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International Peace Prize on behalf of Nonviolent Peaceforce's "courageous efforts in conflict regions around the world." *The Utne Reader* named him as one of "50 Visionaries Who are Changing Our World." *The American Friends Service Committee* nominated Nonviolent Peaceforce for the 2016 Nobel Peace Prize.

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