



Nonviolence

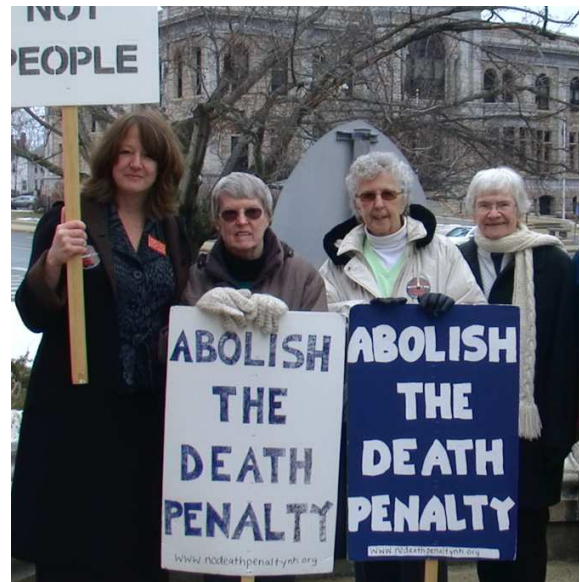
We work for peace through prayer, education, and personal and communal practices of nonviolence.

We support nuclear disarmament, reduction of arms, and the use of dialogue instead of armed conflict.

We work to prevent domestic violence and abuse of women and children, stop human trafficking and reduce violence in our communities. That leads us to advocate for commonsense gun violence prevention legislation, an end to the death penalty, an end to the U.S. military presence in Afghanistan, and dialogue with Syria and Iran.

Mercy practices nonviolence by:

- praying for diplomacy and dialogue to resolve conflicts and for the victims of war and of violence in our streets
- urging Congress and the President to consider all peaceful resolutions to conflict before taking up weapons
- advocating for gun violence prevention measures
- calling for the end to the death penalty
- standing in solidarity with victims of human rights abuses around the world, including victims of human trafficking
- calling attention to the violence in an economic system that prioritizes profits over the needs of persons who are poor and vulnerable



"The desire for peace, security and stability...can never be satisfied by military means alone, much less the possession of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction....Peace must be built on justice, socio-economic development, freedom, respect for fundamental human rights, the participation of all in public affairs and the building of trust between peoples."

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