



Pax Christi Northern California Annual Assembly

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2019

CHOOSING PEACE

IS THE CATHOLIC CHURCH RETURNING TO
GOSPEL NONVIOLENCE?



MARIE DENNIS will give her keynote address on how various nonviolent approaches can effectively transform conflict, and how the institutional Catholic Church can foster peaceful solutions by adopting active nonviolence as its Gospel-based default approach.

Marie Dennis serves on the executive committee of the Catholic Nonviolence Initiative and was on the board of Pax Christi International for 20 years, 12 as co-president.

Break-out Sessions:

LET'S STEP BACK TO STEP FORWARD: A TIMELINE ON RACE, FAITH & IMMIGRATION IN THE U.S.: **Miriam Noriega**, *program director for the Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity*, will analyze the history of the intersections between racism and U.S. immigration law, and the role of the faith community.

HOW TO MAKE NUCLEAR ABOLITION A REALITY: **Nick Mele**, *a retired U.S. diplomat and long-time Pax Christi member*, will lead an interactive discussion on how best to present Catholic teaching on war and the urgency of nuclear abolition.

THE SPIRITUALITY OF NONVIOLENCE: **Fr. Tom Bonacci, C.P.**, *the executive director of the Interfaith Peace Project*, will use the Samaritan parable to explore the philosophy of nonviolence as a practical way of life and to show how to confront violence while not engaging in it.

DETAILS

TIME: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Registration and continental breakfast from 9:00—9:30.

LOCATION: Newman Hall/Holy Spirit Church, 2700 Dwight Way, Berkeley, CA (at College Avenue). Nearby parking. BART and AC Transit accessible. Handicapped accessible building.

FREE EVENT: RSVP encouraged on [Eventbrite](#).

DONATIONS APPRECIATED: (sugg. donation \$20 - \$25). [Click here to donate on PayPal](#). Checks can be brought to the event or sent to Pax Christi Northern CA, c/o Stan Taylor, Treasurer, 421 Sautner Dr., San Jose, CA 95123.

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