Directions to Saint-Antoine l'Abbaye

By car:
Lyon (90'), Valence (50'), Grenoble (60')

By train:
Station Saint-Marcellin (Isère)

Arrival: Friday 20th May 2011 16 pm
Departure: Sunday 22nd May 2011 after lunch

Informations and pre-registration:
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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 fulfil 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, initiatives, groups, 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.

For more information: www.church-and-peace.org
Church and Peace International Conference 20 - 22 May 2011

The International Ecumenical Peace Convocation (IEPC) will be held in Kingston, Jamaica 17 - 25 May 2011. Church and Peace will be represented by several delegates and thus will contribute the views and experiences of the Churches, communities and Christian peace organizations of the European Peace-Church network on non-violence. We invite all those who wish to take part in this effort from European soil to join us at the international conference.

"YOU SHALL BE MY PEOPLE AND I WILL BE YOUR GOD"
OUR CALLING TO BE A PEACE CHURCH.

Parallel with the IEPC in Kingston, the conference will take place at Lanza del Vasto's Ark community in St Antoine in Southeastern France- which for decades has embodied what it means to be committed to non-violence as a community.

Theological reflection, sharing stories and experiences on the themes of the IEPC - peace in the community, peace with the earth, peace on the marketplace, peace between the peoples will be addressed from a Peace-Church perspective. Calling the Church to commit herself to Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation will take center stage. The international conference, in dialogue with the IEPC is an opportunity to encourage representatives of Churches around the world gathered at Kingston to articulate the practical consequences of this call.

Program

Friday 20 May 2011

- Welcome, prayer, introductions, history and vision of the Ark community

Saturday 21 May 2011

- Bible study (Bernard Dangeard - Ark community)
- Sharing in small groups
- My Calling - telling the story of my personal spiritual journey

Sunday 22 May 2011

- Ecumenical worship service
- Message to the Peace Assembly in Kingston

Communauté de l’Arche, St Antoine l’Abbaye, 38160 St Marcellin

- Workshops on topics of concern to European peacemakers today, i.e.:
  
  Resisting Mammon and Mars: theological reflection, peace witness in Iraq, struggle against proliferation of Genetically Modified Organisms, resisting both civilian and military uses of nuclear Energy ...

  Envisioning a new economy: the solidarity economy movement, alternative currencies, alimentary autonomy, downshifting movement, transition initiatives ...

  Strengthening community: FEVE Formation and experimentation in living together, daily life in community, inter-religious dialogue, building the future together with the Roma people ...

  Also: films, creative workshops, an exhibition on Jean Lasserre and a retrospect on his encounter with Dietrich Bonhoeffer ...