

THINKING ABOUT WAR AND PEACE AS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS

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- Presbyterian Peacemaking Program
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- Presbyterian Washington Office
www.pcusa.org/washington
- Women and Military Service (from the PCUSA Office of Women's Advocacy)
www.pcusa.org/womensadvocacy/resources/women-military.htm
- Presbyterian Peace Fellowship
www.presbypeacefellowship.org
- American Friends Service Committee: Youth and Militarism Program
www.youthandthemilitary.org
- Center on Conscience & War
www.centeronconscience.org
- Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors
www.objector.org
- Christian Peacemaker Teams
www.cpt.org
- Fellowship of Reconciliation
www.forusa.org
- I Will Not Kill
www.iwillnotkill.org
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www.overcomingviolence.org



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