Doing Justice the Quaker Way: Lessons from Quaker Peacemakers



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Welcome Friends!

Thanks for Choosing this Workshop

LEYM 2019 Theme: Do Justice, Love Mercy, and Walk Humbly with God: Finding our Calling in Disturbing Times



Workshop Vision/Goals



I hope participants will:

- learn more about our rich history of Quaker peacemakers
- feel empowered through examples to play a larger role in peacemaking within their own communities
- share stories of Quaker peacemakers with others

Brief Worship



Featured Quaker Peacemaker
ADAM CURLE





Founded Peace Studies Program at Bradford University in 1973

See bio: http://www.quakersintheworld.org/quakers-in-action/4/Adam-Curle

QUAKER PEACEMAKER

"I prefer to define peace positively. By contrast with the absence of overt strife, a peaceful relationship would, on a personal scale, mean friendship and an understanding sufficiently strong to overcome any differences that might occur..." (Making Peace, p.15)



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Peaceful Intermediary

Adam Curle was the founding Professor of the Department of Peace Studies launched in 1974 at the University of Bradford in the UK. He developed a theory and practice of peacemaking drawing on psychology, anthropology and development theory. His peace practice was based on his experiences intervening in large scale conflict in the Nigerian Civil War and the India Pakistan conflict in the 1960s and 1970s, and later in South Africa, Northern Ireland, Sri Lanka, Bosnia and Croatia. His work was distinguished by his use of non-official or track two mediation as a complement to formal diplomacy in such conflicts. He is the author of *Making Peace* (1971), *Education for Liberation* (1973) and *In the Middle* (1986).

BORN: 1916
DIED: 2006

Connections and Recollections

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Access In the Middle: Non-official Mediation in Violent Situations here:
http://www.c-r.org/downloads/mediation_curle.pdf



Curle died at the age of 90 in 2006

From intro to IN THE MIDDLE: "Much of the work has been carried out under the auspices of the Society of Friends (Quakers) and I feel privileged to have been an heir to their three-centuries-long tradition of peace making, and to have worked with and learned from so many of its great exemplars, among whom I have especial gratitude and respect for Walter Martin, Roger Wilson and the late Mike Yarrow."

Let's Listen to Interview Clip from 1998

Hear full audio Interview with Adam Curle at
https://archive.org/details/InterviewOfAdamCurleByScottLondon1998

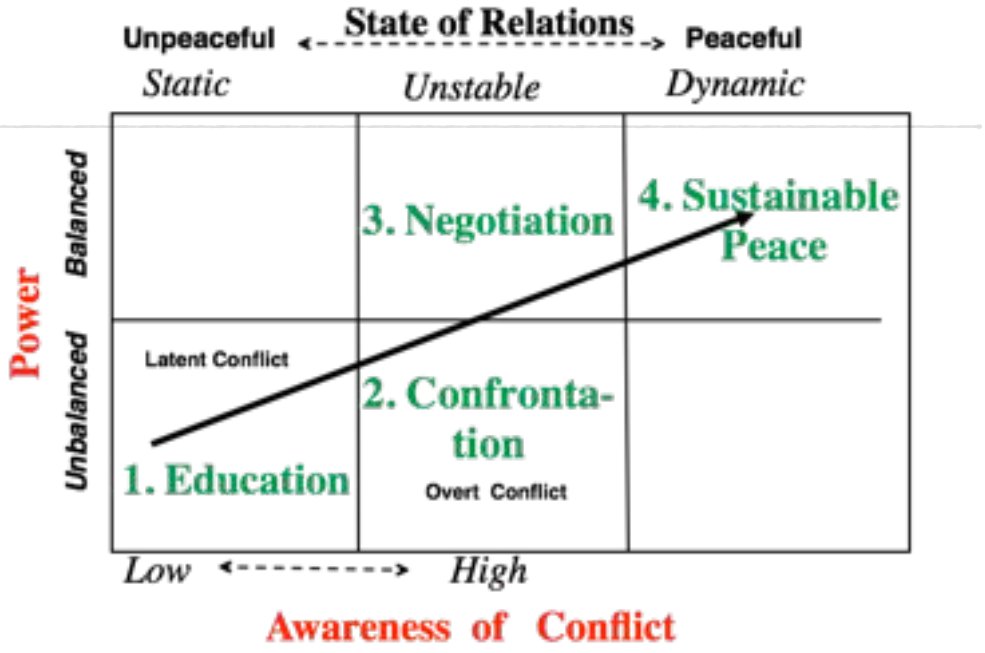
Curle's Broad View

- Peace Studies should be about "**Human Conflict and Its Peaceful Resolution**"
- We should study **"Unpeaceful Relationships"** in order to devise a means to transform Unpeaceful into Peaceful relationships
- But what are **Peaceful Relationships**?

According to Curle...

- "**Peaceful Relationships** are those in which individuals or groups are enabled to achieve together goals which they could not have reached separately."
- "**Unpeaceful Relationships** are those in which the units concerned damage each other so that in fact, they achieve less than they could have done independently, and in one way or another harm each other's capacity for growth, maturation or fulfillment."

Model for Understanding Conflict



Based on Curle, 1971, as in Lederach, 1995

Featured Quaker Peacemakers

Lewis Fry Richardson



Kenneth Boulding



QUAKER PEACEMAKER

"Why are so many nations reluctantly, but steadily, increasing their armaments, as if they were mechanically compelled to do so? Because, I say, they follow their traditions, which are fixtures, and their instincts, which are mechanical and because they have not yet made a sufficiently strenuous intellectual and moral effort to control the situation"



LEWIS FRY RICHARDSON

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Studying "Deadly Quarrels"

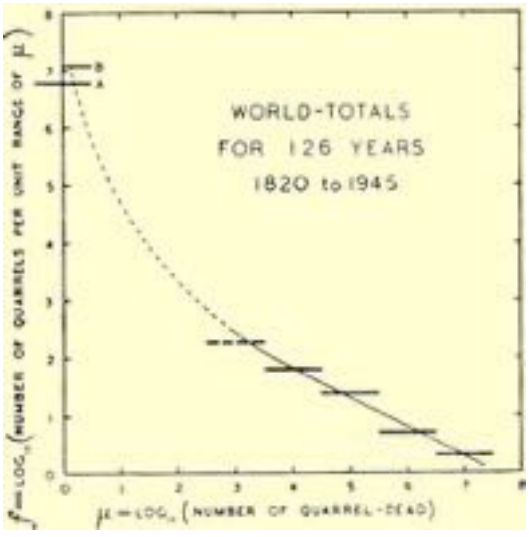
Lewis Fry Richardson was an English mathematician, physicist, meteorologist and pacifist who pioneered modern mathematical techniques of weather forecasting, and the application of similar techniques to studying the causes of wars and how to prevent them. Richardson was a conscientious objector during WWI, instead serving in the ambulance corps from 1916-1919. This close-up look at the costs of war helped motivate his lifelong research on patterns of deaths due to warfare, posthumously published in his book *Statistics of Deadly Quarrels* (1960). His work on understanding Arms Races helped launch the Peace and Conflict Studies field.

BORN: 1881
DIED: 1953

See bio at: http://www.quakersintheworld.org/quakers-in-action/375/Lewis-Fry-Richardson

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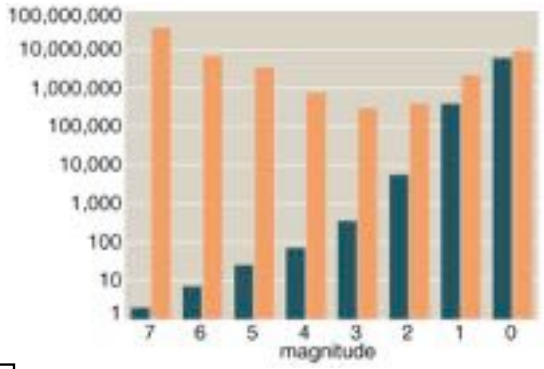
Like the Weather, there are Patterns to War



From *Statistics of Deadly Quarrels*

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There are Patterns to War



Covers Wars between 1820 and 1950

☐ = number of quarrels of this type

☐ = total number of deaths from this type quarrel

Magnitude of a war, as defined by **Lewis Fry Richardson**, is the base-10 logarithm (# of zeros) of the number of deaths. Blue bars indicate the number of wars between 1820 and 1950 that are in each magnitude range; orange bars are the total deaths from wars of that magnitude. Two magnitude-7 wars account for 60 percent of all deaths.

Read/hear explanation at http://www.uh.edu/engines/epi1672.htm

QUAKER PEACEMAKER



"It is a fundamental axiom of my philosophy that anything that exists, is possible."

KENNETH BOULDING

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Building Stable Peace by Understanding Systems

Kenneth Boulding was an Economist and systems theorist who, having lived through WWI as child in Liverpool England, developed a keen interest in building the science of what he came to call "Stable Peace." He moved to the United States in the 1930's, becoming one of the founders of the Peace Research Movement. He helped establish the *Journal of Conflict Resolution* in 1957 and the International Peace Research Association in 1964. His numerous books include *Conflict and Defense: A General Theory* (1962), *Stable Peace* (1978), and *Three Faces of Power* (1989).

BORN: 1910
DIED: 1993

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He references the Rush–Bagot Treaty of 1817 that disarmed the Great Lakes



Ken Boulding on Stable Peace

Excerpt from longer interview from 1986 available online at
http://youtube.com/watch?v=cLjhaaP9bP8

Featured Quaker Peacemakers

Jennifer Beer



Elise Boulding



QUAKER PEACEMAKER



"We called the book Peacemaking in Your Neighborhood because ultimately it is not the particular tool of mediation but the interplay of conciliation & confrontation which interests us. Whether a mediator takes on quarreling neighbors, warring gangs, or hostile nations, the goal is a cooperative one of searching for some common ground for new directions."

JENNIFER BEER

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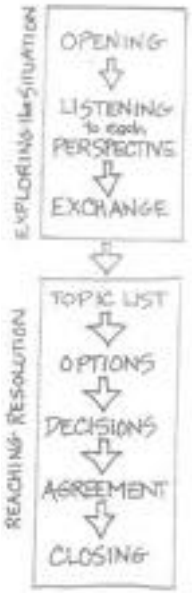
Promoting Neighborhood Peacemaking

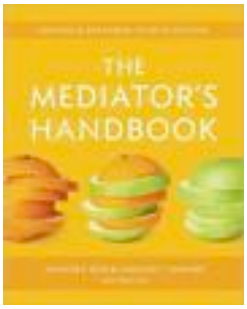
Jennifer Beer is a university teacher, mediator, and anthropologist who guides organizations and communities in negotiating conflicts and cross-cultural issues. In the late 1970's she worked with the Philadelphia-area Friends Suburban Project to develop an early and influential community mediation project described in her book *Peacemaking in your Neighborhood* (1986). Jennifer is also co-author of the popular and accessible *The Mediator's Handbook*, now in its 4th edition, in print for over 30 years.

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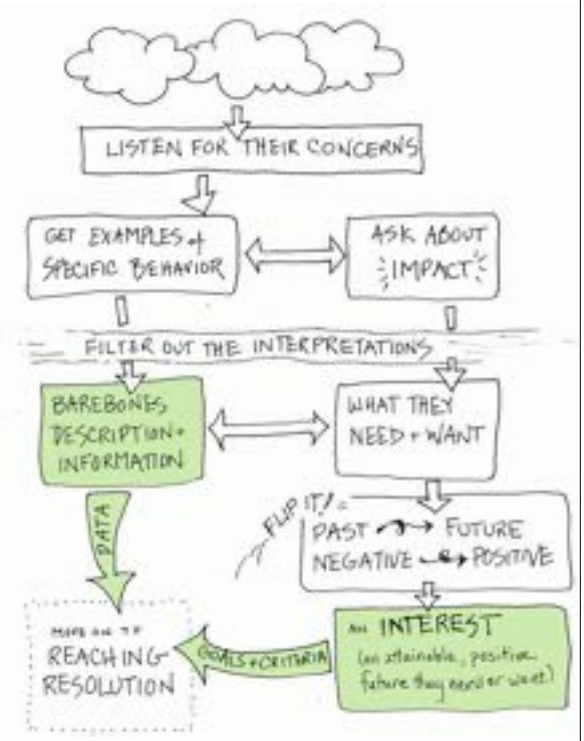
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Supporting Community Mediation



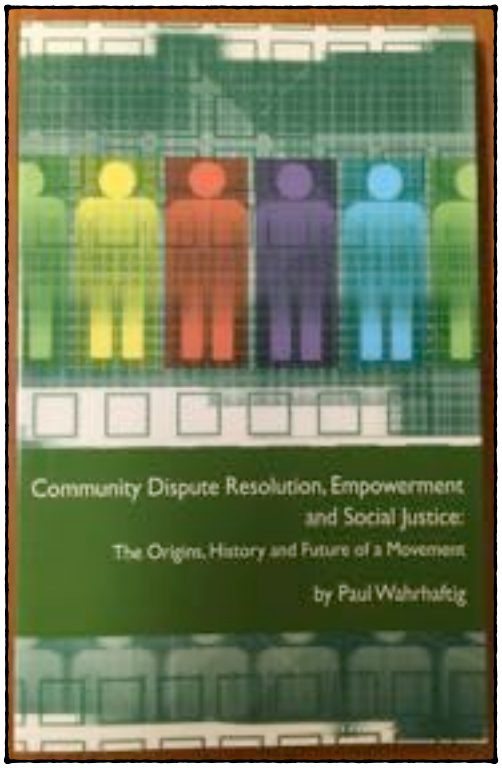


The handbook includes nice illustrations



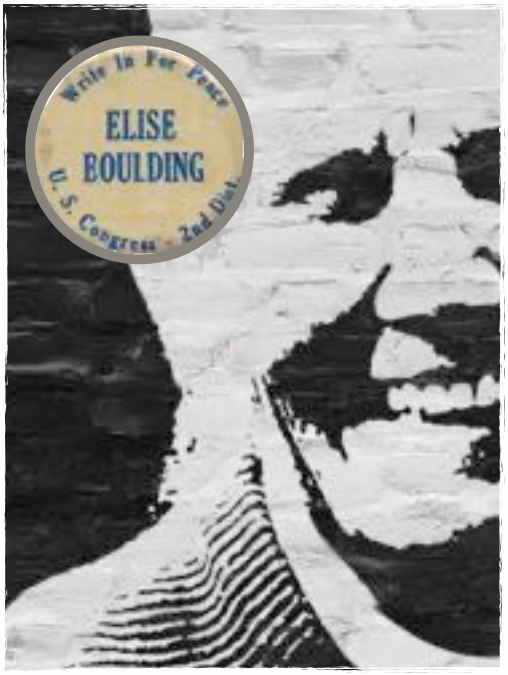
Community Dispute Resolution Movement

Paul Wahrhaftig supported and chronicled the work to build alternative conflict resolution services



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"I became aware that there were these international networks that had a presence in local communities, but really were international/ transnational networks. I woke up to the NGO phenomenon..."



ELISE BOULDING

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Building a Global Culture of Peace

Elise M. Boulding, a former chair of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, helped create the academic discipline of Peace and Conflict Studies. As a sociologist, her written works range from discussions of family as a foundation for peace, to Quaker spirituality to reinventing the international "global culture" via networks of Non-Governmental Organizations. Particularly of note is her emphasis on women and family in the peace process and her work helping groups actually envision a peaceful future. She was the author of *The Underside of History: A View of Women Through Time* (1976), *Building a Global Civic Culture* (1988), and *Cultures of Peace: The Hidden Side of History* (2000).

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Elise Boulding

Speaking at George Mason University ICAR Program Event

Featured Quaker Peacemakers

Priscilla Prutzman



Bill Kreidler



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"We have found that children learn openness, sharing, positive self-concepts, and cooperation not by being told about them but by becoming part of a community in which these attributes are the norm."

PRISCILLA PRUTZMAN

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Creating Friendly Classrooms for a Small Planet

Priscilla Prutzman is co-author of *Friendly Classroom for a Small Planet: A Handbook on Creative Approaches to Living and Problem Solving for Children*. She was a cofounder in 1972 of the **Children's Creative Response to Conflict** project that grew out of the New York Quaker Project on Community Conflict. The organization, now known simply as *Creative Response to Conflict*, developed a practical and theoretical framework for teaching nonviolence through character and social skills development, using an innovative experiential approach. CCRC's themes of **cooperation**, **communication**, **affirmation** and **conflict resolution** directly influenced the design of the adult-oriented *Alternatives to Violence Project* now active in 33 States and 45 countries.

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CCRC Friendly Classrooms

- The Handbook of the Children's Creative Response to Conflict Project was widely distributed
- The ERIC archive has a free pdf copy of Prutzman's Friendly Classroom for a Small Planet https://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/ED253494.pdf





QUAKER PEACEMAKER



"A teacher is a peacemaker. It's part of the job. Perhaps you and I never thought of ourselves as quite that; perhaps we're not even sure what peacemaking means. But conflicts occur in our classrooms, and we are expected to respond to them and restore peace, or at least order. That makes us peacemakers."

BILL KREIDLER

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Educating for Social Responsibility: Conflict Resolution in the Classroom

An elementary school teacher turned author and trainer, William J. Kreidler wrote books such as *Elementary Perspectives: Teaching Concepts of Peace and Conflict* (1990) and *Teaching Conflict Resolution Through Children's Literature* (1994). He was active with the Boston Area *Educators for Social Responsibility* from it's beginnings and had a regular column "The Caring Classroom" that appeared monthly in *Instructor* magazine. His conflict resolution curriculum materials were reportedly in use in more than 50,000 classrooms by the time of his passing in 2000.

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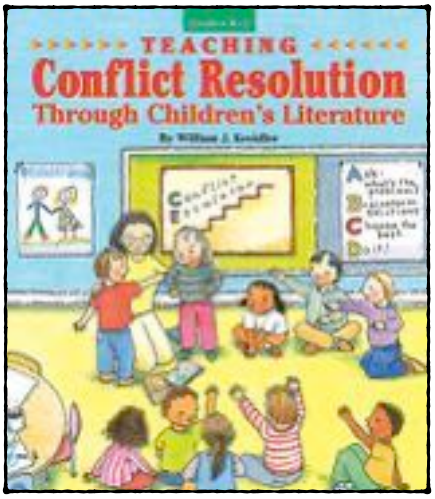


Bill Kreidler

Speaking at Resolving Conflicts Constructively Program Annual Conference
https://creducation.net/cre-videos/bill_kreidler_quote/

Teaching Conflict Resolution Through Children's Literature

https://archive.org/details/teachingconflict00krei



- An archived copy of Bill's book is available online
- Try the ABCD method:
  - Ask: What's the Problem?
  - Brainstorm Solutions
  - Choose the best
  - Do it!

CR Education Resources Website

- CREducation.net
- Built by Bill Warters to support the Conflict Resolution Education in Teacher Education project
- Lots of great resources for educators



Featured Quaker Peacemakers

Bayard Rustin



George Lakey



QUAKER PEACEMAKER

"My activism did not spring from my being gay, or, for that matter, from my being black. Rather, it is rooted fundamentally in my Quaker upbringing and the values that were instilled in me by my grandparents who reared me."



BAYARD RUSTIN

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Mobilizing for Civil Rights

Bayard Rustin was an American leader in social movements for civil rights, socialism, nonviolence, and gay rights. He was a leading activist of the early Civil Rights Movement, helping to initiate a 1947 Freedom Ride to challenge, with civil disobedience, the racial segregation issue related to interstate busing. He recognized Martin Luther King, Jr.'s leadership and helped to organize the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in support. He was the chief organizer of the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.

BORN: 1912
DIED: 1987

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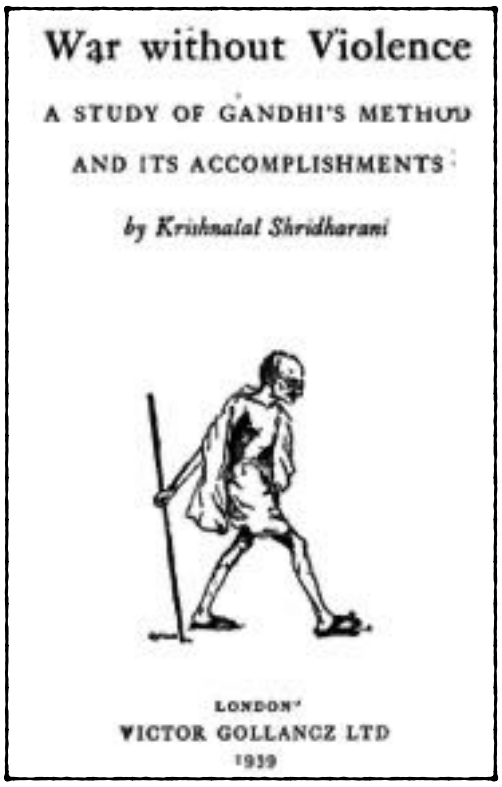
Brother Outsider

YouTube trailer https://youtu.be/BxhKgnyWcuw

One Of Rustin's favorite books on NV Struggle

War Without Violence by
Krishnalal Shridharani
1939

https://archive.org/details/in.ernet.dli.2015.36471



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"If one-off protests could produce major changes in society we would simply focus on that, but I know of no country that has undergone major change (including ours) through one-off protests. Contesting with opponents to win major demands requires more staying power than protests provide."



GEORGE LAKEY

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Training for Change

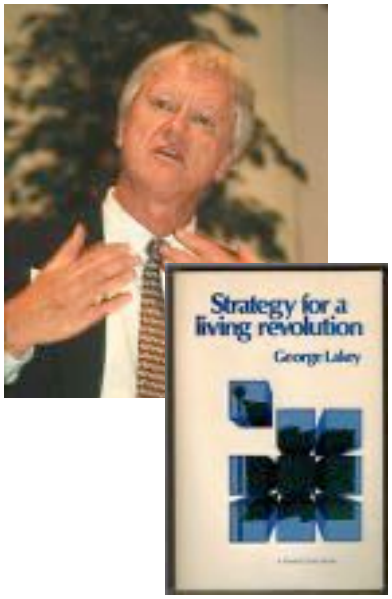
George Lakey, a lifelong Quaker activist and educator, has been a founder of numerous nonviolent action projects, including *A Quaker Action Group*, *Movement for a New Society* and *Training for Change*. Most recently he co-founded *Earth Quaker Action Group* which won its five-year campaign to force a major U.S. bank to give up financing mountaintop removal coal mining. Along with college teaching he has led 1,500 workshops on five continents and led activist projects on local, national, and international levels. He has refined the practice of experiential training for activists which he calls "Direct Education." He is the co-author with Daniel Hunter of *Opening Space for Democracy: Curriculum and Manual for Training for Third Party Nonviolent Intervention* (2004).

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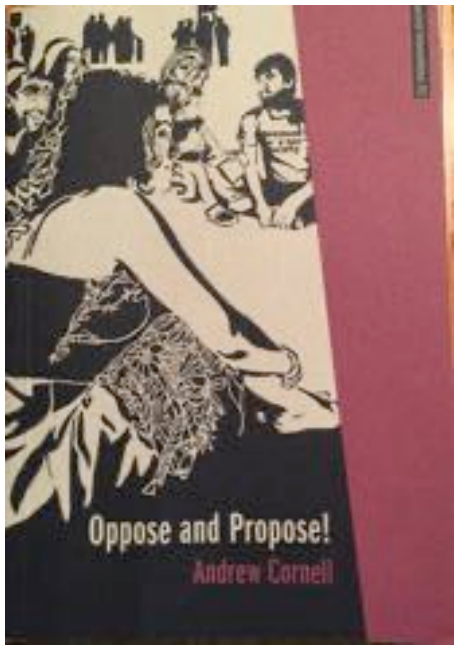
George Lakey

- Author of 1973 *Strategy for a Living Revolution*
- Active in the **Movement for a New Society**
- A Founder of Training for Change and Earth Quaker Action Team



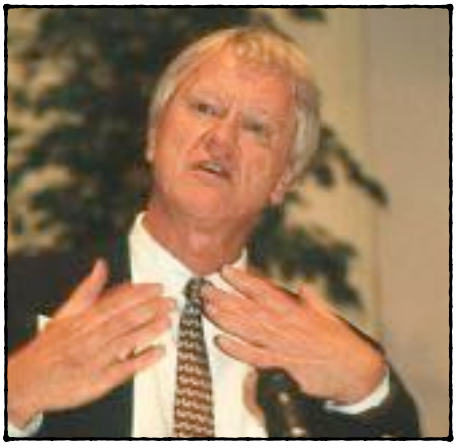
Author of 2016 book entitled *Viking Economics*

Movement for a New Society



- 2011 Book by Andrew Cornell
- *Oppose and Propose! Lessons from Movement for a New Society*
- Describes the organizing efforts of about 300 mainly Quaker members who lived collectively in cities across North America
- "Live the Revolution Now"

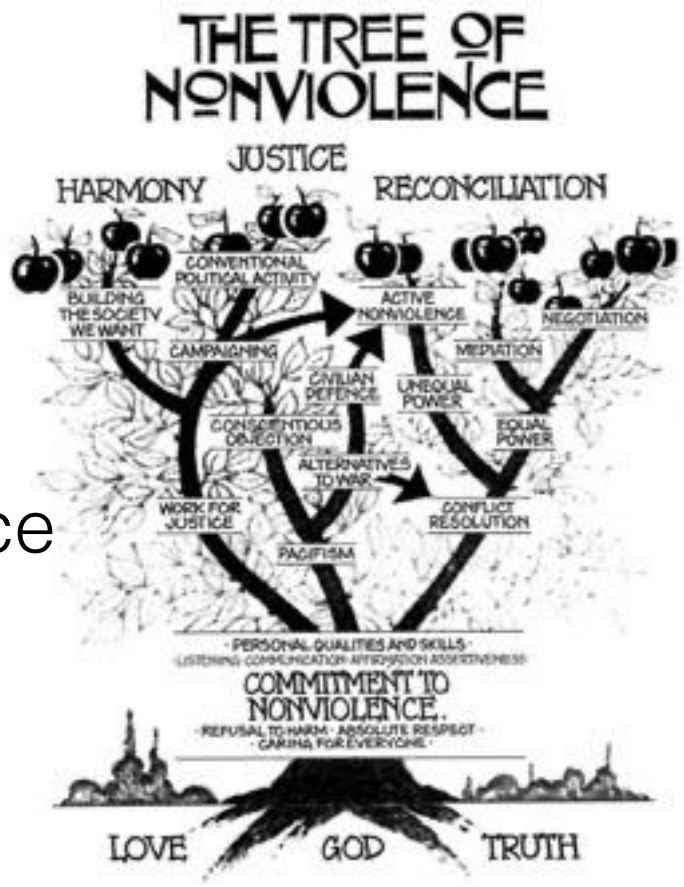
George Lakey Excerpt



- **Northern Spirit Radio Interview (recorded at FGC!)**
- **Clip is on the use of humiliation and coercive tactics as you push for change**

Full interview online at
http://www.northernspiritradio.org/episode/training-change-george-lakey

Active Nonviolence



Closing Go-Around

Wrapping Up



- **Availability of Slides and Handouts**