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Boston, Massachusetts
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Welcome to this 47th New England Circle, another in a series of these gatherings inaugurated here in this hotel more than a decade ago. To insure a healthy infusion of concerned individuals into the current N.E.C. membership of more than 2,000, a significant member of first time (new) guests are invited to each of the several circles scheduled throughout the year. Our purpose has remained steadfast since our first gathering in February of 1974: to assemble a diverse group of concerned individuals for discussions of social, political, literary and educational topics that can lead to constructive change in our lives, our nation and in our world.

The beginnings of the Circle actually go back to the 19th Century when Ralph Waldo Emerson, Charles Dickens, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, and other literary lions of their day gathered regularly at the Parker House for meetings of the Saturday Club. Their lively and informal exchange is a tradition that continues to influence today's Circle.

This evening's discussion leaders are Dr. Charles Clements and Actor, Ed Asner. Both are humanitarians deeply involved in and committed to a political solution to the conflicts in Central America.

Clements, Director of Human Rights Education for the Unitarian Universalist Committee, has risked his life for his commitment to non-violence. After two years of treating Salvadoran refugees in California, Clements went to El Salvador to provide medical care. He has authored a book about that experience, WITNESS TO WAR, met with Central American Leaders, and led several Congressional fact-finding tours into Central America.

Ed Asner, who most television viewers prefer to think of as LOU GRANT, has put his professional and political life on the line for peace in Central America. In spite of a busy career, which includes a new role as high school principal, Joe Danzig, in the network series THE BRONX ZOO, the tireless Asner divides his time among dramatic projects, his own production company, and active board memberships on a variety of humanitarian and political organizations. Particularly involved in Central American peace efforts, the former two-term president of the Screen Actors Guild has drawn fire for using his prominence as a platform to raise humanitarian and political issues.

Our two discussion leaders also work together; Asner as founding member, and Clements as National Co-Chair of the Central American peace organization, PAX AMERICAS.

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