



Global Majority is an international non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of non-violent conflict resolution through education and training, networking and advocacy. We believe that principled dialogue is imperative and must replace violent conflict if humankind is to thrive.

Salinas Community School Peace Summit

Lejla Mavris

On June 3, 2009, the culmination of Global Majority and Salinas Community School (SCS) collaboration was marked with a student-led Peace Summit.

Global Majority has worked with Monterey County schools since its inception, five years ago. With the support of the Monterey Peninsula Foundation and the Monterey County Office of Education's School-Community Violence Prevention program, Global Majority has implemented staff and teacher trainings at Boronda and Silver Star schools on conflict resolution and management. As we worked with the adults at Boronda and Silver Star schools to change school culture on dealing with conflict, we had already begun the work with the SCS.

Three years ago, Global Majority volunteers were invited on multiple occasions to SCS as guest speakers. Two years ago, Global Majority worked with the teachers and staff at SCS, conducted conflict resolution training, and provided ongoing support to teachers in integrating conflict resolution education into the curriculum. A conflict resolution elective was offered, proving to be a popular selection among the students at SCS.

Over the past school year, Global Majority facilitated a weekly leadership class. The class organized monthly school events, was in charge of the student store, went to a career fair and on field trips, practiced public speaking, learned about skills in conflict resolution, wrote newsletters, wrote and conducted mediation simulations, and brought speakers to the students at the school. Meanwhile, the teachers of SCS incorporated conflict resolution education in the school-wide curriculum. The result was the year-end Peace Summit at which students displayed their Peace Murals; a Tibetan-style "prayer flag" containing messages of peace drawn by the students was put up in the air; community members and officials attended.



A student from the Salinas Community School shares her thoughts with law enforcement and community members at the school's Peace Summit

Students took part in a two-day real-time mediation simulation and authored the final "Peace Agreement". The topic was the conflict between Salinas youth and law enforcement, with community representatives as the additional party with interests in successful resolution of the conflict. The students were prepared in their roles of mediators, community members, youth representatives, and law enforcement officers.

While in a circle in the school's courtyard, they shared their negotiation tables with the Salinas Mayor Donehue, two Salinas police officers, parents and siblings from the neighborhood, Global Majority and Second Chance representatives and administrators from the alternative education program. Mediators presented their opening statements, set ground rules, and facilitated the discussion, each party having an opportunity to present their grievances and statements as well as ask questions to the other parties. At the end, the "Peace Agreement" was read, and the Mayor and most of those present signed it. It was agreed that more such discussions among these stakeholders should take place in order to find common ground and understanding, and to encourage hope of diminishing violence in Salinas. It was a powerful experience.

It is because of the dedication of three teachers at the Salinas Community School that this event was possible. Global Majority volunteers and 2nd Chance counselors also contributed greatly. We also wish to thank the public offices of Salinas, the community members, and the Alt-Ed administration for their support in making the Peace Summit possible.

Clearly there is much work needed. However, the peace summit was an inspiration of what is possible.

Finance Update

Michael Buckley
Treasurer

The first half of 2009 has been an economically challenging time for Global Majority, as the global economic downturn has impacted negatively the number of donations, grants and full-paying participants received in our global seminars. Through May 28, 2009, total income was approximately \$60,000, which is down 36% from the same period last year. Each of our major income categories—donations, grants and program service fees—is down from the previous year. Donations and grants are down slightly, with the largest drop coming from our program service category, which is down from \$65,000 to \$38,000. If there is a silver lining, it is that the drop in program service fees was not from a lack of interest. Global Majority received approximately 50 applications for South Africa Seminar from students around the world. However, the vast majority of those sought financial aid. In better times, we could have raised funds around particular individuals and received grants to support scholarship students. We have had success with this strategy in the past. But in today's economically challenging environment, those funds were harder to come by and we were forced to turn away many qualified applicants. We anticipate further economic difficulties for the rest of this year and into 2010. As a result, we will examine all expenses, redouble fundraising efforts, and reassess our future program offerings. While these elements will be under close review, we are particularly committed to retaining those individuals who perform the day-to-day operations at Global Majority. Their efforts have been immeasurable, and the future success of the organization depends on high quality individuals involved on a day-to-day basis. Despite the lower than expected income stream, Global Majority has again delivered two international seminars in 2009, one in South Africa and one in the Middle East. Additionally, we held an international conference in South Africa and coordinated a practicum in Chile earlier this year. Our success is very much contingent on the generosity and encouragement of our supporters. We hope that these economically challenging do not dampen your support.

Middle East Program

Cameron Hunter

Global Majority is proud to report a successful completion of our THIRD international seminar in the Middle East! It is significant that we've been able to maintain an annual presence in this zone of conflict, continuing to build relationships, bring opposing parties together, and create friendships across borders, walls, and deep political divides.



GloMaj participants in Jerusalem

The Middle East program model

is getting stronger and more developed every year, and the differences seen this past summer illustrate how far we've come since our first program in Jordan in 2007. To begin with, the 2009 program saw a departure from the venue of the past two years in Amman, Jordan, and commenced this time in the heart of the Israel-Palestine conflict: Jerusalem.



The participants convened at the Tantur Ecumenical Institute, a safe, protected compound on the road from Jerusalem to Bethlehem. While our program was secular in nature, our hosts were very hospitable Catholic friends; Tantur is also the home of one of our partner organizations, the Israel Palestine Center for Research and Information. Another of the partner organizations, the People's Peace Fund,

was a major factor contributing to the great success and effectiveness of the 2009 program, and our two weeks together ended with energetic and positive discussions of continuing the partnership for Promoting Peace through Dialogue: Middle East Session 2010 (check our website for details and early registration). The strength of the program this summer lay in our ability to secure travel permits for all the Palestinians who applied, as well as host the Israelis, Bosnians, Indians, Nigerians, Americans, and others that attended the program. Due to the security of the program, local clout and savvy of our partners, we were able to spend three of the seminar

days at various site destinations in both Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories. Some of these sites included Sderot (town on the border of Gaza), Bethlehem, Ramallah, Tel Aviv, Hebron, Na'alim, and many other towns, sites, and refugee camps along the way. These site visits augmented our curriculum richly, and we plan to incorporate this component into all of our future programs. Programs such as



this past Middle East seminar could not be possible without the consistent and altruistic contributions of our supporters, and we thank all of you for enabling Global Majority to once again visit the Middle East and continue our mission of promoting peace through dialogue!

South Africa Program

Boatamo Mosupyoe

Board of Directors, International Advisory Board (South Africa)

The growth and strength of Global Majority was again demonstrated this summer with a very successful program in South Africa. This was the first presence of Global Majority on the African continent. In partnership with University of Johannesburg, Global Majority offered a three week substantive program that culminated with our first Global Peace Maker Award presentations and a conference.

Participants were exposed to a diverse range of issues on conflict resolution and peace building, presented by trainers from South Africa, different

parts of the world, and different organizations and institutions. Dr Jim Ellis and Vice Chancellor of University of Johannesburg, Dr. Ihron Rensubrg welcomed the participants. The theoretical framework on peace and conflict resolution was provided by our efficient Board Members Ms Lejla Mavris and Ms Cameron Hunter who focused on Interest based Negotiation, and Dr Michael Buckley presented on Conflict and Justice in International Relations Theory.

Participants also enjoyed presentations and training from Global Majority's renowned International Advisory Board Members. Dr. Rita Cameron-Wedding (USA) mesmerized the participants with her lecture on bias in conflict resolution, appropriately using the USA as a case study; Dr. Paul Arthur (Northern Ireland) captivated the



A Group Photo from Global Majority's first program in South Africa

participants with his informative lecture on Track Two diplomacy; Judge Juan Guzman Tapia (Chile) spoke about Chile during its dictatorship and subsequent transition, Dr. Joyce Neu (USA) lectured on Third Party Mediation in Africa and Hillel Schenker (Israel) provided a presentation on the role of media. All were very well received. Local presenters like Dr. Mogobe Ramose and Mr. Tim Modise were very popular with the participants. Dr. Mogobe's lecture on Transition to Justice in South Africa resonated with participants. The quality of the program was also enhanced by the contribution of our Vice President Nick Tomb and intern Roseann Kassebaum.

The program can boast many highlights, but to mention just a few: participants attended the June 16th Youth Celebration and danced with the South African community to honor, in the African way, the youth that died in the course of liberating South Africa from 342 years of racism. The celebration ended with a visit to the Hector Peterson memorial and a visit to the grave yard.

We also presented our first peace awards to Lotahn Raz, Hastings Ndlovu, and Mrs. Graca Machel. We were indeed honored by the presence of Mrs. Machel at the ceremony.

GLOBAL MAJORITY ISSUES FIRST ANNUAL PEACEMAKER AWARDS

Global Peacemaker:

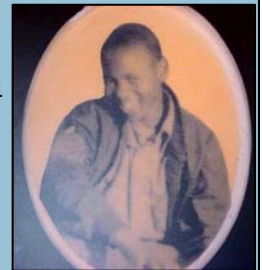
Ms. Graça Machel, Mozambique

Ms. Machel was Mozambique's Minister for Education and the Chairperson of the National Organization of Children of Mozambique. She was a delegate to the 1998 UNICEF conference in Zimbabwe and served on the International Steering Committee of the 1990 World Conference on Education for All. She was appointed by the Secretary General of the United Nations to Chair the Study on the Impact of Armed Conflict on Children. A life-long advocate for peace and justice, Ms. Machel is married to the former President of South Africa, Nelson Mandela.



Local Peacemaker: Mr. Hastings Ndlovu, South Africa (awarded post-humously)

Mr. Hastings Ndlovu was a Sowetan boy who was brutally killed by the Apartheid Police on June 16, 1976, age 15, while protesting the requirement to learn Afrikaans, the oppressor's language. His shooting and death were not publicized because there was no photographer present (the image above is his only known photo, taken from his gravestone at Avalon Cemetery, Johannesburg). Ndlovu's sister, Jeannette Ndlovu, accepted the award on behalf of Hastings and the Ndlovu family.



Young Peacemaker: Mr. Lotahn Raz, Israel

Mr. Lotahn Raz has been an activist since he was 12 years old. He has played a major role in a broad cross-section of peace activities since he graduated from high school (including co-organizing Global Majority's "Promoting Peace through Dialogue" program in Amman, Jordan in 2007). As a result of his refusal to serve in the Israeli Defense Forces and his opposition to the occupation he became an Israeli national cause. He founded the Student Peace Coalition at Tel Aviv University and he serves as the Israeli Public Relations Officer for the Palestine-Israel Journal.



Directors Report

Cameron Hunter

This fall brings familiar conflicting feelings of pride in Global Majority's successful and memorable summer programs, along with anxiety and trepidation over the state of the global economy and what it means for the nonprofit sector.

Yet these two reactions go hand in hand; no program is successful without extensive hours and resources put toward continuous fundraising and marketing of our mission and name. I want to thank all of our supporters who make these programs possible- without you so many of our efforts could not be made. We can count our successes in the friendships, partnerships, and relationships created between divided societies. We can quantify our achievements knowing that we continue to implement these programs year after year despite the economic hardships, while our priorities remain strong and in place.

By these measures, Global Majority's solid foundation, mission, and community will continue to carry us through.

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Excerpt of the closing remarks at the Peace Summit, by SCS student Jhenna Lance:

"We are no safer living in Salinas, than in 3rd world countries that do not have democracy. Statistically, gangs and violence are killing our youth at an alarming rate. If there was a disease running through our city, killing people at the same rate, we would have major global attention. So why is our crime rate being treated so differently? More citizens of Salinas have died in the last month from shootings and violence, than the Swine Flu has killed in the entire state (19 deaths in the whole US as of May 30, 2009). Why is our out-of-control crime rate not getting the same attention? There has been a major breakdown of family values. Most teenagers these days do not know what the word "family values" means



Students and teachers at the Salinas Peace Summit

unless it refers to a gang. As of May 18 there have been 14 people murdered in Salinas this year. In the month of May alone there have been 10 shootings.

There are many opinions on a resolution for this problem, people have their own opinions but we the community need to come to an agreement on which will work better than others."

These are opinions from a few of our youth here at Salinas Community: A, age 15, states "there's not going to be a resolution until the law enforcement and the community can get over the whatever tension

that they have against one another." F, age 19, "the police should try and talk to children instead of convicting them so quickly." B, age 17, "the community and the law enforcement need to come together as one."

Something needs to change; we are setting a horrible example for the children of the future. So ask yourself what can you do to change this on going war? This community needs to step forward and work together to make this happen. This is not only the law enforcements problem but its every Salinas citizen's problem so we all have to fix it!

Global Majority would like to thank the partners of its summer programs in South Africa and the Middle East. They include the:	Central de Chile	Research and Information	-People's Peace Fund
-African Diaspora Foundation	-Cooper-Woodson Center at CSU Sacramento	-Just Vision	-Public Health Department, Government of South Africa
-Africa Peace and Conflict Network	-Friends of the Earth-Middle East	-King Abdullah II Fund for Development	-Rockrose Institute
-Alliance for Peace-building	-Inside Africa Foundation	-MEPEACE	-Sahwira Fund
-Center for Democracy and Community Development	-International Center for Transitional Justice	-Monterey College of Law	-Tantur Ecumenical Institute
-Center for Studies of Human Rights at Universidad	-International Conflict Research Institute - INCORE	-Monterey Institute of International Studies	-University of Johannesburg
	-Israel/Palestine Center for	-Palestine-Israel Journal	-University of South Africa
			-Zen Travels

Global Majority News and Events

Maya Soetero-Ng (IAB, Indonesia/USA) visited California in March, holding several speaking and fundraising events in Sacramento, Salinas, Monterey, and Carmel. We raised about \$5,000 and promoted the importance of nonviolent conflict resolution education to a couple thousand teenagers, university and graduate students, teachers and professors, and the community at large. All events were wonderfully received. There was additional support by IAB members Bill Monning, Jeannette Ndhlovu, Boatamo Mosupyo, Rita Cameron Wedding, Madoua Teko-Folly, and several members from the Board of Directors, including Izumi Wakugawa -in Monterey all the way from Nepal!



Maya Soetero-Ng (IAB, Indonesia/USA) at the GloMaj HQ in Monterey

Dr. Tatsushi Arai (IAB Japan) recently published a book with Routledge Press titled *Creativity and Conflict Resolution* that explores how creative ways of resolving social conflicts emerge, evolve, and subsequently come to be accepted or rejected in inter-group relations. Demystifying the origin of unthinkable breakthroughs for conflict resolution and illuminating theories of creativity based on 17 international case studies, this book will be of much interest to students of conflict resolution, peace and conflict studies, human security and International Relations. -----

Ramiz Younis (IAB Palestine) and his wife, Sarah Younis (MIIS graduate and participant from Global Majority's 2007 Jordan Program), celebrated the birth of their first daughter, Yasmine. -----

Maya Soetero Ng (IAB Indonesia/USA) recently relocated from Hawaii to Washington DC, with her husband Konrad, daughter Suhaila and Savita Lola Yan Song Ng, the newest member of the family, who was recently adopted from China.

Global Majority conducted its first week of fund raising dinners in May, to raise funds for general operating expenses. The week provided an opportunity for friends to come together to learn more about the organization, enjoy good food and support a good cause. Dinners were held in multiple cities across the world and raised several hundred dollars. -----

Global Majority is pleased to have another large group of dedicated interns in the Fall 2009 semester.

They include:

- Jessica Beaird, MIIS**
- Bekah Hunt, MIIS,**
- Zee Immele, MIIS**
- Ben Mitchell, MIIS**
- Gitanjali Mukherjee, MIIS**
- Andrea Pietrzyk , MIIS**
- Elizabeth Romanoff, MIIS**
- Jorge Silva, MPC**
- Wendy Wei Chang, MIIS**
- John Billings**

Nominations for Global Majority's Second Annual Peace Awards are due December 15. Please send inquiries or nominations for the three awards (Global Peacemaker, Local Peacemaker and Youth Peacemaker) to GloMaj Secretary Jaala Thibault at: Jaala@globalmajority.org -----

Global Majority recently joined the NEIGHBOR Project, part of the Monterey Court-Community Mediation Partnership. This project will implement a mediation pilot program for property and related code compliance cases that are neighborhood or land use based that might otherwise evolve into a criminal filing or action, and may also involve court filed complaints. It will have an emotional component that would not typically be addressed in a standard mediation format. Partners include:

Restorative Justice Commission, Mandell-Gisnett Center for Conflict Management, Monterey College of Law, the Monterey



A GloMaj/BACU promoted exchange unites children in Mexico and Zimbabwe



Nick Tomb and Roseann Johnson answer questions about Global Majority during the week of fundraising dinners

County Bar Association, and local attorneys/members of bar association.-----

On April 30th, 2009, the internationally recognized "Day of the Children", Global Majority dispatched a small group of representatives to the birthplace of BACU, (Barrios con Arte y Cultura/ Neighborhoods with Art and Culture), on the outskirts of Tijuana, Mexico, to witness the celebration of BACU's 3rd anniversary. Hundreds of children, family members, neighbors, and curious onlookers gathered in the small alleyway, where the school was founded, to witness an unexpectedly glorious and colourful celebration. Opening early with an Indigenous Mexica (pronounced: "meshika", the tribe from which the country's name was derived) ceremony, the festival continued with live music, dancing, and games for the children, food, and several raffles, well into the night. -----

While serving to commemorate BACU's heroic achievements within such a short period, and the "Day of the Children", it was also a clear "Grita!" (Shout!) to the negative, gang and drug related elements of the community, that a new and positive force was present and blooming in a place where it would seem, prior to the existence of BACU, impossible.



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