



COMPASSIONATE LISTENING PROJECT

"An enemy is one whose story we have not heard."

- Gene Knudsen Hoffman, Compassionate Listening pioneer.

Dear Friend,

This holiday season, as we stand witness to global challenges and awakening on an unprecedented scale, we are reaching out to you to share the exciting news of our impact around the world and to invite your support.

We are very proud of the vast reach of our work this year. Compassionate Listening trainings were held in war-torn countries, prisons, medical centers, hospitals, universities, community centers, places of worship, mediation centers, and at national and international conferences.

Our numbers speak for themselves:

- ☀ Nearly 4,000 participants attended 104 Compassionate Listening trainings, presentations and events, offered by 22 CL facilitators;
- ☀ Our programs took place in 56 cities in 7 countries: Canada, Burundi, Rwanda, Liberia, Israel, the U.K. and 14 states in the U.S.;
- ☀ 949 people participated in 46 full-length introductory trainings, including 120 community and tribal leaders in Africa;
- ☀ We reached over 2,000 people with 42 talks, experiential classes and conference presentations;
- ☀ More than 60 organizations, businesses and institutions hosted trainings and presentations (see the partial list in the column to the right);
- ☀ Our second book, "Practicing the Art of Compassionate Listening", has sold over 300 copies in the 3 months since publication;
- ☀ Articles about CL were published in 18 magazines and journals, including the Journal for the Study on Peace and Conflict;
- ☀ Our annual training-delegation brought 16 North Americans to Palestine and Israel for our transformative reconciliation work;
- ☀ 43 people attended 3 Advanced Trainings, including our first ever Advanced Training on the East Coast;
- ☀ We certified 5 new facilitators this year - 2 women and 3 men;
- ☀ 60 people from across North America attended our 8th Annual Compassionate Listening Gathering near Seattle, Washington;
- ☀ Compassionate Listening courses were offered at community colleges and universities and our curricula was integrated into mediation trainings;
- ☀ Countless others have integrated CL skills and core practices into their work and projects;
- ☀ We've dramatically increased awareness of our work this past year through social networking, with over 1,900 members of our TCLP Facebook page who can view and share our daily posts, and almost 600 members of our international NING network.

Our venues in 2011 included:

Common Bond Institute, Practical Models for Peace Conference, Neve Shalom, Israel
Mediators Without Borders Annual Congress, UCLA
Association for Conflict Resolution, Greater Philadelphia Chapter
Peace and Justice Studies Association Conference, Memphis, TN
Hollyhock Founders Invitational Conference, Cortez Island, British Columbia
Transformational Leadership Center, Kigali
Pendle Hill Quaker Retreat Center, PA
Pedagogy and Theatre of the Oppressed Annual Conference, Chicago, IL
Women's Interfaith Symposium, Harrisburg, PA
Dispute Resolution Center of King Co., WA
Arava Institute for Environmental Studies, Israel
New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM
Portland State University, Portland, OR
Edmonds Community College, WA
Shoreline Community College, WA
Seattle Central Community College, WA
Islamic School of Seattle, WA
Seattle Early Learning Collaborative, WA
Seattle Peace Chorus, WA
United Religions Initiative, U.S. Board
Jewish-Muslim Dialogue Group, Seattle, WA
Tending Adam's Garden, Bellevue, WA
Montreal Dialogue Group, Quebec
Grateford Prison, PA
Purdy Women's Prison, WA
Monroe Correctional Complex, WA
Tucson Friends Meeting, AZ
Forbes Library, Northampton, MA
Healing Ground Retreat Center, NC
United Way of Brookings, SD
West Raleigh Presbyterian Church, NC
The Abundance Foundation, NC
Living Interfaith Church, Lynwood, WA
Arcadia University, PA, International Peace and Conflict Resolution Master's Program
Langhorne Peace Center, PA
Hospice Society, Courtenay, B.C.
The Peace Abbey, MA
Karuna Center for Peacebuilding, MA
Treehouse Community, MA
Dispute Resolution Center of Snohomish, Island and Skagit Counties, WA
A Place for Women to Gather, NC
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Ctr, WA
Swedish Medical Center, WA: STEP Up to Leadership, Supervisory Development Program, and Nurse Managers Retreat
Alternatives to Violence Program, PA
Sacred Groves, WA
Eastside Interfaith Meditation, WA
KAOS Evergreen State College Radio

Thank you to all of our 2011 hosts!

The Compassionate Listening Project empowers individuals and communities to transform conflict and create powerful cultures of peace. We accomplish our mission through:

- Trainings worldwide with our award-winning curriculum;
- Skilled facilitation with families, communities, and in the workplace;
- Delegations and trainings in conflict and post-conflict zones;
- Advanced Training and Facilitator Certification;
- Publishing curricula and producing videos;
- Unique community building events;
- Services tailored for the needs of your organization.

"In CL, I am building skills and gaining experience in how to listen to others and also listen to a deeper part of myself—a wiser, intuitive, and more connected self. I learn how to speak from a place that is genuine and present. CL engenders a broader sense of confidence in myself in the world, and in my ability to communicate and express compassion for others. I am challenged to explore what my fear of "the other" really is. CL invites me to look deeper into my biases and points to a bigger view that connects me to that "other."

- Marion, Advanced Training, 2011

2012 Calendar

Check our website for details.

INTRO TRAININGS: (1 & 2 days)

Bainbridge Island, WA
Jan 21-22, Leah Green & Therese Charvet

Pittsboro, NC
Feb 11, Jan Hutton

New York City
Feb 25, Susan Partnow

Seattle, WA
March 10-11, Susan & Andrea

Greensboro, NC
March 10, Jan Hutton

Chapel Hill, NC
Apr 14-15, Jan Hutton

Seattle, WA
June 2-3, Susan & Andrea

Seattle, WA
Sep 8-9, Susan & Andrea

Pittsboro, NC
Sep 22, Jan Hutton

ADVANCED TRAININGS:

CL with Self and Others
with Susan & Andrea
March 22-25, Mt. Vernon, WA

CL in the World, with Leah & Susan
Nov 9-11, Seabeck, WA

DELEGATIONS:

Journey to the Heart: Israel and Palestine, with Yael Petretti & Susanne Van Kimmenade
March 18-28, 2012

Healing the Past, Creating a New Future: Jews, Germans and the Legacy of World War II, with Suzanne Schecker, Ginni Stern & Andrea Cohen,
June 15-21, 2012

EVENTS:

CL Retreat with Leah Green
dates TBA
Seabeck or Camp Brotherhood

CL Gathering
October 12-14, 2012
Camp Indianola, WA

Just imagine the impact and ripple effect that our 2011 numbers represent in a world critically in need of skills to transform inner and outer conflicts.

This year, our appeal is straightforward and urgent. We anticipate a \$25,000 short-fall in next year's bare-bones budget of \$70,000. We are at the tipping point in becoming a truly global organization and your support can make it possible. Leah has been invited to teach at a regional conflict transformation conference in Amman, Jordan, and to bring our Advanced Training to Palestine and Israel in 2012. We would love to say "yes" to these and other invitations.

Our 2011 numbers attest to the strength of our curriculum, the passion and skills of our facilitators, the creative teamwork and efficiency of the staff, and the support from our wise board of directors.

The numbers also attest to your generosity, because we couldn't have done it without you. Over the past year, TCLP received \$18,000 in donations from 150 individuals, with an average donation of \$120 (just \$10 a month). Please help us reach our goal this year with your donation of any amount. We'll thank you by adding your name to our "2012 Friends" page on our website. You can also donate as a holiday gift in someone's name and we'll send them a card to let them know.

One participant responded to the following question on our evaluation form this year: "Is there anything that could have improved your experience?" His answer was, "Yes, taking this training 35 years ago!" Your generous contribution will help us reach people and communities in need of skills now.

Our deepest gratitude to all who supported our work in 2011. We are continually moved by the powerful feedback we receive about the ways that CL has impacted your lives, communities and organizations. Thank you for your support, both spiritual and material.

Compassionately yours,

Leah & Allison

Leah Green, Founding Director, &
Allison Goldstein, Managing Director



These courageous women in Bill Jacobsen's recent training in Burundi work with victims of rape, estimated to affect 40% of the women in their province.



Intergenerational Collective Wisdom session at our 2011 CL Gathering, with Leah Green and Heather Wolf

Practicing the Art of Compassionate Listening

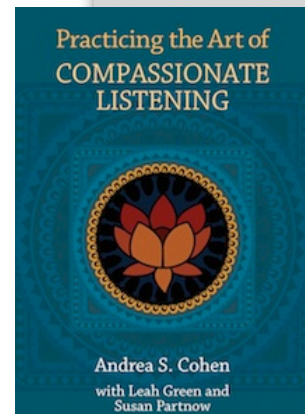
by Andrea Cohen, with Leah Green and Susan Partnow.

This practical "how to" book provides a step-by-step approach to help you implement the practices of

Compassionate Listening into your daily life. The exercises in this book are based on the core practices of Compassionate Listening as taught in our Introductory Intensive training.

You'll find our new book in our online store at:

www.compassionatelisting.org



BECOME A SUPPORTING MEMBER OF TCLP IN 2012!

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