## **CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION & MUSIC**

**Conflict transformation** is a theoretical orientation that seeks to address the problem at hand along with the related issues and relationships that are connected to the conflict. A conflict transformational approach extends beyond resolution to create change that can have a far-reaching and lasting impact on a conflicted situation.

*Transforming Conflict Through Music* is the title of my doctoral dissertation, completed in 2008. My focus was on bringing music into a process of mediation. Inspiration for this study came from my positive experiences in music therapy using music to help people with a variety of challenges.

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## **Organizations and Related Links**

- Alliance for Conflict Transformation
   http://www.conflicttransformation.org
- o Association for Conflict Resolution. http://www.acrnet.org
- o Christine Stevens, MSW, MT-BC, <u>UpBeat Drum Circles</u>
- International Committee of Artists for Peace
- o Music and Arts in Action. http://www.musicandartsinaction.net
- o National Coalition for Dialogue & Deliberation
- Peace and Collaborative Development Network. http://www.internationalpeaceandconflict.org
- o Playing for Change
- Public Conversations Project
- o Silk Road Project
- o Transcend: Art and Peace Network
- o Voices: A World Forum for Music Therapy

## **Documentaries**

- o The Singing Revolution
  - o Revolution coordinated with Singing in Estonia
- o Pray the Devil Back to Hell
  - o About the Liberian Women's Peace Movement. The women use music in their non-violent resistance.