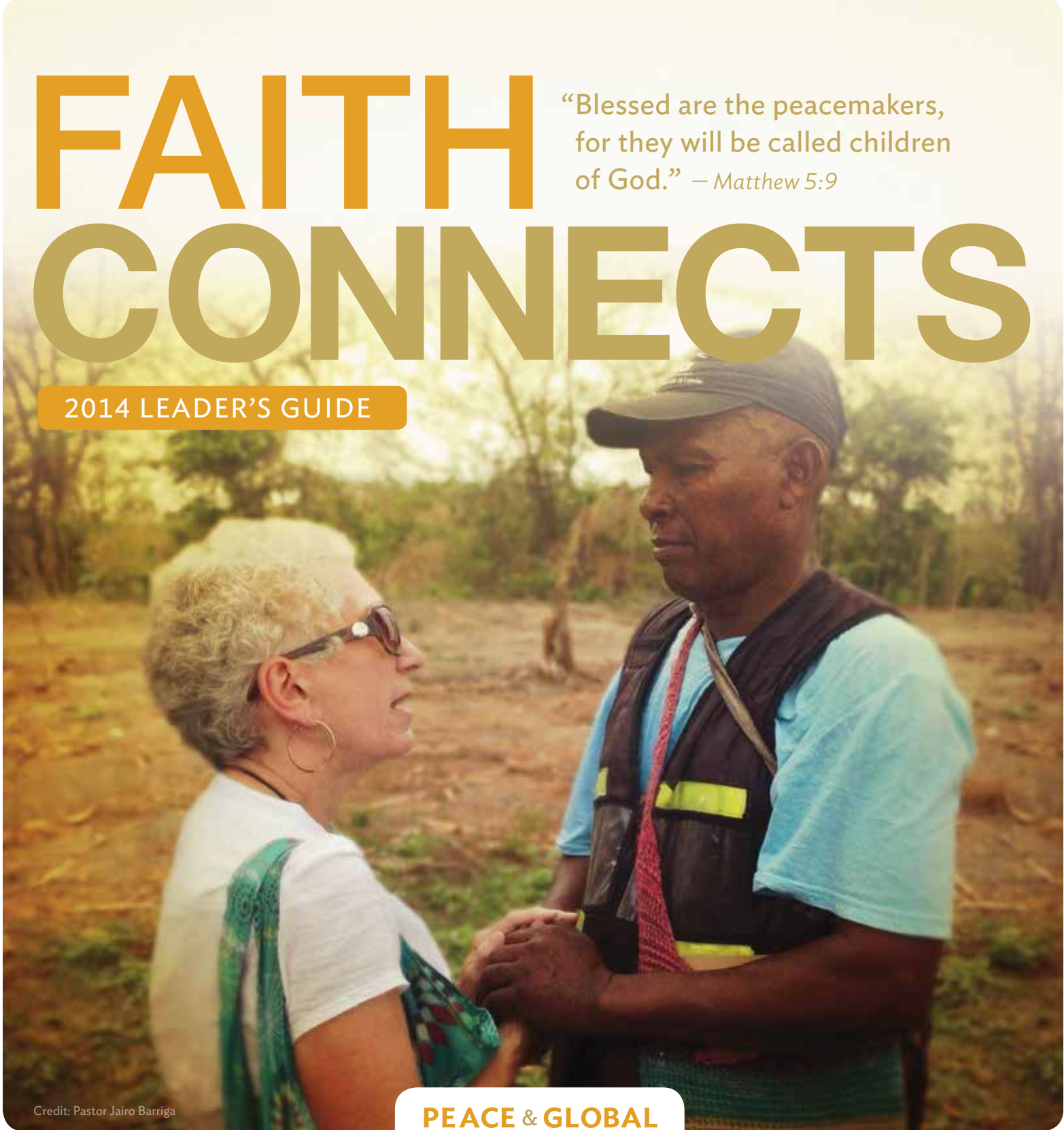


FAITH

“Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children
of God.” — *Matthew 5:9*

CONNECTS

2014 LEADER'S GUIDE



Credit: Pastor Jairo Barriga

**PEACE & GLOBAL
WITNESS**
— OFFERING —

— **Your gift** —
encourages God's call of peace around the world.



Credit: Mai Gad, ACT/DCA/LWF

DEDICATED TO BRINGING THE PEACE OF CHRIST TO THOSE AROUND THE WORLD.

For many years, the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) have been committed to supporting the efforts of peace seekers and advocates working in the Presbyterian peacemaking community.

In 2014, the 221st General Assembly approved a change from the Peacemaking Offering to the Peace & Global Witness (P&GW) Offering. This transition will extend the depth of the Offering and inspire more Presbyterians to join this mission. This new Offering will allow us to broaden our reach, making a greater impact and bringing peace to people through Christ.

Support this mission today.

BROADENING OUR REACH AND MAKING A GREATER IMPACT.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering allows Presbyterians to strengthen peace building efforts around the world and bring witness through Christ.

Gifts to this Offering provide opportunities for:

Peace building

While violence and oppression know no age, gender, or race, women and children are most often the victims of these atrocities. The P&GW Offering will focus on these by providing prevention, accompaniment, and eradication. For an example story, see the *A ministry of a accompaniment* bulletin insert.

Global issues

Lack of education across the globe has become one of the most serious issues facing our population. A significant mission of the P&GW Offering will be addressing illiteracy and poverty through outreach and community development. For an example story, see the *Presbyterians working for reconciliation* bulletin insert.



Witness

Through witness to the love and peace of Christ, the P&GW Offering will train leaders to become peace builders in communities through bringing together regions in conflict, helping communities heal, and teaching important reconciliation tactics. For an example story, see the *With God, there is a way to peace* bulletin insert.

Further, these are anticipated impacts from the Peace & Global Witness Offering:

- Greater collaboration at the cross-section of social justice and witness
- Broadened reach and impact
- Empowerment of congregations and mid councils to use their funds in ways consistent with current missional directions and passions

25%

Your congregation can use 25% of your Peace & Global Witness Offering to support programs that build peace. Here are some examples:

Provide opportunities for a PC(USA) mission co-worker to share Christ's love.

Sponsor a missionary from another organization.

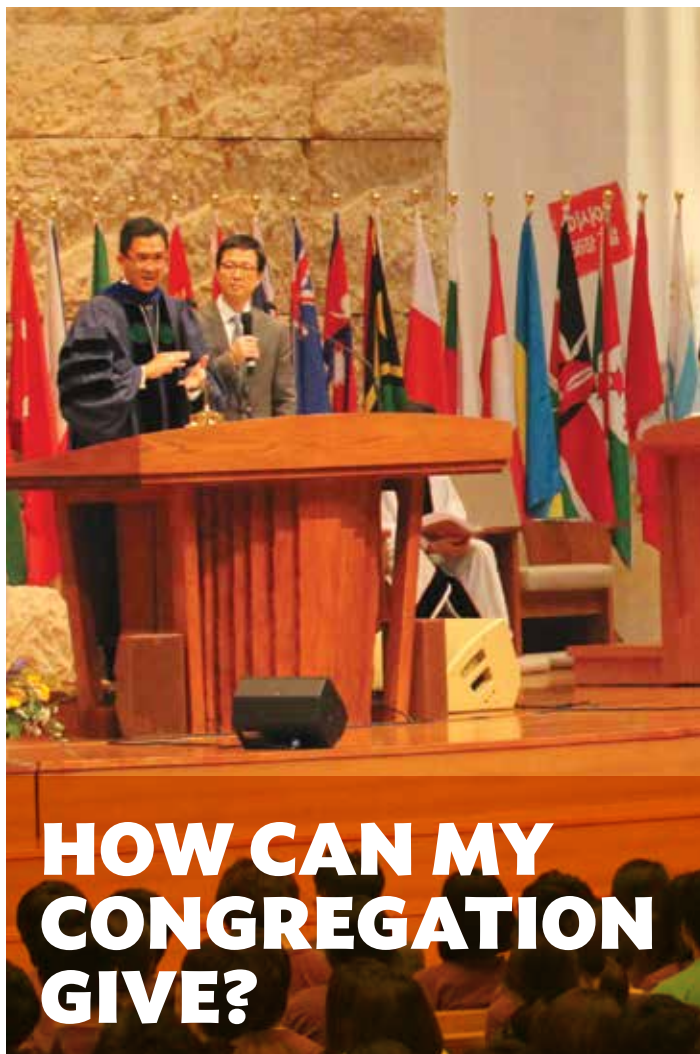
Get involved with a new church development.

Support the Red Hand Campaign, a program advocating for ending the practice of child soldiers.

Give funds to HIV education programs throughout Africa.



Credit: Erin Dunagan



HOW CAN MY CONGREGATION GIVE?

Share this exciting new Offering with your congregation, and become part of the movement to bring peace to more parts of the world.

Encourage members to give through the congregation, text, or by visiting presbyterianmission.org/peace-global.

They should provide the name of your congregation so the church will receive credit for gifts from individuals that prefer to give this way.

Three ways your congregation can give:



Through you congregation



Text PEACE to 20222 to give \$10



presbyterianmission.org/peace-global

PROMOTIONAL IDEAS



Ask your session to set a date to receive the Peace & Global Witness Offering. The Offering is received on World Communion Sunday, the first Sunday in October, though any other time throughout the year is appropriate.



Encourage your session to set a fundraising goal and to consider options for using the congregational portion (25 percent), inviting input from your congregation.



Develop your interpretation plan by reviewing resources on the website.



Order any additional materials needed to promote the Offering at pds@pcusa.org.



Review the Peace & Global Witness Offering website, presbyterianmission.org/peace-global, for updates and downloadable resources.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR PLANNING AND PROMOTING

Ask your session to approve the receipt of the Peace & Global Witness Offering on October 5.

Before the Offering season

- Decide and announce how the congregation will use its 25 percent of the Offering.
- Set a goal as a challenge to the congregation.
- Check to make sure you have received your order of resources and order additional supplies if necessary. Also, check out other supporting materials, such as the Minute for Mission stories on presbyterianmission.org/peace-global.



- Create materials for your congregation to announce Peace & Global Witness as the new Offering.
- Write a newsletter article about the congregation's past and current peace building ministries and how the new Offering can be used to support these types of ministries.

During the Offering season



- Display the Peace & Global Witness Offering poster in a high-traffic area of your church.
- Place brochure/mailers in the pews and one of your bulletin inserts in the bulletins on **September 7**. Present a minute for mission about how your congregation will use its 25 percent of the Offering.
- On **September 11**, which is 9-11 Commemoration, honor those we lost with peacemaking prayers.
- On **September 14**, replenish the bulletin you used for week one in the pews. Present the minute for mission that corresponds with the bulletin out in the pews. Remind the congregation how its 25 percent share of the Offering will be used.
- On **September 21**, which is the International Day of Peace, use another bulletin insert and brochure/mailer in your bulletin if you have not already sent it to members of your congregation. Present the minute for mission or reproduce one in the bulletin. Remind the congregation how its 25 percent share of the Offering will impact your community.
- On **September 25**, celebrate World Communion Sunday/Peace & Global Witness Offering.
- On **September 28**, share the final bulletin insert. Present one of the minutes for mission from the website or reproduce one in the bulletin. Remind the congregation how its 25 percent share of the Offering will be used for local peace building and mission efforts.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR PLANNING AND PROMOTING (CONTINUED)

During the Offering season



- On **October 5**, use the worship resource for World Communion Sunday.
- Place Peace & Global Witness Offering brochure/mailers in worship bulletins or pew racks for your congregation's use on World Communion Sunday and in the weeks to follow.
- Remind the congregation how it can make a difference in the community through its 25 percent share of the Offering and encourage members to continue to contribute throughout the month.

After the Offering

- **Thank your congregation** for participating in the Offering.
- **Ask the treasurer** to remit the funds. Retain 25 percent of the Offering for the congregation's peacemaking ministries, and send the remaining 75 percent through your normal receiving site. (Your church treasurer will know the procedure). If you have questions about fund remittance, call Central Receiving Service at (800) 728-7228, ext. 5571.
- **Report** how much was received and how your congregation's 25 percent will be used.
- **Remind members** of your congregation that they can contribute to the Offering all year by periodically updating the congregation with news of the local peace building and mission efforts that were made possible through its Peace & Global Witness Offering gifts.
- **Stay up-to-date** on all things Special Offerings by subscribing to the Special Offerings blog, "liking" the Special Offerings **Facebook** page, or following Special Offerings on **Twitter**, @PCUSA_SO.

Visit presbyterianmission.pcusa.org/peace-global to learn more about the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

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Order Form

Here are five ways to get additional copies of Peace & Global Witness materials:



1. Call Presbyterian Distribution Service at 800-524-2612
2. Fax this order form to 502-569-8030
3. Mail this form to Presbyterian Distribution Service, 3904 Produce Road, Suite 104, Louisville KY 40218
4. Email pds@pcusa.org
5. Download copies from the website

All materials are FREE.

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