## The <u>mission</u> of Twin Cities Nonviolent is to create an environment in which the Twin cities metropolitan area is free from violence

Our <u>vision</u> is that the Twin Cities metropolitan area is disarmed, reconciled, just, welcoming, and creatively nonviolent.

Twin Cities Nonviolent is aligned with the <u>Nonviolent Cities Project</u>\* and its principles that each city will:

- recognize and reduce its own violence in all its aspects, structures, and systems
- pursue a holistic, creative, community-wide commitment to nonviolence, where everyone is trying to promote, teach, practice and institutionalize nonviolence on the local level
- build a new nonviolent community for everyone

Twin Cities Nonviolent adopts these principles in order to pursue its first goal: an end to the killing of individuals and a rapid reduction in all interpersonal violence in the community. The longer range goal is to address and reduce societal conditions which often lead to interpersonal violence, such as inadequate housing, economic and environmental inequality, lack of access to physical and mental health care, poor educational and recreational programs, etc. From there, everyone would welcome a new culture of nonviolence.

To promote and teach the many facets of this new culture, Twin Cities Nonviolent is developing a Week of Nonviolence for the autumn of 2018. What would this Week of Nonviolence look like? We imagine a week of activities that range from training on nonviolence; forums where people can share their experience of violence and link with others who have experienced violence; programming for teens and children; education on nonviolence taking place in schools and places of employment; to arts and cultural events that would highlight nonviolence. We foresee engaging not only individuals and organizations already working on these pursuits but also civic leaders such as mayors and city councils; police; parks; health and school systems to be collaborators and contributors to the Week of Nonviolence.

Together, we will address the issues of violence and transform the Twin Cities into a more nonviolent community.

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<sup>\*</sup>Nonviolent Cities Project is the brainchild of Fr. John Dear under the auspices of Pace e Bene. 8000 people and 50 cities are currently engaged/interested in creating nonviolent cities throughout the US. <a href="https://www.paceebene.org">www.paceebene.org</a>.



What would a nonviolent
Twin Cities look like to your
organization?

How can we work to gether to HAPPEN?

Let's join together to transform the Twin Cities into a metropolitan area known for its culture of nonviolence. Our first initiative is to develop a Week of Nonviolent programming for the autumn of 2018. This week may include some of the following: training on nonviolent communication, focused nonviolent curriculum in educational institutions, cultural arts events, forums on different aspects of violence or whatever your organization chooses to do.

Please join us for our first planning session for the Week of Nonviolence.

Tuesday, January 9, 2018 7-9 pm

Matthews Park Recreation Building, Seward Neighborhood 2318 29th Ave South, Minneapolis

We want your input and ideas and will ask for your continued involvement in planning and producing the Week of Nonviolence.

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