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Lakey is a Quaker who has led over 1500 nonviolent social change trainings on five continents. His first arrest was at a civil rights sit-in; and in 2014 arrested in an Earth Quaker Action Team campaign to stop mountaintop-removal coal mining in Appalachia. He has served as an unarmed bodyguard for Sri Lankan human rights lawyers threatened with assassination as part of the team fielded by Peace Brigades International. A sought-after speaker and lecturer, Lakey was the 2008 Recipient of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Peace Award from Fellowship of Reconciliation.