

LIVE OUT JESUS' INVITATION TO NONVIOLENCE AND LOVE OF ONE'S ENEMIES

The members of Church and Peace are inspired by the power of the Gospel. They create places where this can be demonstrated in reality. They support each other in developing a daily lifestyle which promotes justice and peace. They try to take steps towards healing and trust-building and seek to promote education and training for nonviolent action, especially in war-torn countries.

BE FREE TO ACT BY FOLLOWING GOD'S COMMANDMENT

Members live out, in various ways, the call to non-violence, which is central to the Gospel. They find unity through shared prayer and worship, a common commitment to nonviolence, and responding to the call to take action in the world as Christ's community:

- through the struggle for reconciliation
- through dialogue, peace education, and conflict management
- through action for justice and the right sharing of the world's resources
- through caring for God's creation

Please support us generously because we rely to a great extent on members' contributions and donations to fund our work. Church and Peace is registered as a charity in Germany.

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USA: US dollar checks to the order of Ivester Church of the Brethren (designation: Church and Peace fund), 25056, E' Avenue, Grundy Center, Iowa 50638-8761 (tax deductible)

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 historic 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 14 European countries have joined. They invite all 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); Conference of European Churches; World Council of Churches; Network of Christian Peace Organisations (NCPO, UK); International Network for a Culture of Nonviolence and Peace.
- produces a regular newsletter and theological publications.



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**The European Ecumenical
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A PLACE TO MEET

- brings together Christians from a variety of traditions and from throughout Europe
- connects congregations, communities, Christian peace groups, peace service agencies, study centres, and individuals
- creates space for members and friends to share their experiences of the peace church way, to learn together, and to encourage one another

A FORUM FOR DIALOGUE

- spreads the key Gospel message of nonviolence throughout the ecumenical world
- promotes intercultural exchange, understanding, and reconciliation
- invites Christians everywhere to set off together on the way to becoming a peace church

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

A SPACE FOR REFLECTION

- brings together peace theology and practice
- applies ideas from biblical writings to issues such as conflict transformation and church peace initiatives
- helps people work out what it means to be a community of shalom

A CATALYST

- promotes joint projects, actions and campaigns
- supports communities in their efforts to become places of reconciliation and justice, and to witness to the peace of Christ

AN INTERDENOMINATIONAL NETWORK

brings together Anglicans, Baptists, members of the Church of the Brethren, Catholics, Lutherans, Mennonites, Methodists, Orthodox, Quakers, and members of Reformed churches

A FACE OF THE CHURCH

- invites Christians to join together in ecumenical worship to celebrate the God of peace, justice and reconciliation
- offers opportunities for spiritual renewal and orientation
- enables people, through prayer, praise and contemplation, to gain strength for their journey together
- offers opportunities to experience and value the diversity of the Body of Christ

**God lays upon the church
the task of service for peace
and reconciliation.
Church and Peace invites you
to join us on this journey!**

