

VIRGINIA SATIR GLOBAL NETWORK

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In 1977, Virginia Satir founded, Avanta, now known as the Virginia Satir Global Network (Satir Global). Her vision was to create an organization that would further her teachings and during her lifetime, she personally invited individuals into the organization. However, with her death in 1988, the scope of the organization changed and it is now open to all who want to support her mission and be a part of a world-wide community.

Satir Global's focus has been on offering, sponsoring and encouraging face to face trainings around the world. And the result is nothing less than spectacular as there are institutes and affiliates in Asia, Europe, North America, South America and the Middle-East. Although we have not been able to document the exact number of people who have been very positively impacted by her teachings, we know that is in the tens of thousands.

We believe that one of the signs of a valuable model is that it survives long after the originator is gone. And in this case, we are now into what we call the "third generation" of trainers, i.e., persons who were trained by persons who themselves did not train with Virginia. Although Virginia had remarkable and unique healing abilities, the power of her teachings stand alone and can be learned and taught to and by others, generation after generation!

To support the passing on of the her teachings, Satir Global is working to facilitate the translation of her writings, and works by others into as many languages as possible. One recent example, is the publishing of The New Peoplemaking in Arabic accomplished through the joint effort of a translator from Saudi Arabia, a professor from Jordan, and the original publisher, Science and Behavior Books.

Satir Global is also working to further her teachings through the use of the internet. We currently have two certification programs, the Enriching Program and a Personal Mentoring Program, which can be earned online, and more courses are being developed. And we also have created an up-to-date website with a Member Resources section where priceless Satir videos and documents are being digitized and placed on the site for members to see.

Satir Global holds annual meetings and these are held in different parts of the world each year. A major event will be held in June of 2016 to honor what would have been Virginia's 100th Birthday. It will be hosted by the Satir Institute of the Pacific in British Columbia, Canada and sponsored by Satir Global. Watch for more details at www.satirglobal.org.

Finally, we welcome the publication of this new ejournal, the Satir International Journal. It totally fits with our vision to use the latest technology to give as many people as possible access to high quality papers regarding research on the Satir model, as well as case studies, photography, poetry, theoretical articles and personal accounts. We hope for many contributions from our members around the globe.