

MORE ABOUT NONVIOLENT OWENSBORO

Established in Nov. 2016

A local chapter of Campaign Nonviolence

MISSION STATEMENT

We are Owensboro area citizens committed to practicing and promoting nonviolent living and direct action through education and community partnerships.

WORKING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OWENSBORO:

We are working to coordinate the efforts of all the justice organizations in the area—so we can all be more efficient with our resources and more supportive of each other.

MEETINGS

1st Monday of the month @ 6:30 PM.

Meetings are free and open to the public.

Hosted by the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Owensboro (1UU) located on the corner of Cedar & Parrish.

Visit us on Facebook at Nonviolent Owensboro or at our website

www.nonviolentowensboro.org

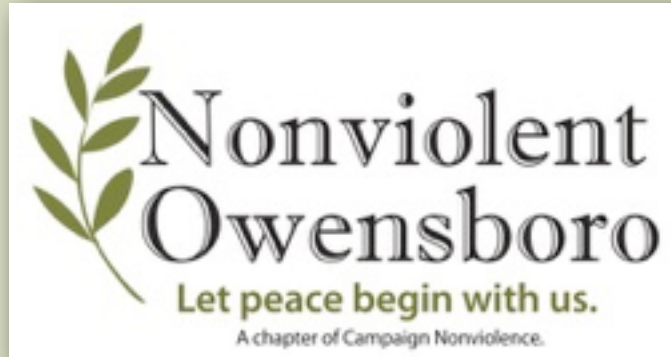
for up-to-date information on meetings and special events.

To make a donation toward the cost of bringing more training from Campaign Nonviolence to Owensboro to help us learn more about non-violent civic action, contact our leadership for information:

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Presents:

A Force More Powerful

A Six-Part Documentary

Exploring six nonviolent direct actions of the 20th century

and asking what these can teach us about securing change in the 21st century

Sundays, 2 - 3 pm, Free

27 January - 3 March 2019,

@ 1UU (Corner of Cedar & Parrish)



A DOCUMENTARY SERIES

Produced by International Center on Nonviolent Conflict

Produced and Directed by Steve York

Nominated for an Emmy in 2001

A FORCE MORE POWERFUL

Six Nonviolent Direct Actions that changed the 20th century

Sundays from 2pm-3pm at 1UU (corner of Cedar & Parrish)

Each Sunday will have the same format:

A 30 minute segment of film and 30 minutes of facilitated discussion.

Our planned discussions are:

27 January 2019 "We Were Warriors"

U.S. Civil Rights in Nashville, 1960

3 February 2019 "Defying the Crown"

Gandhi in India, 1930

10 February 2019 "Freedom in Our Lifetime"

Apartheid in South Africa, 1984

17 February 2019 "Living With the Enemy"

Nazi Resistance in Denmark, 1940

24 February 2019 "We've Caught God by the Arm"

Solidarity in Poland, 1980

3 March 2019 "Defeat of a Dictator: Pinochet"

Workers in Chile, 1983

These are some of the most important and least known stories of resistance to oppression and injustice-- resulting in social change benefitting their whole societies.

FROM THE OUTREACH/STUDY GUIDE FOR A FORCE MORE POWERFUL

Writer: Jonathan Mogul Editor: Barbara de Boinville

Found at www.nonviolent-conflict.org

"The leaders who opted for nonviolent weapons often learned from resistance movements of the past. Indian nationalist leader Mohandas Gandhi (1869–1948) was inspired by the Russian Revolution of 1905. The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. and other African-American leaders traveled to India to study Gandhi's tactics. When Chileans organized against the dictatorship of Gen. Augusto Pinochet in the 1980s, and Filipinos organized against Ferdinand Marcos, the president of their country from 1965 to 1986, they were influenced by Richard Attenborough's motion picture Gandhi. The experience of these and the other nonviolent resisters in our stories teach many lessons:

- The use of nonviolent sanctions has been far more frequent than usually supposed and has not been limited by the type of regime being opposed or by place or time.
- There is no correlation between the degree of violence faced by a nonviolent movement and the likelihood of its success. Some movements that faced the most violent opponents were the most successful.
- A movement's ability to thrive degenerates when it uses violence, because once a regime is opposed by deadly force, repression intensifies.
- Mobilizing and sustaining a popular movement geared to nonviolent action go hand in hand with forming a civil society and sustaining democracy.

News coverage of mass nonviolent action has left the impression that "people power" comes from the size or energy of crowds that agitate in city streets. The true rhythm of nonviolent action is less spontaneous than it is strategic.

It has little to do with shouting slogans and putting flowers in gun barrels. It has everything to do with separating governments from their means of control.

The greatest misconception about conflict is that violence is the ultimate form of power, surpassing other methods of advancing a just cause or defeating injustice. But Indians, Danes, Poles, South Africans, Chileans, African Americans and many others have proved the efficacy of nonviolent action, which "is capable of wielding great power even against ruthless rulers and military regimes, because it attacks the most vulnerable characteristic of all hierarchical institutions and governments: dependence on the governed."