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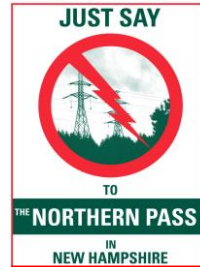


...awaken us to our
commitment

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If your only tool is a hammer,
all problems look like nails.
PRACTICE NONVIOLENCE



Time will tell!!



Google: TED Talk
Scilla Elworthy



January 1, 2011

Peace Message from Pope Francis

“On this occasion, I would like to reflect on *nonviolence* as a style of politics for peace. I ask God to help all of us to cultivate nonviolence in our most personal thoughts and values. May charity and nonviolence govern how we treat each other as individuals, within society and in international life.

“When victims of violence are able to resist the temptation to retaliate, they become the most credible promoters of nonviolent peacemaking.

“In the most local and ordinary situations and in the international order, may nonviolence become the hallmark of our decisions, our relationships and our actions, and indeed of political life in all its forms.”

Pope Francis



*During this climate of extreme violence
to awaken all of us to our commitment to the
Corporate Stand on Nonviolence*

Corporate Stand on Nonviolence
Sisters of the Holy Cross - 2006 / Sisters of Holy Cross - 2009
Corporate Stand Statement

We, the Sisters of Holy Cross, affirm that

Nonviolence is constitutive of the message of Jesus,
Nonviolence is intrinsic to right relationship with all creation, and
Nonviolent systemic change requires innovative, creative responses to social problems
and conflicts.

Therefore, we reject violence in its multiple forms.

We support actions and policies that

Promote nonviolent means of conflict resolution,
Disallow discrimination of any kind,
Generate an equitable economic system for all,
Foster a culture of solidarity and peace, and
Protect Earth and Life in all its diversity.

We oppose actions and policies that legitimate

Violent responses to conflicts, particularly war and terrorism,
Denial of human and civil rights,
Economic and military policies that exacerbate poverty and inequality, and
Degradation and destruction of natural resources and ecosystems.

We acknowledge that the nonviolent way of Jesus challenges us to

Examine the quality of our interpersonal relationships,
Own the complexity inherent in our struggle to live without violence,
Embrace diversity, and
Espouse the common good.

Phrases that called forth the Justice and Environment Members are:

nonviolence is intrinsic to right relationship with all creation;
protect Earth and Life in all its diversity;
examine the quality of our interpersonal relationships;
I commit myself to owning and examining my efforts
to live / speak non-violently with my sisters.



*To what are you called
as you reflect upon this Corporate Stand?*



Scilla Elworthy

How do you deal with a bully without becoming a thug?

In this wise and soulful talk, peace activist Scilla Elworthy maps out the skills we need -- as nations and individuals -- to fight extreme force without using force in return.

To answer the question of why and how non-violence works, she evokes historical heroes--Aung San Suu Kyi, Mahatma Gandhi, Nelson Mandela--and the personal philosophies that powered their peaceful protests. (Filmed atTEDxExeter) Published August 5, 2012



*What statements surprised you?
What can you incorporate in your life?*



NORTHERN PASS UPDATE

- All is still uncertain with regard to the relationship between HydroQuebec and NH Eversource. Who will pay for the buried lines through Quebec and in NH?
- To go forward, **Northern Pass** must get a permit from the Site Evaluation Committee. The SEC has pushed a final decision to September 30, 2017.
- Many organizations and townships are persevering in their opposition to Northern Pass because of the harm to nature, landowners, farmers and tourism. New Hampshire would not benefit from the electricity transmitted by Northern Pass.
- The competing project, the **New England Clean Power Link** (in Vermont) has received its state permit and Presidential Permit last fall. They plan to begin construction on their underground and underwater transmission line in late 2017.

Only time will tell!!!

