Church and Peace – Ecumenical and European

Church and Peace grew out of dialogue between the peace churches following the Second World War. In the Puidoux conferences at that time the historical peace churches (Mennonites, Quakers, Church of the Brethren) and the International Fellowship of Reconciliation developed fundamental positions on the theology and praxis of peace. Since Church and Peace was founded, more than 50 communities, congregations, study centres, peace organisations, and peace service organisations in 13 countries have joined. They invite the churches in Europe to join them on the way to becoming a peace church.

A Vibrant Network

Church and Peace

- organises conferences at regional and European levels, in order to work together on the theological, political and social challenges of our time.
- seeks dialogue with the churches on nonviolence, justice, reconciliation and peace.
- puts forward the peace church perspective in the further development of the concept of “just peace”.
- works together with national and international networks: Action Committee Service for Peace (AGDF, Germany), World Council of Churches, Conference of European Churches, Network of Christian Peace Organisations (NCPO UK), International Network for a Culture of Nonviolence and Peace.
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How can people be protected from serious human rights violations and infringement of humanitarian international law? In response to the concept of responsibility to protect (R2P), the international community agreed on the three pillars of prevention, response and reconstruction and has acted on them in recent years. The responsibility to respond remained controversial as it also allows for military intervention. Whether the motivation for military intervention is based alone on the responsibility to protect seems questionable.

Peace Churches go further in their criticism: if we hold to our witness to nonviolence, what will then be appropriate forms of intervention? To answer this question, the proposal of “Just Policing” was developed: International police units would be deployed to protect threatened population groups and restore law, public safety and order, while other responsible bodies and institutions would investigate the causes of the conflict and negotiate resolutions.

The 10th WCC Assembly in Busan in 2013 critically analysed R2P and recommended examining its possible abuse to justify armed interventions. This is where our Peace Church contribution comes in. We can stand up for unarmed, peace-securing and peace-keeping missions, and then help to develop and participate in them. Churches can play an important role. They are already on the spot when the international community is far from thinking about prevention and protection measures.

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