

Inspired by Nonviolent Carbondale, Illinois, John Dear and Pace e Bene launched the Nonviolent Cities project which now has organizers in over 50 cities across the US launching their own city-wide nonviolent movements.

We invite you to work with people in your local community to claim this vision as a way forward, to uphold this vision to make your city a nonviolent city. Call together activists and local leaders to launch this movement in your community, to put the word “nonviolent” in front of your city, and to help others envision, organize and work for a new, more disarmed, local community or city.

Nonviolent Cities organizers promote the vision, teach nonviolence, and inspire people at every level in their community to work together for a new nonviolent community and a new nonviolent future. This includes:

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

The Nonviolent Cities Project is organized by Campaign Nonviolence and Pace e Bene Nonviolence Service whose mission is to foster justice, peace and the well-being of all through education, resources, and action for nonviolent change.

## The Nonviolent Cities Project is now active in:

- Carbondale, IL
- Cincinnati, OH
- Minneapolis and St. Paul, MN
- Morro Bay, CA
- Tiffin, OH
- Wilmington, DE
- Owensboro, KY
- Chicago, IL
- Fresno, CA
- Memphis, TN
- And many more!



# The Nonviolent Cities Project

*An Idea Whose Time Has Come*



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Bringing communities together  
to build nonviolent cities across  
the country and the world.



## Nonviolent Cincinnati



### Tips for Creating a Nonviolent City

1. Define your vision of a Nonviolent City.
2. Form a committee.
3. Meet with city officials, police chief, service organizations, school principals, etc.
4. Get agreement for a Peace and Nonviolence Proclamation or Resolution.
5. Create a website and social media
6. Learn from other nonviolent cities who have already become established, but use creativity and figure out what works for your city or town!

For more steps to guide this process, visit our website.

**Though this is a broad, ambitious vision, we believe it is an idea whose time has come, a new step forward in the visionary nonviolence of Mahatma Gandhi and Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

## NONVIOLENT CITIES WILL WORK TO:

- address racism, poverty, homelessness and violence at every level and in every form;
- dismantle housing segregation and pursue racial, social, and economic nonviolent integration;
- address police violence and institutionalize police nonviolence;
- organize to address domestic violence and teach nonviolence between spouses, and nonviolence toward all children;
- address gang violence and teach nonviolence to gang members;
- teach nonviolence in every school;
- help get rid of guns, gun shows, and local weapons manufacturers;
- pursue more nonviolent immigration programs and policies;
- take steps to oppose every form of structural violence, including sexism and homophobia;
- get religious leaders and communities to promote nonviolence and the vision of a new nonviolent city;
- reform local jails and prisons so they are more nonviolent and educate guards and prisoners in nonviolence;
- put up signs calling for nonviolence everywhere in the community;
- address local environmental destruction, climate change, and environmental racism, and pursue clean water, solar, and wind power, and a 100% green community; and
- in general, do everything possible to help their local community become more disarmed, more reconciled, more just, more welcoming, more inclusive, and more nonviolent.