

HUBIE JONES' MANIFESTO

In order to focus on what we do as individuals, I have taken a shot at writing a manifesto to focus and guide an individual, particularly me, on how to live out a commitment to non-violence and meaningful recovery for victims and survivors of violence. I encourage you to create your own manifesto. Here's mine:

- I will work daily to create loving and safe havens at home, work, places of worship, in social organizations and in the community.
- I will use my influence and power to empower others, not overpower others.
- I will assist people, particularly children, in the development of a positive life program because if they achieve one I know they will not be ensnared in the pernicious currents in their immediate environment or beyond.
- I will commune with persons in pain and who are in the course of recovery by being a quiet presence by their side, controlling the impulse to fix, save, advise or straighten a person out.
- I will use my voice to stand against any governmental policies and actions that would deny victims and survivors of violence the supportive resources they need to move to a healing place.
- I will use the creative gifts of music, visual arts and theatre arts as a healing balm.
- I will live out an ethic of collaboration by joining with others to be a larger force for societal transformation.
- I will promote prevention of violence because the adage that claims that "an ounce of prevention is worth more than a pound of cure" is still incontrovertible.
- I commit myself to non-violence in spirit and deed.
- I seek in every place I operate to build a microcosm of an ideal society.

There it is. What's your personal manifesto?