

Daily Readings for the Season for Nonviolence

Background

The Season for Nonviolence Campaign commences on January 30 in cities across the globe. More than 900 cities in 67 countries have participated since the campaign began in 1998.

The annual 64-day campaign is an educational, media and grassroots awareness campaign spanning the January 30 and April 4 memorial anniversaries of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and celebrating the nonviolent teachings of women and men across the globe.

The Alameda Collaborative for Children, Youth, and their Families, in partnership with the Alameda Unified School District, has played a coordinating role in the City of Alameda's Season for Nonviolence campaign since 2001, instituting daily readings in our schools in 2005, and launching a city-wide student speech contest in 2007. This year's speech contest welcomed ten high school participants representing five Alameda high schools, who presented their perspectives on Beloved Community. Our own SSHRB member Gerald Bryant attended the event as a guest judge. Before the Season closes on April 4, please visit the Alameda Free Library Main branch, 1550 Oak Street and view the Island High Artists Present Season for Nonviolence Inspired Portraits showing in the teen section on the second floor.

As is our custom, each SSHRB meeting held during the Season for Nonviolence begins with a reading about how we can help the world to become safer and more peaceful. Through these readings, we can learn to practice nonviolence one step at a time, one choice at a time, one day at a time. This is how each of us, in our own way, can move the world in the direction of peace.

The word for the day for March 28 is: **"Golden Rule"**

The golden rule of conduct is mutual toleration, seeing that we will never all think alike and we shall always see Truth in fragment and from different points of vision. - Mahatma Gandhi