



At the DI/JES, we are dedicated to creating relationships and strong bonds amongst diverse communities through dialogue of the heart that fosters hope and compassion; dialogue of the mind that fosters understanding and mutual respect; and dialogue of the hands that fosters justice and concrete cooperative action.

MISSION

The *Dialogue Institute* engages religious, civic and academic leaders in practicing the skills of respectful dialogue and critical thinking, building and sustaining transformative relationships across lines of religion and culture. It provides resources and creates networks for intra- and interreligious scholarship and action that value difference and foster human dignity. Established in 1964, the peer-reviewed *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* advances critical awareness of the latest directions in ecumenical and interreligious research.

VISION

The *Dialogue Institute* and the *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* share a common purpose—to advance intrareligious, interreligious, and intercultural dialogue and engagement around the world, by supporting scholarship, training, and action.

Through our varied dialogue and educational programs, we help shape leaders who become catalysts for positive change within their communities. To do this work, and promote the following values, we need your financial support.



THE VALUES WE CULTIVATE

COMPASSION

Asep from Indonesia, a participant in the *Dialogue Institute* SUSI program, bore a deep scar on his forehead. When he smiles, the scar crinkles. His youthful peers eventually learn the story of how he broke up a street fight between a Muslim and a Christian in his hometown that left its mark. The *Dialogue Institute* program gave him skills to return to his hometown, his young wife and child, and run the peace center he had opened after that fight.

RESPECT

Aditya from India, a participant in the *DI* SUSI program, shared early on how he had turned against religious practice out of judgments against those who compromised their practice. By the end of the program he told us how he had changed: he was more humble, respecting the value of religious practice and the value of religion.

UNDERSTANDING

In the same summer, Mohamed from Egypt explained how he had been raised to be suspicious, even hate, Jews. Moved by his first experiences with an orthodox rabbi in the U. S. and after learning to engage in interfaith dialogue with a Jewish mentor, he described how exhilarating it was to learn to see the world through another's eyes. And how the dialogue experience had deepened his own faith in unexpected ways.

BRIDGE-BUILDING

President Boris Traekowski of Macedonia requested the U. S. Institute of Peace (USIP) to support the *Dialogue Institute* in mounting a bridge-building campaign in his country. He knew the work of Paul Mozjes and Leonard Swidler in interreligious dialogue and wanted them to help keep his country from sliding fully into a 'hot' civil war between majority Macedonians and minority Albanians. With USIP funding, the *Dialogue Institute* designed an immediate active response "in country" and did build a civil/religious dialogue (Muslim-Christian) process in Macedonia—still operative!

We invite your participation in helping us to sustain and grow the work.

For six decades, the *Dialogue Institute* has met the need to reduce religious violence and build understanding and respect for religious freedom, its privileges and its responsibilities.

The *Dialogue Institute* and *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* exist to promote human dignity, displacing fear and anger with respect and understanding, thereby preventing religious violence. We strive to strengthen communities through teaching values and skills that sustain peace building.



OUR CURRENT PROGRAMS

**Meeting the compelling need for respect for civic society and religious differences
Please consider a donation to any of these.**

STATE-DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS - MATCHING FUNDS REQUIRED

Your donation match leads to the advancement of global students and scholars through a 5-week hands on learning at the Dialogue Institute in Philadelphia, PA. These participants explore themes of religious pluralism and freedom, civic literacy, dialogue, and cultural awareness to hone their leadership skills in local and global contexts. This program increases the global number of informed civic and religious leaders as well as social change activists.

OPEN DIALOGUE TRAINING

Create leaders in communities across the world by supporting our OPENDialogue™ training program. OPENDialogue is an interactive seminar series in which participants learn how to engage and facilitate discussions in their own communities. Our dialogue principles have been translated into seventeen languages to create a global impact. Your donation supports conflict facilitation and dialogue worldwide and helps pay for materials.

RELIGION AND HISTORY TOURS - IN THE U.S. AND ABROAD

Shape our religion and history tours through your donation and participation. These tours use experiential learning to advance religious and cultural literacy to provide a foundation for fruitful and informed dialogue across difference. By supporting our tour programs in Philadelphia and beyond, you help the *Dialogue Institute* to equip participants with skills to better understand and engage with others in their communities and around the globe.

DIALOGUE INSTITUTE NETWORK (DIN)

Prepare “Glocal” leaders in their communities and networks with global partners. Through your support, the Dialogue Institute trains students, educators, and activists around the world and develops, elevating their leadership through DI training programs and access to our expanding Dialogue Institute Network (DIN). Another initiative includes dialogue among the five directives (a global ethic) of the Parliament of World Religions.

JOURNAL OF ECUMENICAL STUDIES

Join hundreds of renowned academics in supporting the *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* and global interfaith scholarship. Published through the University of Pennsylvania Press, we continue to publish online and in print the latest research and thinking in ecumenical and interreligious topics. You can contribute to the prestigious *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* through your donation or article submission.

Listening and Patience to Build Peace and Strong Trustworthy Relationships.

The *Dialogue Institute* and the *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* work together to apply the latest research to active programming in order to sustain a commitment to what has been learned and practiced for our sixty years. We want to use the differences to generate constructive dialogue, to use similarities to celebrate cooperative action. We know that faithful, trustworthy relationships sustained over time best meet our goals for cultivating compassion, respect, and understanding. So we add to our other values, patience and good listening. We want to enhance our connection to our donors and listen to which of the programs above most interest you. Then, please give generously as we work with you to navigate new horizons.