



## Hear about the Nonviolent Peaceforce: A Force for Change.

[www.nonviolentpeaceforce.org](http://www.nonviolentpeaceforce.org)

**Mission:** The **mission of Nonviolent Peaceforce** is to build a large-scale trained, international civilian nonviolent peaceforce. Nonviolent Peaceforce will be sent to conflict areas to prevent death and destruction and protect human rights, thus creating the space for local groups to struggle nonviolently, enter into dialogue, and seek peaceful resolution. Nonviolent Peaceforce:

- Deploys international, trained, civilian field teams to conflict areas upon invitation by local peace groups.
- Builds capacity for nonviolent intervention through recruitment, assessment, trainings and rapid response mechanisms in crisis areas.
- Conducts public awareness campaigns and political advocacy to increase international support and recognition of the effectiveness of civilian nonviolent intervention in preventing violence and fostering a global culture of peace.

**By working with local partners, Nonviolent Peaceforce contributes to**

- Increased security for local peace advocates and their families.
- Greater safety and empowerment of local civil society in dealing with conflict management.
- Development of early response to potential violence.
- Facilitation of negotiations for the return of displaced people to their homes.
- Safe return of abducted child soldiers and support for parents of abducted children.

### **Mel Duncan**



Mel Duncan has done grass roots organizing for peace, justice, and the environment for over 30 years. He helped found and now serves as executive director of Nonviolent Peaceforce, an international organization providing unarmed civilian peacekeepers to areas of violent conflict. The Fellowship of Reconciliation USA awarded him their 2007 Pfeffer International Peace Prize in behalf of Nonviolent Peaceforce's "courageous efforts in conflict regions around the world." The Utne Reader named him as one of "50 Visionaries Who are Changing Our World" in November of 2008. Mel is a graduate of Macalester College, and in 2006 he was honored with their Distinguished Citizen award. He also holds a Masters degree from the New College of California. Mel and his partner, Georgia, live in St. Paul, Minnesota. They have eight children.

**Please join us to meet Mel and hear about Nonviolent Peaceforce,  
Tuesday, Feb 3, 2009 Time: 7 PM  
Place: Waysmeet, 15 Mill Road, Durham, NH**

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