Dear Friends of Agape,

We are sending you this community announcement for a grad/post-grad position at Agape focused primarily on the Theology of Nonviolence, Peace and Justice, Eco-theology, and the gospel basis of peacemaking. We hope you will send this announcement to your friends and contacts at colleges and universities. We especially encourage postings with JVC and other Jesuit-linked institutions and affiliates as Agape has had close contact with the Jesuit Community through Boston College, Holy Cross as well as other college and universities such as Stonehill and Iona Colleges, to mention a few.

If you are a professor, campus minister or have an administrative role at a post-grad office, we hope that you will send the announcement below to your communities. Agape was co-founded in 1982 and will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary on Sat. Oct. 1st with an in-person event. You may want to consult our website at www.agapecommunity.org or contact Agape at 413-967-9369 for more details on this teaching role at Agape.
We are grateful for your assistance in seeking people who may be called to spend time realizing the rich lineage of a sustainable community in the gospel lineage of nonviolence.

Peace and solidarity,

Suzanne Belote Shanley and Brayton Shanley, for Agape

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**Position: Ministry of Nonviolent Education at the Agape Community**

**Position Title:** Associate Director of Events and Outreach

**Overview:** Agape Community is a lay Catholic residential community committed to antiracism, radical nonviolence, ecological living, contemplative prayer, in addition to practicing and nurturing nonviolent witness in the world. Agape’s dwellings were built from the ground up, and consist of solar energy, compost toilet, and a large garden which nourishes the community and guests. Agape is located on 34 acres of land in the Quabbin Reservoir watershed in Central MA, land first occupied by the Nipmuc Nation.

*Agape’s co-founders, Suzanne Belote Shanley and Brayton Shanley are seeking a recent graduate of a Divinity School or a postgraduate program in Theology, Religious Studies, Environmental Theology/Sustainability, Peace and Justice, and related fields, for a commitment to engage in interreligious dialogue and collaboration.*

**Position Title and Related Duties:** The Associate Director of Agape Events and Outreach will work closely with the co-founders, Agape’s office manager, interns,
and residents to develop in-person and digital events, including annual programs such as Advent Evening, St. Brigid Night, Stations of the Cross of Nonviolence, Easter Vigil. The Associate Director will also assist in supervising summer interns who participate in wood gathering and gardening in preparation for winter. Program development includes teaching nonviolence, leading group prayer and related discussions on nonviolent lineage from a spiritual and religious perspective.

The Associate Director will work on outreach to current and potential peace communities in collaboration with Agape which marks its 40th anniversary in 2022. The Associate Director will bring your own unique gifts and talents into Agape’s communal efforts for living, teaching, and embodying nonviolent consciousness of Jesus, as you embrace sisters and brothers of other faiths and spiritual journeys.

Additional Tasks/Experiences: You will participate in homesteading tasks, meal prep, daily communal prayer.

Time Commitment and Stipend: The Associate Director will commit to a 40-hour work week and will be compensated in the form of room, board, and a negotiated stipend based on individual need and length of time commitment. Agape co-founders and staff seek a commitment of one year.

Submit Applications and address inquiries: Please submit a cover letter, a resume and contact information with three references, one personal and two professionals, from former employers and/or former/current professors.

Please submit applications by June 15, 2022, by email or regular mail to:

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