



## MEL DUNCAN

Mel Duncan is co-founder and past Executive Director of NP. He currently serves as NP's Director of Special Projects.

A graduate of Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota and the Center for Creation-Centered Spirituality in Oakland, California, Duncan has devoted himself to issues as diverse as peace in Central America, living wages, peace conversion of weapons industries, corporate welfare reform, nonviolent conflict resolution, opposition to nuclear waste storage in environmentally and culturally sensitive areas, and opposition to public financing of a baseball stadium. In 1990 he worked for Paul Wellstone's US Senate race and has visited the people of Iraq to bring medical supplies before the current war.

Prior to the creation of Nonviolent Peaceforce, Duncan founded and directed Minnesota Jobs With Peace, Advocating Change Together (a self-advocacy organization of people with developmental disabilities), and the Minnesota Alliance for Progressive Action.

At the Hague Appeal for Peace in 1999, Duncan met David Hartsough and began work to launch Nonviolent Peaceforce, an effort that culminated in 2002 with NP's convening event in Surajkund, India.

Mel Duncan's honors and awards include a Community Leaders Fellowship from the Bush Foundation, the Distinguished Citizen's Award from Macalester College and the Pfeffer International Peace Prize from the Fellowship of Reconciliation.

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