

# PEACEMAKING RESOURCES

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## I. GENERAL ASSEMBLY STATEMENTS

**Peacemaking: The Believers' Calling**—The 1980 foundational document that called for a church-wide peacemaking emphasis. PDS: OGA-88-047; \$1.50. This resource may be downloaded for free at [www.pcusa.org/peacemaking/believers.pdf](http://www.pcusa.org/peacemaking/believers.pdf). 

**Hope for a Global Future: Toward Just and Sustainable Human Development**—This 1996 report provides an understanding of peacemaking and justice issues. Includes a study guide. PDS: OGA-96-013; \$2.50.

**Restoring Creation for Ecology and Justice**—This 1990 policy, with study guide, looks at the environmental crisis and recommends church-wide initiatives in environmental stewardship. PDS: OGA-90-002; \$1.50.

**Christian Obedience in a Nuclear Age**—This 1988 policy considers Christian obedience in a nuclear age through questions of applying criteria of the just war doctrine to nuclear war, nonviolence as a means of social justice, tax resistance, the morality of deterrence and more. Download for free at [www.pcusa.org/oga/publications/nuclear\\_age.pdf](http://www.pcusa.org/oga/publications/nuclear_age.pdf). 

## II. BASIC PEACEMAKING PROGRAM RESOURCES

**Commitment to Peacemaking**—The *Commitment to Peacemaking* is a tool by which a session or other group promises to engage in peacemaking. PDS: 24-358-07-016 (English); PDS: 70-270-05-011 (Korean); PDS: 24-358-09-007 (Spanish); FREE.

**Renewing the Commitment to Peacemaking: A Guide for Sessions and Congregations**—Sessions and congregations may use this resource to review their peacemaking ministries and decide whether and how to recommit to God's mission of peacemaking. PDS: 24-358-08-009; FREE.

**Exploring the Commitment to Peacemaking: Study for Sessions**—A one-session study designed for use by sessions or other groups as they consider affirming the *Commitment to Peacemaking*. PDS: 70-270-04-022 (English); PDS: 70-270-05-013 (Korean); PDS: 70-270-05-008 (Spanish); FREE.

**Blessed Are the Peacemakers: A Service of Dedication**—A service of dedication designed for congregations to use to celebrate the affirmation or reaffirmation of the *Commitment to Peacemaking*. PDS: 70-270-04-023 (English); PDS: 70-270-05-012 (Korean); PDS: 70-270-05-007 (Spanish); FREE.

## III. WORSHIP, PRAYER, AND DEVOTIONAL RESOURCES

**Justice and Peace Shall Kiss: Praying through the Year**—This resource contains prayers or other liturgical elements for days on the Presbyterian Planning Calendar that include a concern for peace and justice. PDS: 24-358-09-001; \$3.00

**Sacraments and Seasons: Peacemaking through Worship, III**—This booklet provides resources that span the church year and some secular days. PDS: 70-270-01-011; \$4.95.

**Peacemaking Through Worship I**—This material for a loose-leaf notebook contains liturgies, readings, quotes, hymns, poems, and sermons on peacemaking themes. PDS: 259-89-905; \$4.95.

## IV. BIBLE STUDIES

**What is Peacemaking?**—This one-session adult Bible study explores the biblical vision of peace and God's call to us to be peacemakers. PDS: 24-358-07-001; FREE.

**Peacemaking Among the Early Followers of Jesus: Is Christianity a Nonviolent Faith?**—This adult study is an introduction to the witness to peace and nonviolence found in the New Testament and the writings of the Church Fathers. It is a two-session study that can be easily extended to four or more sessions. PDS: 24-358-07-003; FREE.

**Maps for the Journey of Faith and Peacemaking**—This one-session adult Bible study invites participants to examine their lives as journeys as peacemakers following Jesus. Participants are encouraged to make a map reflecting their peacemaking journeys and where those journeys are leading them. PDS: 24-358-07-004; FREE.

**The Shalom of God in the Midst of Empire**—This six-session study on Isaiah considers how we move from participating in and being exploited by patterns that are life-denying and constricting to the life-giving shalom of God. PDS: 70-270-06-001; \$5.00.

**Whoever Welcomes A Child: An Intergenerational Peacemaking Journey through the Gospel of Matthew**—This five-session intergenerational study explores places in Matthew where Jesus relates to children to help us seek wholeness for all children. PDS: 70-270-05-004; \$3.00.

**Living for A Change-Toward a Culture of Peace**—Romans is the basis for this five-session study that invites participants to consider ways to live toward a culture of peace. PDS: 70-270-00-001; FREE.

**Eating and Drinking with Jesus: Table Manners for Peacemakers**—This five-session study explores Jesus' inclusive vision of community through biblical stories of his mealtime hospitality. PDS: 70-270-99-001; FREE.

**Rebuilding: Peacemaking in Nehemiah**—This five-session Bible study investigates the relationship between the call to public service and the call to be faithful to God. PDS: 70-350-96-287; FREE.

## V. DEALING WITH CONFLICT AND TOUGH ISSUES

**To Strengthen Christ's Body: Tools for Talking about Tough Issues**—Conflict is a part of life even within the church. This resource identifies and explores concepts and tools that can help us address everyday conflict in ways that may lead us to discover God's grace and strengthen the body of Christ. PDS: 24-358-08-001; FREE.

**Seeking to be Faithful Together: Guidelines for Presbyterians During Times of Disagreement (Pocket Size Edition)**—The guidelines are designed to help Presbyterians deal with conflicts. This shorter version of the guidelines captures their essence and is sized to fit into a wallet or pocket.

PDS: 70-270-06-033 (English); PDS: 24-358-07-011 (Spanish); FREE.

**Talking About Tough Issues**—This six-session, self-directing, videotape workshop helps Presbyterians become more comfortable and competent in dealing with questions that produce disagreement and conflict. The study includes role-plays, brief lectures, and suggested group activities. PDS: 259-93-945; \$5.00.

## VI. INDIVIDUALS, CHILDREN, AND FAMILIES

**Presbyterians and Military Service**—This booklet explores options related to military service from enlisting to registering with Selective Service to conscientious objection. PDS: 70-270-05-035 (English); PDS: 24-358-07-012 (Spanish) \$0.35; \$0.15 for ten or more.

**Shaken Foundation: A Resource for Young Adults Whose Parents Are Divorcing**—The purpose of this book is to support you as you consider your part of your parents' divorce story, as you ask questions, as you seek wisdom, as you design and live the next chapter of your life. PDS: 1-57153-022-3; \$14.95.

**For Your Children: Creating Communities of Faith in Our Families**—Drawing from the concept that families serve as a small group ministry for the children present, this resource offers tools for pastors and educators as they serve in ministry with these small groups. PDS: 70-270-05-033; \$12.95.

**Forming Ministries with Families: A Planning Guide for Congregations**—This six-section guide is designed to assist in evaluating, visioning, planning, defining, and redefining ministries with the families in the congregation and community. PDS: 70-250-03-209; \$9.95.

**Following the Leader: Peacemaking with Children in a Violent World**—This resource is for adults who work with children. PDS: 70-270-02-011; \$2.00.

**Building a Culture of Peace Begins with Children**—This six-session study, designed for Grades 3-6, but adaptable to a broader age range, looks at ways children can build a culture of peace. PDS: 70-270-00-002; FREE.

**Coming Home to the Table—An Intergenerational Peacemaking Resource**—This five-session study explores Jesus' inclusive vision of God's family through stories of his mealtime hospitality. PDS: 70-270-99-002; FREE.

**Striking Terror No More: The Church Responds to Domestic Violence**—This resource includes material on various types of domestic violence, lesson plans for study, and worship resources. PDS: 1-57153-069-X; \$18.95.

## VII. PEACEMAKING IN COMMUNITIES

**Living the Gospel of Peace: Tools for Building More Inclusive Community**—This resource teaches respectful communication guidelines, mutual invitation, community bible study, and power analysis and explores how these tools can build community in the face of racism and other systems that divide us. **PDS: 70-270-04-014**; \$3.00.

**Anguished Hearts**—This seven-session study explores different facets of abuse: spouse/partner, child, elder, sibling, and other vulnerable people. It also considers dating violence. **PDS: 70-270-03-025**; \$8.00.

**Steps Along the Way: Living as Peacemakers in a Violent World**—This study explores issues of violence and ways peacemakers might live nonviolently in response. **PDS: 70-270-03-011**; FREE.

**Interfaith Listening Pilot Program (Video)**—International teams, consisting of one Christian and one Muslim, met with Presbyterians to talk about Muslim-Christian relations in their countries. This video seeks to inspire congregations to organize interfaith events in their communities. **PDS: 74-340-02-014**; \$9.95.

**Facing Racism: In Search of the Beloved Community**—This five-session study helps youth confront racism and work to build the “beloved community.” **PDS: 70-270-98-002**; \$1.25.

**Peacemaking in a Violent World**—This resource looks at the phenomenon of violence and examines alternatives offered by our Christian faith. **PDS: 70-350-95-289**; FREE.

## VIII. THE CHURCH AND THE PUBLIC ARENA

**Remember to Double Knot Your Shoelaces: A Guide for Running Grassroots Campaigns**—This resource advises people who feel called to run for public office prepare a grassroots campaign. **PDS: 70-270-97-019**; FREE.

**Have You Considered Being Actively Involved in the Election Process?**—This brochure encourages people of faith to be involved in the electoral process and to consider running for public office. **PDS: 70-270-96-005**; FREE.

**Making a Difference in the Public Arena**—This resource suggests that developing a long-term relationship with legislators is an important strategy for making a difference in the public arena. An outline for a training session on public policy advocacy is included. **PDS: 259-94-958**; \$1.95.


**The Good Samaritan, Presbyterians, and Public Policy**—Using the parable of the Good Samaritan, this resource examines why Christians engage in public policy advocacy. **PDS: 259-89-907**; FREE.

## IX. PEACEMAKING IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA

**Join Iraqi Christians in Prayer**—This bulletin insert briefly shares the history of Christianity in Iraq, tells of the challenges our Iraqi sisters and brothers in Christ face today, and invites prayer with Iraqi Christians and all impacted by the war in Iraq. Packs of 25. **PDS: 24-358-08-008**; FREE

**Africa's Children: A Church Response to Children's Issues in Sub-Saharan Africa**—This book and study guide reviews the models of care existing in sub-Saharan Africa for orphan and vulnerable children and evaluates them in the context of the African culture and the realities of limited resources in the face of the AIDS pandemic, poverty, lack of education and conflict. The resource includes discernment questions for congregation or individuals that want to help. **PDS: 25-384-07-003**; FREE.

**Cuba: A Resource for Presbyterians**—This resource provides historical notes and highlights key issues and ways congregations can be involved with peace and justice concerns in Cuba. **PDS: 70-270-04-009**; \$0.50.

**Faithful Living in a Time of Violence and Terrorism**—This six-session study explores the *Resolution on Violence, Religion, and Terrorism* approved by the 216th General Assembly (2004). Download at [www.pcusa.org/peacemaking/pubs/rtvbook.pdf](http://www.pcusa.org/peacemaking/pubs/rtvbook.pdf). 

**Colombia**—This resource provides historical notes and highlights key issues and ways congregations can be involved with peace and justice concerns in Colombia. **PDS: 70-270-04-015**; FREE.

**Just Peacemaking Study Guide**—This six-session study explores *Just Peacemaking and the Call for International Intervention for Humanitarian Rescue*, approved by the 210th General Assembly (1998). PDS: 70-270-02-024; \$4.95.

**When God's People Travel Together: Three Volume Set**—Save almost \$5.00 by ordering all three volumes of the *When God's People Travel Together* series. PDS: 24-358-07-014; \$20.00.

**When God's People Travel Together: A Trip Leader's Planning Manual**—This guide considers details for planning a mission trip. It offers suggestions to make the trip an occasion for transformation and renewal in the lives of individuals and congregations. PDS: 70-270-99-009; \$9.95.

**When God's People Travel Together: Reflecting and Acting on Mission Trip Experiences**—This resource provides methods and tools to help a group process and reflect on trip experiences into their daily life in light of the gospel. Included are prompts for using a journal and post trip follow-up activities. PDS: 70-270-99-022; \$9.95.

**When God's People Travel Together: Bible Studies for Mission**—This Bible study, for use in preparing for and during a mission trip, addresses issues that mission trip participants often confront. PDS: 74-400-99-083; \$4.95.

## X. MAKING PEACE WITH THE EARTH

**The Leaves of the Tree Are for the Healing of the Nations: Exploring Revelations 22:1-5**—This one-session adult Bible study uses the Kaleidoscope Bible Study Process designed by Eric H. F. Law. PDS: 24-358-07-002; FREE.

**God's World, Our Home: A Peacemaking Resource For Youth**—This five-session study looks at issues of caring for God's creation and living faithfully in a world experiencing globalization. PDS: 70-270-04-011; \$3.00.

**Keeping and Healing the Creation**—This resource and study guide explores the eco-justice crisis through a comprehensive biblical theology. PDS: 331-89-101; \$4.00.

## XI. BUTTONS, STICKERS, AND MORE

**Liberian Crosses**—In the aftermath of Liberia's civil war, craftspeople, including former combatants, have been moved by their faith in Christ to transform spent shell casings from small arms into crosses in witness to Christ's transforming power. PDS: 70-270-03-028; Pack of 5 for \$10.00.

**Blessed Are the Peacemakers Poster**—This poster combines scripture passages and pictures of people involved in peacemaking ministries to offer a vision of what peacemaking looks like. PDS: 70-270-05-005; FREE.

**Peacemaking Logo Button**—This oval button bears the Peacemaking Program logo. PDS: 70-270-03-027 (English); PDS: 70-270-04-037 (Korean); PDS 70-270-04-028 (Spanish); \$0.30.

**Seek Peace and Pursue It Sticker**—This 1½" diameter sticker is blue and white, and bears a dove and the message *Seek Peace and Pursue It*, Psalm 34:14. PDS: 70-270-03-022; 20 for \$1.00.

**Seek Peace and Pursue It Button**—2¼" in diameter, this blue and white button features a dove and the message *Seek Peace and Pursue It*, Psalms 34:14. PDS: 70-270-03-023; \$0.25 each or 5 for \$1.00.

**Seek Peace and Pursue It Bumpersticker**—This 3 ¾" x 7" bumpersticker features a dove and the message *Seek Peace and Pursue It*, Luke 1:79. PDS: 70-270-02-029; \$0.50.

**Peacemaking Quilt Notecards**—Each set of 20 blank cards (with envelopes) features the quilt designed at the 2001 Peacemaking Conferences. PDS: 70-270-02-027; \$12.00

**Table Talk Placemats**—Created to assist church families to get to know one another, these 11"x17" placemats are available for Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall. PDS: 70-250-02-201 (Winter); PDS: 70-250-02-202 (Spring); PDS: 70-250-02-203 (Summer); PDS: 70-250-02-204 (Fall); 200 placemats per pack; \$12.00 per pack.

