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Church and Peace is an ecumenical European network welcoming all who wish to follow Jesus Christ in nonviolent discipleship and work together at enabling the Church to fulfill her calling to be a community of peace and reconciliation.

For the **Historic Peace Churches** - Mennonites, Quakers and Church of the Brethren - and an increasing number of Christian communities, groups, initiatives, education centres and individuals, **Church and Peace** has become a **meeting place**, a **space for reflection**, a **forum** for dialogue and a **catalyst** for joint peace building projects.

The biennial international conference is one of Church and Peace's traditional gatherings.

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« Seek the welfare of the city »

The prophetic mandate of the Church.



Church and Peace International Conference May 31st - June 2nd 2013

at the Community
Christusbruderschaft
Selbitz (Germany)

Seeking the welfare of the City

The Church has become marginal in contemporary European society and, in the eyes of many, its message has no relevance whatsoever.

Is there any option for Christian communities, other than to retreat into spiritual ghettos, or to give in without a struggle to the dictates of society and its institutions? How can they discover and fulfil their vocation today: to be the salt and light in a world of injustice and violence? Where might they be called to resist, to throw sand into the all too well-oiled machinery of institutional violence?

The objective of this conference is to articulate the role the Church and Christians are to play in today's society, especially vis-à-vis the State.

Theological reflection will be led by speakers from different European countries and different confessional backgrounds. Concrete examples of socio-political engagement will be presented and discussed in the workshops. A special emphasis will be given to small group discussions.

This time of reflection on the Church's prophetic mandate will be accompanied by prayer and celebration.

Programme

Friday, 31 May

16.00 Arrival

17.30 Prayers

19.45 Welcome by the community,
Input: Ullrich Hahn (Germany)
Small groups

Saturday, 1 June

7.30 Morning prayers

9.15 Bible Study: What would the
Apostel Paul say to the "Occupy
Movement"? - (Romans 13 for
the 21st Century), Lloyd
Pietersen (England)
Group discussions
Response to the Bible Study:
Alen Kristic (Bosnia)

14.30 "Seek the welfare of the City"
(Jeremiah 29:7 in its context)
Janna Postma (Netherlands)

15.15 Workshops
- Ecology and Sharing
- Resisting European refugee
policy
- Pursuing reflection on R2P
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17.30 Taizé prayer

20.00 Party

Sunday, 2 June

9.00 Ecumenical Worship,
sermon: Martin Wirth,
Communität Christusbruder-
schaft

13.00 Departure

Conference speakers

Ullrich Hahn is a lawyer and honorary president of the German branch of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation.

Lloyd Pietersen, a New Testament specialist, is a member of the steering committee of the Anabaptist Network in Britain and Ireland and the author of several books.

Alen Kristic, a journalist and a writer, teaches at a university in Sarajevo in the field of religious studies.

Janna Postma is a retired pastor and chaplain of the Mennonite Churches in the Netherlands.

Martin Wirth is a Lutheran pastor and chaplain of the Communität Christusbruderschaft in Selbitz, Germany.