

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 30th and April 4th memorial anniversaries of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and also 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.

As is our custom, each SSHRB meeting held during the Season for Nonviolence will begin with a reading about how we can help the world to become more safe and 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 23 is: "**Negotiation**"

Negotiation can help manage seemingly impossible conflicts and is central to the practice group problem solving. **Iranian journalist and pro-democracy activist Akbar Ganji says, "Negotiation talks are the best way to solve anything. We must replace wars and weapons with negotiations and talks."**