

Hello fellow educators,

At the 1971 convention of the American Personnel and Guidance Association a number of concerned individuals had a chance to meet and discuss common hopes and frustrations about education and counseling in the context of a changing society. The apparent need for a forum for shared ideas and resources emerged from the talks and this non-profit corporation (Educators for Human Growth through Social Change) is being formed to try to meet that need.

We see ourselves as a resource distributor providing information that would help us as people in dealing with ourselves and the institutions around us to do the changes we feel necessary for our survival, happiness, and social peace. To serve a resource function, we intend to publish a newsletter to serve two general purposes: One) to provide specific ideas, programs, helpful sources, literature, experiences, etc., and Two) to offer a human support and joy-sharing medium for those contributing to and receiving the newsletter.

Workshops also are an effective medium for learning and sharing. We are willing to act as a clearing house for individuals and groups desiring seminars and workshops on topical areas. If you have ideas for workshops, whether topics, locations, or whatever, please communicate them to us and we will try to coordinate your ideas with those of others. In order to fulfill the purposes of both the workshops and the newsletter your active participation is needed.

The genesis of this group we are trying to form was in the 1971 A.P.G.A. convention and resulted in an entity called Counselors for Peace and Social Change. Now that we are incorporating, it is thought that the name Educators for Human Growth through Social Change provides, while long winded, a more accurate picture of the direction we would like to take. So, C.P.S.C. has given way to E.H.G.S.C.

The Newsletter

The first issue of A Different Drummer, the newsletter, (with no need to apologize to Henry David Thoreau) should be printed just before the A.P.G.A. convention in March. In the meantime we need articles, book and resource reviews, and opinion letters from your contributing selves to share with the newsletter's readers, your sisters and brothers.

We aim to print A Different Drummer on a quarterly basis (roughly, as funds are available) at first and look forward to, if response is favorable, a more timely schedule. In the first issue we will have reviews of Learning to Feel-Feeling to Learn by Harold C. Lyon, Jr., Education and Identity by Arthur W. Chickering, and other books, a perspective on the use of Synectics in education (Synectics is an approach to the development of creative capacity), and some ideas about construction of educational communities.

Costs

While forming this non-profit corporation we are also applying for federal tax exempt status to obtain both tax and postage advantages. To support the resource coordination functions of E.H.G.S.C., workshop efforts, newsletter, etc., we are asking a four dollar (\$4) contribution on an annual basis. For those who contribute to E.H.G.S.C., A Different Drummer is free.

In conclusion

The potential to facilitate individual human growth is there, in you and your sisters and brothers. By producing this newsletter we hope to serve as a catalyst to involve you and other people with each other and provide the substantive support to effectively buttress your efforts. The challenge of creatively and effectively meeting individual and societal needs faces us. Please, then, share yourself by writing us and backing your fellow educators. You can do so, intellectually and financially (and preferably both), by contacting us at the address below.

Peace, Justice, and Freedom,

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Dear Chuck,

Here is the latest version of Counselors for Peace and Social Change. When we decided to incorporate we thought the change of name would be more descriptive of what we are trying to do without overly limiting the audience we are aiming for.

Is it feasible, Chuck, for you to put out another short article expanding upon the ideas you presented in the APGA Journal for the newsletter we are trying to put out? Perhaps just a reportive piece describing what you have been working on in Ann Arbor? We are seriously aiming to get the first issue out in time for the Chicago convention.

Any ideas? Would appreciate hearing from you.

You bet,
Tony