

## **Blessed Are the Peacemakers (Matthew 5:9)**

### ***A Lenten Exploration of Gospel Nonviolence And Why it Matters***

***Tuesday Evenings of Lent 2022, 7:00 pm CT, including a live presentation and Q&A***

#### **Tuesday March 1st “Jesus through the Lens of Nonviolence”** (day before Ash Wed)



**Fr. John Dear** for decades has been calling people to practice Gospel nonviolence, and to join one of the many global grassroots movements of nonviolence for the abolition of war, racism, poverty, nuclear weapons and environmental destruction. Father Dear is a priest of the Diocese of Monterey, CA and founder of The Beatitudes Center for the Nonviolent Jesus: <https://beatitudescenter.org/>

#### **Tuesday March 8th “Nonviolence and the Web of Creation”**



**Daniel Moriarty** as the Sustainable Pathways to Peace Program Coordinator at Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns, represents Maryknoll in Washington, DC and at the United Nations in New York on issues including nuclear disarmament, ending drone warfare and torture.

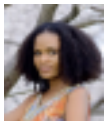


**Tania Avila Meneses**, an indigenous Bolivian theologian, is part of the Indigenous Peoples Hub and Women's Nucleus of REPAM. She participated at the Special Assembly of the Synod of Bishops for the Pan-Amazon region held at the Vatican in November 2019.

#### **Tuesday March 15th “Panel Discussion with “Young Activists & Peacebuilders”**



**Michelle Sherman** is the 50th Anniversary Coordinator for Pax Christi USA. Her background is in spirituality and justice ministries with high school and college students and with young adults serving in post-grad service programs. She is also a spiritual director and retreat presenter.



**Eliane Lakam** is a facilitator/community organizer who leads at the intersection of nonviolence and global citizenship. Her work focuses on co-creating inclusive communities, advancing racial and social justice, and promoting women's participation-as critical actors-in peace and reconciliation processes.



**Luis Miranda-Perez** organizes with networks of community members to advocate for the undocumented community living in Utah. As an organizer, Luis has organized with the Justicia Ya transparency movement in Guatemala and multiple youth peace movements in Colombia.



**Colleen Dulle** is a multimedia journalist covering Catholic and Vatican news. In her current position as Associate Editor at America Media, Colleen writes and edits Vatican news and analysis pieces, along with hosting and producing the weekly news podcast "Inside the Vatican." She is tonight's moderator.



#### **Tuesday March 22nd “Nonviolent Action: Engaging Faith and Social Enterprise”**

**Dr. Kit Evans-Ford** is a trainer, spiritual director, and professor who is passionate about nonviolence, God, and serving others. She has been a trainer and activist for 14 years. Kit teaches at St. Ambrose University and is the founder of Argrow's House of Healing and Hope, in Davenport, IA.



#### **Tuesday March 29th “Nonviolence and Laudato Si’ ”**

**Christina Leaño** is a contemplative activist who serves as Associate Director of the Laudato Si' Movement, a global network mobilizing for climate and ecological justice. She also is a trained meditation teacher, retreat facilitator, and spiritual director.

#### **Tuesday April 5th “Dorothy Day and Gospel Nonviolence”**



**Martha Hennessy** is the seventh child of Dorothy Day's only child Tamar. Martha has been arrested and imprisoned protesting nuclear weapons, war, the use of drones, the torture of prisoners in Guantanamo and other prisons, and the use of starvation as a weapon of war in Yemen.

#### **Tuesday April 12th “The Church Returns to Gospel Nonviolence”**



**Marie Dennis** as co-president of Pax Christi International was one of the primary organizers of the 2016 and 2019 conferences on Nonviolence that were cosponsored by the Vatican and Pax Christi International. The conferences called on the Catholic Church to recommit to the centrality of gospel nonviolence; and created the Catholic Nonviolence Initiative: <https://nonviolencejustpeace.net/>

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