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Peace Fellowship**

For over a quarter of a century,
the Buddhist Peace Fellowship has served
as a catalyst and agent for socially
engaged Buddhism.

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is to help beings liberate themselves from the suffering
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Presents



SEEDS OF PEACE

**Buddhist Perspectives
on Social Engagement**

June 25, 2006, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Centre for Peace

1825 West 16th Avenue, Vancouver, BC



A World Peace Forum Roundtable



PROGRAM

2:00 PM OPENING

Welcome from roundtable moderator
Tasha Bassingthwaigte

Short meditation

Introduction to the Buddhist Peace Fellowship and the principles
of socially engaged Buddhism



ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Panelists will respond to an observation
by Thich Nhat Hanh:

“There is no way to Peace,
Peace is the way.”

and discuss their personal experiences of peaceful social engagement.

Question and answer period with audience



Meditation

4:00 PM CLOSE

PANELISTS

Lucy Leu

I practice Nonviolent Communication (NVC) and Vipassana Insight meditation. My work in the past decade has been mostly inside prisons. In 2001 an incarcerated colleague and I co-founded the Seattle-based Freedom Project which currently supports prisoners and returnees (those returning to our community from prison) in their practice of NVC and mindfulness. I grew up bilingual and bicultural on Taiwan and took an early interest in communication and the bridging of cultures. Today it is the bridging of hearts that inspires my work. At home, I am committed to partnership with my husband, enjoy seeing the children step forth into the world, and feel blessed for opportunities to serve my elders.

Kate McCandless

Kate McCandless is a Zen priest, registered clinical counselor, gardener and poet. She has practiced Zen for over twenty years and integrates loving-kindness and compassion practices from the Theravadin and Tibetan traditions into her practice. For the past fifteen years she has worked in health care settings—women’s clinics, a day program for people living with HIV/AIDS, and hospice bereavement programs—where she has practiced bringing a peaceful heart to the “Great Matter of Life and Death.”

Miguel Rodriguez

Miguel Rodriguez is a young writer from Spain. He has written numerous works, long and short, mostly philosophical and literary - especially poetry. Early in his life he started being interested in both spiritual and social realities, and since then has dedicated most of his time to the exploration of these important issues. He lived in a Buddhist retreat centre during one year and currently does social work in the Downtown East Side.

Bonni Ross

Bonni Ross has more than 40 years experience of study and practice of Zen, Theravadin and Vajrayana Buddhism and has been teaching since 1978. She is a mother, a holistic therapist, and worked for sixteen years as a communications and strategic planning consultant to business and government. She served as resident Teacher at The Dharma Centre of Canada in Ontario and is a co-founder of Path of Peace Study Centre and Sunshine Coast Retreat House. Bonni currently teaches in Canada, the US, Europe, Australia and New Zealand.

Lorraine Strand

My passion is being a "voice for the voiceless," namely other animals and species we share the planet with. My values are based on the Buddha's teaching of Ahimsa "do no harm." I discovered Buddhism 25 years ago when the building I lived in also housed a Buddhist Temple. I attended Teachings and fell in love with the Three Jewels...the Buddha, the Dharma, the Sangha. Further studies have led me to follow the teachings of Thich Nhat Hahn, the Vietnamese monk exiled from his country during the Vietnam War. I am a founding member of the Buddhist Alliance for Social Engagement and the Buddhist Peace Fellowship here in Vancouver.