

NONVIOLENCE Promise Group Presentation-April 2022

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(Roving Reporter enters with microphone labeled KPBM in hand...wearing black hat....has magnifying glass [from library] in pocket.)

Roving reporter: Hello! Hello! Hello! This is your roving reporter from station KPBM. I'm searching out the news of the day. I search high and low for the best stories *(look high and low with magnifying glass)*

I have heard that there are Presentations Sisters and Associates, also known as daughters of Nano Nagle, who are doing some good thinking around the topic of nonviolence. They call themselves a promise group. So I've named them the NVPGs.....NonViolent Promise Group. Let's see what we can find out about the NVPGs.

(RR approaches Interviewee # 1 with magnifying glass in hand.)

Roving Reporter: I'm looking for a NVPG....Are you one?

Interviewee# 1: Yes, I am....I am a NVPG.

Roving Reporter: And just what do NVPGs actually do???

Interviewee #1: The best way to answer your question is to quote from the Pledge of Nonviolence for Presentation People what we all signed at the _____ Chapter.
(reads from 3-spiral notebook)

- We will respect self and others.
- We will communicate respectfully.
- We will listen to others.
- We will forgive even when it is difficult.
- We will care for Earth.
- We will play creatively.
- We will be courageous.

That got us off to a good start. Then we added lots of suggestions for reflection and activities focused on nonviolence.

For example....this quote from Parker J. Palmer: "Violence is what happens when we don't know what else to do with our suffering."

What a challenging thought!!!!

Roving Reporter: Way to go! Nano would be proud of that. Remember that you heard it here on KPBVM. I think I see another NVPG here. *(moves to Interviewee #2 with magnifying glass)* Could I ask if you are a NVPG?

Interviewee #2: Yes, I am.....and I am proud of it.

Roving Reporter: What helped you to understand the mission of the NVPGs?

Interviewee #2: I am happy to tell you that the NVPGs read and discussed the book "The Nonviolent Life" by John Dear. He presents so many good suggestions for ways to be nonviolent toward self, others and creation. *(Hold up a copy of the book)*. These reflections and practice are going to keep me busy for a long time. Practce, practice, practice.

Roving Reporter: Thank so much to you.....Nano would be proud. *(Turning audience)* Remember that you heard it here on KPBVM. Now on to another NVPG.

(Moving to interviewee #3 with magnifying glass in hand.)

Roving Reporter: I can SEE CLEARLY that you have something to add to this conversation.

Interviewee # 3: Yes, I am NVPG. A short comment about the virtual workshop we held a year ago entitled "Courageous Conversations." Al Heisterkamp reminded us that each persons can bring compassion and understanding to life situations. We need to ask NOT "What is wrong with you?" but rather "What happened to you?" Then nonviolent conversations can take place.

Roving Reporter: Thank so much to you.....Nano would be proud. *(Turning audience)*
Remember that you heard it here on KPBVM.

This is where the NVPGs have been.....so what is next? *(RR moves to interviewee # 4 with magnifying glass in hand.)*

(Interviewee # 4 enters as another person carries the cardboard image of Pope Francis from the library toward the Roving Reporter who examines image with magnifying glass.)

Interviewee # 4: We know we have just begun our conversation regarding nonviolence to self, others, creation. We would like to suggest that Pope Francis has a great deal to offer us for reflection and action in his letter “Laudato Si”

Here are the goals of Laudato Si.....these points provide us future direction:

- Response to the CRY OF EARTH
- Response to the CRY OF THE POOR
- ECOLOGICAL ECONOMICS
- the adoption of SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLES
- ECOLOGICAL EDUCATION
- ECOLOGICAL SPIRITUALITY
- COMMUNITY RESILIENCE and EMPOWERMENT

This summary give us direction.

Pope Francis is calling us to deeper conversion.

Pope Francis is calling us to deeper conversation.

Let this direction bring us to prayer.

(Brigid plans prayer.....)

Roving Reporter: Thank you. Nano would be proud. Remember that you heard it first here on KPBVM. This is your Roving Reporter over and out.