

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!)



Photos of 2014-17 Campaign Nonviolence actions across the U.S.

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.**

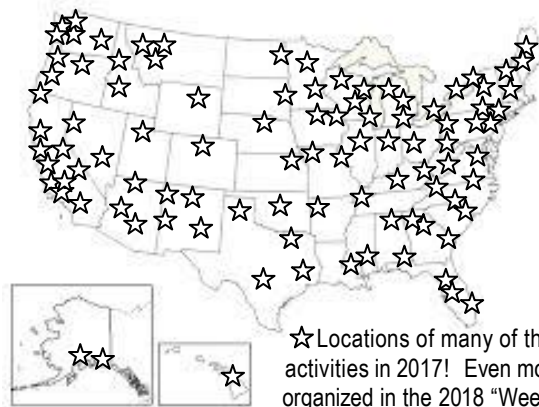
Contact us with your ideas, questions, plans, resource needs...

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!



☆ Locations of many of the over 1600 activities in 2017! Even more are being organized in the 2018 “Week of Actions,” see: www.campaignnonviolence.org

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/

