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Action Steps

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On this Martin Luther King Day, let us remember that Dr. King's dream was of a world at peace. His commitment to nonviolence was absolute. As the Obama presidential administration begins, we ought to remember that Martin Luther King JR advocated personal responsibility. Creating a beloved community is not the work of one individual. It is work that calls us each by our own name. Our imperative is to rethink the world, to change the common sense from the idea that violence is necessary to the idea that it is a barbarism that impedes human evolution to a humanity that is a species that recoils from violence.

Toward that end:

- let us continue to inform ourselves regarding the various conflicts in the world so that we may talk intelligently with our friends and acquaintances about the issues. Let us make our insistence upon peace known to our elected officials.
- Let us work toward establishing a section in bookstores for peace studies. Peace theory is an interdisciplinary enterprise. Thus books about peace – personal peace, local and global peacemaking-- are found in many sections of the store. They are found in religion, philosophy, new age, biography, world history, sociology, current events and literature. A section, even a table, devoted to peace studies can bring various books on peace together. We can do this by asking all the peace people you know to make a phone call or send an e-mail to both local and national booksellers.