



QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

A Resource for “Women Who Pursue Peace and Justice”

1. The news media does a great deal of reporting about the actions of violent extremists around the world and comparatively little about the actions of peacemakers.
 - a. Why do you think the media doesn't focus on peacebuilders?
 - b. Should the media devote more attention to peacemakers and peacemaking? Why or why not?
 - c. What are the possible benefits of increased news coverage for peacemakers and peacemaking?

2. Briefly describe the peacemaking efforts of each of the following women: Jamilia Afghani, Hind Kabawat, Sakena Yacoobi, Deng Giguiento, and Janneth Lozano Bustos.
 - a. What are the major similarities and differences between their approaches to peacemaking? What tools and methods do they use in their work? Do they have a profession that we don't usually recognize as peacemaking?
 - b. What role does faith play in each woman's work?
 - c. What role does gender play in each woman's work? How does their work empower other women?
 - d. What groups do these women work with? What institutions do they seek to build?
 - e. What dangers do these women face as a result of their work?
 - f. What is the ultimate goal pursued by each woman? How does their work counter and prevent violent extremism?

3. Do you think women bring unique perspectives and capabilities to the work of peacemaking? Do women have a special role to play in the effort to counter and prevent violent extremism? Explain.

4. Can you name another woman who is pursuing peace and justice overseas?
 - a. If not, research one.
 - b. If yes, who is she, and what goal is she pursuing? Is she well-known? What motivates her? Does her work empower other women? How?

5. Can you name another woman who is pursuing peace and justice in the U.S.?
 - a. If not, research one.
 - b. If yes, who is she, and what goal is she pursuing? Is she well-known? What motivates her? Does her work empower other women? How?

6. To extend your learning, research the following:

- Genocide – define; identify agreed upon circumstances where genocide occurred; identify where the use of the term is being disputed and debate both sides of that argument.
- Destruction of ancient cultures – what does that mean? Where has it happened recently? Where has it happened in history? Why is this important?
- Why is Nelson Mandela an example of nonviolence? What did he do?
- Research former president of Serbia, Slobodan Milosevic. What else is he known for? And what happened to him?