



Nonviolence and Just Peace

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Languages of proposed virtual table: English, with desire for broad inclusion depending on interest and use of existing technologies.

Purpose: The purpose of this table is to generate deeper reflection and strategic ways forward concerning the cross-cutting, intersectional theme of nonviolence. We will particularly attend to specific ethical issues related to engaging conflict constructively, breaking cycles of violence, and building sustainable peace.

Key questions:

1. What are the existing, constructive efforts of nonviolence on the ground in the regions where participants reside?
2. How is nonviolence a cross-cutting, intersectional theme both in terms of illuminating specific moral issues and generating creative, transformative praxis?
3. What norms and ethical framework better enables nonviolence to proliferate and deepen within the Catholic church and broader society? How might a just peace ethic contribute to this effort?

Goals: Potential directions for output include-

1. Collecting examples of effective nonviolent strategies across different regions.
2. Producing models of how nonviolence helps us to see the intersections and root causes of specific moral issues, and thus, how to better strategize for sustainable transformation.
3. Elaborating and refining norms for nonviolent action, with some attention to developing Catholic social teaching.
4. Utilizing a just peace ethic for specific cases of conflict and moral arenas, such as the military, police, nonviolent resistance campaigns, unarmed protection, etc.
5. Collect teaching resources/bibliography on nonviolence across different regions.

Reporting methodology: The virtual table secretary will record notes for each session using a simultaneous google doc or related technology. Each member will have an opportunity to review the notes before final submission to the co-chairs. Together with the minutes, the secretary will keep a report of the progress on objectives, which will be submitted by the co-chairs to CTEWC every 3 months.

Call for members: How can Catholic ethicists and the broader Church better contribute to sustainable peace? The theme of nonviolence is gaining attention, analysis, and investment within the Catholic academy, but also at the Vatican via two major global conferences (2016,

2019) which have mobilized Catholic advocacy, development, grassroots, and religious organizations. This table aims to bring together 10-15 scholars from around the world into dialogue and solidarity. We invite you to join us in this adventure!

Duration and meeting frequency: For 12 months, we will communicate through an email list-serve and a WhatsApp group message as needed between Zoom meetings (or other accessible platform), which will take place every 4-6 weeks. During our first virtual call we will establish a calendar of Zoom meeting times/frequency.