

Working Description of NV:

Nonviolence is the *positive* reverence for dignity, life, and our common home, and thus, also the constant effort to avoid dehumanization and participation in other types of violence. Always contextual, rooted in particular places, it is:

- a core Gospel value and the way of Jesus,
- a spirituality, way of life, a distinct virtue, a capability
- the power of love and imagination in action
- the path to fuller truth
- the path to de-colonization and justice
- rooted in and drawing from indigenous resources
- a cross-cutting and intersectional approach to social issues
- constitutive to integral ecology
- a strategic methodology and constructive force for
 - social justice,
 - addressing root causes and transforming conflict,
 - breaking cycles of violence (direct, structural, systemic, cultural),
 - protecting all people and our common home,
 - building a sustainable peace

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