Gathering for Anne – July 28, 2013

(Email sent by Carolyn Webb July 29, 2013)

To all those who joined our circle yesterday – in person, through the internet, and in their hearts...

We met with little notice to celebrate Anne and to join together in processing the sudden news of the change in her health. Over 50 people were present in person; Anne and her family joined us from the hospital by iphone; and some connected through Skype. Many others, from around the world, sent their love and regrets.

Over the course of the afternoon:

- We shared food (and tea!)
- We experienced technical difficulties (we couldn't get internet access and so had to make do with our phones – apologies to some of you who had wanted to connect over skype and couldn't)
- We read poetry
- We met as friends and shared news with one another
- We began to discuss how to ensure the legacy of Anne's tireless work for peace education possibilities include renaming the Peace Lounge to the Anne Goodman Peace Lounge, strengthening Anne's certificate program, and many others. These discussions will continue.

Coming together in the Peace Lounge, in circle, with food and tea, was a very fitting celebration of Anne and the impact that she has had on all of us.

Anne, our good friend, we love you and have been forever changed by you. You will be in our hearts always.

A summary of the event in pictures:

Those gathered sharing words - with Anne and her family over the iphone and with the circle:



Connecting in circle:





The centre of our circle:



Connecting with each other:



Sharing stories, sharing food, sharing tea:



The mural we created to the question "When you think of Anne what vision comes to mind?" – now on the wall in Anne's room at the hospital:

