

Minnesota Alliance of Peacemakers

Commitment to Practice Nonviolence during Demonstrations and Vigils

As peacemakers we will reflect upon and abide by these commitments:

We will use our anger at injustice as a positive force for change.

We will refuse to return the assaults, verbal or physical, of those with whom we disagree.

We will refrain from insults and swearing.

We will not harm the earth and any living species, nor carry weapons.

If arrested as members of a nonviolent vigil or demonstrations, we will behave in a nonviolent manner.

We will not act anonymously nor evade the legal consequences of our actions.

In the event of a serious disagreement about this commitment to practice nonviolence, we will remove ourselves from the action.

Our attitude will be one of openness, friendliness and respect toward all people we encounter, including police officers and city workers. Our goal is never to harm or dismiss those who think and act differently, but to continue to dialogue and work together in building a more peaceful, just world for all.

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