**Statement of Financial Condition**
(Balance Sheet Summary: April 1, 2011-March 31, 2012)

**Assets**
- Total Current Assets $52,679.35
- Other Assets $744.47
- Total Assets $53,423.82

**Liabilities**
- Total Current Liabilities $-120.00
- Total Liabilities $53,543.82
- Total Equity $53,423.82

**Equity**
- Net assets—unrestricted $18,343.00
- Retained Earnings $4,552.59
- Net Income $30,648.23
- Total Equity $53,543.82
- Total Liabilities and Equity $53,543.82

**Expenses**
- Direct Program Costs $37,358.03
- General Organizational Support $8,402.25
- Program Income $3,925.00
- Fiscal Sponsorship Income $639.00
- Revenue released from restrict $15.00
- Total Expense $47,309.55
- Total Support and Revenue $121,051.15

**Net assets—unrestricted** $18,343.00

**Total Liabilities and Equity** $53,423.82

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**Statement of Activities**
(April 1, 2011-March 31, 2012)

**Support and Revenue**

- Individuals & Donations $61,497.55
- Direct Program Costs $37,358.03
- Grants $46,572.35
- Other (reimbs, interest) $8,402.25
- Program Income $3,925.00
- Fiscal Sponsorship Income $639.00
- Revenue released from restrict $15.00
- Total Support and Revenue $121,051.15

**Net assets—unrestricted** $18,343.00

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**Metta Center**

- Metta Center has been an instrumental design and thought partner in the development of our National Peacebuilding Peacelearning Certificate Program. With principled vision and practical wisdom, Metta has helped us to shape a transformative and groundbreaking learning program that seeks to make learning for peace accessible and affordable to all. The Metta Center has also supported the development of our holistic educational approach, recommending strategies and course designs to help overcome differences and bring conflicting perspectives into harmony.
  
  **Tony Jenkins, Vice President for Academic Affairs, National Peace Academy**

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**Nonviolence is our nature**

In Fiscal Year 2011 the world changed in many ways, and at least one of them was good: the practice, and more importantly, the public awareness of nonviolence has begun to grow. It really looks like the stirring of a sleeping giant. Metta responded to this change with more writing, more consulting and more outreach. There have also been some changes taking place at Metta. Most notably, we have moved to a lovely new office just outside of Petaluma which has served us well and begun to provide a kind of hub for the diverse and interesting people with whom we love to work.

**Momentum in all areas.** As you will see in this annual report, we’ve carried on the momentum of previous programs in all areas; publishing, speaking, writing, consultation, education and some beautiful networking. A high point that I’d like to underline here was “Building the World We Want,” a day-long workshop on constructive program that drew over 30 people including some of the biggest names in the Northern California peace movement. Here we really hit a nerve, and it has given us a splendid direction for the coming year.

You cannot inspire with a litany of evils. As many activists have begun to recognize, you cannot inspire people with a litany of evils. On the contrary, catching fire from Gandhi’s unquenchably positive orientation and its practicality for our own time has set the tone that enabled Metta to take advantage of the worldwide development I mentioned earlier. We have come to feel more and more that the degraded image of the human being is at the root of contemporary problems, and that nonviolence—the possibility of it and the success of it—must be the root of the renewal of that image. As Gandhi said (and we often repeat these days), “Nonviolence is the law of the humans.”

**Fine reputation.** I continue to be impressed and reassured by the fine reputation that we enjoy among our far-flung and steadily growing network of coworkers and friends. What fuels this? Passionate, committed and capable people among whom it is a privilege and inspiration to do this work.

Yours for the great turning,

Michael Nagler, President of the Board

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**Annual Report 2011**

**Fiscal Year: April 1, 2011 thru March 31, 2012**

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**Our mission**

To promote the transition to a nonviolent future by making the logic, history, and yet-unexplored potential of nonviolence available to activists and agents of cultural change (which ultimately includes all of us). We help practitioners use nonviolence more safely and effectively, and anyone interested to understand and articulate its power more fully.
Dear Supporters,

Ten years ago, the world stopped as we witnessed terrorism on a large scale within the United States. When we responded with more violence there were catastrophic results: to our economy, to our service men and women, to our national reputation, and to our humanity in general. As Gandhi is often paraphrased, “violence begets violence.” So when 2011 witnessed “Arab Spring” and the worldwide Occupy movement respond to injustice from isolation into beloved community. We have been keen to continue emphasizing that, those who come to us to learn and explore the vast potential of a deep cultural shift away from isolation into beloved community. We have been thrilled with these developments which builds up while it opposes what is unjust. In other words, we have reached the beginning of a ‘radical shift’ from the alienation and disunity of modern societies.

The “meme” of nonviolence gripped the hearts and imaginations of more people than ever before. Before the events of 2011, many individuals approached the Metta Center with very basic questions, or even objections about nonviolence. Now, however, the questions we are finding more sophisticated and complex as people have seen its power; people want to know how to refine their strategies, how to conceptualize a large-scale movement which builds up while it opposes what is unjust. In other words, we have reached the beginning of what is known as a “ tipping point” of nonviolence. The question is no longer whether nonviolence works, but how it does, and how we can harness its power more effectively.

We have been thrilled with these developments, and we have worked hard to serve all those who come to us to learn and explore the vast potential of a deep cultural shift away from isolation into beloved community. We have been keen to continue emphasizing that, as this report points out, nonviolence is in our nature and we realize a deeper part of our shared humanity when we work not only to transform our negative drives, but the negativity in the society with what Dr. King called “love in action.”

2011 Key Accomplishments

- Talks on Nonviolence and Islam at the Muslim Community Association in Santa Clara, as well as on Jesus and Nonviolence in Petaluma
- Seminar Invited by the Townsend Center for the Humanities at UC Berkeley for a four-week seminar on nonviolence for professors, students and administration.
- Activist Course Hosted a one-day course on Gandhian ‘constructive programme’ for activists, students and educators.
- Webinars Led a series of online webinars on nonviolence around September 11, 2011
- Nonviolence Courses Partnered with the National Peace Academy for three courses on nonviolence as a science as well as practice.
- Occupy Recognized as a Go-to-organization for the Occupy movement
- Occupy Talks on Nonviolence and Islam
- Blog Wrote a series of news blogs for Waging Nonviolence
- Presentations & Consulting
- Special Guests
- George Houser, lifetime peacebuilder & original “Freedom Rider,” U PynyaZawta from Burmese Saffron Revolution, Lily Yeh of Barefoot Artists, Mel Duncan of the Nonviolent Peacemakers
- Metta Mentors Hosted 5th and final “Metta Mentors,” our summer internship in nonviolence principles for young adults. Interns arrived from around the world, including Egypt and Kyrgyzstan.
- Education
- Teachers’ Retreat Hosted an in-depth, weekend, teachers’ retreat for educators seeking support for bringing nonviolence into the classroom as well as into their personal lives.
- The past years’ experience has enabled us to look even more to the “big picture” to the deep changes that must take place if a world of unity can be allowed to emerge from the alienation and disunity of modern societies.

We have many beautiful programs and projects blossoming in 2012. We plan to:

- Enhance the Peace and Conflict Studies lectures with a series on Gandhi’s legacy
- Develop a ‘roadmap’ for the ‘great turning’ in an effort to unite the various good projects happening all over the world into one movement
- Create a short animation on human nature and nonviolence
- Head-up a major grass-roots peace team curriculum
- Develop a curriculum for nonviolence education in the classroom
- Create high school curricula for nonviolence education, with an emphasis on meeting ‘national standards’
- Build new partnerships with like-minded organizations
- Offer a ‘graduate level study’ of nonviolence through a research fellowship program
- Host an educational pilgrimage to Gandhian sites in India
- Host several one-day teachers’ retreats nationally
- Collaborated with Teachers Without Borders on a 12-week online certificate program for nonviolence education in the classroom.
- Wrote op-eds on a regular basis for alternative news media sources, in partnership with Peace Voice, with op-eds appearing regularly on Common Dreams and Truthout.

Thank you all for a fabulous year.

Stephanie Van Hook, Executive Director