Six sessions on the Six Principles of Kingian Nonviolence Conflict Reconciliation

We will bring stories and examples from the OEP community and our learning action communities. Bring your own stories and questions and join the conversation. Each of these sessions will begin by listing the Six Principles of Kingian Nonviolence Conflict Reconciliation, and then focus on the specific principle for that session. Participants will be equipped to begin applying these principles, and go on to deeper training in this spiritual and practical discipline.

Thursday, July 2, 12:30 p.m.
KNV #1: “Nonviolence is a way of life for courageous people.”
Nonviolence is a positive force confronting systems of injustice, and utilizing the righteous indignation and the spiritual, emotional, and intellectual capabilities of people as vital powers for change and reconciliation. Join us to explore the resolve it takes to confront conflict and to work for justice using this proactive approach.
Presenters: OEP Staff & Practitioners

Thursday, July 2, 8:30 p.m.
KNV #2: “The Beloved Community is the framework for the future.”
The nonviolent concept is an overall effort to achieve a reconciled world by raising the level of relationships among people to a height where justice prevails and persons attain their full human potential. Join us to explore what beloved community means for you and for us in the church, and how it relates to working for justice and peace.
Presenters: OEP Staff & Practitioners

Friday, July 3, 12:30 p.m.
KNV #3: “Attack forces of evil not persons doing evil.”
The nonviolent approach helps one analyze the fundamental conditions, policies, and practices of conflict rather than reacting to one’s opponents or their personalities. What does this really mean? How do we channel our righteous indignation toward conditions instead of personalities?
Presenters: OEP Staff & Practitioners

Friday, July 3, 8:30 p.m.
KNV #4: “Accept suffering without retaliation for the sake of the cause to achieve a goal.”
Self-chosen suffering is redemptive and helps the movement grow in a spiritual as well as a humanitarian dimension. The moral authority of voluntary suffering for a goal communicates the concern to one’s own friends and community as well as to the opponent. What in the world can this mean? Come explore the theme of suffering, personal sacrifice, and nonviolent discipline in the struggle for a more just world.
Presenters: OEP Staff & Practitioners

Saturday, July 4, 12:30 p.m.
KNV #5: “Avoid internal violence of the spirit as well as external physical violence.”
The nonviolent attitude permeates all aspects of a nonviolent effort. This attitude provides a mirror-type reflection of the reality of a condition of injustice to one’s opponent and the community at large. Specific activities must be designed to help maintain a high level of spirit and morale during a nonviolent campaign. How do you do the inner work it takes to release hatred and ill will toward opponents?
Presenters: OEP Staff & Practitioners

Saturday, July 4, 8:30 p.m.
KNV #6: “The Universe is on the side of justice.”
Truth is universal, and human society and each human being is oriented to the just sense of order of the universe. The fundamental values in all the world’s religions include the concept that the moral arc of the universe bends toward justice. For the nonviolent practitioner, nonviolence introduces a new moral context in which nonviolence is both the means and the end. When you look at the world around us, it might be hard to declare that the universe is on the side of justice. Is it? How can we tell? What does it do for nonviolence practitioners to have this long-term perspective with the eyes of faith?
Presenters: OEP Staff & Practitioners
Saturday, July 4, 7:00 a.m.
Annual Conference Breakfast

“Courage to Lead:
Nonviolence is a way of life
for courageous people.”

Hear stories from the On Earth Peace community
about courageous acts of leadership
that have helped bring OEP and the
Church of the Brethren to where we are today
and how we are making room for
“Jesus in the Neighborhood”
in tomorrow’s Church of the Brethren.

Friday, July 3, 8:30 p.m.
“Courage to Lead: Building Inclusive Communities”

As we discussed last year, we will be focusing on practical steps of
education, process, and conversation on congregations being
welcoming and inclusive.

Is your congregation looking to revitalize its vision for ministry? Is
your congregation ready to delve more deeply into the oft-used congre-
gational norm of “all are welcome here?” Would you like to learn more
about how to build a truly inclusive faith community in your congrega-
tion? Congregations in the Supportive Communities Network of
Brethren Mennonite Council for LGBT Interests have been strength-
ened and enriched by the full inclusion of their LGBTQ members.
During this insight session, attendees will hear from a panel of SCN
Pastors about their personal and congregational experiences with being
part of an inclusive congregation. Attendees will learn about how to
begin the process of building an inclusive community, what mistakes
are to avoid and what best practices to employ. Join us for a rousing and
informative conversation that is intended to provide clarity on how to
engage and lead your congregation in this important conversation.
Presenters: Carol Wise, Brian Flory, other SCN Pastors

Saturday, July 4, 8:30 p.m.
“Courage to Lead: Dunker Punks Podcast,
100 Episodes Later”

After the National Youth Conference in 2014, the Dunker Punks
movement took root and began to spread its “mustard seed revolution”
to grow the Kingdom of God on Earth rooted in the teachings of the
Sermon on the Mount. Friendships formed at National Young Adult
Conferences continued to expand the work, leading up to the launch
of the Dunker Punks Podcast in 2016, sponsored by Arlington Church
of the Brethren and supported by On Earth Peace. 100+ episodes later,
scores of Brethren young adult voices continue to be amplified and
broadcast online to everyone willing to click and listen. Come and
learn how you can use these audio resources to equip and inspire every
age and variety of “Dunker” – from the punks, to those who would
never be mistaken for a punk – in your congregations and districts.
Hear together what our primarily young adult voices have been talking
about in our last 100 podcasts. Maybe you’ll even be inspired to join
us for our next 100.
Presenters: Matt Rittle & Dunker Punks throughout the Church of the
Brethren

“For God has not given us a
spirit of fear and timidity,
but of power, love, and self-
discipline.” 2 Timothy 1:7