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"Generally speaking, the first nonviolent act is not fasting, but dialogue. The other side, the adversary, is recognized as a person; he is taken out of his anonymity and exists in his own right, for what he really is, a person. To engage someone in dialogue is to recognize him, have faith in him. At every step in the nonviolent struggle, at every level we try tirelessly to establish a dialogue, or reestablish it if it has broken down. When I say 'the other side,' that could be a group of persons or a government."

Hildegard Goos-Mayr

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Organizations

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Partners-Kosova Center for Conflict Management: Founded in 2001 to Foster Culture of Peaceful Conflict Resolution in Province that Suffered Years of Underdevelopment and Conflict; Works with Citizens of All Ethnicities to Facilitate Resolution of Disputes and Build Consensus on Neighborhood, Business, Majority-Minority and Citizen-Government Issues

Unity in Diversity: New Project Introduced by [Global Dialogue Foundation](#) to Promote and Foster Need for Dialogue in All Aspects

Online Professional Development Class, [How to Get Buy-In for New Ideas](#), with Executive Instructors Joel Barker, Filmmaker and Author, and Debbe Kennedy, Author and President and Founder, Global Dialogue Center

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Privatizing Peace: Governments Increasingly Handing Over Early States of Conflict Resolution to Independent Organizations, [Economist](#) (June 30, 2011)

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