

# PROJECT PEACE....IMAGINING a World

Without WAR

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“ For everything there is a season...a time to weep, and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to

## Nonviolent Tiffin Continues to Explore New Avenues in the Midst of COVID

On Sunday, Oct. 17th 4:00 pm. A theater production took place at Heidelberg sponsored by Nonviolent Tiffin. This was a collaborative project initiated by Sarah Lazzari, Professor at Heidelberg with Seneca Youth Center residents who participated in “**Writers in Residence**” to share some of their written ideas with the public. Steve Savoda, head of the Drama Dept. and Brian Haley, former professor at the University worked with Sarah. Paul Stark, chaplain at Heidelberg coordinated refreshments with the University.

The intention was to involve Tiffin Middle school to present Berg productions at another date. However due to COVID this is being put off and reassessed in the Spring.

Nonviolent Tiffin also helped promote a one man theater play on November 12 —“**From Slave to Saint,**” the story of Fr. Augustus Tolton, the first African American priest in the U.S.

**Empathy Circles** \_ Vickie Lowery Hopkins took a 5 day training course through the **Peace Alliance**. Hopefully she will next be teaching with the SMYL program in Tiffin.

**We are truly aware of the need to take every health precaution daily.**



My sister Ev loved to travel, loved to learn new cultures and new lands . One of these trips was to Peru where she surely got out of her comfort zone. Here as you see she “adopted” her

“anaconda” pet. Ev was never predictable, but always honest , witty, rather blunt and spunky with a strong will power. She loved Beauty and painted and painted like it was “going out of style.” I’ve inserted a couple pictures for you to



enjoy. Ev loved color and form and looked into the eyes like she could see the soul of crea-



tures, especially human beings. With such respect for Beauty, I don’t see that Ev could mistreat—do violence deliberately to anyone or anything.

On November 23, Ev handed herself over to her Creator with her final breath of trust in the LOVE she believed in. Now she joins all the great artists, especially the SOURCE of all Beauty.

In April of 2016, I wrote the line: "I dream that Tiffin will join the Nonviolent Cities Campaign across the United States and help Tiffin become the **51st. Peacemaking City in the U. S.**" (It has happened intentionally! The mission of Nonviolent Tiffin (@tiffin4peace.org) is to **reduce violence by building caring relationships among ALL people within its community and beyond.**

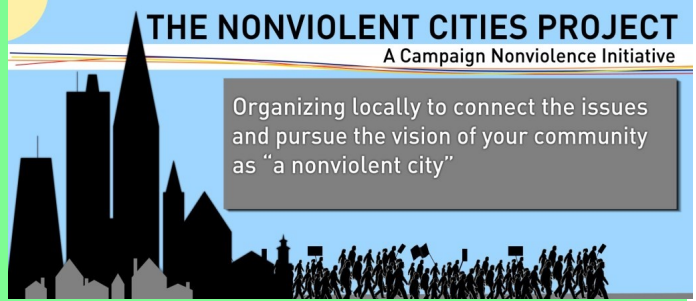


Now as we begin the holy season of Advent, the four candles remind us to live out Nonviolent Tiffin's dream: with great HOPE for the good of everyone, to BELIEVE with all our strength in ourselves and everyone and in the dignity promoted by Jesus becoming ONE of us. The third candle reminds us to REJOICE that we are alive and finally the fourth candle urges us to LOVE with the very love of our God. Perhaps during this season of 2021, we can dedicate ourselves to the often missed message of Christmas: **"Bring peace through Justice-making. Change the systems which are dedicated to militarism and war. Friends, let's begin by resisting all violence in ourselves and toward each other. Together we can help each other do it!**

## THE NONVIOLENT CITIES PROJECT

A Campaign Nonviolence Initiative

Organizing locally to connect the issues and pursue the vision of your community as "a nonviolent city"



**"You must take personal responsibility. You cannot change the circumstances, the seasons, or the wind, but you can change yourself."** —Jim Rohn

A wish for Christmas: Nicki my friend said: "That my family will be joyful and be united."

Another wish: "May each person take seriously the Gospel mandate to love each neighbor as oneself."

### Are you able to help Project Peace and/or Nonviolent Tiffin?

*"Project Peace works to create a culture of peace nonviolently: personally, communally, nationally and internationally. This effort will start by building awareness of justice issues within ourselves and our world. We hope to convey to each person the truth that **responsible citizenship is critical for peace-making.**"*

*Project Peace is looking for People who can help finance my teaching nonviolence skills within our Tiffin school systems (2022) or are wanting to help finance scholarships to travel to Palestine. Send check "Nonviolent Tiffin" to sr. Paulette, 200 St. Francis Ave., Tiffin, OH 44883 ...567 230 0220. Covid restrictions have delayed travel and teaching nonviolence skills to 6th Graders but we're hoping for better days in 2022! Thank you.*



Project Peace needs friends to live and spread the message of nonviolence in one's family, with your children's friends, in your politics, in your church.