

SYNERGY UPDATE

*Building a World
That Works for
Everyone*

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Doin' Good, And—We Can Do Better...

Organizations join MAP because they all agree—mutual support and working together cooperatively is the way to go for realizing vision.

Nearly all MAP members like the open space process; the sharing of dreams, resources, insights and ideas—and the proposals that come out of them. It's a process we've used since April, 2012.

And, we can do better at. . .

1. binding our single issue actions to bigger picture trajectories.
[Every project/action has an implied trajectory/vision. Share that,]
2. articulating powerful visions that people can relate to.
[At every meeting someone will take 5-6 minutes to share a vision.]
3. attracting more non-delegate members to our council meetings.
[We're counting on delegates to invite their members to attend.]
4. facilitating more interactions over the 2-month gap we don't meet
[Anyone can now sign in to stay abreast of any dialogue or action.]
5. publicizing and promoting what our members want others to know.
[See "MAP in ACTION", pg. 2. Also, news releases and letters.]



MAP: 24-PANEL CARDS

The main purpose of this MAP card is to attract and inform prospective MAP members.

It also comes in handy to introduce MAP to the media, legislators, and anyone else interested. We have 1700 cards folded and 1700 unfolded.

Mapping MAP

Without a good map visual, MAP can appear to be a series of isolated, unrelated single-issue actions and events.

A good visual will show how projects and actions are connected to a larger vision.

Last Tuesday delegates each wrote down their idea of MAP's broad vision/purpose. (In a separate email I am sending you all the ideas proposed.)

Why do that? It's agreement on a larger vision that builds community, inspires synergy, and gives each person a deeper sense of purpose and meaning.

Remember, **open space** gives anyone the **KEY** to unlock a piece of a larger vision that ultimately shapes MAP's direction. Under a shared vision, *passion creates the action; responsibility carries it forward.*

If you or your organization is actively pursuing a long term action, project or trajectory, send Sook the contact person's name, phone and email so anyone interested can get connected.



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:

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The Charter for Compassion

“Compassion is essential to human relationships and...to a fulfilled humanity.”

Spearheaded by the passion of theologian Karen Armstrong, and inputs from thousands of people from more than 100 countries over two years, the **Charter for Compassion** was born on November 12, 2009. The final draft was done by a multitude of religious thinkers and leaders.

“Compassionate Cities” is one campaign inspired by the charter. Its purpose is to bring the principles and practices of compassion to life. Over 180 communities worldwide are implementing it.

This charter seems a natural as a base for all MAP activism. But strangely, on Tuesday a small open space group prevented a delegate vote on the charter—for now.

Why Convene An Open Space Conversation?

You may **not** have a specific passion you want to share.

Maybe you just want to learn more about a topic; or share experiences, examine a root cause, explore a possibility, or strategize on a vision or trajectory. That’s all encouraged.

CONTEXT FOR A MAP CONVERSATION

Open space works best when there is a broad theme or challenge everyone present can relate to. But, since those present represent such a wide diversity of interests, we can’t follow that recipe 100%.

What we **can do is** devote 5-6 minutes on a broad theme or challenge which **may** lead to a conversation by those interested. **Does anyone want to take a crack at that for April?**

Never Doubt You Are Living A Vision

At any moment, anything we do is associated with some vision. We seldom think about it, but even shopping for groceries is pursuing a vision. It could be “*good health*”, or “*just getting by*”. Loving your children is fulfilling a vision.

So, when you come to a MAP meeting, think about your vision.

EVENTS COMING UP

- **Bells Ringing Peace Around The World. An evening of Art and Storytelling. Vets for Peace Ch 27.** Thursday, March 20, 6-8 p.m. Plymouth Congregational Church, 1920 Nicollet Ave., Mpls.
- **LUNIFEST.** a film festival of award-winning short films by, for and about women. Tuesday, April 15 7-9 p.m. at Edina Cinema, 50th and France, Edina.
- **The Nobel Peace Prize Forum** is March 1 (Dalai Lama) and March 7-9. Augsburg College, Mpls. Theme: “Crossing Boundaries to Create Common Ground.” ctnact: dick_bernard@msn.com

Correction: Group 1 Tuesday wanted all MAP organizations to each create a caucus resolution we could all support; **not** just a single MAP resolution.

THIS NEWSLETTERS WILL BE POSTED ON MAPM FOR PRINTING.

MAP IN ACTION

Tuesday, **Melvin Giles** inspired the creation of this bi-monthly column. It’s devoted to promoting MAP members’ long term projects and trajectories.

1. The book, Transforming the United Nations: Designs for a Workable World,



by Joe Schwartzberg expresses what Joe has been working for since before MAP was founded.

His premise is, “**Global problems require global solutions.**” **Joe S.** at schwao04@umn.edu

2. **MN Move-to-Amend** has given MAP 600 revised 24-panel cards to distribute. Pick them up at any council meeting.

The trajectory is to establish “*Real Democracy*” in America. Contact: **Robin M.** at mnmovetoamend@gmail.com

3. **Occupy** is still going strong. They have also contributed funds to print 1700 revised 24 panel cards for MAP. Pick up at any council meeting. Occupy’s implied trajectory is “*Building a world that works for everyone.*”

Chris at gray0005@gmail.com

4. **Donna Minter** wants you to know MN Peacebuilding Leadership Inst has ongoing workshops and trainings for those interested. **Donna** at star.mpls@gmail.com

5. Delegates passed two resolutions Tuesday. One was to not support extending the Afghan war past 2014. The other opposed new sanctions on Iran. Contact: WesleyDavey@gmail.com

Send me your long term project or trajectory: Sook Holdridge at e-holdridge@comcast.net

