



Fact Sheet on Twin Cities Nonviolent

Mission, Vision and Principles:

Mission

The Mission of Twin Cities nonviolent (TCNV) is to: reduce violence in all its forms, increase awareness and engagement in nonviolent policies and practices, bring together local community organizations, including nonprofits, religious institutions, educational institutions, and government agencies, and dismantle the structures and systems that lead to violence throughout the Twin Cities and beyond.

Vision

We envision a Twin Cities community that is free from violence

Principles

Twin Cities Nonviolent aligns with principles put forward by Fr. John Dear's Nonviolent Cities Project that each city will be summoned to address together its violence in all its aspects, structures, and systems; to connect the dots between its violence; and to pursue a more holistic, creative, city-wide nonviolence, where everyone together is trying to practice nonviolence, promote nonviolence, teach nonviolence and institutionalize nonviolence on the local level, to really build a new nonviolent community for itself and others. We will seek not just to undermine the local and regional culture of violence, but to transform it into a culture of nonviolence.

We will promote a nonviolent vision, teach nonviolence, and inspire people at every level in the Twin Cities to work together for a new nonviolent community and a new nonviolent future. This will include:

- reaching out to everyone from mayors and city council members,
- all religious and civic leaders,
- youth and grassroots activists,
- the poor and marginalized,
- all educators and healthcare workers,
- children and the elderly,
- housing authorities, the police chief, police officers and
- news reporters and local media.

Together, we will address all the issues of violence and pursue all the angles and possibilities of nonviolence for the transformation of the Twin Cities into a more nonviolent community.

Twin Cities Nonviolent (TCNV)'s first project will be a collaboration with organizations throughout the Twin Cities to reduce violence and create **"10 Days Free From Violence"** which will take place September 21st to 30th, 2018.

"10 Days Free From Violence" will focus on the impact of violence within Minneapolis and St. Paul, especially within Communities of Color, new immigrant communities and low-income communities. The organizations and groups with whom we are collaborating work within these communities and are for the most part directed by community members and define their mission in terms of the reduction of violence among children and adults, in domestic settings, within schools and other institutions of learning and throughout the neighborhoods of our Twin Cities.

The intent of **"10 Days Free From Violence"** is to deepen understanding of all forms of violence and its sources within the Twin Cities and identify approaches to reducing and ending such violence. That means exploring every aspect of violence in our local Twin Cities and identifying which individuals and groups are working to: end racism, poverty, homelessness; dismantle housing segregation and pursue racial, social and economic nonviolent integration; end police violence as well as violence within our neighborhoods and communities between individuals and gangs; end domestic violence and violence against children; and teach nonviolence in every aspect and institution within our communities.

TCNV's role is to provide coordination and support for the efforts of the collaborating groups; promote the activities the collaborating groups are offering; and assist in recruiting participants for this 10-day period committed to freedom from violence.