

## Our Mission

The Institute for Global Leadership provides confidential, compassionate, and skilled coaching, guidance, consultation, and training to help leaders and teams through change, challenges, and crises. We recognize all human beings, institutions, nations and multilateral entities for their uniqueness, need and capacity for transformation.

Reconciliation Leadership and the Peace-building Process of Reconciliation to develop political will grew into a Global Mediation and Reconciliation Service presented at the Hague Appeal in 1999,. Case studies were developed and implemented at the United



Nations since 1992. Course participants are shown above.

"Virginia's humanity, dedication and determination in the 1992 conception and production of her UN cornerstone event, the *Celebration of the Children of the World: A Model for Building Global Community*, the first PPR, gave credence to her impressive credentials as a successful global networker and true proponent of the new language of international collaboration. The mastery of this concept could lead to the maturation of human society into a genuine planetary family, integrating the vision of global cooperation into the everyday consciousness of men, women and children." Michael E. Collins, Global Economic Development, Consultant, Tiverton, Rhode Island

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## America's Soul Cafe

A Public Engagement Project of  
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## The Global Mediation and Reconciliation Service

Coaching in Personal, Professional and Systemic Competencies to introduce the resources of the Sacred Integrated with the practical

We provide coaching and consultancy for our clients in the areas of personal, psychological, and spiritual growth and direction in resistant systems in times of personal and public stress.

We specialize in training clients to build trust whereby systems are transformed because people care about one another. Interpersonal, intra-group and systemic conflicts are taught by freeing untapped potential in people and systems.

We are certified in a leadership agility approach is used as a series of planned processes by which human resources are identified, utilized and developed in ways that strengthen family, community, organizational, national and global effectiveness. Problem solving capabilities, planning and service are also optimized drawing on the following tools:

- Reconciliation Leadership
- Strategic Planning
- Capacity Building
- Community & Team Building
- Introducing & Sustaining Change
- Conflict tools
- Reflective and Integrative Leadership



### Global Mediation & Reconciliation Service

#### A Public Engagement Project: A Spiritual Renaissance to heal America's Soul

America is sadly in need of a spiritual renaissance—a time when all stakeholders know who they are and how each can contribute to America's Soul development. The Phoenix, above, appeared to Virginia Swain in a dream the night of 9/11 giving her another lens through which to see the tragedy: knitting the hearts and minds of stakeholders of America in a very divided time. When the soul is neglected, it appears symptomatically in obsessions, addictions, violence and loss of wisdom, says Thomas Moore. in his book, *Care of the Soul: A Guide for Cultivating Depth and Sacredness in Everyday Life*.

Monthly America's Soul Cafes are hosted using the world café model inspired by the Peacebuilding Process of Reconciliation to Develop Political Will (the will of the people).

- Building community in safe, sacred space
- Drawing on the learning of case studies since 1999 with Reconciliation Leaders in Philippines, Ex-Yugoslavians in Boston, Abyei, Sudan, Muslim backlash post 9/11, United Nations reform and more..

*To contribute to this project, go to Virginia Swain for America's Soul*  
<https://www.gofundme.com/HealingSoulUSA>

**Virginia Swain, MA**, Founder and Director of the Institute for Global Leadership, was invited to present the Global Mediation and Reconciliation Service and Reconciliation Leadership at the Hague Appeal for Peace, the State of the World Forum in 1999 and 2000 and the United Nations Interagency Framework Team for Preventive Action in 2013.

For 25 years, Virginia has developed, trained and coached Reconciliation Leaders, facilitators for the Global Mediation and Reconciliation Service. With extensive experience on five continents as a spiritual director, facilitator and mediator in conflicts, public engagement, strategic change and community building, she is certified in the Leadership Agility approach with a master's degree in Community Building in Organizations and International Peacebuilding.

With work experience including training and coaching in the United Nations, senior corporate and nonprofit managers, Virginia was a human resources and marketing manager with Pepperidge Farm and several nonprofits in the United States. She is the author of two books, *A Mantle of Roses: A Woman's Journey Home to Peace* (Xlibris 2004) and *A Soul's Journey to Redefine Leadership: A New Phoenix Rises from the Ashes of 9/11* (Xlibris 2017). For more, go to [VirginiaSwain.com](http://VirginiaSwain.com), [global-leader.org](http://global-leader.org) and [centerglobalcommunitylaw.org](http://centerglobalcommunitylaw.org).

