



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

MAY THE
GOD OF PEACE
GIVE YOU
PEACE AT ALL TIMES
IN ALL WAYS.

— 2 THESSALONIANS 3:16



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LEADER'S GUIDE
SEPTEMBER 6-OCTOBER 4



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PEACE IS ACTIVE, NOT PASSIVE PEACE IS DOING, NOT WAITING

As we work to share Christ's peace with one another, let's share that peace with those beyond our doors, beyond our communities and beyond our borders. The Peace & Global Witness Offering provides the tools and resources for us as we join together as active peacemakers — *at all times, in all ways.*



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!

The Peace & Global Witness Offering draws Presbyterians together, and provides education and exposure to those who show us how to do peacemaking well. It allows us to create resources for dealing with conflict and provide nurturing reconciliation, and stand in support of our global sisters and brothers, because the peace of Christ belongs to people everywhere.

We've put together a variety of materials to help you promote the Offering and share with your members about the work supported by their gifts, motivating them to give. This guide will walk you through sharing these materials and some effective ways to participate in and celebrate the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

BUT THIS GUIDE IS JUST A START. We encourage you to add your own ideas, creativity, and enthusiasm to help increase awareness and giving in your congregation.

In this Leader's Guide, you'll find:

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*May the God of peace . . .
give you peace at all times in all ways.*

— 2 Thessalonians 3:16

On World Communion Sunday, we celebrate that Christ's peace extends throughout all creation. We celebrate that we are all together at the communion table, in God's house. We celebrate that we are offered what we need to continue the work of building the household of God, with active peacemakers here at home and around the world. Extending the peace of Christ is part of an active, engaged faith—a witness to what it means for us to be the Church, together.

Through participation in the Peace & Global Witness Offering, our church is extending Christ's peace throughout our community and our world. We begin at the communion table, with our siblings in every time and place, and we celebrate the peace we find there and commit to building a more just and peaceful world. We celebrate the truth found in 2nd Thessalonians, "May the God of peace give you peace at all times in all ways."

QUICK FACTS

- ✦ Since 1940, World Communion Sunday is an ecumenical celebration of our oneness in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ, bringing churches together in Christian unity.
- ✦ The Peace & Global Witness Offering builds on the Presbyterian Commitment to Peacemaking established in 1980.
- ✦ World Communion Sunday (October 4) is the most common Sunday for receiving the Offering, but many congregations promote the Offering throughout *A Season of Peace* (September 6 – October 4).
- ✦ 25% of the Offering stays with local congregations, and 25% with mid councils to unite congregations to support peacemaking in their regions. *See page 5 for examples of how others have used their retained funds.*
- ✦ 50% of this Offering supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

1 MAKING A DIFFERENCE: IDEAS FROM OUR CONGREGATIONS

Here are some of the ways congregations and mid councils use their portion of the Peace & Global Witness Offering on behalf of those struggling through oppression and injustice.

How will these ideas inspire your congregation?

- ✧ Support of global issues
- ✧ Donate to programs working toward the elimination of all forms of human trafficking.
- ✧ Send participants on mission trips, to overseas work projects, or to attend global conferences.
- ✧ Support the work of a mission co-worker.
- ✧ Donate to a program working with people living with HIV/AIDS.

Peace education & training for children

- ✧ Organize local peace camps that teach children how to resolve conflict and handle angry and sad feelings.
- ✧ Work with your local middle or high school to create a monetary “peacemaker award” for a student per grade. That student then donates the money to an organization they feel promotes a kinder and more compassionate way of life.
- ✧ Support volunteers at a summer youth program.

Help for families in need

- ✧ Donate to programs helping teen mothers and single-parent families.
- ✧ Support a family resource center with things food stamps don’t cover: diapers, shampoo, laundry soap, toilet paper, etc.
- ✧ Implement a backpack program, sending food home with schoolchildren over the weekend.
- ✧ Support programs like the Alabama Prison Birth Project, which works with incarcerated mothers and mothers-to-be providing weekly prenatal and postnatal training as well as nutritious meals.

Assistance for teens and young adults

- ✧ Work with young women in correctional facilities.
- ✧ Support a ministry to help young adults who have “timed out” of the foster system but are still in college.

Community care and engagement

- ✧ Help fund educational assistance for veterans.
- ✧ Support the Institute for Civility in Government, which is devoted to creating a civil environment and a safe space for honest dialogue.
- ✧ Work with a support center for males transitioning out of prison or homelessness.
- ✧ Begin a Senior Companion Program that pairs senior citizens to help with light chores, errands, and transportation to the doctor.



THREE WAYS YOUR MEMBERS CAN GIVE



Through your congregation



Text PEACE to 20222 to give \$10



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2 PROMOTING THE OFFERING

BEFORE THE OFFERING

JUNE-JULY

- ❖ Ask your session to approve the receipt of the Peace & Global Witness Offering during *A Season of Peace*. Resources for *A Season of Peace* can be found at: presbyterianmission.org/seasonofpeace.
- ❖ Set dates with your session. Congregations commonly receive the Offering on World Communion Sunday (October 4).
- ❖ Commit to an ambitious giving goal—higher than the amount received last year—and discuss ideas for how to use your congregation’s portion (25%).
- ❖ Locate and open the shipment of resource materials you received. Check out the outline of available resources on pages 22 and 23 for more tools to help with developing your interpretation plan.
- ❖ Contact Presbyterian Customer Service (800-533-4371 or customer_service@presbypub.com) to order additional materials.
- ❖ Ask members to present Minutes for Mission from the pulpit. Distribute the corresponding bulletin inserts for additional impact.
- ❖ Consider sending a promotional email or letter to each person in your congregation. Be sure to include the link to the Peace & Global Witness Offering website (pcusa.org/peace-global), so your members can learn more about the work supported by their gifts.
- ❖ Host an International Peacemaker this fall to help in your promotion. Visit pcusa.org/internationalpeacemakers to find out how.



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AUGUST

- ✦ Create an article for your newsletter about the congregation's past and current ministries of peace and reconciliation.
- ✦ Use our online resources to fully engage your congregation in *A Season of Peace*, which begins September 6.
- ✦ Sign up to receive our daily reflections, *A Season of Peace* at www.pcusa.org/subscribe. Look under Advocacy and Social Justice.

BE Creative

This guide offers helpful tips, but it can't replace what you know about your congregation. What kinds of activities around the Offering will get them motivated and excited? Here are a few thoughts to get you started:

- ✦ **Involve** your young people in promoting the Offering by having them choose a gift related to peacemaking and reconciliation from the Presbyterian Giving Catalog. Have them present it to the congregation along with how they think their gift will make a difference for others. For help, see page 9 for the Value for Values.
- ✦ **Think** about how you can integrate the worship resources into your service, emphasizing the ways our witness in the world magnifies our personal discipleship.
- ✦ **Ask** for suggestions from your youth and young adults about how to use the 25% kept by your congregation.

JOIN US FOR A WEBINAR:

- ✦ **For Leaders & Volunteers with Mid Councils:**
Join us live on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 12 pm (Eastern): zoom.us/j/529421726
- ✦ **For Leaders & Offering Advocates in Congregations:**
Join us live on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 12 pm (Eastern): zoom.us/j/487371606
- ✦ **Can't make it?** Both webinars will be recorded and posted on the webpage within a couple of days so you can watch on your own time.

3 PROMOTING THE OFFERING

DURING THE OFFERING

SEPTEMBER

(Any time during the month)

- ✧ Use the PowerPoint™ slides in a worship service and/or other church gathering. Download it from pcusa.org/peace-global.
- ✧ Create a display or bulletin board. If you don't know where to begin, take a look at an idea from the Special Offerings team by visiting pcusa.org/peace-global. You can also call 502-569-5047 to speak with a staff member who can help you with ideas for your own promotional boards. Whether building on these ideas or coming up with your very own, remember to tag us on Facebook when you post pictures of your congregation's Peace & Global Witness display.
- ✧ Sign up for *A Season of Peace* daily reflections.

SEPTEMBER 6

- ✧ Remind congregants that today *A Season of Peace* begins. Instruct them how to sign up for the daily reflections delivered to their email (www.pcusa.org/subscribe — under Advocacy and Social Justice).

SEPTEMBER 13

- ✧ Place Offering Envelopes in the pews.
- ✧ Place a folded insert in your Sunday bulletin — there are two of them.
- ✧ Present a Minute for Mission from this guide or reproduce one in your bulletin.
- ✧ Remind the congregation how its 25% share of the Offering will be used.

SEPTEMBER 20

- ✧ Place an Offering insert in your bulletin, or insert the brochure mailer in the bulletin if you have not already sent it to members of your congregation.
- ✧ Present a Minute for Mission from this guide or reproduce one in your bulletin.
- ✧ Share that the following Monday, September 21, is the *International Day of Peace*.

SEPTEMBER 27

- ✧ Present a Minute for Mission from this guide or reproduce one in your bulletin.
- ✧ Place Offering envelopes in bulletins or pews for your congregation's use on World Communion Sunday and in the weeks to follow.
- ✧ Remind your congregation how it can make a difference in the community through its 25% share of the Offering, and encourage members to continue to contribute throughout the month.



OCTOBER

OCTOBER 4

- ✧ Use the worship resource for World Communion Sunday.
- ✧ If your youth sponsor a gift, have them present the gift during worship and share how it relates to peacemaking and to the congregation.
- ✧ Receive the Offering.

4 — VALUE FOR VALUES

Looking for ways to interpret the offering and increase your giving? Listed below are examples of resources for families in need. The prices reflect the approximate/average cost of providing the items to families where most needed. Consider making a donation at one of the levels listed and note the impact your gift can make.



\$30 Supplies for displaced students



\$50 Refugee Food Basket



\$85 Teacher Training

5 PROMOTING THE OFFERING

AFTER THE OFFERING

Thank your congregation for their generous gifts and share the total raised. Celebrate meeting or exceeding your original goal.

- ✦ **Keep 25%** of the Offering for your congregation’s use to engage in the peacemaking and reconciliation ministries that your members are most passionate about.
- ✦ **Send in the remaining balance** through your normal receiving agency. If you choose to mail directly to the Presbyterian Mission Agency, make the check payable to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) with “Peace & Global Witness Offering” on the memo line.

Congregations

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The Agency will record and notify mid councils of congregational donations.

SHARE YOUR STORIES WITH US!

We’d love to hear the unique ways you promoted the Peace & Global Witness Offering, as well as how you use your congregation’s funds. Your story could inspire another congregation in ways they hadn’t considered. Contact us via social media or email specialofferings@pcusa.org.

Throughout the year, periodically update your congregation with news of the local efforts that were made possible through its Peace & Global Witness Offering gifts.

Stay up-to-date on all things Special Offerings by subscribing to the Special Offerings blog, “liking” the Special Offerings Facebook page, or following Special Offerings on Twitter. Update your congregation throughout the year on how the money is being used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

 BLOG | pcusa.org/blogs/weekly_offerings

 TWITTER | twitter.com/pcusa_so

 FACEBOOK | facebook.com/specialofferings



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6 A SEASON OF PEACE

Sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), this month-long pilgrimage is designed to deepen the pursuit of peace for congregations, small groups, families, and individuals. This season is a time of growth, encouragement, challenge, inspiration, and education. Participants are invited to define and deepen their calling as peacemakers.

This year's *A Season of Peace* resources are designed to help participants explore practices for building peace on every scale. From the personal level to global issues, these reflections and prayers will help grow the faith and witness of the whole church. Throughout the 29 days of this year's *Season of Peace*, we are invited to reflect upon ways to practice:



PEACE
WITHIN



PEACE IN
RELATION-
SHIPS



PEACE IN
COMMUNITY



PEACE IN
THE WORLD



WHOLISTIC
PEACE



RESOURCES INCLUDED IN A SEASON OF PEACE

Path of Peace Daily Reflections

Subscribe to daily reflections that will be delivered directly to your inbox from September 6 – October 4, or download the entire set of reflections as a single file (presbyterianmission.org/seasonofpeace — A Season of Peace under Advocacy and Social Justice).



Peace Fair

The Peace Fair is a hands-on, multisensory, intergenerational event that offers peace and justice learning activities.

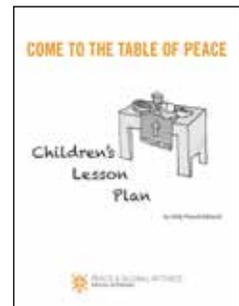
Peace Cards

There are three sets of 30 cards from which to choose. The cards can be placed in a central location such as a kitchen table. Peace Cards can be used anywhere and with anyone — at meals or family gatherings, during fellowship at church, as icebreakers for study groups, or for in-depth conversations on long bus rides with youth. Use one card per day during A Season of Peace and let the conversations lead to new perspectives and practices for making peace.



Children's Curriculum Lessons from the Table

is a five-session curriculum that focuses on the communion table. It can be used in a variety of contexts with children of various ages.

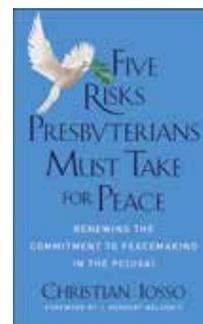


Adult Bible Study, The Things that Make for Peace

is a five-week adult study focusing on the inner and outer paths to peace as foundational to faithful discipleship. Each session has a “dig deeper” section for study throughout the week.

Adult Book Study

This five-session guide helps participants explore, reflect upon, and apply the five peacemaking affirmations approved by the 222nd General Assembly in 2016. It is a companion to *Five Risks Presbyterians Must Take for Peace* by Christian Iosso, published in 2017 by Westminster John Knox Press.



Children's Coloring Poster

This reproducible, original artwork can be used as an individual coloring sheet or enlarged to poster-size for a group coloring project throughout the weeks of A Season of Peace. It was produced by Illustrated Ministry LLC.



7 MINUTE FOR MISSION

BUILDING GOD'S HOUSEHOLD OF PEACE

Congregations of many denominations extend the peace of Christ with a blessing during their service. “The peace of Christ be with you (and also with you).” It is a blessing offered and a blessing returned in kind. Let’s try it out: When I say “the peace of Christ be with You,” you say, “and also with you.” **“The Peace of Christ be with you”** (“and also with you”). The peace of Christ is part of what our faith offers to us. *Extending* the peace of Christ is part of an active, engaged faith—a witness to what it means for us to be building the household of God.

In God’s house, there are people of every background. In God’s house, there are people of every race, age and gender. In God’s house, people who are different from each other in almost every way live together and seek ways to bring about Christ’s peace in every part of our lives. We speak out and claim the truth in Second Thessalonians, “May the God of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways.” In our church gatherings, we practice offering Christ’s peace, trusting that the blessing offered will also be returned.

On World Communion Sunday, we celebrate that Christ’s peace extends throughout all creation. We celebrate that we are all together at the table, in God’s house. We celebrate that we are offered what we need to continue the work of building the household of God with active peacemakers here at home and around the world.

We take action today by offering a blessing of our own. Through our participation in the Peace & Global Witness Offering, our church is extending Christ’s peace throughout our community—25 percent of the gifts received will stay right here at the church to build God’s house alongside (**NAME THE ORGANIZATION OR GROUP ASSISTED IN YOUR MINISTRY**). Twenty-five percent will support regional efforts in our mid councils, and 50 percent will go the Presbyterian Mission Agency for its ministries of education and partnership with active peacemakers all around the world.



Peacemakers in places like Cameroon, where violence and conflict threaten, peacemakers providing ministries of reconciliation inside prison walls, and peacemakers seeking to eradicate diseases like HIV-AIDS and their impacts on the most vulnerable, all gather with us at the table in God’s house, and greet us, saying, “The peace of Christ be with you” **(let the people respond “and also with you.”)**

Please give generously.

Let us pray ~

*Extend your peace to us, O Christ,
that we might build places of kindness
and generosity, reconciliation
and compassion.*

*May our gifts join our voices in blessing
all of creation with your justice and
peace, at all times, in all ways.*

Amen.

7 MINUTE FOR MISSION

BUILDING GOD'S HOUSE IN THE BIG HOUSE: HAGAR'S COMMUNITY CHURCH

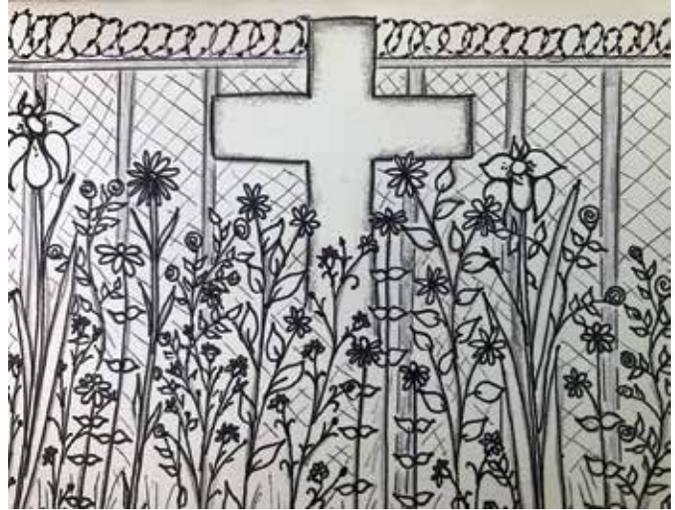
The Washington Correctional Center for Women is both the largest and the only maximum and medium security prison for women in the state. It's surrounded by barbed wire, and you have to go through five locked gates to get to the main population. But while the women within the prison may be separated from the world, they are not separated from God's love.

Thanks to the work of dynamic Presbyterian leaders, a new and unique worshipping community has been established inside this fortress of concrete and steel. It is called Hagar's Community Church. For those among us today who may not remember, Hagar's story is found in Genesis. She suffers but perseveres. Hagar's story teaches us that survival is possible even under the harshest conditions.

"The women I have the opportunity and the privilege to pastor to are learning that they are still indeed loved by God and are not defined by their worst mistake," says Rev. Lane Brubaker, who leads Bible study and worship on Saturday evenings. "But rather, they are defined by one's beloved." Perhaps what is most impactful is providing a place of acceptance.

"We are helping women process and handle their incarceration through God's love and guidance, and we want this to be a healthy, sustained ministry," Rev. Brubaker explains. "There are some women who are incarcerated for many years, some for their whole lives. The dream of the presbytery when this started was that it would be a ministry that continues long into the future."

The promise of this long-term ministry is possible thanks to the support of congregations like Skyline Presbyterian Church in nearby Tacoma. The church used its portion of the Peace & Global Witness Offering to fund Hagar's Community Church. Rev. Brubaker says the prison ministry would not be able to maintain itself without those financial gifts and that every congregation should be looking to expand outreach to places not yet considered.



"I think there's a lot of room for more worshipping communities like this to be established," she said. "All of us should be listening to God to find where these worshipping communities are needed in all sorts of different unique places."

Because let's never forget—we are the church, together.

Let us pray ~

*Reconciling God, continue to build us
as your Church.*

*May we engage in ministries that share
your joy and promise with all people
and deepen our call to be reconciled
to one another.*

Amen.

7 MINUTE FOR MISSION

BUILDING GOD’S HOUSE OF PEACE: MALAWI MATTERS

Let’s stop for a moment to think about that which perhaps we cannot see. Let’s look beyond the walls of our church, beyond the boundaries of our community — even beyond the borders of our nation. There is much to see, much to talk about and think about ... but for a moment, let’s talk about this: right now nearly 40 million people are living with HIV/AIDS around the globe. The Sub-Saharan countries of Africa are disproportionately impacted, with nearly 26 million of those cases in this region alone.

“HIV/AIDS is still a worldwide issue,” says Phyllis Wezeman, a member of First Presbyterian Church of South Bend, Indiana. She leads Malawi Matters—a nonprofit that has not shied away from talking about the issue but is tackling it head on. The organization develops and facilitates HIV and AIDS education with the people of Malawi.

Malawi Matters is 100 percent volunteer driven. Donations are used for developing and supporting important training programs, and for much-needed supplies. Wezeman’s church is part of the Presbytery of Wabash Valley, which has answered the call to become a Matthew 25 mid council.

As a Matthew 25 mid council, the presbytery has committed to “radical and fearless discipleship” to embrace one or more of three focuses: building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism and eradicating systemic poverty. The presbytery uses its portion of the Peace & Global Witness Offering in support of Malawi Matters. These gifts support field work in more than 200 congregations and villages and more than 1,500 schools. Volunteers also travel to Malawi to serve as facilitators on teaching teams.

Malawi Matters is just one beautiful example of how Presbyterians who support the Peace & Global Witness Offering are building God’s household, a household of peace. Through our participation in the Peace & Global Witness Offering, our church is extending Christ’s peace throughout our community—25 percent of the gifts received will stay right here at the church to build



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God’s house alongside (**NAME THE ORGANIZATION OR GROUP ASSISTED IN YOUR MINISTRY**). Twenty-five percent will support regional efforts in our mid councils, and 50 percent will go the Presbyterian Mission Agency for its ministries of education and partnership with active peacemakers all around the world.

In God’s house there are people of every background. There are people of every race, age and gender. There are those of us who are blessed to be able to offer support and those whose lives are blessed by receiving support. We are the church, **together**.

Let us pray ~

*God of peace, bring your promise
to all people.*

*May those who suffer from illness
receive your healing touch,
and your peace,
which passes all understanding.*

Amen.

7 MINUTE FOR MISSION

BUILDING GOD'S HOUSEHOLD OF PEACE IN THE MIDST OF WAR

During this Season of Peace, we are reminded that peacemaking is active not passive, doing not waiting. Jaff Bamenjo (**BA-MEN-JO**), the coordinator of the Network for the Fight Against Hunger in Cameroon (RELUFA) and an International Peacemaker, has a very clear understanding of why this is important. His work in Cameroon is sponsored by the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program and World Mission, which are supported by gifts to the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

The English-speaking minority in Cameroon were becoming marginalized in a mostly French-speaking country. In 2016, because of the growing inequities, lawyers and teachers organized peaceful protests. The government responded with violence that escalated into war, touching Jaff very deeply. Last April, his aunt lost her home when the military set fire to it. His sister's husband was killed, "not because he committed any crime, but simply because in a war zone, everyone is a target."

"These acts of barbarity and inhumanity violate the sacredness of human life and are sacrilegious to the worship of God," wrote one member of the Presbyterian Church of Cameroon.

Despite his grief, Jaff continues his work of more than a decade to help others who are suffering. In 2005, the Network identified recurring hunger problems in the poor and densely populated northern region of the country as a particular area of need and worked with communities to make sustainable food available. This project helped people in these communities avoid paying high prices for food during lean times and ensured that food was available year-round.

Amidst the chaos and violence, Jaff and the Network continue to work to help the most vulnerable populations. "Addressing the root causes of hunger is always better than focusing on the symptoms. Solving problems at an early stage is always better than running behind to resolve conflicts."



The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has a long-term relationship with the Presbyterian Church of Cameroon and International Peacekeepers in the region.

"As an individual, I often feel helpless," says Jaff, "but I know I have strength because of the many people in the world who care."

Here in our community, we are helping others find peace and build strength through our support of **(DESCRIBE HOW YOUR CONGREGATION USES YOUR SHARE OF THE OFFERING)**.

Together, through our gifts, we are building God's household in Cameroon, in our own community and in other places where compassion, peace and justice are not just heartfelt words, but lifesaving needs. Through our gifts, we are active peacemakers. We are builders. And when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

Let us pray ~

*God of peace, draw near
to all those who suffer violence.*

*Transform the hearts of all who harm
your children because of perceived
difference to see our common humanity
and your face among those harmed.*

Amen.

7 MINUTE FOR MISSION

BUILDING GOD'S HOUSEHOLD OF PEACE, TOGETHER

Peacemaking is active not passive, doing not waiting.

Let's let that sink in for a moment: peacemaking is active, not passive; doing, not waiting.

And this is *A Season of Peace* when we, the church together, are focused on seeking peace and reconciliation. Together we are building God's house of peace where all are welcome, where all can find compassion, peace and justice.

We are the peacemakers.

Here in our community, we are (**DESCRIBE YOUR CONGREGATION'S MINISTRY SUPPORTED BY YOUR SHARE OF THE OFFERING HERE**). Our work is supported by your gifts to the Peace & Global Witness Offering. These gifts also unite us with Presbyterian peacemakers across the country and the world who are active, not passive; who are doing, not waiting.

In Baltimore, Maryland, the Hunting Ridge Presbyterian Church used their share of the offering to promote anti-violence programs in their schools.

The Central Presbyterian Church in Dayton, Ohio, used their share to send a delegate to the World Presbyterian Peace Fellowship in Colombia to participate in conversations about the progress of the peace accords in areas of the nation wracked by revolution.

The Presbytery of the Pacific supports efforts to bring about change for low-wage workers and other vulnerable community members in the Los Angeles area.

Our gifts to the Peace & Global Witness Offering have also been combined with others to help end the forced inscription of child soldiers, to end gender-based violence and violence against women, to seek peace through nuclear disarmament, to end hunger and promote peacemaking in places like Madagascar and Rwanda.

During this season of peace, we have heard stories about Presbyterians working together to support sustainable food programs in war-torn parts of Cameroon. We've heard about the establishment of a new worshipping community in a Washington prison and a program to provide education to prevent STDs and HIV/AIDS in one of the worst-struck regions of sub-Saharan Africa.

With our gifts we are part of all these efforts, whether they are right here in (**YOUR CITY OR TOWN**) or in places we've never seen and maybe never will. But these are all places that have one thing in common — the need for freedom and dignity that Christ wants for us all. Let us offer the peace of Christ at all times, in all ways.

We are the peacemakers.

We are the church, together. We are peacemakers, together. We are the builders of God's household of peace. Together. And when, *together*, we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

Let us pray ~

*Prince of peace,
make us active in reconciliation
as we seek to build your house.*

*May your spirit join these gifts
that all might be instruments
of your peace.*

Amen.



MICHAEL WHITMAN

8 WAYS YOUR CONGREGATION CAN ENHANCE ITS COMMITMENT TO PEACEMAKING

1 Plan a community event to celebrate the life of a notable peacemaker. You can choose a past or present public figure or make it even more personal and meaningful by highlighting a member of your congregation or community. Choose a theme such as gun violence, poverty, racism, immigration, or nonviolence. Partner with other faith communities and community groups. Organize a walk to significant community locations.

2 Take your peacemaking commitment from study to action. Use the steps outlined in the new *Companion Guide to the Commitment to Peacemaking* to address an issue of your congregation's choice: poverty, racism, violence, climate change, or immigration/migration. The Guide outlines a unique process of worship, spiritual grounding and reflection, community building and partnership, study and preparation, and direct action and advocacy for Presbyterians to deepen their peacemaking work and witness around the chosen issue. It includes a curated collection of suggestions, best practices, resources and hyperlinks to help Presbyterians take their peacemaking commitment to the next level. Visit presbyterianmission.org/peacemaking to download a copy of the Guide.

3 Create a “peace prayer” display. Postings can include joys and concerns, prayers, and pictures of people and places in need. Include the joys and concerns in worship services and encourage your members to include the them in their daily prayers.

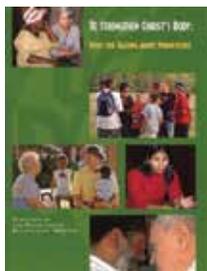
4 Learn about the Belhar Confession. Provide copies of the *30 Days with the Belhar Confession: Reflections on Unity, Reconciliation, and Justice* (PDS 24358-16-004) to congregation members who are homebound, in nursing homes, serving in the military, or away for other reasons. \$1.00 each.



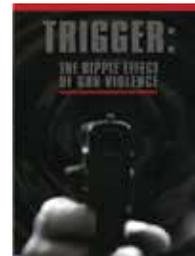
5 Study cultural diversity and building inclusive communities. Offer a study of *Living the Gospel of Peace: Tools for Building More Inclusive Community* (PDS 70270-04-014). Invite members of another congregation or the community. Use Offering funds to pay for participants' books and other expenses. \$3.00 each

6 Learn and practice nonviolence. Organize a group to use the resource *Resurrection Living: Journeying with the Nonviolent Christ* (PDS 24358-10-007). This journal helps people explore nonviolence individually or together. \$5.00 each.

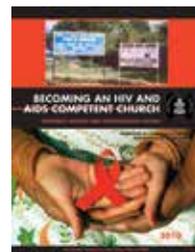
7 Talk about the tough issues of 2020. Study *To Strengthen Christ's Body: Tools for Talking about Tough Issues* (PDS 24358-08-001). This study explores skills and tools to approach conflict in ways that increase the possibility the experience will be a constructive and creative one, in which we discover God's grace and the body of Christ is strengthened. Use Offering funds to pay for participants' books, refreshments, childcare, or other expenses. \$3.00 each



Ripple Effect of Gun Violence to examine how one shooting impacts individuals, families, and communities and gives voice to the questions and insights that arise. Watch episodes of the webinar series *Standing Our Holy Ground* to learn how faith communities can address gun violence. Visit presbyterianmission.org/peacemaking for links to the *Trigger* documentary resources and the *Standing Our Holy Ground* webinar recordings.



10 Show support for those living with AIDS. Host a resource day or worship service to support and pray for people living with AIDS and those who care for them. For resources, visit presbyterianmission.org/ministries/phewa/pan.



11 Care for military personnel, veterans, and their families. Learn about the needs of veterans and the families of military personnel in your area. Sponsor a dinner or other event for returning veterans and those with family members who are currently deployed.

8 Provide help in an election year. Distribute a copy of *Seeking to be Faithful Together: Guidelines for Presbyterians in Times of Disagreement* to each member. This guide has been a helpful resource to the church for decades and offers theologically-sound and biblically-grounded guidance for navigating contentious times and issues. There is also an abbreviated pocket guide. Guidelines (English) PDS# 24358-20-002; Pocket Guide (English) PDS#. Also available in Spanish and Korean.

12 Actively oppose children in war. Take a stand against child soldiers and participate in the Red Hands Campaign. Call the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations at 212-697-4568 for more information or visit presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/child/no-child-soldiers.

9 Work ecumenically to address gun violence. Hold an ecumenical or interfaith worship service or vigil to call your community together. Include a reception so people can meet, share stories, and strategize. Host a screening of the documentary *Trigger: The*

13 Become a Grassroots Advocacy Coordinator and connect the work of your social justice ministry to national advocacy. Attend quarterly trainings/briefings, lobby days, monthly webinars on the pressing issues facing people of faith in our nation — and our annual spring conference “Compassion, Peace, and Justice Training Day” on Friday, April 16, 2021 in Washington, D.C. Call 202-543-1126 and Follow “PCUSA Washington Office” on Facebook.

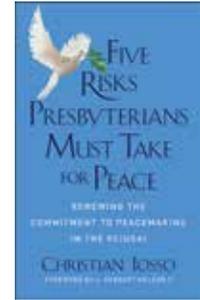
14 Increase awareness and efforts to combat human trafficking.

An estimated 800,000 people, of which approximately 80% are women and up to 50% are minors, are trafficked across national borders. In the fields, in mines, in raw materials processing, in hotels, in the supply chain, down your street, in the US, and around the world, slavery is flourishing in a new form. Our church is working to stop it. You can help. Download the *Human Trafficking Toolkit* at pcusa.org/traffickingtoolkit and share with members of your community.



18 Form a study group

to study *Five Risks Presbyterians Must Take For Peace*. This book, published in 2017, outlines the Five Peacemaking Affirmations approved by the 222nd General Assembly in (2016). *Risking Peace*, a companion study guide, can be downloaded from the *Season of Peace* webpages.



19 Send someone to attend the Privilege Institute's 22nd annual White Privilege Conference,

April 7-11, 2021 in Mesa, Arizona. Presbyterians from across the country have been attending this conference to learn strategies to combat racism and dismantle structures of privilege.

15 Work to address racism.

As part of an ongoing campaign to address racial injustice, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is sharing a wealth of antiracism resources — including studies, books, and training — to equip the greater church to work against racism. Visit facing-racism.pcusa.org

20 Invite a PC(USA) mission co-worker engaged in ministries that promote peace and reconciliation to speak at your church.

Learn how God is at work in the world and how to get more involved. To learn more about speaker availability, email mission.live@pcusa.org or call 800-728-7228, ext. 5075.

16 Respond to immigration issues.

Learn more about immigration issues and how the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations can respond. Visit pcusa.org/immigration to find resources for study, advocacy, worship, and action.



21 Study the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

UN member countries adopted this set of goals to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure prosperity for all. Learn about relevant PC(USA) efforts to making our world a better place and how to get involved. Visit pcusa.org/sustainable-development-goals.



17 Invite an International Peacemaker to visit your region during the fall.

2020 dates are September 25–October 19. Visit presbyterianmission.org/international-peacemakers for details

9 CONTACT INFORMATION

PLEASE FEEL WELCOME TO GET IN TOUCH IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED HELP!

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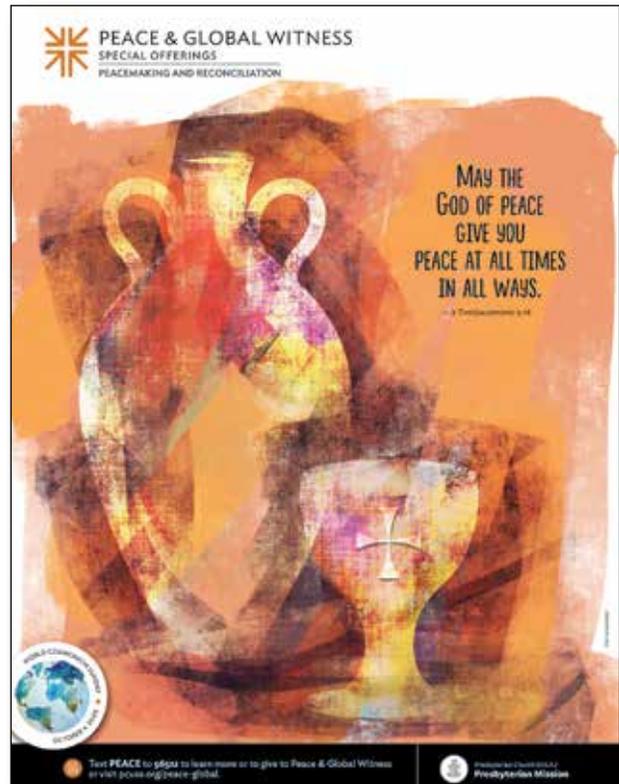
10 RESOURCES AND MATERIALS

Hopefully you'll find this guide answers most of your questions. Your standing order contains the foundational materials you'll need to promote the Offering in your church. On our website, you'll find more materials and other great ways to learn about the Peace & Global Witness Offering and the ministries it supports, and how to stay in touch with the Special Offerings.

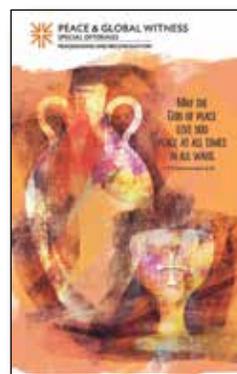


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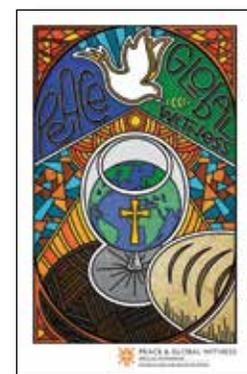
- ✦ Bulletin inserts: *Building God's Household of Peace* and *Peace is Doing, Not Waiting*
- ✦ Poster: Display in a high-traffic area in your church
- ✦ Sample pastor's letter: Use as a reference when writing a letter to your members
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- ✦ Blog post or newsletter content: A brief article to post on your church blog or reproduce in your newsletter
- ✦ Minutes for Mission: Five stories about the transformative power of the kinds of peacemaking and reconciliation efforts the Offering supports (large print reader version)
- ✦ Worship resource
- ✦ Written and 60-second video sermons
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Building God's Household of Peace poster



Building God's Household of Peace insert



Peace is Doing, Not Waiting insert

2020 PEACE & GLOBALWITNESS OFFERING ORDER FORM

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- ✦ Contact Presbyterian Customer Service at **800-533-4371** between 9:00 am – 5:00 pm EST; email customer_service@presbypub.com; or fax this order form to **800-541-5113**
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