



### Importance of Peace in Environmentalism

12:00 p.m. on March 7<sup>th</sup> Stern Center Ballroom – Panelists drawn from across the College of Charleston campus will discuss the role of peace in environmentalism. This presentation will explore the long term environmental consequences that occur when humans engage in conflict and how this awareness might motivate us to work more effectively toward peace. Organized by Kerry Wischusen, President of the Meditation Club. Sponsored by the Department of Urban Studies and the Office of Sustainability.

### Peace Parade and display of Children’s Art on Peace

10:30 a.m. on March 7<sup>th</sup> Stern Center, 4<sup>th</sup> floor atrium – The children who attend the College of Charleston’s Early Childhood Development Center, along with their teachers and the director, Katie Houser, M.Ed., will host a Peace Parade. They will be joined by students at Memminger Elementary and the entire College of Charleston campus is invited to participate in the Peace Parade. The parade will start at the School of Education and end at the Stern Center. At the Stern Center there will be a reception for parade participants along with a display of students’ peace-themed artwork.

### Half-day Meditation Retreat

12:00 – 4:00 p.m. on March 11<sup>th</sup> – Rachael McNamara, M.A., Outreach Prevention Coordinator and Director of The Koru Program, will host a meditation retreat. The retreat will explore techniques and themes that complement Peace Week. For more information and to register, please email: [mcnamarar@cofc.edu](mailto:mcnamarar@cofc.edu)

Additional sponsors of the Peace Initiative include The Riley Center, the Office of Institutional Diversity, the Department of English, and the School of Humanities and Social Sciences

All events are free and open to the College of Charleston campus community as well as the general public

### Cultivating Peace within the Self

4:00 p.m. on March 5<sup>th</sup> Stern Center Ballroom – presented by Rhonda Swickert, Ph.D. (Psychology) and sponsored by the Sustainability Literacy Institute, the Meditation Club, and the Mindfulness Initiative. This presentation will involve a discussion of techniques that can serve to facilitate effective emotional and cognitive regulation, particularly when one is faced with conflictual interactions with others. By effectively regulating our own thoughts and emotions, we have a better opportunity to positively engage others who may have beliefs different than our own. Reception to follow.

### Truth and Reconciliation

4:00 p.m. on March 6<sup>th</sup> Stern Center, room 205 – Truth and reconciliation as a strategy to work toward justice and peace will be reviewed by Lisa Covert, Ph.D. (History) and David Slucki, Ph.D. (Jewish Studies). Our discussants will draw upon models that have been used in post-WWII Germany, South Africa, Northern Ireland, Rwanda and several Latin American countries. They also will explore whether these techniques could be applied in conflictual situations that our country is facing now (e.g., maintenance vs. removal of confederate memorials).

*Peace in the world begins with peace within the self*

### Forgiveness as a Process that Facilitates Justice and Peace

5:30 p.m. on March 8<sup>th</sup> Stern Center Ballroom – Our keynote speaker, Everett Worthington, Ph.D. (Virginia Commonwealth University), will discuss how forgiveness can serve to facilitate justice and peace. Forgiveness is something that we do first for ourselves, and it does not mean that a transgressor is relieved from being accountable for their actions. Specifically, one can forgive, but still expect the transgressor to experience a consequence based on her or his actions. Dr. Worthington will explore these issues and explain how forgiveness and justice can work together for the benefit of all. Reception to follow. Sponsored by the Department of Psychology and the Sustainability Literacy Institute.