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**When we arrived in Boston, the morning with Sister Patti and Sister Anne-Louise was what we had been expecting. We did not know it yet, but that was the kind of discussion we wanted....the information that we all needed. No one, however, expected such momentum to come out of two Sisters who had – up until the unforgettable “Good Morning everybody!” Sister Patti so eagerly gifted to us – remained quiet at the back corners of the room.**

**Nonviolent conflict resolution is something that this world needs desperately, and this generation is not blind to that. Our childhoods remain on the same timeline as some horrific instances and for as long as we can remember people have done their best to ensure that we are completely guarded from them. Our knowledge of the world has faced attempted manipulation for the purpose of keeping us blind to the scary world in which we live. It is of course no fault of theirs – it makes sense to want to protect us. We, however, are going to be either the next solution or the next problem.**

**Sister Patti and Sister Anne-Louise know that. There is no question that the words spoken that day struck a chord with everyone, whether it was the tales of a childhood squabble or the breakdown of what violence really is. The most impressive aspect, though, was their understanding of it all and their dedication to giving us the tools we need to face it. Whether we are in a group project, in a meeting, or out in the world facing physical violence, we can use what we learned to bring each other closer to the path which Jesus has so gently asked us to walk.**