

RESOURCES FOR ORGANIZING NONVIOLENT GRASSROOTS MOVEMENTS

People who support human rights, civil liberties, environmental quality, the climate, and other humane values were stunned by the November 2016 election and fear radical damage to these aspects of our civilization and ecosystems. More oppression and corruption are certainly heading our way, but instead of feeling immobilized like “deer in the headlights” or freaking out, we can nonviolently resist! Our remedy is to [organize nonviolent movements from the grassroots up](#), so we can resist oppression and accomplish our positive goals for human rights, social & economic justice, environmental sustainability, etc. [Nonviolent grassroots organizing really works!](#)

Trump is only the latest symptom of serious underlying problems. Demonizing this one person can distract people from solving the underlying problems. If – because of his corruption or psychiatric disabilities – he is removed from office through impeachment or the 25th Amendment, the right-wing vice president and right-wing cabinet and all of our nation’s underlying problems will still persist.

Now is the time to organize strategically smart and nonviolent grassroots movements to effectively counter the oppression, repression, and other harmful policies coming our way – and to work effectively for our positive goals.

[Our real remedy is to organize strategically smart nonviolent grassroots movements](#) to solve those long-standing underlying problems! [See resources in this box and below it:](#)

“NONVIOLENT GRASSROOTS REMEDIES FOR OUR CURRENT CRISIS”

The Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation’s January 2017 TV program features two savvy guests – Mary Lou Finley and Glen Gersmehl – who are recognized experts in the theory and practice of nonviolent grassroots organizing for social and political change. They share insights, positive historical examples of nonviolent organizing against violent oppressors, and creative encouragement of how people could proceed through our current crisis.

Watch this informative, inspiring, practical TV interview -- and/or read a thorough summary -- on your computer. Visit www.olympiafor.org, click the “**TV Programs**” link, scroll down to January 2017, and click the link to watch “**Nonviolent Grassroots Remedies for Our Current Crisis.**” To read a very thorough summary of what we said, click the **Word** document link next to the program’s title or the **.pdf** link next to that, titled, “**Organizing Nonviolent Remedies for Our Current Crisis.**”

MORE RESOURCES

- For more information about the power and effectiveness of nonviolence, see the “**Nonviolence**” part of www.olympiafor.org to find a number of resources that are informative, insightful, and useful for using nonviolence to resist oppression and accomplish positive goals. That web page offers many resources under the subheadings “**What Is Nonviolence?**” and “**Understanding and Using Nonviolence**” and “**Using Nonviolence in the Real World.**”
- I highly recommend resources by Gene Sharp and others at The Albert Einstein Institution, www.aeinstein.org.
- The very recent books by Erica Chenoweth and Maria J. Stephan (*Why Civil Resistance Works*) and by Engler and Engler (*This is an Uprising*) and the older book and video series by Ackerman and DuVall (*A Force More Powerful*) are excellent resources with insights into using nonviolence effectively.
- See a short list of other highly recommended books, non-profit organizations, etc. near the end of the thorough (**Word**) summary of our January 2017 www.olympiafor.org’s “**TV Programs**” section.
- Contact Glen Anderson, at (360) 491-9093 glen@olympiafor.org for additional resources, speaking engagements, discussion-based workshops, referrals to other books, videos, etc., about building nonviolent grassroots movements, strategizing for social change, and related topics, even under very brutal dictatorships.

“Dictators are never as strong as they tell you they are. People are never as weak as they think they are.”

-- Gene Sharp, the world’s best researcher on the power of nonviolence and how to use nonviolence to remove dictators from power. See resource information at his non-profit organization www.aeinstein.org

“Violence is the method by which the ruthless few can subdue the passive many. Nonviolence is a means by which the active many can overcome the ruthless few.”

-- Jonathan Schell in *The Unconquerable World*, his 2003 book about the power and effectiveness of nonviolent action