

# PEACEBUILDING INSTITUTE OF EAST TENNESSEE

## *Announcing an "Exploring Nonviolent Living Study Program"*

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(1) 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM, every other Sunday at Church of the Savior, 934 Weisgarber Road, Knoxville, Tennessee. Contact Jim Foster, [jimsandyfoster@yahoo.com](mailto:jimsandyfoster@yahoo.com), 865-573-4089 or John Lackey, [irlackeyr@hotmail.com](mailto:irlackeyr@hotmail.com), 865-690-3127 for detailed information.

(2) 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM every other Thursday. Knoxville and Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Location varies. Contact Dennie Kelley, [dkelley@utk.edu](mailto:dkelley@utk.edu), 588-5279 or Victoria Medaglia, [peacebuilder@comcast.net](mailto:peacebuilder@comcast.net), 865-405-6975, for detailed information.

(3) 9:30 AM to 12:00 Noon monthly on Saturday. North Knoxville, Tennessee. Location varies. Contact Ann Jurisson, [anneth8675@aol.com](mailto:anneth8675@aol.com), 865-633-8983 or R. Boone, [boonerj6@aol.com](mailto:boonerj6@aol.com), 865-992-9885 for detailed information

**Watch this space for the addition of other groups as they are formed in East Tennessee and around the world early in 2009.**

Dear Peacebuilder

This memo is to announce an ongoing resource offered by the Peacebuilding Institute. The **Exploring Nonviolent Living study program**, is a 12 session small group program in the practice of Gandhian nonviolence. More than nonviolent action and more than philosophical speculation, the program seeks to give an understanding of and practice in a lifestyle in which nonviolence is at its very core, pervading all our ways of thinking, communicating, and responding. At a time when violence is a pervasive and corroding influence in our society, this way of countering it could hardly be more important.

Nonviolence, in the Gandhian sense, is a creative power for justice and the well-being of all, a power that uses neither violence nor passivity. It is the aim of this program to provide the grounding and the skills for putting nonviolent power into practice.

PIET (Peacebuilding Institute of East Tennessee) is providing facilitators and /or resources for implementing the program in 3 ways:

1. We can provide both a facilitator and resources (including workbooks) for \$50 per person for the entire program.
2. We can train a facilitator from your faith community, who will then conduct the training for your group. Total cost for facilitator training, \$50.00 with your community then providing such resources as the program requires, including workbooks, and other materials, some of which you may already have readily at hand.
3. We can provide the workbooks only, with your community taking total responsibility, using someone from your community who is already experienced in facilitation. The cost for the workbooks is \$25 each, including shipping.

Each group sets its own schedule, though we recommend that the 12 sessions be completed within a three to six month period. It is an intensive program and requires a significant commitment from each participant.

For more information, or to peruse the workbook which contains virtually all of the printed resources, please contact Jim Foster, Knoxville & Maryville, [jimsandyfoster@yahoo.com](mailto:jimsandyfoster@yahoo.com), or Victoria Medaglia, Oak Ridge, [peacebuilder@comcast.net](mailto:peacebuilder@comcast.net), or Mary Hilchey, Loudon and Tellico Village, [m\\_hilchey@yahoo.com](mailto:m_hilchey@yahoo.com),

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