



Mediators Beyond Borders™

Partnering for Peace & Reconciliation

“In the face of global violence and inhumanity, it is easy to think: we are so few, so imperfect, and so poorly prepared, while the problems we face are so vast, multifaceted, and ingrained – how could we possibly make a difference?”

*The real question, however, is:
How can we stand by and not try to help, no matter how imperfect our efforts may be?”*

~ Leonard Marlowe



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About Us

- Mediators Beyond Borders - Partnering for Peace & Reconciliation is a non-profit, humanitarian organization established to partner with communities worldwide to build their conflict resolution capacity for preventing, resolving and healing from conflict.
- This partnership involves the design and implementation of sustainable peace building initiatives responsive to the needs and culture of the communities, and to the history of each conflict. MBB is not a first responder, and is not prepared to intervene in the midst of violent crises.
- MBB is approved by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. It consists of mediators and other conflict resolution specialists who donate their expertise, resources, and time. It is not a trade entity or professional society.



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MBB Congress Agenda - Day 1

1:00 – 1:30

Welcome and Overview of the Conference: Nan Waller Burnett

1:30 – 2:30

Plenary: Ken Cloke

Mediators as Global Citizens:

How Mediators Can Help Save the Planet

2:30 – 2:45

Break

2:45 – 3:15

Introductions: How can we contribute ? Erica Ariel Fox

3:15 – 5:00

Group Brainstorming: Rachel Wohl, Ken Cloke, Bob Creo,
Annette van Riemsdijk, Lynn Cole and Richard Dewitt

Challenges, concerns, hopes, visions for MBB & global peacebuilding.

5:00 – 7:00

Dinner and Free Time

7:00 – 8:30

Evening Program -Party & Networking
with Robin Amadei and Christy Coates

8:30

Closing Circle: Michael Aloï





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MBB Congress Agenda - Day 2

- 7:00 – 7:45** **Yoga and Meditation** – Sally Ortner
- 8:00 – 9:00** **Breakfast and Free Time**
- 9:00 – 10:00** **Plenary: *Mindful Mediation*** – Daniel Bowling
- 10:00-10:15** **Break**
- 10:15 – 10:45** **Report on Visit to Ghana and Liberia:**
Bob Creo and Harriet Nettles
- 10:45 – 11:15** **Global Involvement:** Annette van Riemsdijk
Board Members explain projects or potential projects





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11:15 –12:30 **Brainstorming Possibilities Around the Globe:**

Sri Lanka: Prabha Sankaranarayan

Ghana and Liberia: Bob Creo

Katrina: Mississippi and New Orleans: Nan Waller Burnett, Louise Phipps Senft

Nepal: Caryn Espo

Zimbabwe: Sharon T. Maier, Anna Spain

Israeli/Palestinian: Rachel Wohl, Dorit Cypis

Kosovo: Lynn Cole

East Timor/Fiji: Susan Mullins

Ecuador: Anthony Nowak, Tom Fiutak

Nicaragua/Central America: Selena Sermeno

Native American/First Nation: Monique McKay

Sister Organization Support: Richard DeWitt, Robin Amadei

12:30 -1:30 **Lunch** – Reports on Key Ideas from Project Teams

1:30 –2:00 **Where We Are?:** Report on Administration and Finances: Bob Creo and Lynn Cole



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2:00 – 3:30

What Needs to be Done – Rachel Wohl

Participants meet in Committees, each facilitated by a Board Member, to brainstorm ideas on how to respond to the challenges raised in previous sessions. Committees include:

Fundraising Committee – Rachel Wohl, Richard Dewitt, and Wendy Wood

Project Development and Protocols Committee – Ken Cloke and Anna Spain

Training, Research and Distance Learning Committee –

Louise Phipps Senft, Joan Goldsmith, Ken Cloke

Events and Conferences – Nan Waller Burnett and Erica Ariel Fox

Student Chapter Committee – Lynn Cole, TJ Bowen and Elenie Opfner

Communications and Technology Committee - Susan Mullins, Serena Sermeno

Partnerships and Alliances Committee – Richard DeWitt and Robin Amadei

Media and Public Relations Committee – Bob Creo, Barbora Batokova, Keith Seat

Membership and Recruitment Committee – Annette van Riemsdijk, Monique

McKay and Anthony Nowak



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MBB Congress Agenda - Day 2

3:30- 3:45

Break

3:45 – 4:30

Reports - Key ideas and recommendations from committees

4:30 – 5:30

Plenary: Building Relationships Across Cultures
- John Paul Lederach



5:30- 7:00

Dinner and Free Time

7:00 – 10:00

Evening Entertainment – John Paul Lederach and Herman Weaver
The Poetry of Conflict and Peacebuilding Songs from the Road:
Party with wine and snacks – Harrington, Brewster & Clein, PC

10:00

Closing Circle: Michael Aloï



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MBB Congress Agenda - Day 3

12:00 – 1:00

Lunch

1:00 – 3:00

Chapter Reports and Work Teams:

Regis University - TJ Bowen, Elenie Opfner & Nan Waller Burnett,
Reports from Student Chapters at University of Pittsburgh,
University of Florida, Washington University, University of Ljubljana,
Baltimore/Washington DC and Southern California Chapters.

3:00 – 3:30

Break with refreshments

3:30 – 5:00

Building MBB – The Tasks Ahead: Ken Cloke

Open Membership Meeting. Review of electoral process. Discussion with members interested in filling Board Positions. Scholarship fundraising. Open floor for comments and questions.



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MBB Congress Agenda - Day 4

7:00 – 7:45

Yoga and Meditation – Sally Ortner

8:00 – 9:00

Breakfast and free time

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9:00 – 10:00

Plenary: Where We Go From Here? –

Rachel Wohl and John MacDonald

10:00 – 10:15

Break

10:15 – 11:00

Lessons for the Future:

Marilyn McKnight and Daniel Bowling

11:00 - 12:00

Summary and Next Steps: Ken Cloke and Bob Creo.

What we have achieved and tasks that lie ahead. Closing comments: Inspiration and Ideas from the members to support global peacemaking.



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MBB Congress Agenda - Day 4

12:00 – 1:30 **Farewell luncheon** and After Care: Ken Cloke, Bob Creo,
Lili Zohar and Nan Waller Burnett

1:30 - 2:00 **Closing Ceremony –**
Lili Zohar, Michael Aloï, and Nan Waller Burnett

2:30 **Bus leaves** for Denver International arrives 3:45 for flights
departing after 4:45



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Mission

- Mediators Beyond Borders™ brings together experienced mediators to collaborate and participate in mitigating violent conflict and organizing alternative approaches to expressing, negotiating, and resolving political, economic, social, ethnic, and religious differences.
- By creating a long term relationship with local on-site professionals, Mediators Beyond Borders™ fosters collaborative initiatives in partnership, assists in building and sustaining local capacity and training in ways that encourage forgiveness and reconciliation and integrate peace with justice.



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“We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the vitriolic words or actions of the bad people, but for the appalling silence of the good people. We must come to see that human progress never rolls in on wheels of inevitability. It comes through the tireless efforts and persistent work of men ... and without this hard work time itself becomes an ally of the forces of social stagnation. We must use time creatively, and forever realize that the time is always ripe to do right.”

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



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