

National Ethical Service Annual Report 2012

In August, 2011, Martha Gallahue AEU Leader, on behalf of National Ethical Service, co-founded a coalition with 16 civil society organizations at the United Nations to serve directly with former Under Secretary General of the UN, Ambassador Anwarul K Chowdhury, for the purpose of implementing Resolution A/53/243, on The Culture of Peace and Program of Action. This group takes up the mandate from the Decade for a Culture of Peace. Kay Dundorf is an active participant with this group.

You can learn more from www.GMCOP.org and on Facebook, The Global Movement for a Culture of Peace that has about 500 members.

In addition, the Eco-Spirituality Working Group has benefitted greatly by the work of Dr. Kurt Johnson, Vice-President of NES, who is about to publish two books. In all of his work, he holds up the accuracy and relevance of Felix Adler's message regarding the infinite inter-relationship of all life including all forms of governance.

Kay Dundorf, NES Treasurer will continue service on the CONGO Committee for Spirituality Values and Global Concerns where she focuses on the Week of Spirituality programming in October, web-site and transparent governance.

Dr. Jacqueline Pope, NES President, exerts leadership on the Human Rights sub-committee on the Elimination of Racism, all forms of Discrimination and Xenophobia. She co-created an excellent program on Issues of Migration in April and earlier in the year, invited Martha Gallahue to be a panelist for a program on the intersect between religion and racism. Dr. Pope co-founded another Working Group on LBTG issues and non-violence then invited Martha to serve on the group.

Dr. Jacqueline Pope, NES President exerts leadership on the Human Rights sub-committee for the Elimination of Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance. She co-created an excellent and well attended program entitled, Racism, Migration and Development; and has recently been appointed to serve on the nominating committee for the NGO Committee on Human Rights. Further Dr. Pope is an enthusiastic member of the Committee on Ageing's Virginia Hazzurd Fund; which will provide seed money to mature entrepreneurial women in developing countries. In addition Dr. Pope supports the working group on LBGT issues and non-violence; and has asked Martha to represent NES to this group. Dr. Pope is an active participant in the working group that advocates extending the International Year for People of African Descent (IYPAD) to a decade. Finally, her non-UN activities includes co-chairing Life With Health, a program at the New York Society for Ethical Culture and a reappointed by the Manhattan Borough President to serve on the Community Advisory Board of Coler-Goldwater Hospital. She previously served four years on the Board.

Dr. Sylvain Ehrenfeld, IHEU Representative, continues the essential mission of regular essay writing which is distributed to newsletters through the AEU. His topics focus on a broad spectrum of issues to which the UN is addressing. You can review them on our updated web-site: www.nationalserviceaeu.org.

Finally, we welcome a new representative to the UN, Sharon Pope.

Lucile Kleiman remains an essential member of the Executive Council with her keen sense of oral history and her generosity in hosting the regular NES meetings.

NEs in conjunction with an excellent financial committee from three different societies, Riverdale, Asheville, and New York, oversees the Rose L Walker Fund, with direction from

Kay Dundorf. The Fund plans to become more active in the coming year not that we have procured the appropriate status to service the Fund. In honor of their mother's birthday, Sharon Pope and in collaboration with her three sisters, hosted a birthday party for their mother which became a fund-raiser for NES. Monies raised were donated to NES. They raised enough money to provide a generous scholarship for one person to attend the AEU Lay Leadership Summer School. We are grateful to our supporters throughout the movement who continue to support our work and make special note of the generosity of our AEU Leaders who continue to give us support. We encourage each Society to build into their budget a contribution to the global work. Our long-term presence in the wide range of coalitions continues to be effective in steering policies toward equity and peace building through sustainable development. We are supporting a recently written Resolution called The Human Right to Peace before the Human Rights Commission and an upcoming Resolution to be presented by Bhutan which advocates for a Happiness Index to replace GNP as a measure for well-being.