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## Introduction

The Center for Global Nonkilling (CGNK) is seeking ways to reduce killing in the world and help people realize that it is possible to change the prevailing attitudes and conditions which lead to killing. One essential strategy is to help leaders realize the possibilities and support their efforts to incorporate nonkilling principles and practices into their spheres of influence. To help collect information that can be useful in developing nonkilling policies and initiatives, CGNK initiated a global monitoring network during 2009.

## Approach to Monitoring Nonkilling

To be more effective in reducing killing in the world, it is essential to stay abreast of advances and progress toward nonkilling societies in various locations, and under a range of circumstances. CGNK's global monitoring initiative is designed to collect and analyze information which charts progress, successes and failures in reducing killing. By so doing, it also helps us understand what more needs to be accomplished under the wide range of political, economic, military and other conditions which affect human life.

Our global monitoring initiative builds on the concept of having correspondents in every country who provide periodic reports about nonkilling activities. Building on our pilot program in 2009, the intent is to develop a global nonkilling information-gathering network to highlight and share new developments, encourage research, provide resources for trainings and education, and use evidence (data and stories) to advocate nonkilling practices, policies, programs and laws in every part of the world. Imagine national security meetings and leadership briefings that highlight the success of nonviolent direct actions, nonkilling leadership capacity, and assess human capabilities to prevent killing.

During 2009, CGNK made initial contact with potential monitors in several nations. This resulted in active nonkilling monitors in more than ten countries, including: Bangladesh, Brazil, Colombia, Great Lakes Africa region (Burundi, DR Congo, Rwanda), Germany, Haiti, India, Nigeria, Palestine, Philippines, Thailand, United States (with a Hawai`i focus in 2009).



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To guide their work, an information gathering and reporting template was developed with their input, based on the types of information readily accessible in various locations. This template is attached as Appendix A. The intent was to encourage colleagues to monitor nonkilling with an emphasis on learning about new and underreported: 1) nonkilling leaders; 2) nonkilling organizations; and 3) nonkilling activities. These were the primary categories used for the reporting template. All contacts were encouraged to be creative in how they reported local nonkilling phenomenon and propose additional approaches to gathering information.

It was also considered important to focus on nonkilling activities rather than on killing and violence (which are being tracked by thousands of organizations already). Of course, the data and information about killing, war, genocide, murders, suicide, genocide, etc. are essential to efforts to advocate nonkilling and new strategies that address violence and eliminate killing of all kinds by humans against humans. But the objective of the initiative is to emphasize specific policies, practices and other advances resulting in the reduction of killing and elimination of the conditions which lead to killing.

The purposes and desired outcomes of our pilot monitoring initiative in 2009 included:

- Establish active links and monitors in numerous countries as a pilot to test the concept and approach.
- Track, report, and share information about leaders, groups and activities related to killing and nonkilling to generate new knowledge, insights and opportunities for nonkilling research, education, policy action, citizen competency and leadership development.
- Encourage new perspectives about reporting nonkilling rather than killing only.
- Nurture new networks and links across boundaries to share knowledge, data, stories and evidence to advocate for new non-killing efforts.
- Create a growing network of active monitors who will engage, encourage and coordinate with each other over time.
- Disseminate highlights and reports, develop quarterly/periodic summaries, and post web-based reporting and monitoring



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throughout 2010 while assessing optimal methods for continuing monitoring that promotes nonkilling and addresses local needs.

### Pilot Program Monitors

This pilot monitoring initiative included an expanding web of local monitors, CGNK leadership team and governing council members and other colleagues. Monitors represent a variety of backgrounds including researchers and teachers at academic institutions, community activists, nongovernmental organizations, and faith based programs.

The proposed 2010 expansion of the pilot initiative will include efforts to enlist the participants from the October 2009 CGNK Leadership Academy which includes potential contacts in an additional seven or eight countries. By the end of 2010, CGNK seeks to have at least 20 nations involved in monitoring nonkilling. In addition, regional coordinators are being recruited to help administer and manage a global monitoring effort into the future.

The 2009 network of monitoring correspondents included:

#### Bangladesh

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University of Chittagong  
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#### Brazil (Spain in 2010)

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#### Colombia

Monitor: Luis Botero  
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#### Germany

Monitor: Anis Hamadeh



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### Great Lakes Africa [DR Congo/Burundi/Rwanda]

Monitor: Bishop Lucien Mabwe

Founder, CGNV – Great Lakes

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### Haiti

Monitor: Dr. Max Paul

Founder, Centre Caraïbéen pour la Non-Violence Globale et le Développement Durable, Port au Prince, <http://www.ccngd.org/>

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### Nigeria

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### Palestinian territories

Monitor: George N. Rishmawi

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### Philippines

Monitor: Dr. Jose V. Abueva

Founding President, [Kalayaan College at Riverbanks](#); Former President and Professor, University of Philippines

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Monitor: Dr. Neelakanta Radhakrishnan

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## Thailand

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## 2009 Monitoring Highlights

The pilot monitoring program in 2009 help identify and track several important advances in nonkilling activities. From the data collected by individual monitors, we could also see the beginnings of several noteworthy trends that suggest progress is being made in raising the visibility of nonkilling efforts and incorporating nonkilling principles into research, training and policy initiatives.

A range of new nonkilling initiatives were reported and are now being tracked. These include:

### NEW PROGRAMS

- ✓ New national programs, movements or initiatives were launched in 2009. In the Philippines, Professor Jose “Pepe” Abueva (a Governing Council Member) has highlighted the need for monitoring, mapping and measuring nonkilling and killing in the founding documents for the new Philippines Nonkilling movement. By the end of 2009, there were national programs, movements or initiatives focused on nonkilling in at least six countries – Brazil, Germany, Haiti, India, Nigeria, and the Philippines. Significant nonkilling leadership efforts, trainings programs and organizing are underway in Bangladesh, Colombia, Thailand and the Great Lakes Region of Africa (Burundi, DR Congo & Rwanda).
- ✓ The celebration of CGNK founder Glenn D. Paige’s 80th birthday served as a catalyst for the launch of programs and initiatives across the planet in June 2009. Most significant was an India-wide march to



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honor Dr. Paige and the goal of nonkilling organized by his longtime friend and colleague Dr. N. Radhakrishnan.

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

- ✓ Dozens of workshops, seminars, trainings about nonkilling took place in countries around the world. Three hundred academics and others became members of the CGNK research committees.

### LINKS, NETWORKS & PARTNERSHIPS

- ✓ CGNK now has active contacts with colleagues in approximately 80 countries and these will serve as strategic starting points for new efforts.
- ✓ By the end of 2009, CGNK had more than 600 members of its Facebook Cause page, more than half of these are from outside the USA.
- ✓ CGNK recruited, organized, convened and staffed an inaugural Governing Council meeting (February 2009), Governing Council members are from India, the Philippines, the United States, and South Africa.

### RESEARCH, BOOKS, PUBLICATIONS & WEB BASED KNOWLEDGE BUILDING

- ✓ Several new books and new editions on nonkilling were published by CGNK including: "Toward a Nonkilling Paradigm" and an edition of the World Health Organization's "World Report on Violence and Health".
- ✓ CGNK has initiated presence on the world wide web through a website, a Wiki-university nonkilling program, links on other sites, and a presence on social network sites such as Facebook. New websites for several national nonkilling initiatives have been launched as well.
- ✓ Several of the scholars, academics and other researchers who are members of nonkilling research committees have written book chapters and working papers, and participated and presented at professional conferences.
- ✓ Translations of Professor Paige's book, "Nonkilling Global Political Science," continued, with new translations completed in 2009 and additional translations underway.

### LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

- ✓ Twelve young leaders participated in the 2009 pilot Nonkilling Leadership Academy, from Bangladesh, Germany, India, Italy, Kenya, Liberia, Palestine, Philippines, Thailand, United States and Western Sahara.



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- ✓ A global leadership team of eight coordinated the initial year of CGNK activities, with team members from Brazil, Colombia, the United States and Thailand.
- ✓ Partnerships with dozens of groups and organizations with missions similar to CGNK were established by the end of 2009.
- ✓ Monitors and correspondents in more than ten nations started to monitor nonkilling locally. This new network of colleagues is the first step in developing a global infrastructure to scan, track, monitor, gather data and stories, measure and map evidence of nonkilling.

### PROJECTS

- ✓ CGNK organized, convened and facilitated the world's first Nonkilling Neuroscience Exploratory Colloquium in Philadelphia in July 2009.
- ✓ A draft primary school nonkilling curriculum guide was started and will be reviewed in a variety of cultures before disseminating it more broadly.
- ✓ Work began on a parenting guide to be provided in tandem with the primary curriculum.
- ✓ The Thai Research Fund and CGNK started a nonkilling initiative with the Thai Nonviolence Committee.
- ✓ A new research effort to Protect Sacred Places and Personnel was launched with a base and oversight in Thailand. The initial focus is on Thailand and Asia with hopes to expand globally.

### ONGOING SCANNING, TRACKING & REPORTING

As information is shared from monitors and a variety of individuals and organizations in many countries, CGNK is archiving information, links, resources, maps, and other sources of knowledge related to the effort to develop a world without killing.

### 2009 Nonkilling Trends

Observing the results of monitoring efforts during 2009, several trends are worth noting and tracking as well. These include:

- When CGNK held its first leadership team meeting in December 2008, there were a few national initiatives focused on nonkilling; a year later, December 2009, there are now active nationwide efforts (centers, national movements, programs, initiatives) in seven coun-



tries – Brazil, Germany, the Great Lakes Africa region (Burundi, DR Congo, Rwanda), Haiti, India, Nigeria, and the Philippines.

- CGNK is becoming a hub for information and resources about non-killing research, education and policy action as a result of programs, publications, its website, and outreach through partnerships and alliances with leaders and organization.
- CGNK staff and colleagues are successfully introducing nonkilling principles in policy discussions around the world.
- An increasing number of courses and seminars about nonkilling are being offered at several major universities.
- Building on the Nonkilling Neuroscience Colloquium, a series of other colloquia are now in various stages of development to explore new frontiers related to nonkilling.
- CGNK leadership and colleagues are being invited to participate in international conferences and alliances: in 2009 this included the International Political Science Association in Santiago, Chile; the National Peace Academy Stakeholders' Summit, USA; and the WHO Violence Prevention Alliance, Geneva, among others.
- An international network of young leaders is in place as a result of the 2009 pilot Nonkilling Leadership Academy; many are expressing interest in becoming monitors in 2010.
- Inquiries about how to apply the principles of nonkilling to challenges in different countries and communities are increasing.

### Nonkilling Monitoring in 2010

During 2010, we plan to build on the progress made in 2009. In particular, we hope to add monitors in at least 10 more countries, bringing our total to at least 20, with monitors on all populated continents. We will also plan to convene semi-annual conference calls to identify and discuss ideas for improving the program, trends and progress being observed, and ways to connect and communicate more effectively.

As this is currently a volunteer-based program, to monitor and track even sporadic nonkilling activities while juggling the routine responsibilities of their own work requires encouragement and constant communication. Using a volunteer corps of monitoring correspondents will need to be evaluated further, although we believe this can work if sufficient support is provided, and the task contributes to monitor's own work or interests.



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During 2009, some groups served as monitors even though they were not yet formally affiliated with CGNK as monitors (correspondents). During 2010 we hope to formalize volunteer agreements, as we consider various ways to enhance support. One idea being considered is identifying Regional Coordinators to encourage more frequent and cohesive reporting.

Another important concept being explored is whether and how to develop an infrastructure or center of networks focusing on efforts to end killing. Many groups track killing and casualties, the World Health Organization, the Economist, the United Nations, Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International, national intelligence agencies, think tanks, etc. Some track the same information with an interest in peace and nonviolence such as the Global Peace Index. How might coordinating with some of these efforts be useful, or should we initiate a similar network with the specific focus on nonkilling? This will be addressed in 2010.

Active efforts are underway to sign new monitors for 2010 reporting. Nations included in these outreach efforts are: Australia, Canada, Chile, Ethiopia, France, Indonesia, Kenya, Liberia, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Korea, Spain, Western Sahara, and South Africa. Additional communications are in development and anyone interested in helping this effort is encouraged to communicate with us.

For more information about the CGNK Monitoring Initiative, please contact Thomas Fee, CGNK Leadership Team, at [tfee@nonkilling.org](mailto:tfee@nonkilling.org). We encourage you and your colleagues to share any questions or ideas, or to participate in the Nonkilling Monitoring Initiative in 2010. An appendix with a longer report about each country's monitoring efforts in 2009 is available on request.



APPENDIX A

CENTER FOR GLOBAL NONKILLING  
MONTHLY MONITORING WORKSHEET

COUNTRY: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT INFORMATION:

MONITOR: \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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**1. Nonkilling Leaders (Individuals)**

Who are the next Gandhi, Mairead Maguire, Guillermo Gaviria, Petra Kelly, Martin Luther King Jr., Ghaffer Khan, Queen Liliuokalani, Mandela, etc. in your country, as well as "the countless others, celebrated and unsung" who are making a difference?

**2. Nonkilling Organizations/Groups**

- a. Activities organized to advocate and promote nonkilling principles and practices (e.g. a student association at Kalayaan College, Philippines or similar groups)
- b. New networks, partnerships and alliances formed to advocate nonkilling, including local, regional, national and global based in your country

**3. Nonkilling Activities/Actions**

What events, programs, protests, interventions, problem solving, new laws, policies and/or practices occurred in support of nonkilling? (e.g. New Mexico (USA) abolished the death penalty during 2009; several universities announced courses on nonkilling; community groups organized nonviolent protests in Afghanistan to protect women; etc.)

**4. Miscellaneous Reporting of Nonkilling Developments & Innovations**

This category leaves creative space for stories, events and insights related to nonkilling from each correspondent.

**EXTRA**

WHAT ARE THE BEST SOURCES IN YOUR COUNTRY FOR STATISTICS, DATA, EVIDENCE, STORIES, REPORTS, ETC. THAT INDICATE STEPS TOWARD OR AWAY FROM A NONKILLING SOCIETY? (CGNK will be tracking sources of data and evidence about killing, violence, lethality, murder, suicide, genocide to supplement existing sources of similar data (such as the World Health Report on Violence and Health, 2002). Where would we look for the information about killing where you are? Police reports? Judiciary? Military? Media? Activist groups? Religious groups? Others? See [www.nonkilling.org](http://www.nonkilling.org) for ideas and insights including Dr. Paige's Nonkilling Global Political Science