

**DOP Midwest Regional Conference**  
**Marriott Chicago-Schaumburg Hotel & Resort**  
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**Thursday, June 19, 2008**

- 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. **Registration**  
6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Pre-Conference Institute: Wisdom Circles - Annette Karr (KS) – Exploring Major Issues Around Violence  
(All welcome for 30 minute introduction and guidelines, then choose whether to stay and participate.)

**Friday, June 20, 2008**

- 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **Registration**  
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Student Peace Alliance Program
- I. Introductions and SPA blast-off!
  - II. How the DOP grassroots campaign and SPA are related
  - III. Fundraising
  - IV. Media Outreach
  - V. Membership
    - a. How to get members and member sustainability
    - b. Utilizing Service Learning Credits and Independent Learning Credits
  - VI. Paving the Road to DC – March 27-30, 2009
- 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. **Registration**  
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Newcomer Orientation – Kathy Kidd, National Field Coordinator
- 6:30 p.m. Doors open for seating for evening program  
7:00 – 9:30 p.m. **Marianne Williamson – The Politics of Possibility**

**Saturday, June 21, 2008**

- 7:30 a.m. **Registration**
- 8:15 a.m. Optional Nondenominational Meditation - Ballroom (Doors close at 8:25)  
8:45 a.m. Doors reopen for Conference Seating; please enter and be seated in silence
- 9:00 a.m. Welcome – State Coordinators, National Staff and Lynn McMullen
- Getting to Know Each Other – Lynn McMullen
- 11:00 a.m. Campaign Overview – Wendy Greene, Managing Director, The Peace Alliance
- 11:30 a.m. Break
- 11:40 a.m. Introduction to Sharing Successes and Challenges from the Field – Kathy Kidd
- City Council Resolutions – Dennis Mazurik (Detroit); Jeannette Kravitz, Scott Roos (Chicago)
  - Colleen Mills – MI District 2 Team – District Organizing
  - Student Peace Alliance
- 12:00 a.m. Introduction to Nonviolent Communication, with an emphasis on empathy and its value within the campaign – Myra Walden
- 12:45 p.m. Lunch – on our own – Further announcements or message board suggestions (Congressional District Team Leaders will lunch with State Coordinators and National Staff for deeper connection and in preparation for evening gatherings)

- 1:45 p.m. Nonviolent Communication – Practice
- 2:45 p.m. Breakout Sessions – Select from below and/or new subjects at conference
- Newcomer Orientation and Q&A
  - Team Building & Leadership, Event and Project Planning (including City Council Resolutions)
  - Student Peace Alliance
  - Dialogue on Being the Change
  - The Legislation: A Deeper Conversation
- 3:45 p.m. Break
- 4:00 p.m. Kathy Kidd, Wendy Greene and/or Lynn McMullen
- Being the Change within the Campaign
  - Conversations with Members of Congress
  - Prepare for work in the evening in local groups
    - Upcoming Actions
    - Personal and District/State Goal Setting
- 5:00 p.m. Local groups meet anywhere they like in Chicagoland (possibilities list in packets)
- 9:00 p.m. - ? Optional - Coffee House: Open mic for musical instruments, singing, poetry readings, skits and any other creative expression. Room 1211 (Hospitality Suite with limited seating).

## **Sunday, June 22, 2008**

- 7:30 a.m. **Registration**
- 8:15 a.m. Optional Meditation and Intention Setting - Ballroom (Doors close at 8:25)
- 8:45 a.m. Doors reopen for Conference Seating, please enter and be seated in silence
- 9:00 a.m. Lynn McMullen - Group Check-in, Miracles and Abundance
- 10:30 a.m. Robert Koehler, Tribune Media Services – Finding Our Voice: Communicating Our Heart's Desire for Peace to the World
- 11:30 a.m. Break
- 11:45 p.m. Wendy Greene – Media and the Campaign
- 12:45 p.m. Lunch
- 1:45 p.m. Student Peace Alliance presentation
- 2:05 p.m. Maureen Dolan, DePaul University – Networking for Nonviolence
- 2:40 p.m. Lynn McMullen - Building a Culture of Peace – Conference Closing
- 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Post-Conference Institute: Bearing Witness and Dialogue, Martha Foster, Living Earth Television (new international public TV nonprofit –letv.org) – Showing peace-related documentaries and DOP Campaign videos with open dialogue after each presentation or video - more details upon request/at conference.
- 9:15 - ? Optional - Coffee House: Open mic for musical instruments, singing, poetry readings, skits and any other creative expression.