



PEACE X PEACE
CONNECTING WOMEN FOR PEACE

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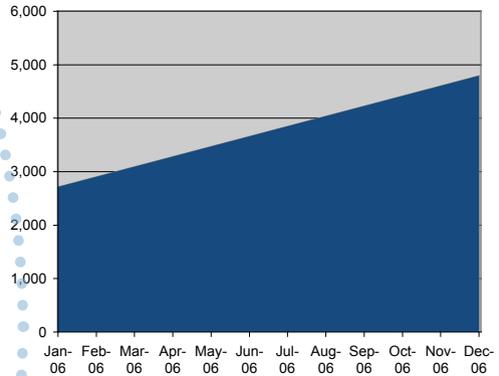
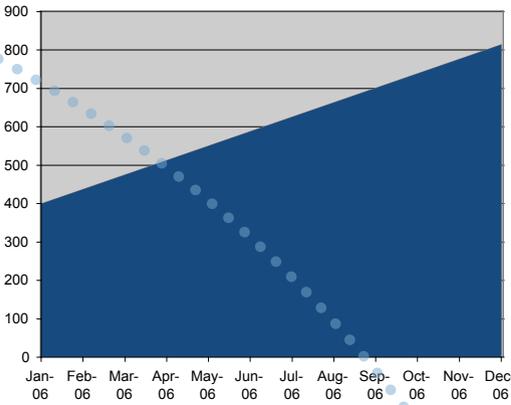
**Connect,
Communicate,
Change Your
World**

What does Peace X Peace do?

In a word, it **connects**. The Peace X Peace Global Network connects individuals and Circles of women everywhere in the world, through the Internet, for spirited conversation and mutual support. Strangers become friends, friends become as dear as family, and peace grows. We offer blogs, a hotline, an e-newsletter, and other e-education tools to spark and strengthen these vital connections.

2006 Global Network Growth

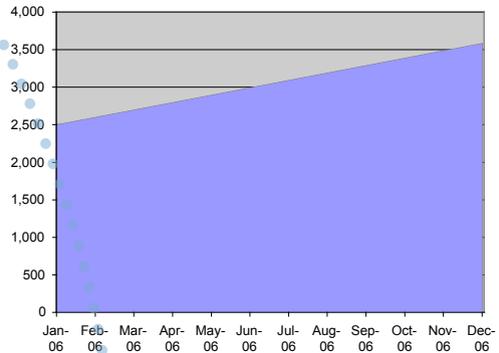
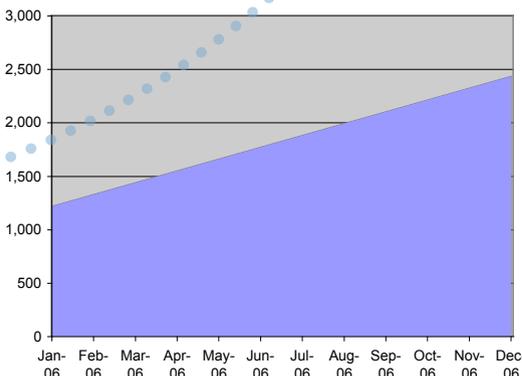
Individual Peace X Peace Members



Number of Registered Circles

2006 Communications Outreach

Peace Times Subscribers



News of the Week Subscribers

Connecting



Above: Activists Zorah Andi Baso, Dewi Rana, and Sister Brigitta Renyaan in Bali, Indonesia

Peace X Peace uses cutting-edge technology to connect women worldwide for secure communications that lead to a just, sustainable peace. We match individuals and Circles on the basis of shared interests, and we provide e-media resources to help them support each other in reaching their full potential as leaders and decision-makers alongside men.

Circle Stories

Like many Peace X Peace Circles, the Beads began when one woman saw the film *Peace by Peace: Women on the Frontlines*. A few months later, in September 2004, Sharon Simone and Anne Fitzgerald gathered a few friends and registered at www.peacexpeace.org. A virtual Circle evolved, with members in Michigan, California, Massachusetts, and Canada connected to a professor at the University of Baghdad, Naba Hamid, who has since left Iraq for safety in Canada.

The women corresponded about simple things at first—the flowers in their gardens, the birds in their backyards, the food they prepared for their families. Later they moved to the hard topics. In 2005 and 2006, Beads Circle members invited Naba to tour the United States. At each stop, another community was able to learn firsthand about the impact of the war on Iraqi civilians. And in 2006, the entire Circle met face to face for the first time.

Naba expressed her sorrow for her homeland in one of the messages she shared with her Circle sisters:

“Today at 9 am I was in front of the gate of the Austrian Embassy waiting my turn to apply for a transit visa. My ears received a very familiar beautiful singing. I followed the sound. It was coming from the top of a big tree. I saw him, my favorite bird, my patriot, the white-cheeked Iraqi bulbul. With silence I cried. I asked him ‘Even you, Bulbul, left Iraq?’ ‘I am a stranger with no shelter here,’ he replied. ‘I couldn’t stay any more in Baghdad. I can’t stand the violence and bloodshed. The sound of shooting and bombing killed my singing.’ Then he turned his head and flew away.

Each morning I stand under that tree waiting for my bulbul, but he’s never shown up again. I lost him as I’ve lost the 750,000 Iraqi refugees in Amman.”

Below: Sponsors of a Peace X Peace Day in Bamako, Mali



The women of St. Tereza’s Circle in Uganda came together to support one another and to break the cycle of poverty for their children and grandchildren. The son of a group member heard about Peace X Peace and told his mother. She registered the group through his email account and a month later they were connected to Women Building Bridges for Peace in Mt. Shasta, California.

With the help of the Sister Circle, they built a wooden kiosk for the baskets, rugs, and pottery they make and sell to pay the children’s school fees. Their children and children in Mt. Shasta joined the global movement, learning about one another through pen pal relationships and jointly creating an educational website.



St. Tereza's member Consolate tells us:

“Through our connection, we have learned how to communicate using Circle principles. Not only have we had the opportunity to share deeply with a group of women in another country, we’ve also become more informed on what is happening in the world and other parts of Uganda. Our participation in the Peace X Peace Global Network as well as our group’s viewing of the documentary Peace by Peace: Women on the Frontlines has taught us that no matter what part of the world we are coming from, women are on the frontlines for peace. It would be wrong for us to say that a dream has come true. This was not even in our dreams. Perhaps it would be more appropriate to call what has happened to the St. Tereza’s Women’s Circle a miracle.”



Photos above left: Naba S. Hamid; above right: women listening to Naba S. Hamid in Washington, DC, July, 2006; left: young women communicate by email at the Hope Flowers School, Bethlehem, Palestinian Authority

2006: The Hand-Off to Dr. McCue and You



Above (l to r): Dr. Sarah McCue and Patricia Smith Melton

In late October 2006 Dr. Sarah McCue became the new President of Peace X Peace as I stepped back from daily administration. The hand-off from the founder-visionary to the person who leads Peace X Peace into a pre-eminent position for global connection and e-communication was done with infinite care. During the international search, it became clear that, more than her decade of experience in the United Nations and the World Bank or her doctoral degree, Sarah's passion and high energy make her the perfect leader to expand the original vision of Peace X Peace and make it reality on the ground. She understands that women communicating across cultures and sharing their stories can change the course of history.

New staff members were hired in November and December, and 2006 ended with Sarah's taking the team into an intense "hibernation" period. They emerged with a full well of e-media resources that not only support and connect women but provide exciting educational tools to all our members and everyone on the Internet. You can learn more, and join in, at our website, www.peacexpeace.org.

As President of the Board of Directors, I will remain the vision holder, help build our financial foundation, and give my voice as a spokesperson to media and conferences. I embrace this with confidence in the team, our donors, our volunteers, and our members—and gratitude that Peace X Peace is bringing positive change to the world. It has been worthy work, and it fills my heart.

Peace X Peace continued to grow through 2006, with our Global Network registering an average of one more Circle each day. We have much work to do to multiply these numbers, support their connections and communications, and provide creative ways through the website, blogs, audio interviews, and global teleconferences to expand and support global citizens, especially women, rising in the world to build the components of peace.

I invite you to join us—as members, donors, volunteers, activists, searchers. I have been told by U.S. generals, by politicians in the West Bank, by women and men everywhere, "Peace is up to the people." You, dear reader, are the people.

Patricia

Patricia Smith Melton

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Below: Peace X Peace member in Sri Lanka



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Below: Afghan woman at Kabul University





Faces of Peace X Peace (l to r): Global Network members in Afghanistan; Mercy Chidi; Mary Cordes and Aldioumawoye A Cisse; Anne Fitzgerald; Mariam Lodin; Rula Salameh and Elana Rozenman

Headquarters Staff 2007 Roster

The rapidly growing Peace X Peace staff facilitates Global Network connections; provides membership, outreach, and communications services; and collaborates with sister organizations that hold congruent goals.

Patricia Smith Melton, Founder and Board President

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Liaisons

Liaisons in key areas extend the capacity of staff members. They represent Peace X Peace in their regions and they keep headquarters staff informed of developments in the field.

Mercy Chidi, based in Meru, Kenya, supports the largest concentration of Peace X Peace members outside the United States. **Ruth Gardner**, based in Paris, is our liaison for France and Western Europe. **Elana Rozenman** is the center of a network of women, organizations, and activities based in Jerusalem and radiating through the Middle East and beyond. **Rula Saleme**h works with Elana, Patricia, and the staff to coordinate activities in Israel and the Palestinian Authority.

Vital Volunteers

The A-Team, a worldwide network of dedicated volunteers, now numbers 38 individuals in 11 countries. Depending on their level of involvement and expertise, volunteers may be Agents of Peace, Advocates for Peace, or Ambassadors of Peace.

Peace X Peace is a worldwide gathering of extraordinary women and men. Global connections grow and bear fruit because of YOU: faithful donors, distinguished advisors, Directors and other volunteers, Circle members, individual members, and dedicated leadership and staff.

2006 Financial Summary

Expenses

 Program costs	\$1,022,191	94%
 Administrative costs	\$ 66,728	6%

Revenue Sources

Individual contributions	\$1,002,784	88%	
Events	\$ 123,931	11%	
Other income	\$ 4,373	1%	
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Total contributions:	\$ 1,131,088		

Let Your Passion for Peace Live after You

Here's the language to include Peace X Peace in your will or trust. This is a simple, meaningful way to endow your annual support and to carry your values forward.

"I give, devise, and bequeath [the sum of \$____/___percentage or fraction of/ or all of my residuary estate/specified asset] to Peace X Peace, www.peacexpeace.org, with principal offices in Washington, DC, to be used in furtherance of its general charitable purposes."

This creates an unrestricted gift, flexible enough to meet needs we can't anticipate today. However, if you want to restrict your gift or create an endowment, please call us, so we can discuss your intent for how your gift will be used. Consult your financial and estate planning advisers to learn other ways to leverage the benefits of charitable giving.

2007 and Beyond: Communications that Change the World

Peace X Peace has grown from one woman's dream to a global networking organization that is poised for exponential growth. We have over 5,500 members in 65 countries who work to create positive change in their communities. We are dedicated to reaching a tipping point where women don't just wish for peace, but are actually achieving it.

Soon we will offer a revamped website platform that provides real-time instant translation at no cost to members, and a profile matching system for women to find each other on the basis of shared professional or advocacy interests.

Other new initiatives include:

- Act Now!—our Peace Action Network that equips women to take action wherever they are around the world
- Page X Page (page by page)—a concise guide for understanding complex international issues and informing others
- Story X Story (story by story)—an online repository of members' memoirs to inspire and create peer-to-peer and mentorship connections
- Voice X Voice (voice by voice)—our online series of audio interviews with ordinary extraordinary women from around the globe

- Week X Week (week by week) and Peace X Prose (peace by prose)—fresh new blogs that analyze national and global issues from informed, distinctively feminine perspectives
- The Women's Global Roundtable—a series of weekly teleconference calls that introduce women to the lives and opinions of women from other cultures

And there is so much more—from our strategy for change in the Middle East to our growth in Asia to deeper engagement with local communities in the United States. Each program is a doorway to bring members and supporters into the Peace X Peace Global Network and an invitation to current members to move to the next level. Together, we can reach that tipping point for peace.

Please choose the doorway that suits you best. Become the leader you were meant to be by joining Peace X Peace. Support our programs with your participation and your dollars, and encourage others to do the same.

We need you and we welcome you.


Dr. Sarah McCue

www.peaceXpeace.org

*This isn't the time
to question your power.*

*If we don't reach out,
we leave holes in the
citizens' network of
potential that is weaving.*

*If we don't create
harmony, it may not
happen.*

—Patricia Smith Melton



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