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Welcome to Volume 5, Issue 2 of the Journal of Social Encounters. In this issue, in addition to non-thematic essays, we continue our practice of having a special section of essays on a special theme in peace and justice studies. We are happy to present to you our special feature of stellar essays on the important and timely topic of “Women and Peacebuilding.” We extend a special thanks to editorial board members Drs. Pat Mische, Eddah Mutua, and Maria Power for their help in putting this special section together. We also note that we have several reviews of books on prominent women activists for peace and justice. And we are sure that you will find the essays on other peace and justice topics to be informative and engaging. We want thank all of our essay reviewers for generously giving their time and effort to assure the high scholarly quality of the essays in this issue. And we especially want to thank our Associate Editor, Sheila Hellermann, for all of her hard work and valuable insights in producing and publishing the Journal of Social Encounters once again.