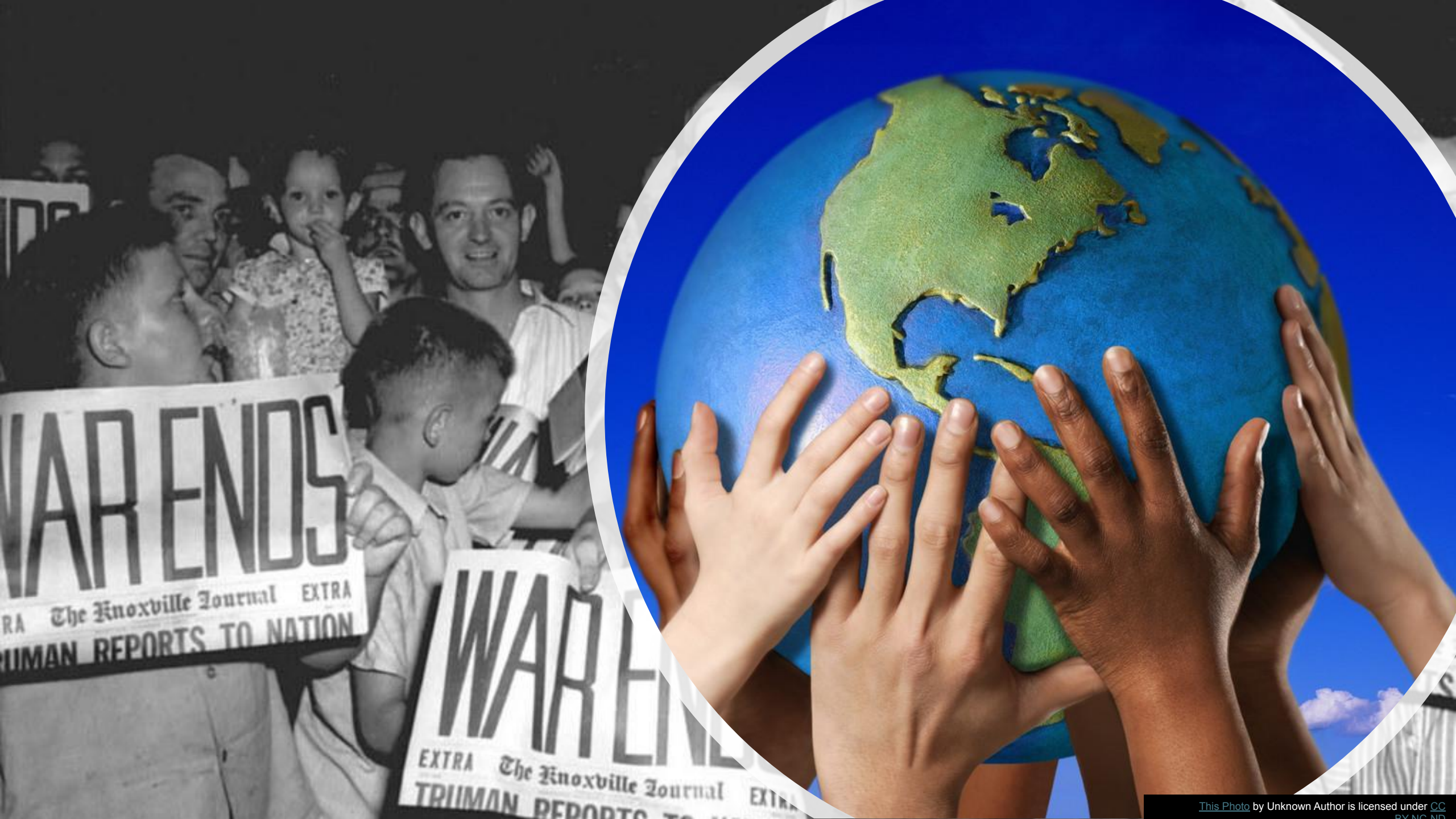


Nonviolent Lives, Nonviolent Church, Nonviolent World
Pax Christi's Historic Leadership for "Realizing" Nonviolence

Connecting the Thread



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Nonviolence

- *a spirituality*
- *a way of life*
- *a strategy for systemic change*
- *a universal ethic*



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“Peace is unarmed
and disarming...”

Pope Leo XIV



Nonviolence is at the heart of the Gospel

Nonviolence is effective

The Catholic Church could make a tremendous contribution to a more just and peaceful world by teaching and promoting nonviolence as central to the practice of our faith.



Palestine

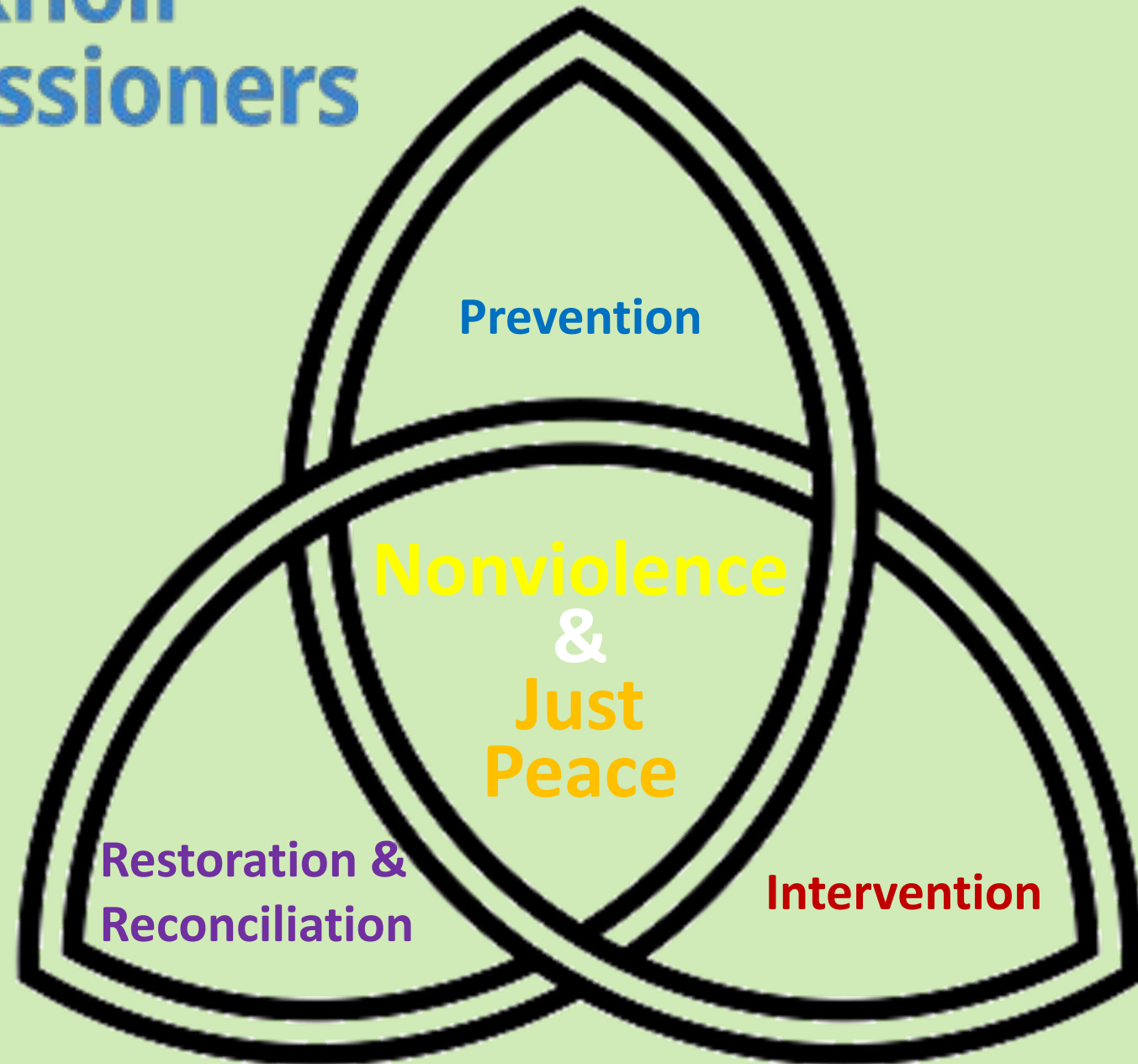


a Catholic mission-sending community
committed to nonviolence through
prevention, intervention, reconciliation,
and restoration of all creation.

**2022 Mission Assembly: Nonviolence as
guiding, cross-cutting focus of mission**

**Tanzania, Kenya, South Sudan
Cambodia**

**Bolivia, Brazil, El Salvador, (Haiti)
U.S.-Mexico Border**



“Update our mission” to respond to signs of the times in light of the global reality, our church reality, and current trends in mission.

Violence is at the root of most, if not all, of societal sufferings and ills that we actively respond to in our regions.

STEP 1 – Listening to the local people and our partners

STEP 2 – Maryknoll Regional Reflections on Questions

STEP 3 - Regional and Individual Action Plans

STEP 4 - MKLM Organization

SOCIAL ANALYSIS

Results from the nine regions.

2023-2024

- 74% of missionaries are working in Prevention.
- 35% of missionaries are working in Intervention.
- 21% of missionaries are working in Reconciliation/Restoration.

(Note that some missionaries are working in all 3 areas)

STRUCTURAL VIOLENCE

Poverty – 100%

Corruption – 89%

Racism – 44% + Tribalism, Colonialism – 33% = 77%

Gender violence – 67%

Urban violence, gangs, drug cartels, human trafficking – 67%

Ecological destruction, climate change – 33%

DIRECT VIOLENCE

Groups Most Affected

Women – 67%

Elderly – 67%

Youth, children - 67%

People who are homeless – 33%

Migrants – 33%

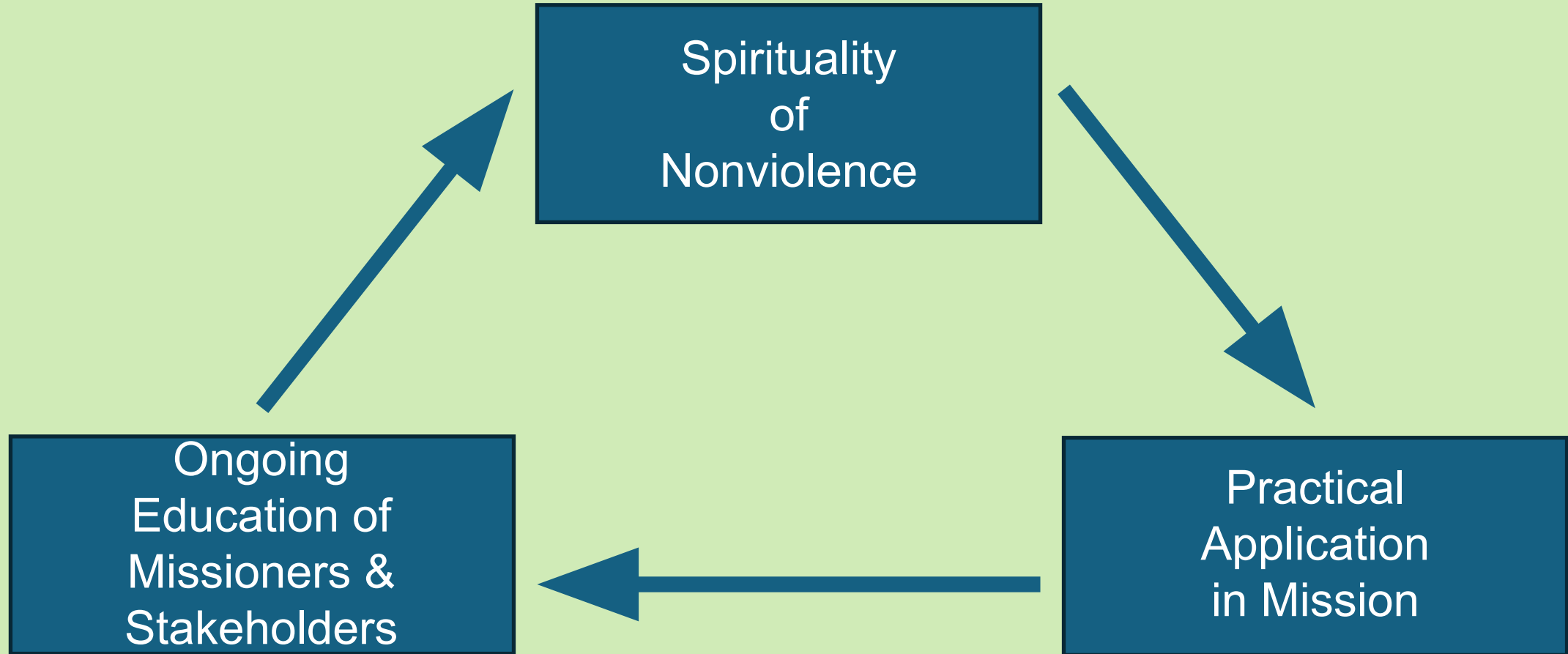
Street children -33%

Persons with disabilities - 33%

Urban and rural populations due to climate change – 33%



maryknoll lay missionaries



Kenya

Training of pastoralist communities in nonviolent communication and conflict transformation by lay woman, Kanini Kimau interrupted political manipulation by armed militias and disrupted lethal raids that had become the norm.



Pax Christi Proliferating Nonviolence



For Example ...

Organized a training in nonviolent communication

Adopted restorative justice practice in my school or classroom

Held a public prayer for peace in Sudan

Taught children how to transform conflict without violence

HOW HAVE YOU BEEN PROLIFERATING NONVIOLENCE?

Nonviolence and Just Peace:

Contributing to the Catholic
Understanding of and
Commitment to Nonviolence

Rome, April 11-13, 2016

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This is what **nonviolence** looks like.

#ThisIsNonviolence

A remote battlefield. Two opponents. A battle for victory. Despite their hard-fought game, both sides have already won. In Haiti, Pax Christi Port-au-Prince is fostering a new generation in the strategies of nonviolence through the use of sports programs. Children learn about respect, cooperation, consensus-building and fair play, values which cultivate the promise of nonviolence. Pax Christi Port-au-Prince—and the 120 member organisations of Pax Christi International across the world—are creating cultures of peace by promoting active nonviolence.

Pax Christi International. What nonviolence looks like.

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Nika Dizon of Pax Christi-Miriam College in the Philippines, speaks truth to power, calling on the Philippine government to hold fast to the Bangsamoro Basic Law granting Muslims in Mindanao greater autonomy. Students like Nika demand their leaders remain committed to the decades-old agreement and forge a path of peace for the victims of historical injustice. Pax Christi Pilipinas and the 120 member organisations of Pax Christi International are challenging leaders to choose peace and employ active nonviolence to overcome conflict.

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The Catholic Institute for Nonviolence is a project of Pax Christi International's Catholic Nonviolence Initiative.

Its mission is to make nonviolence research, resources and experience, more accessible to Catholic Church leaders, communities and institutions in order to deepen Catholic understanding of and commitment to the practice of Gospel nonviolence.





A Nonviolent
Future

**WHAT ARE YOUR HOPES AND DREAMS FOR THE
COMING 80 YEARS?**

A Prayer for Nonviolence and Solidarity

Holy Spirit, our source of light and strength, we thank you for having inspired the call to peace-makers from all over the world to meet in the dramatic situation of humanity to reconsider our responsibility, to deepen and promote the liberating and healing nonviolence of Jesus.

Merciful God, our Father and Mother, you sent your Son Jesus, our Brother, to reveal through his life and teaching your divine, self-giving Love and so incarnate in our world the power of nonviolence, able to overcome all forms of violence and to reconcile humanity in justice and peace.

We confess that for centuries our Church, people of God, has betrayed this central message of the Gospel many times and participated in wars, persecution, oppression, exploitation and discrimination.

Holy Spirit, as we meet as peacemakers, we count on your light and your strength to help revive in the Theology of Peace the nonviolent message of Jesus in which there is no place for violence and to offer to all Christians the arms of peacemaking, pardon and reconciliation.

Holy Spirit, we trust in your light and strength that this gathering may mark a new step for our Church, on its way to becoming a Church of Peace, in the spirit of our Brother Jesus and so respond to the cry of humanity for life in dignity and peace.

– Hildegard Goss-Mayr,
written for the Nonviolence and Just Peace Conference
in Rome, Italy, April 11-13, 2016