

SYNERGY REPORT

*Building a World
That Works for
Everyone*

Passion creates the action; responsibility carries it forward.

IS WORLD PEACE POSSIBLE?

That’s the question Paul Chappell will be responding to in his 7:00pm talk November 17th at the Landmark Center, St. Paul.



Obviously, the MAP community believes peace is possible; else its members wouldn’t continue to work for it. But, it isn’t easy. The U.S. wages wars without end; the costs are insanely enormous as the war machine rolls on. It has to stop. But, when and how?

Paul Chappell’s answers to those question came out of his West Point training and Iraq war experiences. Along side himself, he believes strongly that most of those who have experienced the horrors of war can and must be allies in ending war.

Chappell’s appearance gives **us** an opportunity to ask him questions like these (if they don’t get answered in his speech).

1. How can we challenge deeply imbedded beliefs that “wars are inevitable, necessary and beneficial” without getting into heated, alienating arguments?
2. What are some strategies for building the groundswell needed for shifting our current military paradigm to an alternative one? And, what might that alternative look like?
3. For groups or nations at war, or close to war, what international body can and should intervene to stop or prevent war? Can the U.N. do it? (Joe Schwartzberg is one of the world’s leading advocates for U.N. reforms that could meet that goal. His article is below.)
4. In general, what is your opinion of the peacemaking community’s effectiveness in waging peace, and how could they do better?

As conscientious and hardworking as MAP members are, there’s always more our combined membership could do to wage peace.

Sook Holdridge

GREAT WEB SITES:

World Beyond War **worldbeyondwar.org**

Chappell is on their speakers bureau.

World Beyond War is a global nonviolent movement to end war and establish a just and sustainable peace.

We aim to create awareness of popular support for ending war and to further develop that support. We work to advance the idea of not just preventing any particular war, but abolishing the entire institution.

Declaration of Peace **Sign this pledge online**

“I understand that wars and militarism make us less safe rather than protect us, that they kill, injure and traumatize adults, children and infants, severely damage the natural environment, erode civil liberties, and drain our economies, siphoning resources from life-affirming activities. I commit to engage in and support nonviolent efforts to end all war and preparations for war and to create a sustainable and just peace.”

YOUR FAVORITE WEB SITE IS.....?

What the United Nations Could and Should Do To Prevent War

Since individual nations tend to respond to requests for peacekeeping assistance in terms of what they deem to be in their own national interest, what is needed is a standing, internationally recruited, rapidly deployable, elite all-volunteer UN Peace Force under direct UN command.

Additionally, we need a highly trained UN Administrative Reserve Corps (UNARC) to restore a degree of normalcy in areas where peacekeeping missions have had some success.

Detailed descriptions of how such institutions, as well as of a UN Administrative Academy where UNARC staff would be trained) are provided in my book, *Transforming the United Nations System: Designs for a Workable World*, published by the United Nations University Press in 2013. The work can be purchased through Amazon or the Brookings Institution Press.

Joe Schwartzberg, Citizens for Global Solutions–MN

Parkway Theater, Sunday, Nov 9th at 2:00 pm
MAP Sponsors Screening of "Beyond the Divide"

Produced and Directed by Jan Selby of Quiet Island Films

This full length documentary is the story of a heart-felt reconciliation between returning Vietnam veterans and their hometown citizens. The same principles applied here can tear down the walls of any divide.

This compassion based endeavor by people at odds is well suited for MAP members to see.

Tickets are \$5 — Veterans Free

MAP's Annual Meeting December 9th

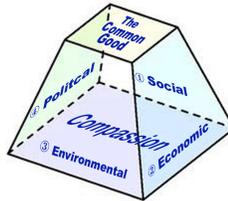
11:30-1:30 Luncheon \$13

Plymouth Congregational Church

PROGRAM

"Creative Compassionate Solutions for Change"

Louisa Hext, of ConsultantsHEXT will share her connection with the Charter for Compassion; then moderate a panel of other Charter members sharing the part each played in some "creative compassionate solution for change."



Compassion; A Character Trait of MAP

Compassion is the norm among MAP member organizations. For example, look at the work of Friends for a Non-Violent World, adeptly managed by **Bob Nettle**, Their many projects are exemplary of compassionate initiatives: the **Move to Amend** project, the **Alternatives to Violence Project**, the **Peace Education and Advocacy** program, etc. FNVW's work affects thousands.



The strategies and tactics of an organization like FNVW challenges other MAP members to learn from them. **They also present opportunities for creative synergistic activism.**

Note...this newsletter is available to print out at MAPM.org

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 Plymouth Church liaison. dennis.dillon@msn.com 612-333-0723

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MAP IN ACTION

Online Peace Education Course by World Citizen, Inc.

Overview: This introductory online course focuses on the principles, frameworks and practices of Peace Education which is available 24 hrs a day to fit your schedule. New groups are starting each month, and you can register any time.

If interested contact: Martha Roberts at martrobe44@aol.com

International Week of Action for Military-Free Education and Research: October 25-31, 2014.

This is the first international week of action for military-free education and research: a concerted effort of antimilitarist action across the world to raise awareness and challenge of the role the military have in education, and to give voice to alternatives.

Meet the Iraqi Delegation

Join them at the Lake St. vigil at 5:00pm, October 15, and a buffet dinner at Marhaba Restaurant immediately after. For details contact Marie Braun at 612-275-2720

New Open Space Option

When you are initiating a conversation, feel free to take about a minute to explain the what and why of your topic so people are more clear about their choices for participation.