

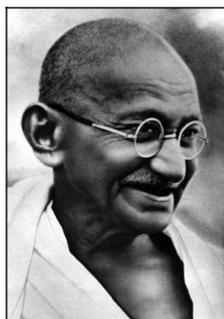


*Training Leaders
in the Traditions of
Nonviolence*

The daily news reports no shortage of leaders who champion certainty, immediacy, and defensiveness. And we see no shortage of their essential tools: threat, coercion, and harm. For those who desire a different approach to social change, Satyagraha Institute offers a program to train leaders in the traditions of nonviolence.



Satyagraha Institute (satyagrahainstitute.org) announces its third summer program, to be held this August in the Black Hills of South Dakota. The program will provide leaders interested in nonviolent social change an opportunity to deepen their understanding, skills, commitment, and community.



Mohandas Gandhi, who famously experimented with the possibilities of nonviolence, coined the Sanskrit term *satyagraha*, or truth-force, to identify a method of social change. Satyagraha is a way of directly engaging with others to work out the difficult aspects of life without resorting to coercion, harm, or ill intention.

The Institute learning experience will be rooted in a course of study, the arts, community life,

and the inner life. Resident faculty and a variety of visiting resource people will guide the exploration of nonviolence in the traditions of Mohandas Gandhi, indigenous spirituality and culture, Martin Luther King, Jr. and the civil rights movement, Dorothy Day and the Catholic Worker movement, and various spiritual traditions. Training will also be provided in conflict prevention and tools for conflict resolution.

Faculty currently include: M.P. Mathai, a well-known Gandhian scholar from India; Darlene Pipeboy, a Dakota elder and pipe keeper; Laura Brenneman, a peace and conflict studies educator; and Fernando Ferrara, the founder of Mesa de Paz in Mexico. Additional faculty will be announced as we confirm their commitments.



The 2017 Satyagraha Institute will be held August 4-13 at Placerville Camp & Retreat Center. The program fee is \$500, which includes meals, lodging, and the program itself. Space is limited, so early application is suggested.

In order to keep the fee for participation so low, we rely heavily on donated labor and financial contributions. If you would like to support this project, we welcome your contribution.

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