

“Aiki is a way to reconcile the world”
~ Morihei Ueshiba, O Sensei



Dear Friends,

When Professor Don Levine started [Aiki Extensions](#) (AE) in 1998, it was more of a concept than anything: the idea that Aikido embodied important principles that could be applied to non-martial situations. That idea has inspired a growing Aiki Extensions membership in the twelve years since, and we have created and supported projects that harness Aiki principles and deploy them in K-12 conflict-resolution curricula, business consulting, psychotherapy, and Israeli/Palestinian peace programs. We hope you'll read about all our recent activity in the 33rd Aiki Extensions Newsletter newly available at these links ([read online](#) / [download larger file for printing](#)).

One particular highlight was the first annual [International Aiki Peace Week](#) this last September, which proved there is wide demand for a new and better approach to conflict. AE engaged 340 dojos from 43 countries on six continents to participate in events that linked Aikido with the UN International Day of Peace (there were so many dojos signed up that we needed two [Google Maps](#) pages to show them all).

Aiki Peace Week was only part of the impressive AE picture. Peace Dojos International made important new connections, particularly in South America. Our many youth development projects (the Awassa Peace Dojo in Ethiopia, the [Aikido in the Schools](#) program in Brooklyn, the [The PeaceCamp Initiative](#) bringing Palestinians and Israelis together at a US summer camp, and our third biannual "Teaching Aikido to Kids" seminar in Virginia) made significant progress as well. (please see the [newsletter](#) for details)

With your support, 2011 can be a breakout year for Aiki Extensions. Our "1,000 dojos in 100 countries" goal for the second annual International Aiki Peace Week celebrations will, for instance, require website improvements, database integration, and lots of organizational time to pull off successfully. While we are able to keep costs low by channeling the volunteer time of our members, some of what we want to accomplish requires cash.

Help make Aiki Extensions's continued success possible: [donate](#) today. Whether you give to the general AE fund, or target your donation to one of our many projects, your contributions – however large or small – will go directly towards supporting AE's mission to build a growing network of people and programs dedicated to taking O Sensei seriously when he claimed that Aiki could help create a more peaceful world.

Our goal is to raise \$5,000 to support our various programs and the efficient infrastructure that allows every donation to have maximum impact. Please [donate](#) now and help make O Sensei's vision a reality.

Yours in aiki,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Robert Kent'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Robert' and last name 'Kent' clearly distinguishable.

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