

THE SIX PRINCIPLES OF KINGIAN NONVIOLENCE

NONVIOLENCE IS A WAY OF LIFE FOR COURAGEOUS PEOPLE.

- It is not a method for cowards; it does resist.
- It is active nonviolent resistance to evil.
- It is aggressive spiritually, mentally, and emotionally.

NONVIOLENCE SEEKS TO WIN FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING.

- The outcome of nonviolence is the creation of the Beloved Community.
- The end result of nonviolence is redemption and reconciliation.

NONVIOLENCE SEEKS TO DEFEAT INJUSTICE, OR EVIL, NOT PEOPLE.

- Nonviolence recognizes that evildoers are also victims and are not evil people.
- The nonviolent resister seeks to defeat evil not persons victimized by evil.

NONVIOLENCE HOLDS THAT UNEARNED, VOLUNTARY SUFFERING FOR A JUST CAUSE CAN EDUCATE AND TRANSFORM PEOPLE AND SOCIETIES.

- Nonviolence is a willingness to accept suffering without retaliation; to accept blows without striking back.
- Nonviolence is a willingness to accept violence if necessary, but never inflict it.
- Nonviolence holds that unearned suffering for a cause is redemptive and has tremendous educational and transforming possibilities.

NONVIOLENCE CHOOSES LOVE INSTEAD OF HATE.

- Nonviolence resists violence of the spirit as well as the body.
- Nonviolent love is spontaneous, unselfish, and creative.

NONVIOLENCE BELIEVES THAT THE UNIVERSE IS ON THE SIDE OF JUSTICE.

- The nonviolent resister has deep faith that justice will eventually win.
- Nonviolence believes that God is a God of justice.