



# FNVW

Friends for a NonViolent World

## E-Letter

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### FNVW's 2025 Holiday Fair



LIVE MUSIC | FOOD | CRAFTS  
HOLIDAY GIFTS | BOOKS | HANDMADE ITEMS

*Proceeds Support Friends For A NonViolent World*

We are excited to let you know that the Friends For A NonViolent World 2025 Holiday Fair will be the first weekend in December, and that this year we return to the Minneapolis Meetinghouse.

You can look forward to live music, tasty food in the café, new and used books, crafts, holiday wreaths from Hanson Farms, as well as Quaker Treasures. There will also be pottery, jewelry, handmade items, soaps, and a variety of other items from local artists and vendors.

We are seeking volunteers who want to be a crucial piece of our puzzle during the planning stages! We need folks to help solicit donations for the Values Board at the Fair, transport and store items needed for the Fair, and cook or bake delicious food before the Fair. If you're interested, please click [this link](#) to see our planning stages volunteer sign-up sheet. If you would like to volunteer on either or both days at the Fair, or are interested in making and donating crafts for the Fair, please stay tuned for a link that will go live on our webpage in the coming weeks. For book donations, email Caron Moore at [caronmoore99@gmail.com](mailto:caronmoore99@gmail.com). For Quaker Treasures donations, email Mary Ellen Shaw at [mary.ellen.shaw@gmail.com](mailto:mary.ellen.shaw@gmail.com).

Proceeds support local artisans and FNVW's programs which empower people with nonviolent principles and strategies for transforming conflict and violence at the personal, community and institutional level. We invite you to join us in supporting NonViolence this year at the Fair! Questions? Email [info@fnvw.org](mailto:info@fnvw.org). We can't wait to enjoy this beloved community event with you all!



Would you like to help promote the Fair by handing out these lovely postcards to your favorite café, faith gathering, workplace, or friends and family? Get in touch via email at [info@fnvw.org](mailto:info@fnvw.org) and we'll arrange to get some of these into your hands!

### Poem: Transforming Power by Beatriz Faña-Ruiz

Transforming Power  
By: Beatriz Faña-Ruiz

The ability to convert energy  
to produce an effect,

giving you time to reflect  
in showing respect.

Caring for others while  
aggression is high,

it's a way for conflict  
to subside.

Confrontations lead to  
face-offs not resolved,

making it hard to think  
wanting you to brawl.

Choosing non-violent solutions brings  
you to common ground,

Transforming power helps you listen  
before you judge.

Expecting the best  
this is only a test.

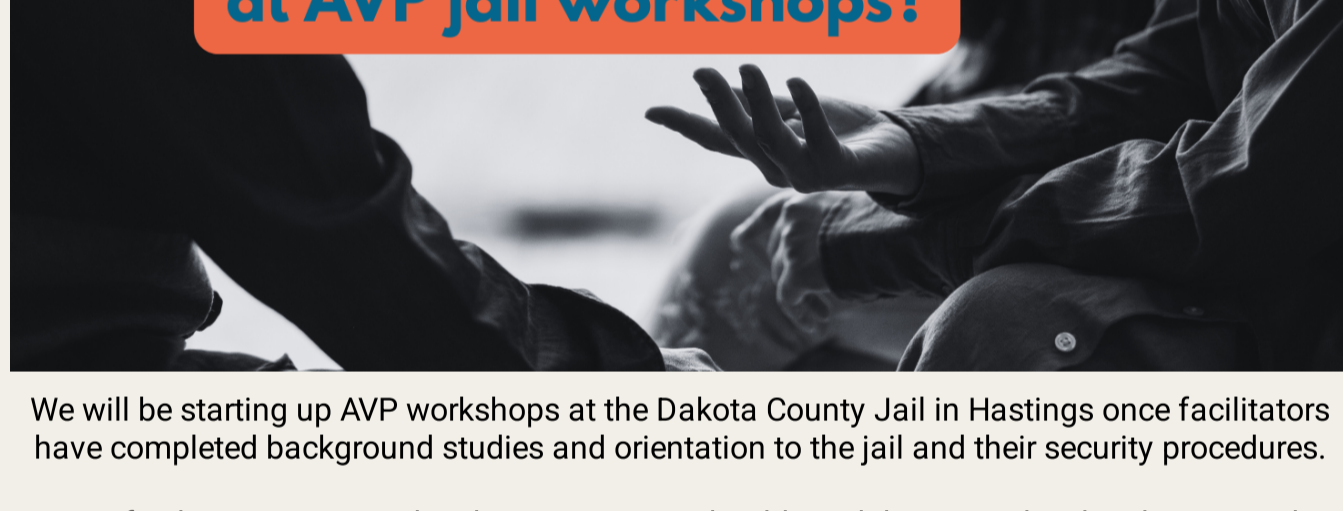
Patience builds tolerance.

Its not hard you watch and see,  
next time you are in a jam

think of AVP.

This poem about AVP was written by one of our inside facilitators at Baylor Women's Correctional Institution in New Castle, Delaware. It is shared with permission.

### Interested in Facilitating for AVP?



Interested in facilitating  
at AVP jail workshops?

We will be starting up AVP workshops at the Dakota County Jail in Hastings once facilitators have completed background studies and orientation to the jail and their security procedures.

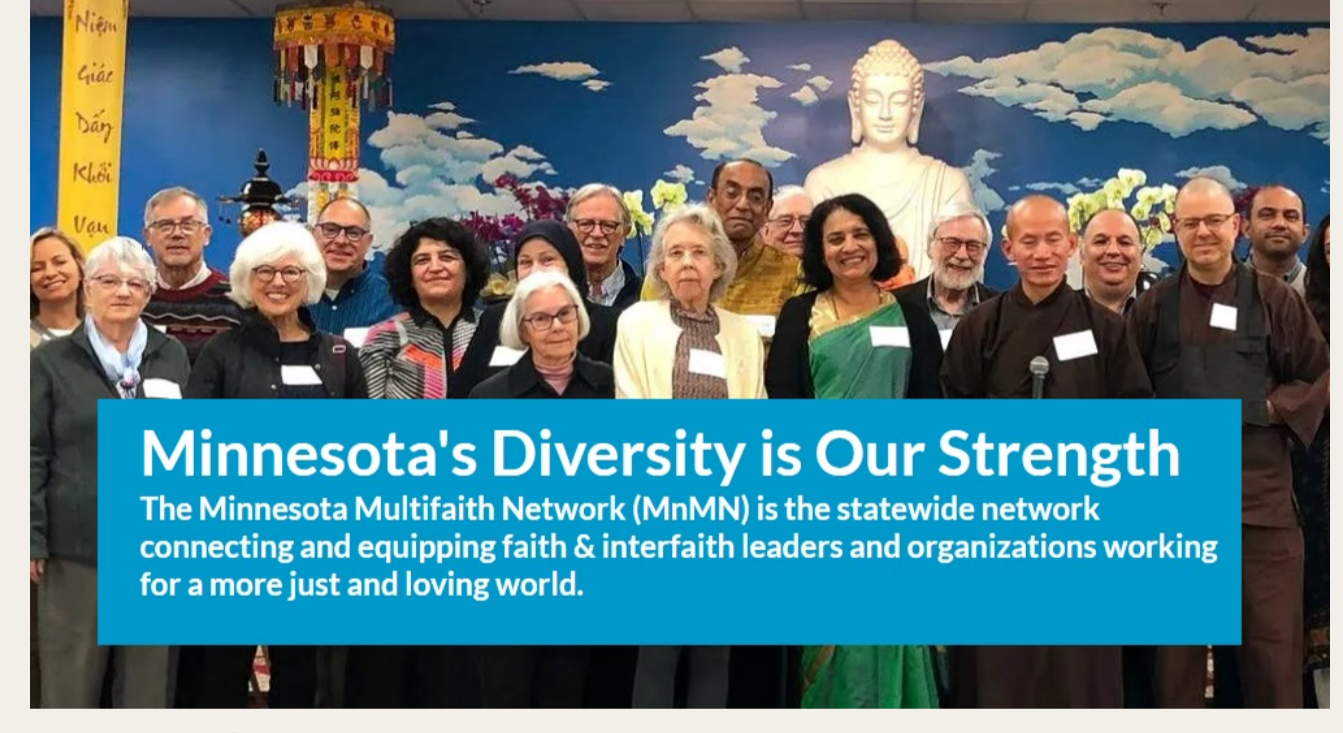
Any facilitators interested in this opportunity should send their complete legal name and preferred email address to Susan Campbell, AVP Coordinator, at [susan@fnvw.org](mailto:susan@fnvw.org).

### Minnesota Multifaith Network 6th Annual Conference



For this year's 6th Annual Conference, "The Time is Now: Strengthening Engagement, Understanding and Equity for ALL," the Minnesota Multifaith Network is focusing on how the current moment is affecting our daily lives, and our communities. At the same time, we must together search for the opportunities that the present affords.

Instead of indifference or encouragement for the forces promoting division, exclusion, and isolation, we are resisting and lifting our voices together. We WORK better together. We CARE for each other. We WANT to live peacefully together. We INSIST on a compassionate and civil society because every human life is sacred. Pluralism is our antidote to hate and extremism and, we would suggest, the key to peace and healing for our nation at this present time.



Minnesota's Diversity is Our Strength  
The Minnesota Multifaith Network (MnMN) is the statewide network  
connecting and equipping faith & interfaith leaders and organizations  
working for a more just and loving world.

For this conference, we will bring together Minnesotans to celebrate our diversity and the wonderful work we can and must do in community with one another. Coming together joyfully and celebrating our diversity is an act of resistance. As we come together, we want to claim our power. To name the struggles, laments, and sorrows we are experiencing and to celebrate the good work we do together – in collaboration, in partnership, in building relationships and community, and in healing our people.

**When:**

November 6th  
9 am - 5:30 pm

**Where:**

House of Hope Presbyterian Church  
797 Summit Ave, St Paul, MN 55105

In the spirit of equity and community, there is no set cost for this event. We are simply asking for donations to help cover the event costs. Your generosity is deeply appreciated, but most importantly, we desire your presence and participation. If you are unable to contribute please register as student. [Registration link.](#)

### Moving Toward Healing Event

Register for a prophetic truth-telling message from Ojibwe scholar Dr. Anton Treuer and musical guests.

## Moving Toward Healing

October 21, 5:30pm - 7:30pm  
Metro State University  
700 East 7th St / Saint Paul

Ojibwe scholar Dr. Anton Treuer will deliver a prophetic truth-telling message on "Moving Toward Healing" in partnership with MCC Racial Justice Truth & Reparations on October 21 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm.

Join the Minnesota Council of Churches for an inspiring evening with Dr. Anton Treuer—Ojibwe scholar, celebrated author, and renowned racial equity educator—as he explores pathways to racial justice through truth-telling, cultural humility, and community healing. Drawing from his deep experience in Native American history, language revitalization, and equity work, Dr. Treuer will challenge us to move beyond reforming broken systems and instead build new frameworks of liberation and fairness for all. This event will offer practical strategies for fostering authentic dialogue, bridging cultural divides, and advancing justice across faith traditions. All are welcome to this interfaith gathering dedicated to learning, reflection, and collective action for a more equitable Minnesota.

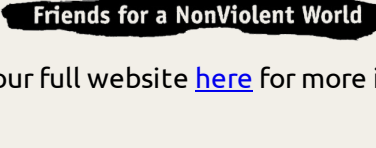
This event is **free and open to the public** with pre-registration. Parking at Metro State University is \$8.00. Musical guests will set the stage for this conversation. Dr. Treuer will have books available for sale. [Registration link.](#)

### A Note About Brucie Hawkins

We do not yet have details regarding funeral arrangements for our friend and mentor Brucie Hawkins, or Bodacious Brucie as she was known among her AVP family, but we will keep you informed as soon as more information is available. Please hold Brucie's family and loved ones in the Light during this time.

FNVW works to promote and create peace and justice in our community by using the principles and practices of nonviolence to transform conflict and to address the root causes of violence. Your financial support will help us move our mission forward into the future!

Donate Today to Support Nonviolence!



Check out our full website [here](http://fnvw.org) for more information!