

Minnesota Peace Team (MnPT) Training August 2008 dates

For service during the Republican National Convention (RNC)

The Minnesota Peace Team (MnPT) is a group of people trained in nonviolent techniques who serve to protect life and human rights in potentially violent situations. We do this by reducing fear, bringing an attitude of openness and respect for all, increasing trust through relationships, and at times by being a presence or barrier in a physical conflict.

The Minnesota Peace Team is nonpartisan, we protect people on all sides of a dispute from physical violence. We do not interfere with civil rights, do not protect property, and do not enforce laws. The Minnesota Peace Team affirms human dignity by training Minnesotans in nonviolent techniques and responding to community requests to be present in potentially volatile situations.

Can I be a Peace Team member?

You must attend training to be a member of the Minnesota Peace Team. Training consists of a 2 hour evening orientation and an 8 hour interactive workshop. To be a peace team member you must believe in non-violence, and be able to stay non-partisan - working to protect individuals from any side of a conflict.

What is covered in the training?

- Role and Definition of a Peace Team
- Third Party Nonviolent Intervention techniques, including communication skill and intervention skills.
- Skills for practicing good self care in a stressful situation
- How affinity teams work before, during and after an event.
- How to be part of the Minnesota Peace Team activity during the RNC, and ongoing.

If I attend the Minnesota Peace Team training am I obligated to serve on the Peace Team?

No, attending the training can help you discern if you would like to be on the Peace Team. We want lots of people to have skills at deescalating violence, and would love to have anyone participate.

When and how often do people serve on a Peace Team?

We plan on having the Peace Team active during the Republican National Convention (RNC) and surrounding events from August 31 to September 5. Team members can serve one day or all days. On an ongoing basis the Peace Team will serve intermittently as called upon by the community. Individuals can serve as fits their schedule and interests.

Training Session Location and Costs

Attend Evening Orientation - 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. **and** one Full Day Workshop - 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

August 8-10 Walker Community United Methodist Church 3104 16 th Avenue South Minneapolis 55407	August 15-17 Friends for a Nonviolent World 1050 Selby Avenue, Saint Paul, MN	August 22-24 Hennepin Avenue United Methodist 511 Groveland Avenue Minneapolis, MN	August 29-30 (9 start time Sat/Sun) Macalester-Plymouth United Church 1658 Lincoln Ave St Paul, MN 55105
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\$35, sliding scale/scholarships available. Suggested student or fixed income \$25
Lunch and a manual are included.

Contact Minnesota Peace Team at minnesotapeaceteam@gmail.com or 612-483-6041 to register.

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Registration Form

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Name :

Email:

Address:

Phone:

I will attend the following sessions (pick one Orientation session and one Full Day Workshop:

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Orientation Session (pick one, must be before Full Day Workshop)

Friday August 8

Friday August 15

Friday August 22

Friday August 29

Full Day Workshop (pick one)

Saturday August 9

Sunday August 10

Saturday August 16

Sunday August 17

Saturday August 23

Sunday August 24

Saturday August 30 (9:00 am start time)

Why are you interested on being on the Minnesota Peace Team?

Have you had a similar experience or training (none required)? Please describe?

Do you have any questions or concerns about being on the Minnesota Peace Team?

Send Registrations to minnesotapeaceteam@gmail.com or Minnesota Peace Team/Wojtan, 13341 Everest Avenue, Apple Valley, MN 55124. Call 612-483-6041 with questions