

SYNERGY UPDATE

*Building a World
That Works for
Everyone*

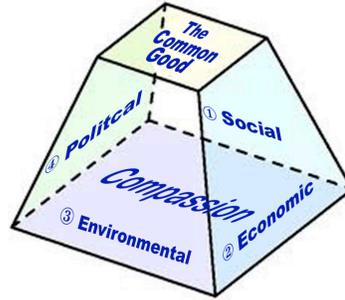
Passion creates the action; responsibility carries it forward.

For The Common Good

As peacemakers, we mutually support our individual and collective passions for serving the common good.

For example, Peacemaking includes compassionate social, economic, environmental and political actions—all connected in the service of the common good—from the personal to global.

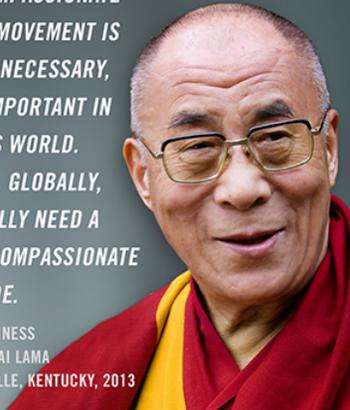
Some will call that “socialism.” But, there is **no** “ism”, **no** ideology, in working for the common good. Good ideas emerge from everywhere, and by anyone. And when they do, people respond. They may take different paths; still, MAP honors and celebrates the contributions of each person and each group.



Note our new **MAP-IN-ACTION** report (pg. 2), which offers opportunities for participating in various long term projects and trajectories serving the common good. Each one has a contact person to call if you are interested.

DALAI LAMA CALLS FOR COMPASSIONATE CITIES 206 have signed on worldwide.

THE COMPASSIONATE CITIES MOVEMENT IS HIGHLY NECESSARY, VERY IMPORTANT IN TODAY'S WORLD. I THINK, GLOBALLY, WE REALLY NEED A MORE COMPASSIONATE ATTITUDE.



- HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, 2013

THE LEADERSHIP TEAM—WHO TO CONTACT ABOUT WHAT

Delegates have selected seven of their own to serve in a leadership role to manage the structure, process, and tasks necessary for MAP to function well.

These are the people to contact when you have inputs, questions, or grievances:

Dennis Dillon: convener and HAUMC liaison. dennis.dillon@msn.com 612-333-0723

Wayne Wittman: membership. waynecwittman@gmail.com 651-695-5297

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Madeline Simon: website/member Lists. madeline-mpls@msn.com 952-854-2976

April Knutson: recording secretary. knutsoo1@umn.edu 612-823-5989

Mary Faulkner: treasurer. rfomplsmn@aol.com 612-823-5524

Sook Holdridge: delegate contacts/newsletter. e-holdridge@comcast.net 952-922-7311

How The Intentional Misuse of Words Corrupts Their Meaning

It happens all the time. The words we value are intentionally exploited by others to serve their own ends.

You value **peace** and **justice**? Those who want war say “*war brings peace*”, and this is a “*just war*”.

Compassion? Who can be against that? But, the term “*compassionate conservative*” helped elect a staunch conservative president.

You value **patriotism**? Behold! “*The Patriot Act*”

You’re for the **common good**? That’s “*socialism*” – the label used to kill the idea of it.

The point here is, don’t let their misuse of words back you away from using them. If you do back off, they win.

Instead, you can treat them as an opening for a conversation. Ask, “What is **your** understanding of those words? Don’t argue. Listen, and be open to having your **own** mind changed.”

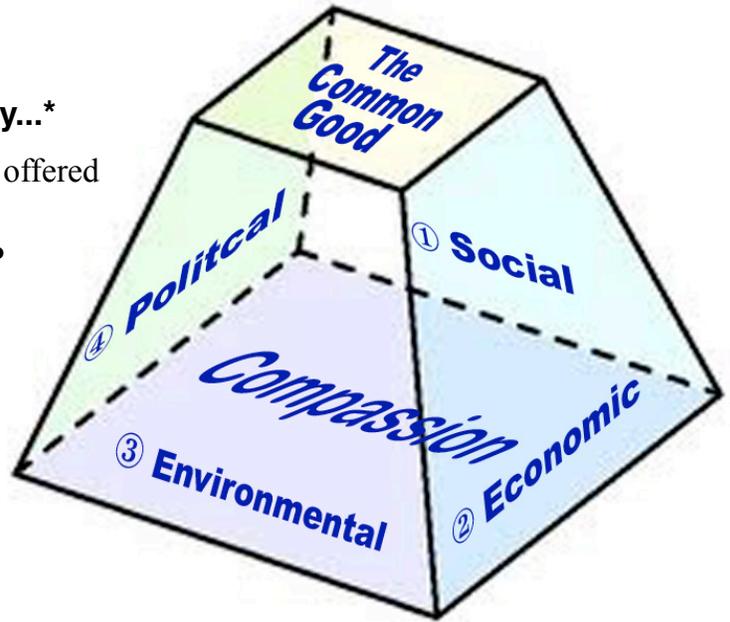
Minnesota Alliance of Peacemakers

—giving mutual support and working together for the common good—

To add a new long term participation opportunity...*

- a) have a specific vision with participation opportunities offered by you, your organization or group,
- b) double check to make sure it doesn't violate any MAP guiding principle, and
- c) be or find the leadership contact person to list here.

*Submit to Sook Holdridge, sook51@gmail.com
 (Single events are **not** listed here. They should be submitted to info@mapm.org;
 You will receive notices from MAPM.org mapm@pjep.org).



MAP IN ACTION

sort	Vision	Long Term Participation Opportunities	web site	Contact person
①	Creating Peace —integrating peace education in the schools and communities.	We also offer live trainings and an online peacemaking course.	peacesites.org	Martha Roberts 612-554-7009 martrobe44@aol.com
①	Creating Peace —offering ongoing peacebuilding leadership workshops and trainings.			Donna Minter 612-377-4660 star.mps@gmail.com
②	Economic Justice —setting right the unjust foreclosures by financial institutions.	Distribute Occupy's " Occupy Together " 24-panel cards, and there's much more.		Mary Lynn Murphy 651-698-8593 mary.murphy100@comcast.net
④	Peace; Not War —Resolution 1: do not extend Afghan war past 2014.	Resolution 2: MAP opposes new sanctions on Iran. (both passed)		Wesley Davey wesleydavey@gmail.com
④	Real Democracy —Move-to-Amend constitutional amendment	Distribute MTA-MN " We The People " 24-panel cards, and there's more you can do		Robin Monahan 651-319-2097 mnmovetoamend@gmail.com
	Your Vision? —Your opportunity for participation?			Contact: phone and email address

FOR THE COMMON GOOD

As people step forward to share their actions, and take or find leadership, this "MAP IN ACTION" visual will show the emphasis and direction MAP is taking in serving the common good.

And, for each opportunity, there's someone you can contact to either join, learn more, or make comments.

May we—love one another, honor the service of every person, and celebrate the journey.