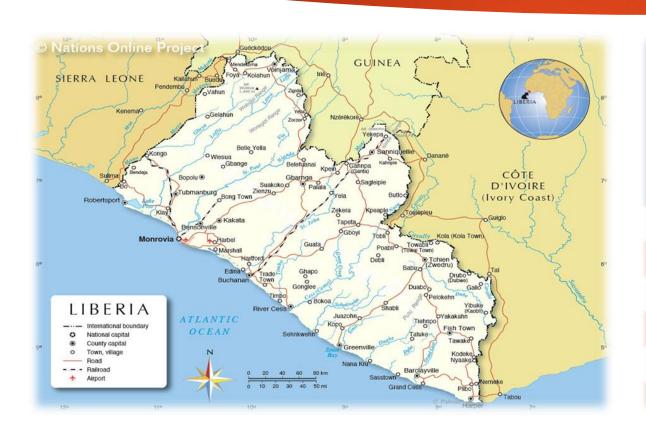
Answering the Call

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Answering the Call: Introduction





Answering the Call: A survivor story

LIBERIA PROFILE:

- POST WAR POPULATION 4.1 MILLION
- 14 YEARS OF CIVIL WAR
- 250,000 PEOPLE DIED DURING THE WAR

Answering the Call: AIP/Consortium

- □ TEACH LOW LEVEL ENGLISH
- PREPARE PEOPLE FOR DRIVER'S PERMIT TEST
- PREPARE PEOPLE FOR CITIZENSHIP TEST
- PREPARE PEOPLE FOR CNA TESTS
- MENTOR HIGH AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS STUDENTS
- WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM



Answering the Call: Class 24 in Bangkok















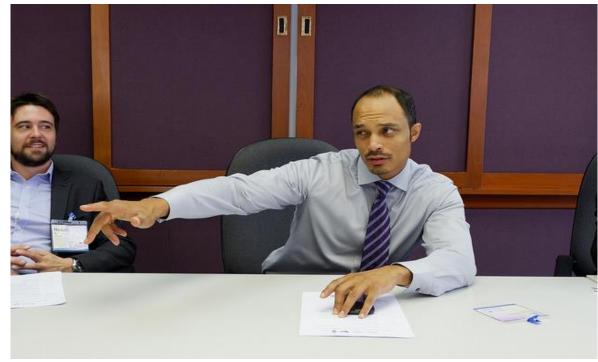
























Answering the Call: My Peace Chair



Answering the Call: What are the issues?

ISSUES CONFRONTING US TODAY

- □ GUN VIOLENCE
- SCHOOL BULLYING
- COMMUNITY VIOLENCE/CONFLICT
- SEEKING COMFORT IN THE USE OF DRUGS
- ORGANIZATIONAL CONFLICT
- LEADERSHIP CONFLICT
- □ FAMILY CONFLICT
- RELIGIOUS CONFLICT

Answering the Call: What next

- CONFLICT ANALYSIS
- BUILD STRONGER NETWORK
- CONSULTATION
- MEETING WITH PARTNERS
- DESIGN PEACE CURRICULUM
- IDENTIFY GROUPS (I'M BEGINNING WITH THE STUDENTS)
- MEDIA BUY IN AND SUPPORT
- SEEK FUNDING AND BEGIN TO WORK

Answering the Call: My platform

Create a peace platform to build bridges between members of the Fargo/Moorhead communities

Provide a space for interactions

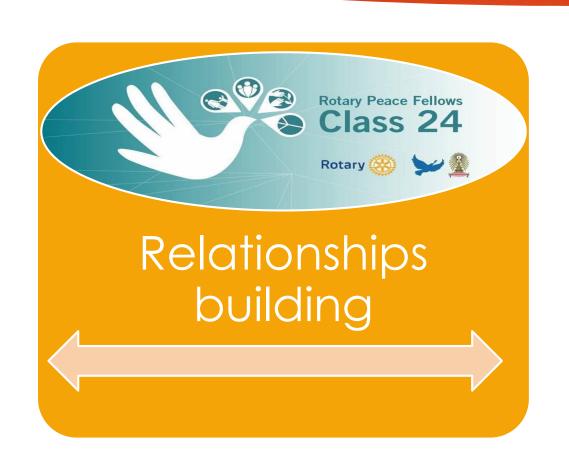
To increase community knowledge and understanding about Conflict, Peace and

Human Rights issue

Identify barrier to peace

Engage all Peace Actors

Answering the Call: Trusting relationships





Answering the Call: Key to Peace

- BUILD TRUSTING RELATIONSHIPS
- REDUCE YOUTH VIOLENCE
- CONDUCT TRAINING IN SCHOOL AND IN THE COMMUNITY
- INCREASE AWARENESS ABOUT NEEDS AND RISK
- FACILITATE CONFLICT MEDIATION
- CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERFAITH INVOLVEMENT
- PEER TO PEER APPROACH
- PROVIDE CONTINUOUS SUPPORT

Answering the Call: Support for peace

- □INCREASE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING ABOUT PEACEBUILDING
- WORK TOWARDS CONFLICT PREVENTION
- RESTORE <u>HEALTHY</u> RELATIONSHIPS
- PROVIDE SPACE FOR MEETING AND INTERACTIONS
- SCHOOLS AND PARENTS INVOLVEMENT

Answering the Call: Who cares?

- Social and Emotional needs: Family, friends, schools and worship, etc.
- Sports and cultural activities
- School and community support
- Train leaders to assume leadership roles in the community
- Encourage positive interethnic support
- Open platform for people to speak informally

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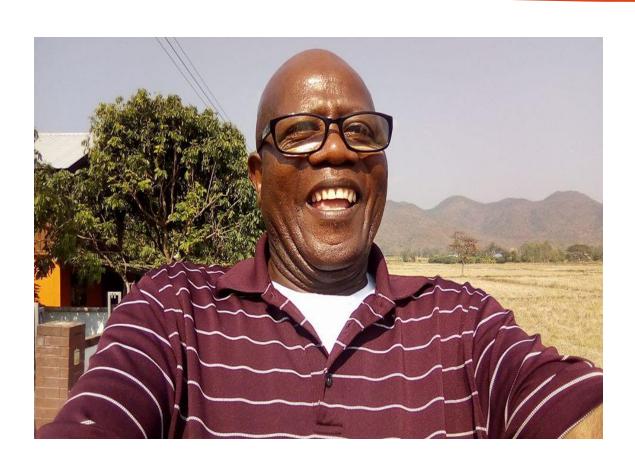


Answering the Call: My take away

- Do you know, peace is within us.
- All we need to do is set good examples, and develop the skills and techniques toward peace.
- Implementation is extremely difficult.
- We should have patience to deal with the unknown.
- Our goal is to keep working at it.

- □ I am committed to conflict prevention and peace building in Fargo/Moorhead communities.
- Change our minds and change our attitudes
- The peace we are going to work towards should be our individual agenda, and collectively we can change minds and change attitudes.
- Work across boundaries approach, and it shall be well.

Answering the Call: Thank you



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MY THANKS THE ROTARY DISTRICT 5580 FOR INVITING ME AND ESPECIALLY THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR FOR HER DISTINCT ROLE IN MY SELECTION AS A PEACE FELLOW.

MY THANKS ALSO GOES TO THE FRIENDLY ROTARIANS OF THUNDER BAY. WE ACTUALLY PUT THE GIANT TO SLEEP LAST NIGHT.

THANK YOU!