



CURRENT PROJECTS of **COMMON PEACE**, Center for the Advancement of Nonviolence

Common Peace currently has a number of projects available to the public. If you would like to participate with us in any of our projects, or contribute to our nonviolence work and play in association with any of the projects listed below, please contact us @ (310) 390-7278.

64 Ways to Practice Nonviolence Curriculum (Grade school and high school curriculum)

In 2016, Common Peace continues to market its nonviolence curriculum published in 2008, entitled ***64 Ways to Practice Nonviolence***. This powerful and effective teaching tool is a must have for all teachers, students, workshop facilitators, and educators – especially those engaged in the fields of peace, nonviolence, mediation, and social justice. This labor of love was born out of our 1998 ***Season for Nonviolence***, our annual 64 day nonviolence campaign, honoring the 64 days between **January 30th and April 4th**, the memorial dates of Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr. Please go to www.commonpeace.org to read about our nationwide ***Season for Nonviolence***, now in its 19th season. Links to **sample pages of the curriculum** and to **online purchasing** are listed in the paragraphs below.

64 Ways to Practice Nonviolence Animation Project

Common Peace is pleased to announce its animation pilot project entitled ***Ways to Practice Nonviolence Animation Project*** in a variety of Los Angeles classrooms. Using creativity, personal expression, and teamwork, students are educated in the artistry of animation by professional animators and together with their team create PSAs (public service announcements) about nonviolence topics. This project supports participants in understanding and experiencing the basic nonviolence principles in our ***64 Ways*** Poster and Curriculum.

Nonviolence Summer Day Camp

In the summer of 2012 Common Peace produced its first ***Nonviolence Summer Day Camp*** held in Pasadena, California. Using puppetry - experienced teachers, nonviolence practitioners, and puppetry maker, Andrea Walker, supported the children in a creative process of exploration and creativity, culminating in a final puppet show performance for their friends and family. The children wrote their own scripts, based on everyday conflicts they were experiencing in their lives, created their storyboards, designed and painted their sets, and performed their scripts with their puppets. Each day of the camp included morning sessions in which the children dialogued with a seasoned nonviolence practitioner about basic nonviolence principles and how to apply those principles in their everyday lives. The morning sessions were based on the Wisdom Circle/Way of Council Circle format, and were followed by puppetry making, music, art, group team building exercises and yoga. We are very excited about the healing potential of this camp. The camp will be offered again in the Culver City area in the summer of 2016. Activities will consist of peace building, yoga, music, theatre, dance, social activism, puppetry, consensus learning, and the creation of animation. Children between the ages of 12 – 18 can participate. Please call (310) 390-7278 for details..

Race Relay is a multi-media presentation using drama, music and video to discuss the experience and state of race relations today in America. It is a pilot project for California, to be replicated in cities across the U.S., and is designed to be part of an ongoing effort to further healthy race relations. Utilizing actors, recollections of actual personal incidents, and projected images from various films, ***RACE RELAY*** is an experiential piece in which the audience participates physically and emotionally. It is a performance that integrates entertainment, reality, humor, and frankness. Weaving together recollections of racial incidents within a dramatic story, and incorporating striking visual images, this multi-media production is designed to invite the audience to examine their feelings and attitudes about race in a non-threatening way. If interested in participating with the ***Race Relay*** project, or making a donation to the project, please **contact Denise Hamilton @ (310) 390-7278** or go to www.commonpeace.org and click on the **Donate** button. Or join us at our monthly Race Relay discussion group at the Common Peace office in Culver City. See our Common Peace website ***home page*** for monthly meeting dates and times.

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Adopt a School Program – Curriculum Gifting

In an effort to effect change in our Los Angeles community and beyond - **and as an affordable option for donating**, we are inviting individuals and organizations to purchase and donate a copy or copies of our **64 Ways to Practice Nonviolence** curriculum to a deserving school that otherwise could not afford to purchase the curriculum. We are in the process of identifying schools, first in the Los Angeles area, then in other areas of the country, as recipients of these curricula. The price of each curriculum mailed is **\$40; \$35** if hand delivered in the Los Angeles area. Please consider purchasing one or more books for your own needs and use – and/or as a gift to a teacher, school, and its students - who otherwise would not have the opportunity of accessing this enriching and revitalizing information. The adjunct tool to the nonviolence curriculum, our beautifully illustrated **64 Ways to Practice Nonviolence poster** (*double sided in Spanish and English*) which normally sells for **\$7.00** will be included in the gift to the school. Posters may be purchased for your individual use, and/or purchased as gifts for holiday and gift giving, or you may purchase the curriculum and poster and instruct Common Peace to distribute to either a school that you designate, or a low income school that we identify. **Sample pages of the curriculum** can be viewed at <http://www.commonpeace.org/bookpages.pdf>. Purchase online at <http://www.commonpeace.org/#64waysbook>.

Fundraising: We are in the process of creating a number of large and small fundraising events. If you would like to assist with fundraising, please call Candace @ (310) 390-7278. **One of our larger fundraising projects** is called **“Mingling with the Masters,”** a one day fundraising event, with Masters in various fields. If you have ideas to contribute to this fundraiser, or have experience in fundraising and can assist us in having a successful event, or have ideas for other fundraising that you would like to suggest, please contact us at @ (310) 390-7278. **Marketing and Publicity** assistance is also greatly needed.

Seminars: Compassionate Listening, Introduction to Basic Nonviolence Principles (as taught by King & Gandhi), and **Nonviolence: From Theory to Practice**

Compassionate Listening - A one day, three hour seminar in which you have an opportunity to practice your listening skills, with deeper compassion and love! **\$30, reduced rates for groups!**

Introduction to Basic Nonviolence Principles – a one and a half hour seminar which introduces you to the basic principles of ‘nonviolence’ as taught by King and Gandhi, and historical examples of how these principles can impact our personal lives, the nation and the world. **\$30, reduced rates for groups!**

Nonviolence: From Theory to Practice – A three (3) hour seminar in which participants have an opportunity to move from theory - and into - a personal daily practice of nonviolence.

Additional Seminars can be formulated in accordance with your individual and groups needs.

Season for Nonviolence 2016:

Please join us by participating in our **19th annual 64 Day Season for Nonviolence** which begins **January 30th and ends April 4th**, the memorial dates of Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr. If you have a **local hero** that you would like to nominate from the Los Angeles and surrounding communities as one of our local heroes during the 64 day campaign, please go to our website at www.commonpeace.org, download the Hero Nomination Form in the lower right hand corner of our homepage, complete and return to us via email scanned copy to director@commonpeace.org. If you would like to introduce the **64 Ways to Practice Nonviolence** poster and/or curriculum to a teacher or school interested in implementing these tools in their **Season for Nonviolence** activities, please contact us. Please go to www.commonpeace.org to read about our nationwide **Season for Nonviolence**.

Additional programs and workshops are being formulated by Common Peace. Please visit us at our Website, www.commonpeace.org, to follow our progress and participate with us.

If your organization would like to partner with Common Peace in an activity or event, please call us @ (310) 390-7278.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST AND SUPPORT!

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**“ Nonviolence is a powerful and just weapon which cuts without wounding . . .
It is a sword that heals.”**

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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