Power and Potential!

For years 100s of faith-based groups have joined together in the “Week of Actions” of Campaign Nonviolence, the week of Sept. 21. It’s grown into a major coalition event with great promise to raise awareness and stimulate action. It offers an opening to invite others to join an activity – or work together to plan a new one! (Feel free to share this page and other information!)

Join or help plan actions like these!

.ones our members around the U.S. have led:

♦ host a forum – LPF leaders’ guides & resources on biblical peacemaking, just war/just peace, nonviolence, etc. can help;
♦ plan a prayer vigil for peace in our church or as a public witness in a community space or along a busy street;
♦ show a film, e.g. A Force More Powerful (six terrific 24 min. stories), Selma, Bonhoeffer, Rosa Parks (many more on LPF list);
♦ assist area churches to observe the International Day of Prayer for Peace, Sept. 21 (which LPF helped launch in ‘04);
♦ participate in a protest with other groups on an issue like military spending, nuclear weapons, U.S. and world hunger…;
♦ There are many more kinds of actions – from festivals and nonviolence trainings to events for children and youth.

Contact us with your ideas, questions, plans, resource needs…

The Blossoming of Campaign Nonviolence

CNV was launched with a week of actions across the U.S. in Sept. 2014. The initial goal was 50 actions like those above. Within a few months, the goal had grown to 90. By Sept., groups everywhere were inviting people to over 200 peace activities. 370 were organized in 2015. In 2016 over 750! In 2017 over 1600! For the growing list of activities, photos from past years, or to add an action: www.campaignnonviolence.org

Campaign Nonviolence reveals a growing sense that it’s time to nurture a broader… longer-term… interfaith movement, grounded in nonviolence… bringing together people working on war, climate change, violence against women, racism… sharing skills in nonviolence, grassroots organizing, media…. We helped reach out to Lutheran and other denomination groups: Baptist, Episcopal, Methodist… to help extend the reach of CNV.

Yes! Actions are being organized in every state!

Pres. Trump’s U.S. budget proposals have become a leading focus of peace and justice groups this year. Crucial programs face massive cutbacks: food stamps and housing aid, environmental safeguards and critical climate curbs (the clock is ticking!), diplomatic services and foreign development aid (at a time when 20 million people in Africa face starvation!).

In contrast, it calls for a $60 billion per year military budget increase! Even though it’s already larger than the next thirty countries spend combined. Neither the social program cuts nor the military spending increases make any sense. At All!

We can use various votes and steps in the budget process as focus points to encourage advocacy, reach out more widely, attract media attention, and build our power and potential!

A variety of other important issues call for our attention. In just the past couple months, our Facebook page has posted advocacy updates & links on nuclear weapons, drones, hunger, refugees, Israel-Palestine, other conflicts, and ways to sustain our efforts. It’s a good time to read, ‘like’ & share our Facebook page and explore next steps: www.facebook.com/lutheranpeace/