

Profiles of new board members



Anjali Chen believes strongly in the power of restorative justice to foster understanding and connection between groups in a conflict, to create stronger community ties by providing a language and means for needed but difficult conversations, and to create safer communities overall through training and understanding around restorative justice practices that can be deployed more broadly. She is a nonprofit management professional, a long-time environmental and social justice activist and immigrant who will support WMLKI to widen and deepen our impact in Westchester County.



Annick Williams is, with other talents and skills, a circle keeper and restorative justice practitioner. She has led many listening circles focusing on race and equity as part of the Greenburgh Restorative Circle Project (GRCP). She will share the fulfilling experience of creating spaces where community members can feel seen and heard, expand this work through the WMLKI institute. She will help WMLKI to establish a better future, not only for herself but for the community. Annick strongly believes in our mission of creating a Beloved Community, a network for restorative justice and providing training in restorative justice practices for all who want to learn.



Jill Sternberg, co-founder of Restorative Justice Westchester, is a Restorative Justice practitioner and trainer, community organizer, and nonviolence activist. Jill has been working on peace and justice issues for more than 40 years, focused on nonviolent organizing. She has supported nonviolent movements throughout the world, with an emphasis on nonviolent intervention in conflict situations. Her lens for this work is on power analysis with a focus on women's rights. She supports peoples' empowerment to develop concrete positive ways to address the causes of violence and war, emphasizing support for and leadership of local actors. Jill finds working through conflict and confronting oppression with restorative justice tools moves peace work into a healing framework for both survivors and perpetrators of injustice and gives deeper insights into liberation.



Tracy Givens-Hunter is a trained mediator, Restorative Justice practitioner and trainer, and social justice community organizer. She brings years of work experience, commitment and volunteering for communities, including management, budget, and operational skills. As a person of color growing up in New York, Tracy sees the need for organizations like WMLKI to help level the playing field for the community. Throughout her career, Tracy has been a leader in the fight for working people and making their lives better. Being a part of the WMLKI Board will further her belief that we are all required to make life better for one another.



Valentina Di Loreto has worked for nearly two decades in community schools, early childhood programs, and family-support initiatives. Her work has been rooted in the belief that healing, belonging, and justice must be built *with* communities, not delivered *to* them. As a Community School Director, Valentina has seen firsthand how restorative practices strengthen school ecosystems creating spaces where young people and adults feel seen, heard, and valued. The community school model has taught her that transformation happens when we build shared power, elevate lived experience, and intentionally design systems that honor both accountability and compassion. She brings this same energy to WMLKI's new focus.