

Peace and Nonviolence Education Australasia

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Practicing Peace: Theology, Contemplation and Action by Michael Wood (forward by Peter Catt)

This book covers a lot of the material from the Jesus and Nonviolence workshops. It provides a comprehensive overview of the theology, contemplation, and action aspects of Christian-based nonviolence. It will be a useful resource for teachers who want to grow their background knowledge and resources for teaching Peace and Nonviolence in schools, as well as thinking about how to grow a 'culture' of peace in their school. Available for purchase online at: <https://wipfandstock.com/9781666735307/practicing-peace/>

International Peace Poster Creation

A short 1min clip featuring Anja Rozen, a young student from Slovenia, winner of 2021-22 Lions International Peace Poster contest. This is an annual competition and features many students from around the world.

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/youth/peace-poster>

Note: there may be an additional learning opportunity here....given that Lions International has 'competitions, contests, winners and honourable mentions', perhaps we could explore other ways to collect, collate and display such beautiful creative art work and messages of inspiration and hope???

Pope Francis, Ukraine and Effective Nonviolence Resistance

https://www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/pope-francis-ukraine-and-effective-nonviolent-resistance?utm_source=NCR+List&utm_campaign=d2cbd00f41-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2022_05_27_06_36&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6981ecb02e-d2cbd00f41-230635842

So much energy is being expended to urge Pope Francis to justify violent resistance. The latest episode of this is the war in Ukraine. Journalists, scholars, politicians and some religious continue to press the pope to join the chorus of people perpetuating the violent dynamic.

My sense is that the pope is trying to shift our gaze. It is a shift that he senses Jesus models. A shift toward pastoral accompaniment and a focus on how we might break the violent dynamic. It is not about condemning or judging people in very difficult situations, like some Ukrainians who choose to take up arms in violent defence of their country. It affirms and admires their willingness to take a high-risk stand against injustice rather than to be passive. At that same time, it is also not about justifying methods of war and enabling the violent dynamic to perpetuate and spread.

Australian Election: Young People Taking Back Their Voice

This election, young people turned out to vote in record numbers to address the issues they care about most: climate change, housing affordability and the rising cost of living.

<https://cpnn-world.org/new/?p=27355>

The Checklist to End Tyranny: how dissidents will win the 21st century civil resistance campaigns by Peter Ackerman

An informative and inspiring read, given the challenging times in which we live - see detail [here](#)

"It is generally assumed that tyrannies persist because they possess a monopoly on the use of force. Yet oppressed populations using nonviolent tactics—such as strikes, boycotts, and mass protests— are often the most powerful drivers of their own liberation."

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