

Impressions from Church and Peace's year 2023

Nonviolent paths to peace

Committed to the hopeful [vision of a just and nonviolent world](#), we have joined calls and initiatives for various peaceful protests to break the spiral of violence, for a ceasefire and peace negotiations in Ukraine and Russia, and also in Palestine/Israel. Numerous members have organised [activities](#) to mark one year since the Russian invasion of Ukraine.



If you want peace, make peace

In events and [conferences in the Netherlands](#), the United Kingdom, France, Germany and online, we dealt with various aspects of peace work which are central to the work of our members: from reflections on nonviolent strategies and methods of civil defence, to Christian pacifism in the face of current wars, to the importance of ethical banking, to racism in the church and how we can overcome it as well as its painful consequences.

With churches in Europe for peace

In June, General Secretary Lydia Funck took part in the [General Assembly of the Conference of European Churches](#) (CEC) addressing the theme "Under God's Blessing - Shaping the Future". Speakers reminded the delegates, in particular, that nonviolence is a central task of the church. Church and Peace was invited to partake in the "Pathways to Peace" initiative, which is an endeavour to promote paths to peace in Ukraine; it will shape the work of the CEC in the coming years.



Prayer and advocacy for human rights

Conscientious objection to military service is a human right that we have once again advocated for this year. For example, as part of the action weeks for the International Day of Conscientious Objection to Military Service in May.

Since February 2022, we have been praying online every Friday evening with 40-60 participants for peace in the world, for peacemakers and conscientious objectors. A warm invitation to you to [join the prayer](#)!

Church and Peace is keen to continue its multifaceted commitment.

For this, we ask for support in prayer, through cooperation and financially.

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