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Saint Paul University to host international conference on nonviolence

*“If intellect plays a large part on the field of violence,
it plays a larger part on the field of nonviolence.” – Mahatma Gandhi*

OTTAWA, April 4, 2014 – Saint Paul University is proud to host one of the first North American conferences dedicated to advancing nonviolence, spirituality, and social transformation. Titled ***Nonviolence: A Weapon of the Strong***, the event will take place **Thursday evening to Sunday morning, May 8–11, 2014**.

Four days of world-renowned speakers, panels, conversations, and networking! Our eight keynote speakers are activists and academics from seven countries with expertise in nonviolence and its rising importance in the world today. They include P. V. Rajagopal, a global leader in nonviolence (Ekta Parishad, India), Dr. Alain Tsuchdin (South Africa), and Heather Milton Lightening of Idle No More (Canada). Panelists will discuss nonviolence as it relates to gender, ecology, religion, Indigenous leadership, music, and more.

This conference represents a rare opportunity for academics, activists, teachers, community leaders, and interested members of the public to learn about, discuss, and expand the possibilities and importance of nonviolence.

What: *Nonviolence: A Weapon of the Strong*
When: Thursday, May 8, 6:30–9 p.m.
Friday, May 9, 8:30 a.m.–9 p.m.
Saturday, May 10, 8:30 a.m.–9 p.m.
Sunday, May 11, 2014, 9 a.m. to noon
Where: Saint Paul University, 223 Main Street, Ottawa

The full list of keynote speakers, the conference program, and a list of partners can be found on our [website](#).

Saint Paul University (1848) is the founding college of the University of Ottawa, with which it has been federated since 1965. Bilingual, it offers programs in canon law, conflict studies, counselling and psychotherapy, human relations and spirituality, public ethics and philosophy, social communication and leadership, and theology.

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