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# Compassionate Listening

## Upcoming Trainings

[Abiquiu NM, June 10/11](#)

Leah Green

[Seattle, WA, June 7/8](#)

Susan & Andrea

[Seattle, WA, Sept 6/7](#)

Susan & Andrea

[Ashland, OR, Fall](#)

Carol Hwoschinsky

**Announcing:**  
**Journey to the  
Heart**

**Israel and Palestine**



*"The Gathering was a high point of my summer.  
Thank you for providing this wonderful space and for your  
amazing work in the world."- 2007 participant*

## Dear Friends,

The Compassionate Listening Project warmly invites you to our 5th Annual Summer Gathering.

**Who:** All are welcome - no prior experience with the Compassionate Listening Project is necessary. We welcome newcomers and we love reunions with those who have participated in our trainings and projects.

**What:** This is an opportunity to come together, drink from

**with  
Leah Green &  
Yael Petretti**

**Oct 26-Nov 7, 2008**

**[Click here for  
information and  
registration](#)**

**Photos from March  
2008 delegation:**



Larry Snider with Palestinian Prime Minister Salam Fayyad during our March 2008 Compassionate Listening delegation.



the well of spirit and community, and deepen our practices to cultivate compassion in our daily lives.

**When:** August 1-3, 2008 beginning Friday at noon and ending Sunday at 3:00. Day rates are available for one or more days for those who cannot attend the whole Gathering or do not need on-site sleeping accommodations. Last year we filled up so we do encourage you to [register](#) soon.

**Where:** Camp Brotherhood, a beautiful 200-acre retreat center one hour north of Seattle, Washington.

For more information about the Gathering, please [click here](#).

We look forward to celebrating the abundance of life with you this summer!



### **Congratulations to our Advanced Training Class!**

Our deep gratitude and congratulations to the twenty men and women who participated in our 2008 Advanced Training course, which just ended on May 5th. Participants are now invited to enter our certification path, where they will join our learning community of facilitators. A special thank you to Carol Hwoschinsky, Rich Hoffman, Sissi Loftin, Jan Hutton and Janet Brocklehurst for coming to assist.



Our host, Amani, at Al-Qasemi College in Baka al-Garbiyeh



Rabbi Froman speaks to us about "prophetic peace" near his home in the West Bank hills

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**Enjoying a playful moment at the Advanced Training, May 2008**

*Quotes from 2008 participants:*

*"The Advanced Training hugely exceeded my expectations in the depth of learning, self-revelation, connection to others..and in accepting love, courage and inspiration to move forward"*

*"The material is magnificent, as is the transparent, loving and dedicated facilitation and leadership. The field that was created was incredibly powerful and loving."*

**Delaware Valley Interfaith Compassionate Listeners**

teaches skills to transform conflict and create peace in our daily lives - in our families, communities, in the workplace, and among nations; *speaking and listening from the heart, even in the heat of conflict.*

To tailor a talk or training for your group, please call us: 360-297-2280.

Thank you to the many groups who have hosted talks and trainings so far in 2008:

**Seeds of Compassion; Seattle First Baptist; Bellevue Community College; American Society for Training and Development; The Arava Institute for Environmental Studies; Fond du Lac Center for Spirituality and Healing; Marian College; Kitsap Dispute Resolution; King County Council; Northwest School; Bainbridge Island**



When Larry Snider of New Hope, Pennsylvania, returned from our 2001 Compassionate Listening delegation, he began to dream about returning - this time with a group of interfaith leaders from his region. His dream was realized in March, when 20 religious and spiritual leaders joined him for a Compassionate Listening delegation led by Leah Green and Maha el-Taji (seated, front left). The group is shown above with two outstanding Jerusalem peacemakers, Eliyahu McLean (seated, front right) and Sheikh Abdul Aziz Buchari (standing, center).

In a recently published article, Larry wrote, "...On our first night in Jerusalem at the Convent in the Old City, I was awakened at 4:30 am by the Muslim call to prayer emanating over the loudspeakers, and looked up to see Imam Halim, my roommate, engaged in morning prayer. On a very personal level, I knew that I had arrived, and that we had arrived together in Jerusalem as part of a very special delegation who would share a unique and transformative experience."

**Women's Club;  
Guiding Lights  
Weekend; Havurah  
Shir Hadash; The  
Peace House;  
Wallingford  
Community Senior  
Center;**

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We'll post more articles soon on our website from this outstanding delegation.

### ***Become a Friend of Compassionate Listening!***

We are raising funds for our next round of Advanced Training with Israelis and Palestinians. You can help by becoming a *Friend of Compassionate Listening* with your tax deductible donation of \$25 or more. To make a donation, please visit: [Friends of Compassionate Listening](#)



### ***from our participants:***

"Compassionate Listening is a powerful gift to the world, and the process of becoming a Compassionate Listener is an amazing growth experience."

"Compassionate Listening embodies how I wish to be in the world. It is a life-long practice and journey."

**Join us** for experiential sessions on Compassionate Listening at the Common Bond Institute's 3rd Annual International Conference on [Engaging the Other: The Power of Compassion](#) this September in San Francisco, and the [National Coalition for Dialogue and Deliberation 2008 conference](#) in Austin this October.

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