The Development and Implementations of the Peacebuilding Process of Reconciliation to Develop Political Will

Reconciliation Leaders facilitate the *Peacebuilding Process of Reconciliation to Develop Political Will* as it evolves into a Global Mediation and Reconciliation Service for the Global Problematique.

“I have carried my calling in the United Nations for twenty-five years as the Celebration model evolved into *the Peacebuilding Process of Reconciliation to Develop Political Will (Peacebuilding Process)* that is used in local, national and international settings as a way to use soul force not armed force. Reconciliation Leaders are the trained facilitators for *the Peacebuilding Process* helping people most affected by a challenge to find their own solution. In every Peacebuilding Process, coalitions for the common good support political action (in the spirit of Rousseau’s political philosophy to empower “We the peoples in UN Charter). In 1999, *The Peacebuilding Process* evolved into a Global Mediation and Reconciliation Service for the global problematique, in invited presentations in 1999 at the Hague Appeal for Peace and the State of the World Forum.

Politician and political will was redefined in my master’s degree (Lesley University 1993) as Reconciliation Leader and instrument of peace for the common good. The global problematique is the condition resulting from the unwillingness of states to resolve issues due to ‘self-interest’ in state sovereignty. Political action in every intervention refers to intention to work for the common good.”

“Always one to bring the spiritual to the practical,” *My Soul’s Journey to Redefine Leadership* --Virginia Swain (Xlibris 2017)

Preparatory events:

- New Visions for Business, Mystic, CT, 1984

- Remarks at a *Living Economy* event with The Other Economic Summit, San Francisco, CA, 1986

- Consultant, Exceptional Cancer Patients, New Haven, CT 1987-88

Implementations with political action for the common good:
Celebration of the Children of the World: A Model for Building Global Community, 1992 (Master’s Thesis, Lesley University, 1993). **Political Action:** Support for the Convention on the Rights of the Child and Chapters 24-26 of Agenda, 21, the blueprint for the Environment coming out of the Earth Summit, 1992. A Coalition of 60 UN agencies, departments and NGOs was formed to support the event, endorsed by Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali.

A Global Liturgy Parliament of the World’s Religions, 1993, with the Rev. Dr. Jean Wright. **Political action:** public apology for slavery and racism; building solidarity between people of different religions in a global liturgy.

Re-visioning the Relationship between men and women. 1993-94: **Political action:** addressing war (and healing) between men and women as a root cause of war with Dr. Joseph Baratta.

Harvard University School of Public Health’s Conference, Cambridge, MA, 1994, on Violence, Human Rights and Health with health care providers and physicians. “A Peacebuilding Process to Develop Political Will: Healing the Whole Through its Parts, with Dr. Patrice Brodeur. **Political Action:** Consciousness Raising.

Two consultations in severely conflicted churches in Diocese of Massachusetts, 1994. **Political action:** teaching conflict skills to deeply divided parishioners. Experience de-escalating and teaching interpersonal and systemic conflict management and the role of the unconscious.

International Institute for Peace, Vienna, Austria, 1994: “The Interrelationship between Individual and State for Peacebuilding” and Agenda for Peace and NGOs Conference, Vienna. **Political Action:** Building solidarity and mobilization of non-governmental organizations.

Co-Founder, Coalition for a Strong United Nations, 1994-99. **Political action:** Education of Americans through conferences on global issues in partnership with the Kennedy Library.


Faneuil Hall 4th of July Weekend with World Peace Prayer Society, 1996. **Political action:** July 4th peace ceremony instead of celebrating war.

Co-convener, Rwanda Project preparing for the American Psychological Association Ethnogenicide Division Conference, 1999. Political action: calling for responsibility among high level officials for complicity in the genocide with attention to addressing the cycle of violence.


Debriefing Peacebuilders, United Nations Development Program Exit Conference. Reconciling peacemakers to their process as peacebuilders, Mindanao, Philippines, 1999. Political action: Healing flawed American development policy and practice views. The silver bullet approach to development, without a sustained effort, is damaging and disempowering to the people most needing support.


Interview with Cosmos Lam about the effect of Americans leaving landmines in his country, Uganda, 1999. [https://vimeo.com/20496422]. **Political Action:** Awakening American consciences to the way America devalues people in Uganda.


Friends of Virginia Swain: Restoring Faith in Humanity (2012-present). **Political Action:** Offering opportunities and perspectives for those willing to be leaders for the common good.


Institute for Global Leadership, Life Leadership Service Awards, 2007-present. **Political Action:** To encourage and highlight life-long service oriented vocational leaders.

Art as a Personal and Professional Journey to Redefine Leadership, Sprinkler Factory Gallery, May 2016. **Political action:** Introduce expressive art as a way for people to find and claim their soul qualities.

National Coalition of Deliberation and Dialogue Presentation, 2016. **Political action:** Introducing a new definition of political will facilitated by Reconciliation Leaders

Art as Prayer, St. Stephen’s Church, 2016. **Political Action:** Introducing a new methodology of empowering prayerful people using expressive art.

Sprinkler Factory Show on Masks, 2016. **Political Action:** Introducing a way for people to find and claim their soul qualities, a step to redefine leadership.
A Spiritual Renaissance for America’s Soul, 2017-present. **Political Action:** With the help of the Phoenix, Americans, supported by interested people around the world, become engaged for the common good, after the divided election and generations of disenfranchisement and division.

For more:

*Global Mediation and Reconciliation Service*


and

[http://www.centerglobalcommunitylaw.org/wl_gmrservices.html]

*Reconciliation Leadership*

[http://virginiaswain.com/leadership-programs/reconciliation-leadership/]

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http://global-leader.org/reconciliation-leadership-program/

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**Selected Publications, Media, and Presentations**
Sample Publications


“Report on the Earth Summit,” Episcopal Diocese of CT, 1992


“The Interrelationship of Individual and State Cooperation for Peacebuilding,” International Institute for Peace, Agenda for Peace and NGOs Conference, Vienna, 1994


“A Peacebuilding Process of Reconciliation,” Conference on Re-imaging the Urban Environment: Building Collaborative Relationships in the Inner City, State University of New York at Buffalo, published in proceedings of Re-Imagining the Urban Environment:

Building Collaborative Relationships in the Inner City, State University of New York at Buffalo, 1997


Sample Media

Angelo John Lewis Podcast interviewing Virginia Swain, Spirituality and Diversity Network, August 21, 2017 https://diversityandspirituality.com/podcasts/
America’s Soul Cafés, January 2017-present

Virginia Swain for America’s Soul, 2016 to present
and[https://www.gofundme.com/HealingSoulUSA]

Virginia Swain’s Blog, January 2017-present. [http://virginiaswain.com/blog/

“Turning to the Light of God Within to Restore Faith in Humanity,” Contribution to
Immersed in Prayer, published by the Quaker Friendly Mystics, What Canst Thou
Say, Fall 2017 (forthcoming)

Institute for Global Leadership Life Leadership Service 15th Anniversary Awards

“A Step in the Right Direction,” by Corey Oliver, Worcester Magazine. Virginia
Swain advances Worcester Public Health Initiative for the Community Health and
Improvement Plan on Health Equity, Changing Resistant Systems and Institutional

“Cable show offers children worldwide forum”. Worcester Telegram & Gazette,
January 11, 2013
[http://www.telegram.com/article/20130111/TOWNNEWS/101119950]

Imagine Worcester and the World

Television Show, WCCA-TV, 2008 to Present

“Speakers at Clark forum discuss universal right to peace.” The Coalition for the
Human Right to Peace Conference at Clark University, Worcester Telegram &
Gazette, February 19, 2012
[http://www.telegram.com/article/20120219/NEWS/120219566/1116]

“Seeking Original UN Goals: Couple Launches Peace Coalition,” by Melissa McKeon,
Worcester Telegram & Gazette, June 30, 2011
[www.telegram.com/article/20110630/FLASH/106309652]


Interview with Virginia Swain by Patricia Varley on the Edgewalkers Internet Radio Show: Leading from Your Life’s Passion: Fuel for Tough Times, September 2010


“Partners in Peace,” Salve Regina University, September 2002.
[www.centerglobalcommunitylaw.org/wl_partnersinpeace.html]


Human Right to Peace Coalition Inaugural Event, Life Leadership Awards Ceremony, Briarwood, 2011
[http://www.thefreelibrary.com/Human+rights+work+lauded%3B+United+Nations+under-secretary-general....-a0252957440]


**Sample Presentations**

Artist Talks, Worcester, MA, 2016-present

Ø Sprinkler Factory Gallery (2016)
Ø The Willows at Worcester (2017)

Trainer, Life Review and Goal Setting for People in their Wisdom Years: Coming into the labyrinth [http://virginiaswain.com/labyrinth-life-review]

Culture of Peace Initiative, Worcester, MA, 2007-present
[http://www.centerglobalcommunitylaw.org/wl_initiativeSplash.html]

United Nations One-Day Trips on global issues from Worcester, MA 2007-2013


Visionary Leadership on United Nations Day, Presentation at United Nations, New York,
24 October 2011
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BxWxKwdQdfPudjBGWDJsSkp4NjQ/view?ths=true]


Collaborative partner of the Combatants for Peace Middle East Fighters for Nonviolence Courage of Conscience Speaker Tour. Introduced Combatants for Peace, Yaniv Reshev and Bassam Aramin, to the United Nations, 2009. Watch my television interview with Yaniv and Bassam
http://www.wccatv.com/video/imagine-worcester/imagineworcester10

[www.humiliationstudies.org/.../SwainSayeedLeadershipChallengesNY06meeting.pdf]


Consultation in the Mindanao, Philippines and with former Yugoslavian Refugees during the War, Society for Intercultural Education, Training and Research, 2005

Ethnogenocide Division, American Psychological Association Presentation: Consultation on Rwandan Genocide with Rev. Erisa Mutabaazi and others, 1999

Interview with Lam from Uganda on America and Landmines [https://vimeo.com/20496422], 1999


For more, visit http://virginiaswain.com/speaking/