

## **“An Introduction to ‘The IPCR Community Journal’”**

“The IPCR Community Journal” is an open forum for people who would like to assist the efforts of The IPCR Initiative—and the efforts of people working in related fields of activity.

“The IPCR Community Journal” is located at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ipcri/>

Highlights from “The IPCR Community Journal” at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ipcri/> will be posted in the section “Highlights from The IPCR Community Journal” of the IPCR website, at [www.ipcri.net](http://www.ipcri.net)... and then archived in the “The IPCR Community Journal” section of the website.

People who would like to assist the efforts of The IPCR Initiative—and the efforts of people working in related fields of activity—are encouraged to contribute constructive comments, resource recommendations and links, relevant news, suggestions—and to relate relevant personal experiences which will be helpful to others working along similar lines.

Contributions to “The IPCR Community Journal” can be made by posting a message at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ipcri/> -- by submitting a contribution to “The IPCR Community Journal” (subject line) via an email to [stefanpasti@ipcri.net](mailto:stefanpasti@ipcri.net), or by submitting a post mail contribution to “The IPCR Community Journal” The IPCR Initiative P.O. Box 163 Leesburg, VA 20178 USA.

### **Some Guidelines for Posting Messages into “The IPCR Community Journal”**

Here are some guidelines which may help potential contributors to offer their contributions in a most constructive light:

- a) “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.”
- b) “... bring to the fore what is often hidden: how many good people there are, how many ways there are to do good, and how much happiness comes to those who extend help as well as to those who receive it.”
- c) sincerely reflect the qualities of kindness and courtesy
- d) demonstrate communication skills which are conducive to deepening mutual understanding and mutual respect
- e) assist in developing higher common ground
- f) emphasize the positive and constructive steps which are being taken, while also recognizing that we all sometimes fall short of the best we can do
- g) assist in building the trust necessary for non-violent conflict resolution, healing, and reconciliation
- h) illustrate the transforming power of love, understanding, and forgiveness
- i) reflect an understanding of the value of silence

### **Contributors are encouraged to focus on....**

As mentioned above, people who would like to post messages at “The IPCR Community Journal” are encouraged to contribute constructive comments, resource recommendations and links, relevant news, suggestions—and to relate relevant personal experiences which will be helpful to others working along similar lines.

In addition, potential contributors to “The IPCR Community Journal” are especially encouraged to consider the following: there are many sections of the IPCR website (and the associated documents and publications) which—with assistance—can be expanded to become more comprehensive and more useful. For example, consider the following documents made accessible through this IPCR website: “An Assessment of The Most Difficult Challenges of Our Time,” “The IPCR Spring 2007 ‘Building Caring Communities’ Questionnaire,” “A Selection of Valuable Resources,” “A List of 105 Related Fields of Activity,” “Inspiring Role Models and Service-Oriented Initiatives,” — all of these documents can be expanded by sincere, constructive, relevant, and practical suggestions.

Changes and additions will be made to the sections of the IPCR website (and to documents and publications) on a periodic basis, and such improvements will incorporate as much input as possible which is consistent with the goals listed in The IPCR Mission Statement.

### **Peacebuilding in its Most Compassionate Form is the Goal**

Peacebuilding in its most compassionate form is not a competitive field of activity. Viewed in this light, the most valuable forms of peacebuilding will nurture, support, and sustain the development of an infinite variety of other forms of peacebuilding, community revitalization, and ecologically sustainability initiatives. I am hoping that this “IPCR Community Journal” and the IPCR website can be good examples of peacebuilding in its most compassionate form.