

World peace through non-violent means is neither absurd nor unattainable. All other methods have failed. Those of us who believe in this method can be voices of reason, sanity, and understanding amid the voices of violence, hatred, and emotion. We can very well set a mood of peace out of which a system of peace can be built.

Martin Luther King, jr.



Peace Needs You in Iowa!

Join Voices for Creative Nonviolence, the Iowa Occupation Project and other Peace Makers in the run-up to the Iowa Caucuses in Des Moines, Iowa, in a nonviolent direct action campaign to end the war in Iraq.



November 7, 2007, - January 14, 2008

SODaPOP's Kickoff!

Wednesday, November 7, 7:00 pm.

Place: Chet Guinn's Old Fire Station, 1041 8th Street, Des Moines, IA. (one block west of the downtown Holiday Inn at the extreme south end of the DMACC parking lot.)



Kathy Kelly,
"What have we done to the people of Iraq?"

Well-known peace-maker and Nobel Peace Prize nominee Kathy Kelly recently returned from living with Iraqi refugees in Amman, Jordan. Kelly's speech will be followed by a discussion of the occupation of campaign headquarters of pro-war candidates the next day.

Thursday, November 8, 9:00 am.

Place: Chet Guinn's Old Fire Station



Nonviolence Training*

*This training is required for all who are considering risking arrest.

Thursday, November 8, 12:30 pm.

Nollan Plaza, downtown Des Moines



Rally

The SODaPOP kickoff rally will be followed immediately with occupations of campaign headquarters within the Des Moines metro area.

Seasons of Discontent: a Presidential Occupation Project (SODaPOP) will launch November 7, 2007.

SODaPOP's mission is to introduce nonviolent direct action against the war in Iraq into the presidential election process. Activists from around the nation are encouraged to journey to Iowa to "occupy" the Iowa campaign headquarters of presidential candidates (both Democrats and Republicans) who do not pledge to concrete plans for complete withdrawal of U.S. military forces from Iraq. We may also challenge these candidates as their public appearances around the state without regard for arbitrary "free speech zone" restrictions that may be established by candidates, parties, police or the Secret Service.

Tell us you're coming!

Contact Voices for Creative Nonviolence 773-878-3815, or info@vcnv.org

Need a place to stay?

There are many area hotels. For those need a free place to stay, the Des Moines Catholic Worker community will provide hospitality, mostly floor space but some beds will be available. If you have special needs be sure to contact the DMCW before hand.

Contact DMCW-er Mona Shaw, 515-243-0765 or 319-621-4646 (cell), or monashaw@aol.com, to arrange accommodations.

More events will be announced soon!

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