

From The Editor

BUILDING SUPPORT FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION

In this issue we focus on ways to build support for mediation and conflict resolution. That involves reaching out to various groups of users and telling our story in their terms and using sources they view as credible. We invite you to join with us in these efforts.

For the *business community* Kenneth P. Kelsey's article speaks directly to the business benefits of using mediation in contract disputes. He has the corporate credentials to back up his observations. A second Kelsey article will appear in our next issue. It will explain, from a business point of view, how to prepare for and participate effectively in mediation

We reach out to the *religious community* with our new Religious Press Service. We plan on providing a series of articles for publication by the religious press. This first article by Abby Mendelson, already carried in two church publications, has stirred up requests for training and support.

The news media plays a key role in framing public attitudes. *CR and the News Media* describes the new website we are creating with major co-sponsorship by newsmedia sources. This site promises to be an important tool for helping the media improve its analysis of conflict situations and its understanding of conflict resolution concepts.

Trauma

Conflict resolvers pay too little attention to the impact of trauma. Can there be real resolution to a conflict until the psychic wounds of the battle have been dealt with? We need to look at the trauma that is transferred to us as we work with traumatized disputants. *Judith Issroff* defines the problems for us. *Sr. Luch Njoroge* gives us an example of the contiguousness of trauma and how it can be remedied.

Follow through

Bill Headley updates us on the impact on a university from a collaborative training effort in neighboring African-American communities. It is a fine example of elicitive training resulting in new concepts moving back into the university curriculum.

We conclude with a gift from India, from *D.K. Sampath*

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