences of prisoners and others, and building on a spiritual base, AVP encourages every person's innate power to positively transform themselves and the world.

AVP Program Continues with Youth



Teaching and Restoring Youth

Eight young women at **TRY (Teaching and Restoring Youth)** recently completed a Basic Alternatives to Violence Project workshop. The TRY residence on Brinkman Avenue in Buffalo is a place for young women to find hope. TRY's mission is to enable young women who have suffered from abuse, violence and victimization to rebuild their lives through supportive companionship, counseling, education and the development of independent living skills. Participants in the workshop shared freely about the challenges of their lives and how AVP will help them move forward toward their goals. Thanks go out to facilitators Ann Owens and Vivian Waltz, and also to members of the Sarah Circle at Hamburg United Methodist Church for providing dinner.

AVP at Wende Correctional Facility

Our AVP program at Wende is going strong. This past year we have trained six new inside facilitators. These enthusiastic men, along with our experienced facilitators, are now ambassadors for the program within the prison. They help to recruit new participants for the Basic workshops, and encourage them to continue through all three levels. Our schedule for 2020 includes five weekend workshops. We are grateful to Wende coordinator Lynn Rudnicki for her tireless efforts to keep the program going no matter what obstacles we encounter!



The 2020 Season for Nonviolence

Inspired by the inmates at Attica Correctional Facility who collected scholarship money for Camp Peaceprints during the 2019 Season for Nonviolence, the Sister Karen Center will be working with Arun Gandhi and the M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence in Rochester for the 2020 Season for Nonviolence at Wende Correctional Facility. The Season, launched at the United Nations in 1998, annually marks the 64 calendar days between the memorial anniversary of the assassination of Mohandas K. Gandhi on January 30th and that of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on April 4th. The Season teaches that every person can move the world forward in the direction of peace through daily nonviolent choices and actions. We will be posting "64 Ways in 64 Days" daily reflections and actions on our website so you can participate in the Season and grow in your understanding and practice of nonviolence along with us and the men at Wende.

AVP Training

Basic Level I Workshop: January 3-4, 2020
Sister Karen Center, 80 Durham Avenue, Buffalo
sisterkarencenter.org for more information

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD



Sister Karen Center board member Bill Marx and Director Vivian Waltz enjoyed the WNY Peace Center annual dinner. At right is Vivian with Murray Holman, President of Stop the Violence Coalition and Buffalo Peacemaker, and Tanya Johnson. The keynote speaker was Medea Benjamin, founder of CODEPINK. An award was given to Valentino Dixon, an amazing man who after 27 years of unjust incarceration is a devoted artist, exoneree and community activist. Valentino asked if each of us would contact Governor Cuomo in support of Elder Parole (NYS Senate bill 2144). This legislation would allow people aged 55 or older who have served 15 or more years in prison a chance at release, regardless of their sentence or crime of conviction. We invite you to make your voice heard in the governor's office.



Sisters of St. Joseph Visit Camp Peaceprints



Sister Bea Manzella and Marilyn Peterson display Peaceprints dove art project



Sister Virginia Young and campers, including youth from Arab-American Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS) of WNY

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