



## Criteria

### for Membership of Church and Peace

**(1) Agreement with the aims of Church and Peace as described in the Constitution (§2.1)**

Church and Peace is an ecumenical network of Christian communities, church congregations, Christian peace and peace service organisations and Christians in Europe. Their common conviction is that the peace witness and nonviolence of the Gospel are essential characteristics of the Church and lead to nonviolent service for peace and reconciliation.

**(2) Categories of membership**

**(2.1) Corporate Membership**

Communities, churches, congregations and organisations who:

1. agree with the Constitution of Church and Peace;
2. have participated in at least one Church and Peace international or regional gathering or have been visited at least once by a staff person or member of Church and Peace.

Corporate members have the right to one vote at the Annual General Meeting.

Members are encouraged to name a proxy in the event they cannot attend the Annual General Meeting.

**(2.2) Individual Membership**

Individuals, couples and families who:

1. agree with the Constitution of Church and Peace;
2. have participated in at least one Church and Peace international or regional gathering or have been visited at least once by a staff person or member of Church and Peace.

Individual members, couples who share one membership and families have the right to one vote at the Annual General Meeting.

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**(2.3) Associate Membership**

Communities, churches, congregations, organisations and individuals who:

1. are in broad agreement with the Constitution of Church and Peace but who are able to accept only in part the commitment implied therein;
2. have participated in at least one Church and Peace international or regional gathering or have been visited at least once by a staff person or member of Church and Peace.

Associate members do not have voting rights but may take part in the Annual General Meeting in an advisory capacity. Europeans residing outside Europe may apply for associate membership.

**(3) Membership fees**

Financial support for Church and Peace is provided through membership fees, donations and grants from public and private institutions. The following membership fee scale was approved by the Annual General Meeting and is intended as a guideline to assist prospective members in determining the amount of their membership fee:

Organisations and institutions with a yearly budget of more than 250,000 EUR	EUR 800 - 1,000
Organisations and institutions with a yearly budget between 50,000 EUR and 250,000 EUR; church congregations with more than 100 members.	EUR 500 - 600
Organisations and institutions with a yearly budget of less than 50,000 EUR; church congregations with less than 100 members.	EUR 300 - 400
Communities and groups	EUR 150 - 250
Individuals/couples/families - waged	EUR 50
Individuals/couples/families - unwaged	EUR 25

Membership fees in Swiss francs and pounds sterling shall be calculated based on the exchange rate of the Euro.

**(4) Application for Membership** (see also §3 of the Constitution)

- (4.1)** Organisations or individuals who wish to apply for Church and Peace membership are asked to contact the International Office for a membership package.
- (4.2)** This membership package shall include a copy of the Constitution, the Criteria for Membership, general information about Church and Peace, and a standard membership application form.
- (4.3)** This application form shall be sent to the International Office, to the attention of the Administrative Committee, giving information about the organization and its field of activity. If the Administrative Committee approves the application, it shall be submitted to the next Annual General Meeting for ratification.
- (4.4)** Full membership follows ratification of the application by the Annual General Meeting.

**(5) Resignation**

Resignation of membership shall be in writing to the Administrative Committee (see also §3.4 of the Constitution).

Pristina, October 8, 2015