

**Presbyterian Peacemaking Promotional Skit**  
**2007 Peacemaking Conference**  
**Saturday, July 7, 2007**

Announcer: Peacemaking. Not a topic for an evening. Not a program for a season. But a calling for a lifetime. Follow the journey on *Presbyterian Peacemakers: Living the Believers' Calling*.

*(Elizabeth, Ancient Peacemaker, Amanda, and Debby enter. Elizabeth and Ancient Peacemaker go to one side of the stage. Amanda and Debby go to the other side. Debby and Amanda freeze until they speak.)*

Ancient Peacemaker: Our time draws short. There is never enough time to tell all that the followers of Jesus do as they seek peace and work for justice in his name. There is never time to tell all that the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program does.

Elizabeth: Let's get on with it.

Ancient Peacemaker: Indeed, my young friend. Consider the Peacemaking Young Adult Network.

Amanda: Do you want to engage your faith in peace and justice work? Are you looking for others working for justice? Are you dedicated to building a culture of peace for all God's creation?

Elizabeth: That's us!

Amanda: Are you between the ages of 19-39?

Elizabeth: That's me!!! *(Pause.)* Sorry, ancient peacemaker.

- Amanda: Recognizing the commitment of young adults to peace and justice, the Peacemaking Program connects young adults with concerns for peace and justice to each other. This provides a way to share ideas and insights. The Network links young adults to justice oriented programs within the Presbyterian Church such as the Presbyterian United Nations Office, other Peace and Justice Ministry programs, and more.
- Elizabeth: I am so there. How do I join?
- Amanda: Join the Young Adult Network online at [www.pcusa.org/peacemaking](http://www.pcusa.org/peacemaking). Click on the words "young adult" in the menu bar.
- Ancient Peacemaker: Ahem.
- Elizabeth: Right. The web. Bravo.
- Amanda: Young adults can also join the network at conferences where a peacemaking program staff member is present. Or they can talk to Amanda Craft.
- Ancient Peacemaker: The Peacemaking Program offers travel study seminars.
- Elizabeth: What are they?
- Ancient Peacemaker: Opportunities to visit other countries and learn about the situations the people face and how the people work for peace and justice in that place.
- Elizabeth: Such as?

Amanda: The Peacemaking Program, in partnership with the Office of International Health Ministries and the Presbyterian AIDS Network, will offer a travel study seminar to Malawi and South Africa from February 22 through March 7 of 2008. Participants will learn from our mission partners about the impact of HIV/AIDS on their countries. Participants will learn about ministries responding to the crises in those countries. They will pray and plan about how our congregations might respond to the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

Elizabeth: Who can go?

Amanda: The trip is open to anyone over age 19.

Elizabeth: Hey. You're in!

Amanda: Congregations and presbyteries are encouraged to send young adult participants and to send teams of two so that people can work together upon returning home.

Elizabeth: If my congregation wants to send a couple folks, what would we need to do?

Ancient Peacemaker: To find more information and an application, visit ...

Amanda: [www.pcusa.org/peacemaking](http://www.pcusa.org/peacemaking) and click on Young Adults in the right hand menu bar.

Ancient Peacemaker: You could also talk to ...

Amanda: Amanda Craft.

Ancient Peacemaker: There will be other travel study seminars in the future. Plans are developing and will be announced ...

Elizabeth: On [www.pcusa.org/peacemaking](http://www.pcusa.org/peacemaking) and in *Peace Notes*. I am learning.

Ancient Peacemaker: I can tell. A couple more things ... International Peacemakers ...

Debby: ... are church leaders who are doing peacemaking and working for justice in their own countries. The Peacemaking Program works with our partners at General Assembly and in other countries to identify such leaders. The Presbyterian Church invites these leaders to come to the United States as International Peacemakers. The IPs, as they are called, visit presbyteries, synods, and Presbyterian colleges and seminaries to tell about their ministries. This fall, 10 International Peacemakers representing 9 countries will make 44 visits.

Elizabeth: They will be busy.

Debby: This year's International Peacemakers are involved in ministries of nonviolence. Next year the International Peacemakers will be persons involved in ministries that address poverty.

Ancient Peacemaker: Interfaith Listening Teams ...

Debby: ... consist of a Muslim and a Christian from another country. They are brought to this country where they visit presbyteries and local communities. Team members talk about living with religious diversity and how they work across faith lines to address conflict, tension, and other problems. Presbyterians who hear the teams gain ideas about how to do interfaith work in their communities. Two teams will be here this fall.

Elizabeth: The Peacemaking Program does a lot.

Ancient Peacemaker: They will do more. We never know where the journey of life – of faith – of peacemaking will take us. But we know the future belongs to God. We live into the future, following Jesus, open to the Holy Spirit, trusting God and prepared to be amazed at how we are called into ministry.

Elizabeth: Sweet.

Ancient Peacemaker: Sweet, indeed.

Elizabeth: I can see many ways that the program will help my committee and my congregation. I look forward to learning more. I'm going to visit [www.pcusa.org/peacemaking](http://www.pcusa.org/peacemaking) often. I'll talk to Willa in our presbytery. And, I am planning to go to next year's conference. July 14 through 20 at Chapman University in Orange, California. *(Pause.)* I'll see you there, ancient peacemaker. Right?

Ancient Peacemaker: That's the plan. But if not there, our paths will cross again. God puts us on the peacemaking journey and makes sure we don't journey alone.

Elizabeth: Word.

Ancient Peacemaker: Word.

*(All exit.)*

Announcer: Experience the ongoing journey that is *Presbyterian Peacemakers: Living the Believers' Calling ...* playing today and every day in a synod, presbytery, and congregation near you ... in the life that is yours. May the peace of Christ be with you.