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Editor's Desk

Living Values is now firmly on the radar screens of countless educators around the world and the network linking up concerned teachers, parents and program coordinators continues to develop. As news of the program's effectiveness spreads, new activities are being initiated at a fast pace as coordinators respond to ever-increasing requests for training and support. LVEP was in use at over 1,500 sites in 62 countries by the middle of this year and will have reached into at least several times that number of places by early next year.

Much of the recent focus has been on teacher training and at time of writing Diane Tillman, who developed many of LVEP's activities, is in the midst of a four-month world training tour taking in countries from the USA to the Philippines, Surinam to Australia and Greece to India.

Back at home e-base, our website is also growing and has gone truly international: the whole site is now available in French and the first Spanish pages are also on line; other languages are on the way!

The following stories will bring you up-to-date with some of the recent and forthcoming events, so read on and, as ever, we hope that you'll do more than just read: please also send us your news - and go out and make some news!

The Editor

Living Values Website in French!

France has been involved with Living Values since its inception and is also the home to the Headquarters of UNESCO, which supports Living Values, and so it seems appropriate that the first language into which LVEP's website has been translated should be French. The **Living Values: An Educational Program** site is now online! The site can be accessed by clicking on Français in the left menu bar of the main site - or you can go to it directly from

<http://www.livingvalues.net/francais/>

Pilot Program in India

Forthcoming Events

Mount Abu, India

25th to 27th October 1999

Training for Educators

Teacher Training in Living Values for educators

Mount Abu, Rajasthan, India

1st to 6th November, 1999

LVEP Train-the-Trainer

80 Educators from all 20 states in India will be gathering for a LVEP TTT in Gyan Saravor, Mount Abu, Rajasthan

London, UK

2nd November 1999

Living Values: Young People, Citizenship & Communities for the 21st Century.

This National Conference is for young people and those working with young people.

A week-long Living Values pilot training program was held at the Seventh Day Adventist School and College in Surat, Gujarat for 80 educators. Working with one value for each of the program's six days, the Facilitator, Sunita, reported a change in attitude right from day one: "Initially, they were very silent, inactive, not feeling free, not responding. But the values activities ... brought about a change in them; they became easy and light, responding spontaneously and co-operating in facilitating values activity workshops." This was corroborated by the teachers themselves who made comments such as: "Acquired the skill to be a good listener."; "I feel very much changed and have come to know the value of a teacher."; "The world changes when I change." and "Learnt to listen the child's difficulty and appreciate the child."

Strategy for the Kenyan Ministry of Education

John Owigar, the Deputy Director of Post School Programmes at the Kenya Institute of Education, reports as follows after Diane Tillman had carried out a five-day Train-the-Trainer workshop at Reef Hotel Mombasa from 15th-20th August 1999: "I am delighted to inform you that the Kenyan Ministry of Education, Sciences and Technology has now shown interest to have Living Values Educational Programme taught in all Kenyan Schools & Colleges. We have been asked to prepare an implementation strategy paper for the government to consider in its efforts to promote Living Values activities in schools."

Athens, Greece

November 12-14, 1999

Living Values: A Future for Education

This forum for educators in south-east Europe will take place at the Novotel Hotel, Athens from 12-14 November 1999. Participants will come from 15 countries bordering and in close connection with Greece.

Further information can be obtained from Sue Emery, LVEP Coordinator for Greece,
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Tlaxcala, Mexico Mexico **November 15-19, 1999**

The Forum of the Americas

living our values: the spirit of education for the 21st century

You will have the opportunity to meet and share with people involved in values education and to promote co-operation between educators and educational organisations within the Americas.

We will be presenting the American educational community with a new

perspective for the development of a culture of peace through values education.

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New! The Forum web site in [Spanish](#), 'Foro de las Americas'.

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Living' La Vida Values in Costa Rica

Valeriane Bernard, LVEP coordinator in Costa Rica, has been busy and writes:

"I have been organizing and started to give Living Values training for Primary School Teachers in cooperation with the School of Education of the University of Costa Rica. Training has taken place in San Jose for 40 teachers and in Paraiso de Cartago for 20 teachers and we have been offering 3 sessions of 4 hours each.

On 10th August there was a talk for 80 youth at the Canadian High School by Jaymini Patel from England on the theme of how to make oneself happy.

Four full days of training is also being given for Primary and Secondary School Teachers at the Betania Primary School in San Jose with the participation of all the teachers from this school, and also of teachers from other schools, making a total of 25 people.

Values Week is to be celebrated from 26th September to 1st October. Activities include:

1. A television interview by two young girls of 2 senior citizens who have made an important contribution to Costa Rican culture, with the purpose of bringing one generation closer to the other in the field of values. This event will be painted live by 2 famous artists on a mural and narrated by a famous writer.

2. 4 different workshops will be run at the Interamerican University on the themes of love,

respect, freedom and peace. The workshops are open to all youth and 200 are expected at each event.

3. A full day's Living Values training for 100 teachers is being organized in cooperation with ANDE, the main national union of educators in Costa Rica."

Living Values Comes Home to New York!

Living Values has come full circle!

Born in the USA, the Living Values Educational Program recently had its first Educators' Retreat in the USA. Almost 30 teachers from New York, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island spent the last weekend of August at Peace Village Learning and Retreat Center in the Catskill Mountains in upstate New York .

The dynamic group of retreat coordinators and program facilitators included Carol Gill, Editor of Living Values Guidebook and Educators' Kit; Gayatri Naraine, Living Values: An Educational Program Coordinator; Ed Wondolowski, Professor of Management, Bentley College; Anne Rarich, Management Consultant, Learning Exchange; Cristina Casanova, Coordinator of Professional Staff Development, New York Board of Education; Orlando Zalazar, Counselor at Theodore Roosevelt High School in the Bronx, NY; Myrna Belgrave, Headmistress at a secondary school in Barbados and a former teacher in the New York City school system; Dolly Lal, Middle School teacher in New York; and Max Nass, Counselor at an elementary school in Queens, NY, and award-winning composer of children's songs.

Cristina is responsible for guidance counselors in 1,000 schools in New York City. Last year, Ed and Anne successfully piloted the Living Values program, working with service-learning students from Bentley College, who introduced the program to Waltham, Massachusetts 6th graders and their teachers. The challenge was to design a creative retreat, with content that would fulfill the strict requirements and guidelines of the New York Board of Education. The facilitators met the challenge and the Retreat was a tremendous success. Sitting in a powerful circle at the end of the retreat, educators shared how they had been touched during the weekend and committed themselves to bringing Living Values to their own classrooms and communities.

The follow-up plans for this group include a meeting in November to establish a steering committee for the Program in the USA. A larger retreat will be planned at Peace Village in the spring.

Teacher Training in Hong Kong

Hong Kong was pleased to welcome back LVEP international trainer Diane Tillman for a few days in early October. On Saturday 2nd October, over 30 local educators, and one teacher from the well-known English-speaking King George V School, gathered for a full day's Living Values training at the Government Education Department's Teachers' Centre, who offered their main Conference Hall for the day. Welcoming remarks by Derek Sankey, Senior Lecturer at the Hong

Kong Institute of Education, reminded teachers that the most important resource for values education was themselves and encouraged them to make classrooms a safe place to grow.

Many of the participants expressed their intention to initiate activities in their schools in the coming weeks and requested a follow-up meeting in a month to review progress and further develop their skills.

The following Monday saw Diane spend a wonderful few hours with 12 deans of the secondary school of Hong Kong International School introducing Living Values and simple but effective tools for conflict resolution. Later in the day, she elaborated on the theme of conflict resolution with a group of about 50 parents and educators. Again the response was very positive; as one parent said: "I have heard this before but I need to keep hearing it over and over again." News of these events spread fast and Diane was invited back the following day, this time to address the primary teachers of Hong Kong International School on Living Values.

About 15 primary teachers were enthused to integrate the program into their daily schedules. That evening there was a public talk on Conflict Resolution for Children and some of the 40 concerned parents who came promptly for a 7:00 pm start were still asking questions at 10:30 pm!

Diane was also able to join local coordinators for meetings with Fanny Law, the Director of Education, and Dr KK Chan, the Chief of the Education Department's Curriculum Development Institute. Over the past months, Living Values has been meeting with a warm response from education policy-makers and practitioners who are engaged in a comprehensive review of the education system and developing an Education Blueprint for the 21st Century. Watch this space!

Living Values teacher-trainer Lai Lai Fong has also begun LVEP activities in a secondary school within the Tung Wah Group of schools and quickly found that children even in this non-stop city have a natural affinity for peace and readily warmed to activities that helped them develop and express it.

The book of Living Values Activities for Children aged 2-7 has now been translated into Chinese and some 250 copies printed; the first draft of the 8-14 book in Chinese has also been completed.

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