Category 8.a: Peacemaking Organizations
Introduction and Overview

Introduction: Thousands of organizations around the world today are working to foster the peaceful resolution of conflicts. This section represents an effort to describe these organizations, but it is far from complete. In researching this topic, I realized at some point that if I did not stop, I would never complete the list! This section presents:

- A brief history of peacemaking organizations,
- Sources of information on peacemaking and conflict resolution organizations today,

The Earliest Peacemaking Organizations - the 1800s
The first U.S. peacemaking organization was the New York Peace Society, founded in 1815 in the wake of the War of 1812. It produced literature advocating pacifism on Christian grounds, and distributed its literature throughout the U.S. and Europe. In the 1830s and 1840s the Society advocated for negotiations to avoid war with Mexico, but the war came in 1846 and the Society then went dormant. In 1906 the Society, with the support of the steel magnate Andrew Carnegie, was rejuvenated in the aftermath of the Philippine-American War (1899-1902), reflecting concern over the increased use of American military activities abroad. The Society advocated that the U.S. use arbitration rather than force to resolve its international disputes - a position supported by President Theodore Roosevelt who, in his 1910 Nobel Peace Prize address said: "It would be a master stroke if those great Powers honestly bent on peace would form a League of Peace, not only to keep the peace among themselves, but to prevent, by force if necessary, its being broken by others."

The efforts of the Peace Society contributed to the establishment of the League of Nations after World War One, but the U.S. never joined the League, largely because of concerns about subjecting its disputes to arbitration. In 1940 the Society finally disbanded and its members merged their efforts with those of the Quakers to build international friendship through religion.
During the early 1800s numerous other peace organizations were founded. One historian describes this movement: “The whole Atlantic seaboard section of the country, then a large part of the nation, seemed throughout, as by a common impulse, with the conviction that the moment had come for a serious effort to abolish war and to establish among the nations in its place a system of rational pacific adjustment of controversies. A similar movement in Great Britain [and Austria and Germany] originating about the same time ran parallel with the American movement. This first great wave of peace effort . . . continued unabated for more than four years, till the eve of the Civil War.” [“History of the American Peace Society and its Work - The Growth of International Arbitration and Peace”, The Advocate of Peace, 1907, page 15] But almost all of these peace societies have since disbanded.

The 12 Peacemaking Organizations founded Between 1900 and the Beginning of World War Two:
1905: Rotary International (Evanston, Illinois)
1906: American Society of International Law: Its 4,000 members from over 100 countries continue its mission of “promoting the establishment and maintenance of international relations on the basis of law and justice.”
1910:
   - The World Affairs Council (Washington, D.C.)
   - The World Peace Foundation (Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Sommerville, Massachusetts)
1914: - Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs (New York)
   - International Fellowship of Reconciliation (Utrecht, The Netherlands)
1915: Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom (Geneva, Switzerland)
1917: American Friends Service Committee (Philadelphia)
1918: The World Affairs Council (Washington, D.C.)
1920: Mennonite Central Committee (Akron, Pennsylvania)
1924: Institute of World Affairs (Washington, D.C.)
1927: The Kettering Foundation (Washington, D.C.)

The 17 Peacemaking Organizations Founded During or After World War Two, Up to 1959:
1940: Coventry Cathedral Reconciliation Ministry (Coventry, England)
1943: Catholic Relief Services’ Justice and Peacebuilding Programs (Baltimore)
1944: World Relief (Baltimore)
1945: - CARE (Geneva, New York, Brussels)
   - Pax Christi International (Brussels)
   - The United Nations (New York)
   - The NTL Institute for Applied Behavioral Science (National Training Laboratories) - (Washington, D.C.)
1948: United Nations Peacekeeping (New York)
1949: Servas International (Zurich, Switzerland)
1950: World Vision International (Monrovia, California)
1955: The International Law Institute, Georgetown University (Washington, D.C.)
1956: People to People International (Spokane, Washington)
1957: - The Fund for Peace (Washington, D.C.)
  - The Society for International Development (Dar es-Salaam, Tanzania, Nairobi, Kenya, and Rome)
  - Peace Action (Silver Spring, Maryland)
1959: - PRIO International Peace Research Institute (Oslo, Norway)
  - Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences (Moscow, Russia)

Sources of Information on Peacemaking organizations today:

*Peace Insight*, a platform created and maintained by Peace Direct, lists 1786 peacebuilding organizations around the world that are working in 20 areas of conflict.

The author Paul Hawken (*Blessed Unrest*) describes the creation in recent years of over 100,000 grassroots organizations worldwide, dedicated to improving the health of society and the earth. He sees this phenomenon as the largest movement on earth, a spontaneous reaction to rapidly growing global challenges. Their shared purpose is “to fulfill the Golden Rule and amplify the force for good.” He states: “If you look at the science that describes what is happening on earth today and aren’t pessimistic, you don’t have the correct data. If you meet the people in this unnamed movement and aren’t optimistic, you haven’t got a heart.” [YouTube presentation, “Blessed Unrest, Paul Hawken”]

The National Association for Community Mediation estimates that there are now over 500 community mediation centers in the U.S. - none of which existed just a few years ago.

*GuideStar*, the world’s largest source of information on nonprofit organizations, in its “Nonprofit Profiles” section, provides searchable information on thousands of nonprofit organizations that are “tackling the great challenges of our time”. There are many listings for nonprofits that are addressing issues related to peacemaking, conflict resolution, and collaborative problem-solving. Here are the categories of such services, and the number of nonprofits that provide each type of service. The number of nonprofits add up to 82,055, but the actual number of such organizations is undoubtedly considerably less than that, since some organizations may be listed under more than one category.

- Alternative Dispute Resolution: 87
- Civil dialogue: 182
- Collaborative problem solving: 608
- Collaborative problem solving training: 1,809
- Community development: 59,843
- Community mediation: 520
- Community mediation center: 197
- Community policing: 1,712
- Conflict resolution: 1,202
- Conflict resolution fellowships: 16
- Conflict resolution funding: 140
- Conflict resolution scholarships: 74
- Conflict resolution studies: 135
- Conflict resolution think tanks: 108
- Deliberative democracy: 8
- Dispute resolution: 358
- Ecumenical organizations: 69
- Future search conference: 23
- Interfaith: 1,470
- International conflict resolution: 188
- New urbanism: 1,154
- Ombudsman: 112
- Peace: 7,866
- Peace funding: 791
- Peace studies: 410
- Peace studies fellowships: 33
- Peace studies scholarships: 56
- Peace think tanks: 108
- Race relations: 794
- Restorative Justice: 527
- Sustainable capitalism: 538
- Sustained dialogue: 303
- Teambuilding: 85
- Transitional justice: 502
- Women peacebuilders: 27

Total: 82,055

**Part II** provides brief descriptions of 423 major peacemaking organizations, worldwide. Immediately following are:

- A chart showing how these organizations grew from 12 in 1940 to 423 today, and
- A listing of the 423, listed by the type of service they provide.

### The Growth of Major Worldwide Peacemaking Organizations, from 1940 to the Present Day

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**THE 423 PEACEMAKING ORGANIZATIONS, LISTED BY TYPE OF SERVICE WHICH THEY PROVIDE**
Peacemaking Service Providers, With a Worldwide Focus:

1. Alliance of Civilizations, United Nations
2. American Bar Association, Section of Dispute Resolution
3. American Friends Service Committee
4. Ashoka
5. Berlin Center for International Peace Operations
6. Beyond Conflict
7. Carter Center
8. Catholic Relief Services’ Justice and Peacebuilding Programs
9. CDA Collaborative Learning Projects
10. The Center for Dispute Settlement
11. Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution
12. Center for World Religions, Diplomacy and Conflict
13. Charter for Compassion International
14. Civics
15. Community of Sant’Egidio
16. Conciliation Resources
17. The Consensus Council
18. The Consensus Building Institute
19. Convergence Center for Policy Resolution
20. Creative Associates International
21. Crisis Management Initiative
22. Eastwest Institute
23. The Elders
24. European Centre for Conflict Prevention
25. Facilitating Peace
26. FHI 360
27. The Folke Bernadotte Academy
28. The Fund for Peace
29. Global Peace Foundation
30. HasNa
31. HD Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue
32. Humanity United
33. Institute for Multi-Track Diplomacy
34. Inter/Mediate
35. International Alert
36. Interpeace
37. JAMS
38. JAMS International
39. Legacy International
40. Management Systems International
41. Mediate.com
42. Mediators Beyond Borders International
43. Mediators Foundation
44. Mediators Without Borders, Inc.
45. Mercy Corps
46. Meridian Institute
47. The National Coalition Building Institute
48. National Conflict Resolution Center
49. Nonviolence International
50. Nonviolent Peaceforce
51. Noref (Norwegian Centre for Conflict Resolution)
52. Norwegian Peacebuilding Resource Center
53. The Omidyar Group
54. The Omidyar Network
55. One Earth Future
56. Partners Global
57. Pax Populi
58. Peace Brigades International
59. Peace Direct
60. The Peace Initiative Network
61. PeaceNexus
62. Peacebuild - The Canadian Peacebuilding Network
63. The Peacebuilding Commission, United Nations
64. The Purdue Peace Project, Purdue University
65. RESOLVE
66. Responding to Conflict
67. Rotarian Action Group for Peace
68. Search for Common Ground
69. Social Impact
70. Social-Impact International
71. The Society for International Development
72. The Stimson Center
73. Transcend International
74. The Transnational Foundation for Peace and Future Research
75. The United Nations
76. The U.N. Institute for Training and Research
77. The U.N. Peacebuilding Commission
78. U.N. Peacekeeping
79. United Nations University
80. The U.S. Agency for International Development, Office of Conflict Management and Mitigation
81. U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations
82. U.S. Department of State, Complex Crisis Fund
83. U.S. Institute of Peace
84. U.S. Peace Corps
85. Uniting for Peace
Peacemaking Service Providers with a Geographical Focus:

Africa:
1. African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes
2. African Peacebuilding Network
3. The Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution, California State University Sacramento
4. The Center for Peace and Development, University of Juba
5. Center for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation
6. Centre for Democracy and Development
7. Concordis International
8. Darfur Peace & Development
9. Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences
10. The Institute of Security Studies
11. The Kenyan Peace Centre
12. Mano River Union Youth Parliament
13. Shalom Centre for Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation, Kenya
14. South Africa Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation
15. The Southern Sudan Peace Commision
16. The Taia Peace Foundation
17. The West African Network for Peacebuilding

Asia:
1. The Asia Foundation
2. Asia-Pacific Peace Research Association

Bosnia-Herzegovina:
1. Center for Peacebuilding, Bosnia-Herzegovina
2. The Network for Building Peace

Iraq: Sanad for Peacebuilding

Ireland:
1. International Conflict Research Institute
2. Irish Peace Institute
3. The Northern Ireland Foundation
4. Senator George J. Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice, Queen’s University, Belfast

Middle East:
1. American-Mideast Education and Training Services
2. Jewish-Palestinian Living Room Dialogue Group
3. Just Vision
4. New Story Leadership
5. The Peace Computer Center
6. Wi’am - The Palestinian Conflict Transformation Center

Russia: The Dartmouth Conference

South Asia:
1. Institute for Conflict Management
2. Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies
3. The Peacebuilding and Development Institute, Sri Lanka

Southeast Asia: Initiatives for International Dialogue

United States:
1. The Dialogue Institute
2. The Institute for Cultural Evolution
3. Keystone Policy Center
4. Living Room Conversations
5. The National Institute for Civil Discourse
6. The National Network for Safe Communities, John Jay College of Criminal Justice
7. No Labels Foundation
8. The One America Movement
9. Partnership for a Secure America
10. Peace Action
11. The People’s Supper
12. Problem Solvers Caucus
13. The Village Square
14. The Washington Peace Center

Peacemaking Service Providers with a Topical Focus:

Child Soldiers: Grassroots Reconciliation Group

Civil Wars: Center for the Study of Civil War

Communities and Organizations:
1. The Aspen Institute Forum for Community Solutions
2. Build Up
3. Center for Public Deliberation, Colorado State University
4. Communities in Transition
5. Community Toolbox
6. Deliberative Democracy Consortium
7. Essential Partners (Formerly “The Public Conversations Project”)
8. Everyday Democracy (Formerly “Study Circles Resource Center”)
9. Future Generations University
10. The Future Search Network
11. The Institute of Cultural Affairs
12. The Interactivity Foundation
13. Intersections International
14. Karuna Center for Peacebuilding
15. The Key Bridge Foundation Center for Mediation
16. The National Peace Foundation
17. The Peace Alliance
18. Philanthropy for Active Civic Engagement
19. Rally Point for Collaborative Change
20. Rotary International
21. U.S. Department of Justice, Community Relations Service
22. The World Organization for Resource Development and Education

**Countering Violent Extremism:**
1. The Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund
2. Institute for Strategic Dialogue
3. International Center for Terrorism Studies
4. The Strong Cities Network
5. The World Bank Fragility, Conflict and Violence Cross-Cutting Solutions Area

**Cultural Change and Cross-Cultural Cooperation:**
1. Crossing Borders Education
2. The Global Centre for Pluralism
3. Goi Peace Foundation
4. Initiatives of Change
5. Institute for Cultural Diplomacy
6. International Storytelling Center
7. The Matsunaga Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution
8. Nansen Dialogue Network
9. National Coalition for Dialogue and Deliberation
10. Peacetrees Vietnam
11. People to People International
12. The Schwelle Foundation
13. Seeds of Peace
14. Servas International
15. The Tannenbaum Foundation for Religious Understanding

**Democracy:**
1. The Democracy Fund
2. International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance
3. National Democratic Institute
4. NewDemocracy

**Design, Management and Evaluation of Peacebuilding Activities:**
1. DME for Peace
2. The Peacebuilding Evaluation Consortium

**Diplomacy:** The Future of Diplomacy Project

**Disarmament:**
1. International Peace Bureau
2. James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies
3. Mayors for Peace

**Economics:**
1. Economists for Peace and Security
2. Institute for Economics and Peace

**The Environment:**
1. Institute for Environmental Negotiation, University of Virginia
2. The Institute for Resource and Security Studies
3. The Policy Center for Environment and Peace
4. Safecast
5. The Small Planet Institute

**Ethics:** Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs

**Families:** The Association of Family and Conciliation Courts

**Human Rights:**
1. Center for Strategic and International Studies, Human Rights Initiative
2. Chemonics
3. International Center for Transitional Justice
4. International Justice Mission
5. Jewish World Watch
6. MenEngage Alliance

**Islam:**
1. 20,000 Dialogues
2. Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy

**Justice and the Law:**
1. Centre for Justice and Reconciliation
2. Center for the Study of Dispute Resolution, University of Missouri School of Law
3. Dispute Resolution Research Center, Northwestern University
4. The Forgiveness Project
5. International Institute for Restorative Practices
6. The International Law Institute, Georgetown University
7. The Transformative Justice Coalition
8. The World Justice Project
9. Zehr Institute for Restorative Justice

**Labor Relations:** The Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service

**Media: Filmmaking, Journalism, Photography, Technology:**
1. The Center for Global Peace Journalism
2. Cinema for Peace
3. The Culture Counts Foundation
4. Institute for War and Peace Reporting
5. Internews
6. Milestones Project
7. The Open Situation Room
8. The Peace Channel
9. Peace Counts
10. The Peace Tech Lab
11. The Peacebuilding Portal
12. The Potomac Institute for Policy Studies
13. Radio La Benevolencija
14. ReConsider Media
15. Transcend Media Service - “Solutions-oriented peace journalism”
16. Unity Productions Foundation
17. *The World Post*
18. WorldPublicOpinion.org
Mental Health:
1. The Avielle Foundation
2. The Center for Compassion and Altruism Research and Education, Stanford University School of Medicine
3. Cure Violence

National Security and Defense:
1. 3P Human Security - Promoting Military Education and Security Sector Reform
2. The Canadian Peace Initiative
3. CARE
4. The Center for International Security and Cooperation
5. The Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces
6. Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict
7. The International Center on Nonviolent Conflict
8. International Stability Operations Association
9. The Minerva Research Institute
10. The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe
11. The Peace and Security Funders Group
12. The Preventive Defense Project, Stanford University

Peace Games: Games for Peace

Private Enterprise:
1. The Center for International Private Enterprise
2. The Fowler Center for Business as an Agent of World Benefits, Case Western Reserve
3. The International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution
4. Social Venture Network

Religious-Based Organizations and Inter-Religious Cooperation:
1. EIAP (Effective Inter-religious Action in Peacebuilding Program)
2. Faith Care
3. Faith Matters Network
4. International Center for Ethno-Religious Mediation
5. Life and Peace Institute
6. Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns
7. Mennonite Central Committee
8. Muslim Peace Fellowship
10. Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers
11. The Parliament of the World’s Religions
12. Partners Worldwide
13. Pax Christi International
14. Peace Catalyst International
15. Prison Fellowship International
16. Religions for Peace International
17. Shalom Center, Philadelphia
18. The United Religions Initiative
19. The U.S.-Pakistan Interreligious Consortium
20. World Hope International
21. World Relief
22. World Vision International

**U.S. Federal Government:** The Interagency Alternative Dispute Resolution Working Group

**Women in Peacemaking:**
1. Gender Action for Peace and Security
2. The Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security
3. Global Network of Women Peacebuilders
4. IIDAI Women’s Development Organisation
5. Kvinna till Kvinna (“Women to Women”)
6. N-Peace
7. Peace Women
8. PeaceWomen Across the Globe
9. Peace X Peace
10. Promundo
11. The Vital Voices Global Partnership
12. Women 2 Women
13. Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom

**Youth:**
1. Challenge Day
2. CISV International
3. Empower Peace
4. Global Campaign for Peace Education
5. Global Nomads Program
6. Global Youth Action Network
7. The Non-Violence Project Foundation
8. Peace First
9. The Possibility Project
10. Project Common Bond
11. The Projects for Peace Program
12. Soliya
13. Stand Up to Bullying
14. The Sustained Dialogue Campus Network
15. Teaching Tolerance
16. The United Network of Young Peacebuilders
17. The Virtual Exchange Coalition
18. War Kids Relief
19. Youth Civil Activism Network (“YouthCan”)

**Professional Organizations:**
1. Alliance for Peacebuilding
2. The Association for Conflict Resolution
3. Build Peace
4. Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution
5. Civilian Peace Service Canada
6. The Conflict Information Consortium, University of Colorado
7. Conflict Prevention and Resolution Forum
8. The Conflict Resolution Network
9. European Network for Civil Peace Services
10. European Peace Research Association
11. Foundation for Global Collaboration and Peace
12. The Global Coalition for Conflict Transformation
13. Global Majority
14. The Green String Network
15. The Hague Appeal for Peace
16. Idealist.org (“Action Without Borders”)
17. International Association for Conflict Management
18. International Association of Facilitators
19. International Ombudsman Association
20. International Society of Political Psychology
21. The JAMS Society
22. The National Association for Community Mediation
23. The National Communication Association’s Peace and Conflict Communication Division
24. The National Peace Academy
25. The NTL Institute for Applied Behavioral Science (“National Training Laboratories?”)
26. The Oslo Forum
27. The Peace and Collaborative Development Network
28. The Peace Education Commission
29. Resolution Institute
30. Science for Peace
31. United for Peace and Justice
32. The Wisconsin Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies
33. The World Affairs Council

**Research, Teaching, and (in some cases) Direct Assistance:**

1. Academy of Management, Conflict Management Division
2. Advanced Consortium on Cooperation, Conflict and Complexity, Columbia University
3. Africa Peace Research and Education Association
4. Albert Einstein Institution
5. Alliance for Conflict Transformation
6. Alternatives to Violence Program
7. American Political Science Association, Conflict Processes Section
8. American Psychological Association, Division 48 - The Society for the Study of Peace, Conflict and Violence
9. American Sociological Association, Peace, War and Social Conflict Section
10. Archbishop Desmond Tutu Centre for War and Peace Studies
11. Berghof Foundation
12. Berggruen Institute
13. Center for Citizen Peacebuilding
14. Center for Global Peace, American University
15. Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies, University of California, Irvine
16. Center for International Conflict Resolution at Columbia University
17. Center for International Development and Conflict Management, University of Maryland
18. Center for Nonviolence and Peace Studies, University of Rhode Island
19. Center for Preventive Action, Council on Foreign Relations/Center for Systemic Peace
20. Center of Concern
21. Civil Politics
22. The Club of Rome
23. The Community Peacebuilding and Cultural Sustainability Initiative
25. Coventry Cathedral Reconciliation Ministry
26. Equal Access International
27. ESSEC Irene (The Institute for Research and Education on Negotiation)
28. Foraus (Swiss Forum on Foreign Policy)
29. Frankfurt Peace Research Institute
30. The Geneva Centre for Security Policy
31. The Hague Institute for Global Justice
32. Harvard Program on Negotiation
33. The Heidelberg Institute for International Conflict Research
34. Institute for International Mediation and Conflict Resolution
35. Institute for Policy Studies
36. Institute of World Affairs
37. International Association of Educators for World Peace
38. International Association of Genocide Scholars
39. International Center for Peace and Development
40. International Crisis Group
41. International Fellowship of Reconciliation
42. The International Peace & Security Institute
43. The International Peace Institute
44. The International Studies Association, Peace Studies Section
45. Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice
46. The Kettering Foundation
47. Latin American Peace Research Association
48. The Morton Deutsch International Center on Cooperation and Conflict Resolution, Teachers College, Columbia University
49. The National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Otago
50. The Nobel Peace Prize Forum
51. The Overseas Development Institute
52. The Oxford Research Group
53. Pathways to Peace
54. The Peace Action, Training and Research Institute of Romania
55. The Peace and Justice Studies Association, Georgetown University
56. Peace History Society
57. The Peace Innovation Lab, Stanford University
58. Peace One Day
59. Peace Research Institute Frankfurt
60. The Peace Science Society International
61. The Peacebuilding & Development Institute, American University
62. Peacemakers Trust
63. PRIO International Peace Research Institute
64. Rotary Peace Centers Program
65. Saferworld
66. The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute
67. The Sustained Dialogue Institute
68. Swisspeace
69. Tampere Peace Research Institute
70. The U.N. Institute for Training and Research
71. The U.N. University
72. The U.S. Army Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute
73. U.S. National Defense University, Consortium for Complex Operations
74. University for Peace, United Nations
75. The Whole of Society Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding Project
76. The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars
77. The World Peace Foundation, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University
78. The World Policy Institute

Part II of this section provides brief descriptions of these 423 Organizations.