

John Dear — Lessons & Guidelines for Peacemakers

During his keynote address at the 2016 Oakham Conference John Dear gave eight Lessons for Peacemaking:

- Merton invites us to be contemplatives of non-violence, not contemplative violets.
- Merton teaches us to become students of peace and non-violence.
- Merton invites us to be an activist for non-violence. You can't sit back and live a private spiritual life.
- Merton invites us to be visionaries of peace and non-violence.
- We have to become like Merton, prophets of peace and non-violence. Stand up and speak!
- Merton invites us to awaken an eschatological conscience of non-violence. Become citizens of the Kingdom of God now!
- Merton invites us to be our true selves, to be true sons and daughters of the God of peace.
- Merton invites us to be people of hope.

... and three Guidelines for Peacemakers:

- Be really non-violent yourself.
- Show meticulous non-violence to all people and all creatures on the planet.
- Become part of the global non-violence movement. Engage!

We're not political—we're just public with what God has showed us about peace and non-violence.

John Dear is an internationally recognized voice for peace and nonviolence. A priest, pastor, retreat leader, and author, he served for many years as the director of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, the largest interfaith peace organization in the U.S. After September 11, 2001, he was a Red Cross coordinator of chaplains at the Family Assistance Center in New York, and counselled thousands of relatives and rescue workers. He has travelled the war zones of the world, been arrested some 75 times for peace, led Nobel Peace prize winners to Iraq, recently visited Afghanistan, given thousands of lectures on peace across the U.S., and served as a pastor of several churches in New Mexico. (See also inside back cover)