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# **Association for Light and Life**

# CELEBRATING INDEPENDENCE!

## **ALL Beneficiaries**

ASK NOT What ALL Can do for You, Celebrate What ALL HAS *Already Done* for ...

- Ron Besser, on behalf of TMArchives and of the Starbridge Trust
- Bob Devine on behalf of Common Ground, to include Lily Frasier, Mark Turnbull, Mark Austin, and others
- Norman Ingram on behalf of getting the UB to Peru and into Cuba
- **Judy Langston** on behalf of Interfaith Fellowship
- **Harp of God** on behalf of "Lessons on Prayer"
- **Gerdean O'Dell Bowen** to kick start the 2005 Canossian Retreat

# ALL Retreats & Conferences

Bogus Basin, UT, 2004 Canossian, NM, 2005 Canossian, NM, 2006 Santa Barbara, CA, 2007 Unity Village, MO, 2008 Taos, NM, 2009 Dayspring, FL, 2010

# A Brief History of the Association for Light and Life

when it comes right down to it, the facts will fade away and what remains is the lasting value that came as a result of the experience. ALL has made its mark on many people in the few short years of its existence. It seemed like a good time to review (1) how it came to be; (2) where it stands today; and (3) what untapped potentials remain dormant in existence and its membership.

The idea for an organization to support creative outreach efforts came about in July 2003 at Living Waters, a Universal Gathering of the Teaching Mission, held at the Center of Renewal in Stella Niagara, New York, USA. It was a grand time! The conference facilitators were Bob Devine, Jim Cleveland, Donna D'Ingillo, and Evangel Battaglia, with hostesses Judy Nyland, Tara Logan and Leah Convery.

Speeches included Fred Harris' keynote address, with plenary addresses by Gerdean Bowen, Byron Belitsos and Jim Cleveland, who also entertained the crowd with the "UBIE Awards Presentation." Other presenters were Bill and Eugenia Bryan, Rob Davis, Donna D'Ingillo, Richard Knoz, Stella Religa, Sonny Schneider, Allene Vic, Steffani Murray, Meredith Teney, Judy Nyland, Helen Luke, Peri Best, Judy Langston, JoAnn Wiedman and Mark Greer.

Musicians included Richard Knox, Mark Austin, Peri Best, Deborah Goaldman, and Victoria "Maddie" Strauss. (Continued on Page 3)

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"I first came to Donna's book not long after beginning my own journey into the practice of stillness meditation. Donna's book showed me how to center my stillness practice on cultivating my relationship with God. What I find remarkable is that while her approach is systematic and comprehensive, and therefore intellectually satisfying, it is also warm and personal, and thereby gratifying spiritually. I have adapted several of the practices Donna offers in this book into classroom exercises for helping teenagers find inner grounding in these turbulent times."

—John Creger, award-winning high school English teacher, author of The Personal Creed Project and a New Vision of Learning

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—**Dolores Nice**, retired school administrator and prison minister

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"We are a world of people who have not been loved enough. Many of us acknowledge that God loves us, but this is a mere shadow of being enlivened by a love that cleanses and then empowers us to live as children of God. Donna helps us to realize that our innocent need for unconditional love has been thwarted generation after generation, burdening us with an unworthiness that keeps our hearts from opening fully to the flow of Divine love. And skillfully, with great tenderness she shows us how to do just that."

—Deborah Goaldman, junior high school teacher and prison minister

"Many years ago, Spirit told me that if God were to write a book, it would contain only one word—LOVE—but that very few people would grasp its meaning. *Teach Us to Love* is that book. Donna shows us how to grasp the fuller meaning of love, and be transformed in the process."

#### -Leoma Sparer

"In *Teach Us to Love*, Donna D'Ingillo illuminates the way for you to create a personal and dynamic relationship to Spirit. If you are on a spiritual journey to heal your life and live in love, forgiveness, and understanding, this book is a must-read."—Sandra L. Porter

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At the conclusion of this very dynamic gathering, an impromptu meeting was called for those who did not have to hurry to catch a ride to the airport. There were possibly a dozen in attendance, although, of course, some folks hovered on the sidelines, some had to leave mid-way through, some joined us when they discovered the meeting was going on, but it garnered enough interest to assure an email list would be created to brainstorm what the new organization would and would not provide.

That conference was July 10-13, 2003. By the end of July, Attorney Fred Harris had provided us with a template for a not-for-profit organization and discussions were underway to realize an idea whose time had



come. A "constitutional committee" (comprised of our facilitator, Bobby Devine, plus Eugenia Bryan, Judy Langston, Allene Vick and Gerdean Bowen) was selected to work on the details of a service-oriented organization that would provide those who serve with a venue to promote their services without being called a self-aggrandizing charlatan.

The first item was what to call this new group of people. Bobby confided that many years earlier a group had toyed with the word "ALL" as a catch phrase to include an association for Light and Life and so without ado we adopted that handle as an appropriate name for our new organization.

By the end of the year, the Constitution and the By-Laws had been hammered out and were distributed to the community. That done, we invited Rick Giles and Al Wolf to be on the Council, since the By-Laws call for seven Council members, with a gender balance and four as a quorum.

The first official telephonic meeting was held January 14, 2004. The Minutes from that meeting state: "Everyone was late getting on and coming together, for one reason or another. Judy came on to let us know she would not be staying for the meeting, as pressing and distressing concerns with Taste Buds required her immediate attention. Rick Giles never did come on, and Eugenia came in at the tail end of Stillness. Oddly enough, no one was moved to pray at our first official gathering as a registered body and our first official meeting of the New Year."

At that meeting, officers were chosen, naming Bob Devine as President and Rick Giles as Secretary. Virginia Kelly, who was not on the Council, had nonetheless volunteered to serve as Treasurer; her nomination was approved unanimously.

Most of that meeting was spent talking about a contest to design the ALL logo, how we would design our ALL stationary and envelopes, and what materials Virginia might need to keep the books. It was also interesting that the following was so important at the outset, but most of which were never implemented: "We will also need to design and format, with logo, the

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Certificate of Membership, a Wallet Card, Registration Form (for Associates), Receipt Form, Waiver Form (for those not donating money), Letterhead (can use generic until official letterhead with logo can be printed). Whether we have Business Cards or not is under advisement."

The first order of business, in January 2004, for consideration by the Council from the membership is noted as:

Archive Project Update: Ron
Besser is working on getting a
webmaster, mirror sites and
other logistics necessary to
accomplish anticipated
developments and growth.
TMarchives will need some funds. He will make
a report and submit it to ALL before the next
meeting of the Councilors."

Here it gets even more interesting. We evidently knew even back then that there would be flack from the UB community about our new organization. Further discussion about levels of disclosing ALL to the general public included Bob quoting Angus as saying,

"Solicitation invites criticism. Basically we should 'just do it.' The Law of Attraction will do the rest. Obviously I speak in general terms because there are specific cases where direct solicitations are appropriate - as they were in the formation of ALL to this point. But to try to appeal to the UB/TeaM folks in an obvious broad-based marketing effort will, in my opinion at this point, alienate more than coalesce."

"Jim Cleveland offered that we might share the existence of ALL at large, and even announce it on various spiritual lists and movements. But during this previous week, Al and Bob discussed a slow approach, and possibly doing a more personal invitation to UB readers – to those we know personally - who might be interested in becoming involved, and to hold off making large announcements for a while, if ever. It was determined to let things take their course. Get the materials ready. Begin with getting membership. Then move into fundraising."

#### **History Repeats Itself**

History repeats itself unless and until we learn the lesson, then we can build on that experience instead of repeating it *ad infinitum*. One of our Council members stepped down during her tenure because of flack she received about being *associated* with a TeaM based organization. One of the people who attended the Dayspring Retreat asked not to be identified as one who attended because of the adverse affect it might have. Even though it was billed as an ALL retreat, ALL retains the stigma that it has worn from the get-go as being a TeaM organization – even though we have gone out of our way to be *ALL*-inclusive.

Perhaps the time has come to stop trying to be accommodating in our self-effacement; perhaps it is time to "**come out**" — to claim our INDEPENDENCE from any affiliation whatsoever, and to fling open the doors as we have been admonished by the Master Himself, when he said:

"I have come to proclaim the establishment of the Father's kingdom. And this kingdom shall include the worshiping souls of Jew and gentile, rich and poor, free and bond, for *my Father is no respecter of persons; his love and his mercy are over <u>all</u>" 137.8.6* 

"In my Father's kingdom there shall be neither Jew nor gentile, only those who seek perfection through service, for I declare that *he who would be great in my Father's kingdom must first become server of all.* If you are willing to serve your fellows, you shall sit down with me in my kingdom, even as, by serving in the similitude of the creature, I shall presently sit down with my Father in his kingdom." 137.8.11

ALL would do well to reach out to the believers and lightworkers of all kinds, of all faiths, of all sects who are in Correcting Time disciplines and service, such as Humanity's Team, Barbara Wolf's Global Meditation, Patty Robles' New Age Teachings, Aluna Joy Yaxk'in, et al. These are the Jews and gentiles of this day and age. Watch for this kind of diversity in future issues of the newsletter for ALL, the Association for Light and Life.



Whatever we are or are not as a group of associates for light and life, each of us is an **independent** child of divinity. We are each an

agondonter, alone in the world except for our faith. We have chosen to **ASSOCIATE** with one another as workers in the field ... not to be dependent on our organizations or our good works or our good books.

195.9.4 Religion does need new leaders, spiritual men and women who will dare to depend solely on Jesus and his incomparable teachings. If Christianity persists in neglecting its spiritual mission while it continues to busy itself with social and material problems, the spiritual renaissance must await the coming of these new teachers of Jesus' religion who will be exclusively devoted to the spiritual regeneration of men. And then will these spirit-born souls quickly supply the leadership and inspiration requisite for the social, moral, economic, and political reorganization of the world.

Wise parents see to it that their children do not have to wound love or stifle loyalty in order to develop **independence** and enjoy invigorating liberty when they have grown up. Have we missed the boat? Have we lost our opportunity to lead and inspire? Have we gotten tangled up in fund-raising and lost contact with our spiritual mission?

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# Another Organization Forming: CONTACT COMMISSION

This idea sprang from Jim
Cleveland and is being
brainstormed by its founding
members: Donna D'Ingillo,
Deborah Goaldman, Mary
Livingston, Karen Roberts, Henry
Zeringue, Marty Risacher, Gerdean O'Dell, Mary
Rogers, Mark Rogers and Jim Cleveland.

A couple of handy factoids will reveal why such an organization could be helpful, i.e., Google had over 14 million hits for "free learn to talk to Spirit" and "stillness" got 4,600,000 hits. Over four BILLION hits! People want what we've got!

Transmitter/receivers that have been doing this for some years, by now have their names "out there" such that people in our movement are being contacted by those who want to know how they too can talk to their celestial helpers.

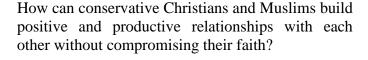
#### Let's Talk Newsletter!

Newsletter editor Gerdean O'Dell has been putting the newsletter together, off and on, without a lot of help in years past. She has worked diligently as the only member of the Newsletter Committee. The communal process is too vital and fun to ignore. If it is true that the group shares all knowledge, then the ALL membership has what it takes to make this newsletter the finest, most interesting, most vital source of news and information within reach.

This is YOUR newsletter. What do you want to see in it? How about a new logo? What about a new format? Do you want your copy delivered to your personal email rather than through the ALL network? Let's strut our stuff! If I were involved in a project, any project, I would want to know how to broadcast the good news, so as to be a producer as well as a consumer, so I could educate others on how to provide sustainability and/or give back to Mother Earth as we take from Her our sustenance and as we derive creature comfort, sociability and group worship from Her good graces.

# Six Steps to Real Interfaith Work

By Bob Roberts, Pastor, Northwood Church in Keller, Texas



After being part of last week's Global Leadership Forum on Evangelicals and Muslims, hosted at Georgetown University, I am convinced there are six steps we must take to move beyond all the interfaith dialogue to action.

The meeting focused on how Christians who follow the Great Commission and Muslims who follow the Dawa can get along and actually partner to make the world a better place. Several of the Muslim panelists, as well as people I've been hearing around the world, believe passionately that freedom of religion is the key to the future of faith in the world. With the world connected as it is we have to make space for each other.

The meeting was sponsored by the Institute for Global Engagement (IGE) and the Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding (ACMCU) at Georgetown University. Chris Seiple of IGE and John Esposito, the Founding Director of ACMCU were the driving forces. Was it worth it? Definitely. Was it enough? No. Here's what we all must do to move beyond polite conversation:

First, recognize that we all live in a connected world. All religions are all places. Christianity is flourishing in traditional Muslim places and Islam is flourishing in traditional Christian places. This demands a different kind of relationship with one another. It is a great opportunity for peace or a new pretext for long-term conflict and fear. There are no private conversations anymore; everything is public - what does that say about what we say, how we say it, and where we say it? We must have a single message that is clear.

**Second,** we need a new platform to relate. The interfaith dialogues are talk - not action. Often they are also driven by liberal Christians and moderate Muslims. Conservative Christians and Muslims do not want to compromise their faith in order to have a relationship. If getting along means denying what we believe the truth is, then we can't go there. BUT, if there is a place that says we do have "irreconcilable" theological differences but the best of our faiths teach us to work together then we meet and partner around that.

**Third,** begin the relationship with the hand - not the head. Most of us in the room were all speaking heads. Most of our people don't read the books we read or follow the issues we do. As a result, our relationship is more high level intellectual and

academic. If we are building our cities and we realize we are all citizens and, as a Muslim friend says "brothers in humanity", then let's start with the hand. What can we agree upon that needs fixing in our cities and do it? And as we work together, we begin to get to know one another and become friends and our heart is engaged. Only after we can care about each other and work together, are we ready to talk about our differences. Hand, heart, and then head. The current conversation starts with head, hoping for hand, and who knows about the heart.

Fourth, focus on the followers of the faiths and not the clerics, academics, and geopolitical leaders. High level talks don't change things - our people do. Once they begin to talk and build relationships. respect can come. The role of clerics should be to find ways we can connect our people to one another and then release them. If keeping our people true to their faith means isolating them from people of other religions - we are all in trouble in this connected world. We've had a multi-faith weekend with the mosque, and synagogue, cooking classes for the ladies, home reconstruction for the men. November 11-14 we are having a Global Faith Forum where world leaders are coming to speak. The whole concept is based on mission - from a conversation among ourselves to a conversation with others.

**Fifth,** make it personal. I've enjoyed getting to know Rabbi Jeremy and Imam Zia here in Dallas. They've been in my home and my wife learned how to cook Kosher/Halal food - its still fattening! We worked together at a home we redid together. I went to the brias ceremony for the rabbi's son a couple of weeks ago. On my way back from a staff retreat I helped the rabbi with his speech he'll be giving to ISNA in a couple of weeks. I love those guys - and they love me.

**Sixth,** pray. Pray for peace, God's will, and for understanding. I believe God hears all of our prayers. The only prayers he says he doesn't hear are from those people who say they know him, but live like hypocrites. God hears our prayers, not because we have our theology right, but because our heart is right and we seek to do His will.

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