

Examples of Peacemaking Ministries Related to the *Commitment to Peacemaking*

(This list is suggestive. Each congregation will have its own unique activities.)

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Worship: Toll the church bell for peace; light a peace candle; provide sermons that consider peacemaking concerns; use hymns that contain peace and justice themes; participate in interfaith services; hold special worship services for peace.

Prayer and Bible Study: Pray for peace during worship; hold prayer vigils on issues of peace and justice; provide a Bible study about Jesus, the Prince of Peace, or on peacemaking topics such as nonviolence or living together in diversity.

Peacemaking in Families and Community Living: Offer parenting classes, a mother's day out, or mentoring for young families; use Guidelines for Presbyterians During Times of Disagreement in session meetings; establish a child safety policy and training program to help protect children from abuse; make your church welcoming to people with different abilities; sponsor AA and other 12-step groups.

Community Ministries: Send a work team to respond to a disaster; build a Habitat for Humanity house; offer an after-school tutoring or mentoring program; support a local domestic violence center or homeless shelter; participate in a project seeking racial justice; engage in efforts to reduce gun violence; participate in congregation-based community organizing.

Study and Response to Global Issues: Offer adult classes on child trafficking, Iraq, Colombia, Israel Palestine, Sudan, HIV/AIDs or other peace and justice issues; create a partnership with a church in another country; host an International Peacemaker.

Global Security: Offer a study on arms control; support a member of Christian Peacemaker Teams; address the use of child soldiers; provide funds to clear land mines; engage in advocacy on cluster munitions; take a group to a seminar at the Presbyterian United Nations Office.

Making Peace with the Earth: Recycle; sell and use Equal Exchange products; use energy-saving light bulbs; do an energy audit of the church building; offer a study on climate change, water use, or another environmental issue.

Receiving the Peacemaking Offering: Engage children and youth in deciding where your church's portion of the offering will be used and in promoting and receiving the offering, helping people see how their gifts build a more peaceful world.

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Learn more about the *Commitment to Peacemaking* at www.pcusa.org/peacemaking/commitment.htm.

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