



Newsletter

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

...Strengthening the link between dialog and action.

NCCJ is working to eliminate all forms of bias, bigotry and racism in America. Promoting understanding and respect among all races, religions and culture, through education, advocacy and conflict resolution.

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NCCJ Congratulates the 2009 Camp ANYTOWN students



"Little Steps, Big Changes"

More than 150 students from across Connecticut and Western Massachusetts convened at the May and August Camp ANYTOWN this year. Workshop after workshop, each individual with his and her own uniqueness evolved and became part of a larger community. A community that represents a vision and a way of life that is free of prejudice and bigotry. ANYTOWN is a place to learn the skills and gain the confidence to be able to take **Little Steps** that will result in **Big Changes!**

"ANYTOWN allowed me to see things from another point of view.. I was able to listen to other youths and see how things such as racism, sexism, heterosexism, oppression and prejudice affect them in their day to day life. ... ANYTOWN was a rejuvenating experience which allowed me to make positive changes in myself so that I could then make changes in my society. When I returned home I wanted to teach others of what I had learned at camp..."

[Silvana, a Hall High School student shares her ANYTOWN story...](#)

You are Invited! NCCJ has planned a full calendar of events for the Fall...

[Help Increase the Peace Workshop \(HIPP\)](#)

October 3 and 4, 2009

Partnering with Pax Educare, HIPP teaches young people the skills for addressing and transforming conflict, violence, and injustice in their lives.

[Geoffrey Canada at the Springfield Public Forum](#)

November 4, 2009

Revolutionary educator Geoffrey Canada, President and CEO of the Harlem Children's Zone, has had quantifiable success in helping the most impoverished, at-risk youth beat the odds through a comprehensive approach to education and poverty eradication.

[Interfaith House of Worship Tour For High School Students](#)

November 14, 2009

To help student's build bridges of understanding and respect among people of different faiths, the NCCJ will lead students on a guided tour of a church, temple and mosque in the Springfield region.

Tour locations include: Sinai Temple, Alden Church, and the Islamic Center of Western Mass.

[Greater Hartford Multi-Faith Prayer Breakfast](#)

November 19, 2009

The annual Greater Hartford Multi-Faith Prayer Breakfast is for all persons who simply want to join together and pray for our city, our region and our world.

**click on each title for a full description and registration information.*

Save the Date!

April 15, 2010

NCCJ Annual Human Relations Award Banquet

For ticket and sponsorship information please contact Eva Storrs at estorrs@nccjctwma.org

Look for your invitation to be mailed out early 2010!

Meet our Intern!



Hello, my name is Shannon Oliver and I am the new intern here at the NCCJ.

Currently I attend the Big Picture High School and I am a Senior. While interning here I will be working on my senior thesis project which will be a year-long project with the topic of "The N Word." If you would like to learn more about my project I will be at NCCJ every Tuesday and Thursday.

In The Spotlight NCCJ's New Board Chairs

On January 1, 2010 NCCJ will be welcoming new board chairs to the Connecticut and Western Massachusetts Board of Directors. After many of years of service to the NCCJ Board, [Tom Barnes](#), Vice President of the Barnes Group Inc. in Bristol, CT will assume the role of Connecticut Board Chair, and **Paul Robbins**, Robbins Associates will assume the role of Western Massachusetts Board Chair.

[Myra Smith](#), VP of Human Resources, Springfield Technical Community College assumes the role of board co-chair for Western Massachusetts.

For more than 82 years, the NCCJ has played a critical role in the community.

Please help NCCJ continue its mission, to eliminate all forms of bias, bigotry and racism by making a contribution today. Be a friend of the NCCJ and click on the **"Donate Now"** button on the left hand side.

All Donations Help!

The NCCJ launches E-Newsletter.

In our effort to 'Go Green' we will be distributing our Newsletters electronically. We would love to hear your thoughts and comments on our new format. Send a shout-out to agumbs@nccjctwma.org. Thank you.

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