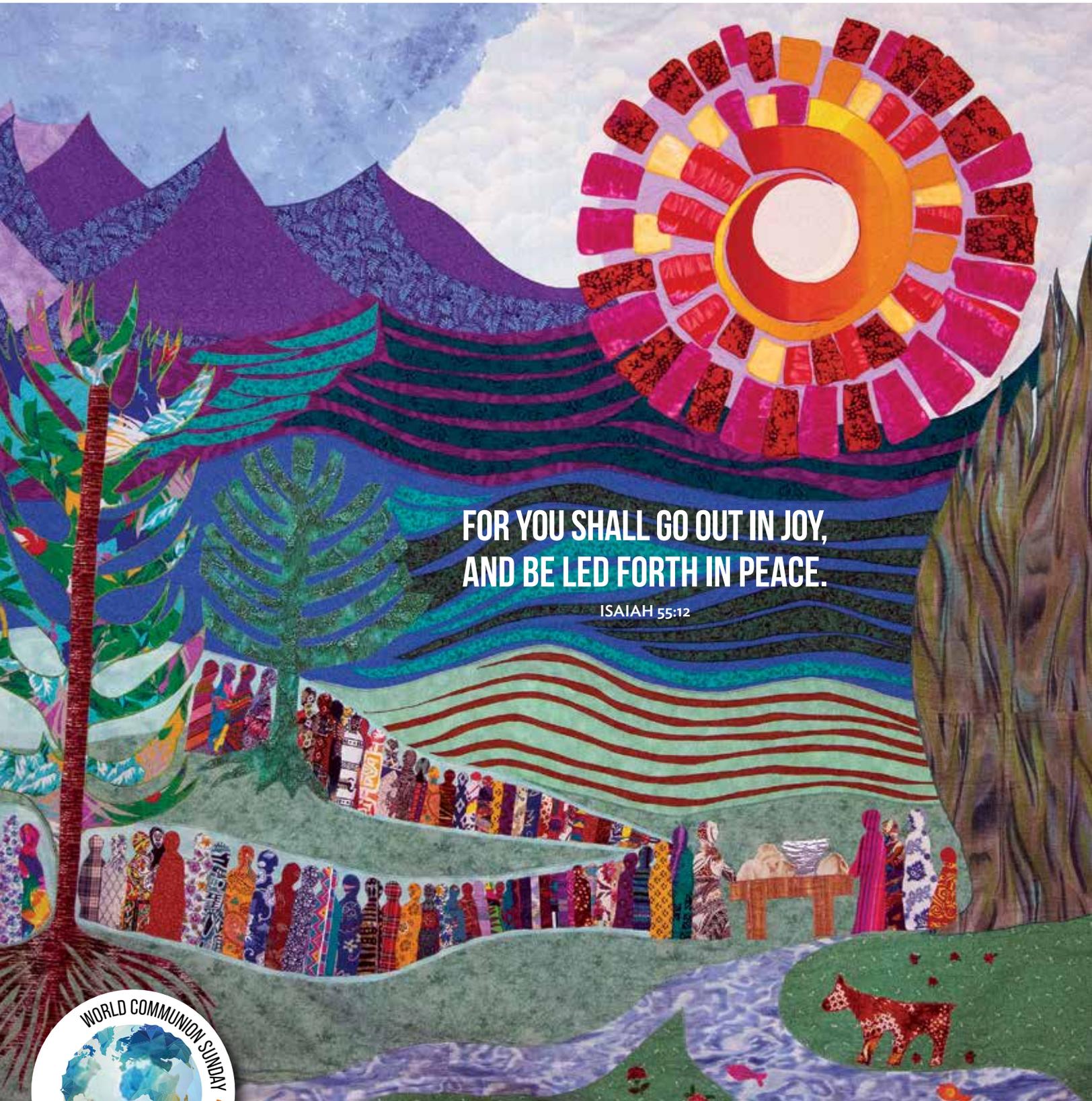




PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION



**FOR YOU SHALL GO OUT IN JOY,
AND BE LED FORTH IN PEACE.**

ISAIAH 55:12



2022

LEADER'S GUIDE
SEPTEMBER 4-OCTOBER 2



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Presbyterian Mission

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, connected as active peacemakers.

**EASY WAYS TO STAY UP-TO-DATE ON
ALL THINGS SPECIAL OFFERINGS.**

 **BLOG** | pcusa.org/blogs/weekly_offerings

 **TWITTER** | twitter.com/pcusa_so

 **FACEBOOK** | facebook.com/specialofferings



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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 siblings, 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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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. God's peace, empowered by God's joy, reminds us that we are connected to each other. We are not alone. Peace begins with each of us.

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 2) is the most common Sunday for receiving the Offering, but many congregations promote the Offering throughout A Season of Peace (September 4 – October 2).
- ✦ 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 suicide prevention programs.
- ✧ 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 PCUSAPEACE to 41444 to give

pcusa.org/peace-global

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: pcusa.org/seasonofpeace.
- ✦ Set dates with your session. Congregations commonly receive the Offering on World Communion Sunday (October 2).
- ✦ 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.



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 4.
- ✧ Sign up to receive our daily reflections, *A Season of Peace* at pcusa.org/subscribeSOP.

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 WEEKLY CONVERSATION:

- ✧ Each week features a special guest. We discuss theology, mission and the Special Offerings and include ideas for promotion and engagement. The show takes place live on Mondays at 1 p.m. (ET) on the Special Offerings Facebook page (facebook.com/specialofferings).

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 delivered to your email (pcusa.org/subscribeSOP).

SEPTEMBER 4

- ✧ Remind congregants that today *A Season of Peace* begins.
- ✧ Hang the poster in a prominent area.
- ✧ Use provided graphics in your newsletters. (pcusa.org/peace-global/resources).

SEPTEMBER 11

- ✧ 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 (they are both in print and video form).
- ✧ Remind the congregation how its 25% share of the Offering will be used.

SEPTEMBER 18

- ✧ 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 Tuesday, September 21, is the *International Day of Peace*.

SEPTEMBER 25

- ✧ Today is the celebration of the Gifts of New Immigrants. Present a Minute for Mission like the one titled Building Connections to Welcome the Stranger on immigration/migration 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 2

- ✧ 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

(through your normal receiving agency, usually your presbytery)
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
PO Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

Mid Councils

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
PO Box 643751
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3751

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



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 *Path of Peace* reflections are designed to help participants explore peacemaking efforts addressing some of the major issues of our time. The theme for the 29 days of the 2022 Season of Peace is *Led Forth in Peace: Critical Areas of Engagement for Peacemakers*. With these daily reflections, we are invited to reflect upon ways to practice peace by engaging the following critical areas:



CLIMATE CHANGE



NONVIOLENCE



THE INTERSECTION OF POVERTY AND RACISM



IMMIGRATION/ MIGRATION

Featuring written reflections from peacemakers, practitioners and congregational leaders who engage these critical areas in their peace work, we'll explore how our peacemaking witness is a collaborative and intersectional effort that requires each of us to take part.



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 4 – October 2, or download the entire set of reflections as a single file (pcusa.org/seasonofpeace — *A Season of Peace* under Advocacy and Social Justice).

Peace Fair

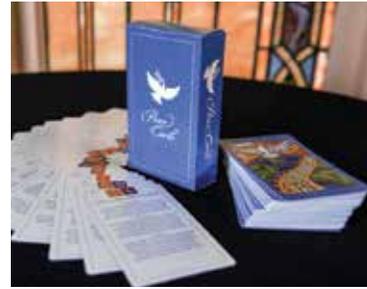
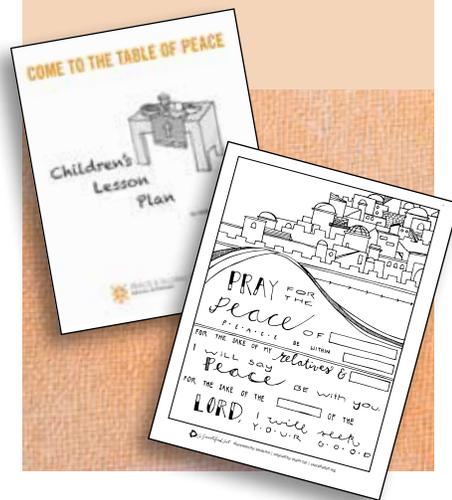
The Peace Fair is a hands-on, multisensory, intergenerational event that offers peace and justice learning activities.

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.

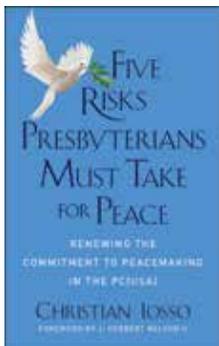


Peace Cards

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 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.



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.

7 MINUTE FOR MISSION

FOR YOU SHALL GO OUT IN JOY AND BE LED FORTH IN PEACE. — ISAIAH 55:12

The prophet Isaiah invites us to imagine God's peace in unlikely places. Trees clap their hands. Joy grows where sorrow once reigned. A world torn by enmity, strife and despair blossoms back to abundant life. Lions lie down with lambs, and nations once at war with each other come together in peace.

Whenever the church gathers for worship, we are assured of Christ's peace. We celebrate that we are connected, we are loved and we are not alone. We worship together and are fed from Scripture and at Christ's table of peace.

After the feast God has prepared for us, we are sent out carrying the joy rekindled in worship and challenged to take the peace of Christ into our world. No matter how large or small the world we inhabit, the joy of God's presence empowers us to live joyfully within our communities and to bring peace to all around us.

Peace empowered by joy is at a premium in our world. It is difficult to find and even more challenging to maintain. In our polarized world torn by war, famine, and marginalization of the poor and disenfranchised, we are in desperate need of joyful and brave people willing to ask the hard questions and live the difficult solutions that make peace possible. One person, one situation, one step at a time.

As we go out into the world in joy and are led forth in peace, we are called to take decisive and bold action. 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% 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 presbytery, and 50% will go the Presbyterian Mission Agency for its ministries of education and partnership with active peacemakers all around the world.

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.

God's peace, empowered by God's joy, reminds us that we are connected to each other. We are not alone. You are not alone. Peace begins with each of us. Thanks be to God.

Let us pray ~

*O God, you are our peace.
As you have gathered us
to feast at your table,
Lead us into this world
you love so much
with the joy
that only you can give.
Amen.*

7 MINUTE FOR MISSION

MAKING PEACE FOR A LIVABLE WORLD

No one spread a mat for Selai.

Born and raised in Vunidogoloa [voo-nē-dō-gō-lōah], a Fijian community that was forced to relocate due to the impact of climate change, Selai [Suh-lī] felt unwelcome in her new home.

“When I walked into the house, I did not find my mat,” she said, referencing the Pacific Islanders’ custom of welcoming family members and honored guests alike to sit at the same level on mats on the floor. “It felt like I don’t belong here.”

Since 2014, the island nation of Fiji has had roughly four such relocations. According to Frances Namoumou [nah-moo-moo], the Ecological Stewardship and Climate Justice program coordinator for the Pacific Conference of Churches, or the PCC, the churches of the Pacific have envisioned worst-case scenarios. Climate change, as well as the catastrophic impact of the cyclone season, contribute to the mounting number of necessary relocations.

The PCC’s call to peacemaking — including addressing the mental health concerns that result from the impact of climate change — is made possible in part by gifts to the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering is unique in that half of it is directed to peacemaking and global witness efforts at the national church level to address critical issues around the world. Twenty-five percent is retained by congregations just like ours for local peace and reconciliation work, and 25% goes to mid councils for similar ministries on the regional level. Here at **(YOUR CONGREGATION)** we have used our portion of this Offering to **(TELL ABOUT YOUR MINISTRY)**.

Frances says, “It is our calling both as a people and as Christians to take care of Creation and our impact on this planet. It’s not like peacemaking is some foreign flower that was introduced to us so that we can see the connection between us and the environment. It has always existed in our culture and traditions.”

The Rev. Carl E. Horton, director of the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, says that the program is increasingly called to focus on issues of migration and climate change and how the Commitment to Peacemaking can be applied to address the root causes that force people to relocate.

“The Commitment to Peacemaking includes ‘making peace with the earth,’” he said of the popular Presbyterian resource, “and describes that as ‘protecting and restoring God’s Creation through study, advocacy and environmentally mindful stewardship.’”

Frances is grateful for the PCC’s partnership with the PC(USA).

“Thank you,” she said. “If it weren’t for the funding we receive from the PC(USA), we would not be able to support communities like Selai’s and to help sustain a livable world for her family and all future generations.”

Selai may have felt alone, but she is not — the Peace & Global Witness Offering unites as peacemakers with those right here at home, and around the globe.

Please give what you can — when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

Let us pray ~

God, maker of all things:

You created this world,

it belongs to you,

and you have entrusted it to our care.

May our use of this good gift

honor you and serve all your children

who call this planet home.

Amen.

7 MINUTE FOR MISSION

SHINING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ON THE STREETS OF INDIANAPOLIS

Looking into the eyes of the Rev. Charles Harrison, pastor of Barnes United Methodist Church in Indianapolis and president of the board of the Indy TenPoint Coalition, a young man made his tearful confession. “I was living in a community that was so violent, it was forcing me to do things I didn’t want to do but felt like I had to do,” he said.

Indy TenPoint gave him hope and showed him that there were loving and caring people to help him become what God designed for him to be in life.

The Indy TenPoint Coalition — with its “boots-on-the-ground” approach to reducing violence, increasing employment and enhancing educational achievement — caught the attention of Leslie Olsen, chair of the mission team at Faith Presbyterian Church. Leslie immediately connected her church’s annual participation in the Peace & Global Witness Offering with the local initiative’s work.

“Our supporting them wasn’t a difficult decision to make,” Leslie said. “It was a new concept to me anyway that volunteers — these incredible people, just like you and me — would be willing to put their lives on the line every night or as often as they did. They were out there patrolling our streets, which were becoming more and more dangerous. They were doing God’s work in a spiritual, faithful way, and I was just really inspired by that.”

For many congregations like ours, taking part in the Peace & Global Witness Offering is making a commitment to the work of peacemaking at all levels of church and society. Working as the Church, together, we can make a difference in so many places and in so many ways. Fifty percent of the Offering supports peacemaking and global witness work around the world, while 25% percent is retained by our congregation for local peace and reconciliation work, and 25% goes to our mid council for similar ministries on the regional level. **(TALK ABOUT YOUR CONGREGATION AND/OR MID COUNCIL’S MINISTRIES.)**

Faith Presbyterian’s pastor, the Rev. Charlotte Lohrenz, offers a thoughtful reflection for us all to consider: “I was thinking about how participating in Peace & Global Witness is so needed in our world now. As a pastor and a Christian, what I really appreciate about the Special Offerings that have the national, international and local component is that they really do make it possible for us, as a single congregation, to participate in this larger work that we would not be able to do on our own. Then we get the nudge to look at what’s going on in our local community and how we can be actively engaged and contributing there. It’s a wonderful balance and a new kind of challenge for us every time.”

With our gifts, we accept this challenge. Please give generously — for when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

Let us pray ~

*Holy One, creator of all,
make us instruments of your peace
and vessels of your joy.*

*May our actions done in your name
bring peace among our neighbors
and honor to your name.*

Amen.

7 MINUTE FOR MISSION

BUILDING CONNECTIONS TO WELCOME THE STRANGER

Wandering the streets of Athens with two small children in tow, Fatima had nowhere to turn.

Left homeless following a massive fire that closed the Moria Refugee Camp in Greece, the native Afghani was arrested and imprisoned after unknowingly becoming involved with drug dealers.

Devastated and alone in a Greek prison — her two little ones sent off to a shelter for unaccompanied children — Fatima may as well have been invisible, until her case was referred to Lesbos Solidarity, a migrant justice organization. They collaborated with human rights lawyers to secure her release from prison, provide her with housing close to her children and help her find employment. She now supports other women who are in a vulnerable position like she was.

“Injustice must not become invisible,” said Efi Latsoudi, one of the founders of Lesbos Solidarity, a Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) partner. “If refugees are seen as a threat coming to invade your country, people don’t see their human face. People are afraid; and ultimately, we fear the stranger.”

Lesbos Solidarity embodies the goals of the Peace & Global Witness Offering, which encourage the church to cast off anxiety, fear, discord and division and welcome the stranger as we are called to do in Matthew 25.

“Lesbos Solidarity is a living example of how we can show love to the stranger and promote dignity among those who flee war and poverty,” said Luciano Kovacs, area coordinator, Middle East and Europe for the PC(USA). “Helping those who leave war-infested areas is a peacemaking act.”

The annual Offering is traditionally received on World Communion Sunday, October 2. It is a shared offering with 50% supporting peacemaking and global witness work around the world, 25% retained by congregations like ours for local peace and reconciliation work, and 25% to mid councils for peacemaking ministries on the regional level.

Here at...we... (TALK ABOUT HOW YOUR CONGREGATION/MID COUNCIL USES THE FUNDS YOU RETAIN FOR PEACEMAKING IN YOUR COMMUNITY.)

For Lesbos Solidarity’s founder, Efi Latsoudi, it all comes back to witnessing.

“The most important thing for me is not to close the eyes,” she said. “As hard, uncomfortable and painful as it sounds, we need to be aware of what is happening in this world, and to stand in solidarity in any way that we can. We also need to create connection, because what is happening in the U.S. and in other places is all connected. Sometimes when all we feel is the distance and how small we are, it’s hard to feel the connection. But when we become aware, we see that we are not so small and that there are miracles happening everywhere.”

Peace begins with each of us. Through the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we connect to confront systems of injustice and promote reconciliation in places around the world — and right here at home.

Please give what you can. For when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

Let us pray ~

*God of the traveler, God of the journey,
please protect our siblings
who have been displaced
from their homes
in search of shelter and safety.
May we be instruments of your peace
as we welcome others
as we would welcome Jesus.*

Amen.

7 MINUTE FOR MISSION

GO FORTH IN PEACE

The words of Isaiah 55 convey a profound message to us during A Season of Peace:

For you shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace.

Go out in joy. When we look around our world these days, it is sometimes hard to feel joyful. Yet joy inherently embraces optimism. Joy is the companion of faith and hope. In our polarized world torn by war, famine, and marginalization of the poor and disenfranchised, we are in desperate need of joyful and brave people who are willing to ask the hard questions and live the difficult solutions that make peace possible.

Be led forth in peace. Through the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we connect with each other, as the Church, together, to confront systems of injustice and promote reconciliation in places around the world and right here at home.

Throughout A Season of Peace, we have heard these inspiring stories:

- ~ The members of Faith Presbyterian in Indianapolis who go forth in peace with Indy TenPoint, a not-for-profit using a “boots-on-the-ground” approach to reducing gun violence, increasing employment and enhancing educational achievement. Indy TenPoint connects young people with loving and caring people who help them find what God designed for them to be in life.
- ~ On the island nation of Fiji, the effects of climate change and violent cyclones force more and more people each year to leave the security of their homes. The Presbyterian Peacemaking Program reminds us that our Commitment to Peacemaking includes “making peace with the earth,” meaning — protecting and restoring God’s Creation through environmentally mindful advocacy.
- ~ As we see in the news every day, millions of people desperately seek peace far from their native lands. Lesvos Solidarity, on the island off the coast of Greece, is one of the Church’s global partners in

peacemaking and is a living example of how we can show love to the stranger and promote dignity among those who flee war and poverty.

Through our gifts to the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we are able, as a single congregation, to participate in this larger work that we would not be able to do on our own. Because this a shared Offering, we can help those whose challenges are very present to us. Twenty-five percent of the Offering will stay with our own congregation to pursue peacemaking and reconciliation ministries; 25% stays with our mid council for similar work in our region. (**TALK ABOUT HOW YOUR CHURCH AND MID COUNCIL USE THESE FUNDS**) And 50% will be used at the national level for ministries of peacemaking and global witness. Remember — peace is active, not passive. Peace is doing, not waiting.

So let us go out in joy and be led forth in peace. Please give whatever you can. For when we all do a little, it adds up a lot.

Let us pray ~

*O God of all Creation,
lead us joyfully
from our places of comfort
to bring your peace
to those experiencing violence,
displacement and fear.*

*As we spread your joy,
may we connect others
with your healing
and sheltering peace.*

Amen.



HUMAN MADE CRAFTS

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, climate change, or nonviolence. Partner with other faith communities and community groups. Organize a walk to significant community locations.

2 Renew your Commitment to Peacemaking. If it has been a while since your congregation made the commitment, visit pcusa.org/peacemaking for “Making the Commitment” resources, including a one-session study guide for sessions.

3 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 pcusa.org/peacemaking to download a copy of the guide.

4 Give a box of Peace Cards to each of your congregation’s households with small children. This set of over 90 cards (PDS 24358-20-016) can be used in a variety of settings and occasions — as a daily or seasonal practice with family members, as a sharing activity for small and large groups, as a table activity at church events, or for conversation while on a trip. They offer questions for conversation, prayers and activities related to peace in a variety of areas including personal, family, church, community, environment and the world. \$10.99 per box.

5 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 them in their daily prayers.

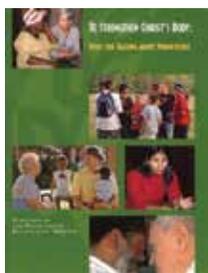
6 Learn about the Belhar Confession. Provide copies of *30 Days with the Belhar Confession: Reflections on Unity, Reconciliation and Justice* (PDS 24358-16-004) to congregation members who are homebound, in nursing homes, serving in the military or away for other reasons. \$1 each.



7 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 each.

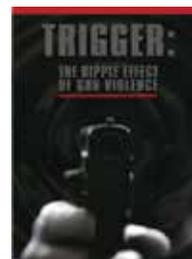
8 Learn and practice nonviolence. Organize a group to use the resource *Resurrection Living: Journeying with the Nonviolent Christ* (PDS 24358-10-007). This journal helps people explore nonviolence individually or together. \$5 each.

9 Talk about the tough issues of 2022. 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, child care or other expenses. \$3 each.



10 Provide help in a midterm 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 2435820005. Also available in Spanish and Korean.

11 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 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 *Standing Our Holy Ground* webinar series 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.



12 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.

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 & Justice Training Day” in Washington, D.C. Call 202-543-1126 for details and follow “PC(USA) 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 U.S. 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.



study guide, can be downloaded from the *Season of Peace* webpages .

19 Send someone to attend the Privilege Institute’s 24th annual White Privilege Conference. Presbyterians from across the country have been attending this conference to learn strategies to combat racism and dismantle structures of privilege. Visit theprivilegeinstitute.com to learn more.

20 Invite a PC(USA) mission co-worker engaged in ministries that promote peace and reconciliation to visit. Be inspired

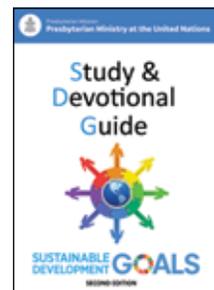


by an in-person or virtual visit how God is at work in the world and how to get more involved. To learn more about speaker availability, email mission.live@pcusa.org or call 800-728-7228, ext. 5075.

15 Become a Matthew 25 Church. Many peacemaking congregations are already doing the work of Matthew 25. Consider becoming a Matthew 25 Church that builds congregational vitality, dismantles structural racism and eradicates systemic poverty. Learn more at pcusa.org/matthew-25.

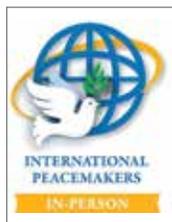


21 Study the U.N.’s Sustainable Development Goals. U.N. member countries adopted this set of goals to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure prosperity for all. Learn about relevant PC(USA) efforts to making our world a better place and how to get involved. Visit pcusa.org/sustainable-development-goals.

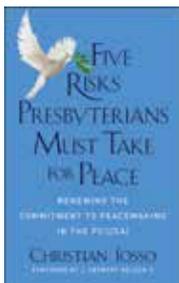


16 Respond to immigration issues. Learn more about immigration issues and how the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations can respond. Visit pcusa.org/immigration to find resources for study, advocacy, worship and action.

17 Invite an International Peacemaker to visit your region during the fall. 2022 dates are Sept. 16–Oct. 10. Visit presbyterianmission.org/international-peacemakers for details.



18 Form a study group to study Five Risks Presbyterians Must Take For Peace. This book outlines the Five Peacemaking Affirmations approved by the 222nd General Assembly in 2016. *Risking Peace*, a companion



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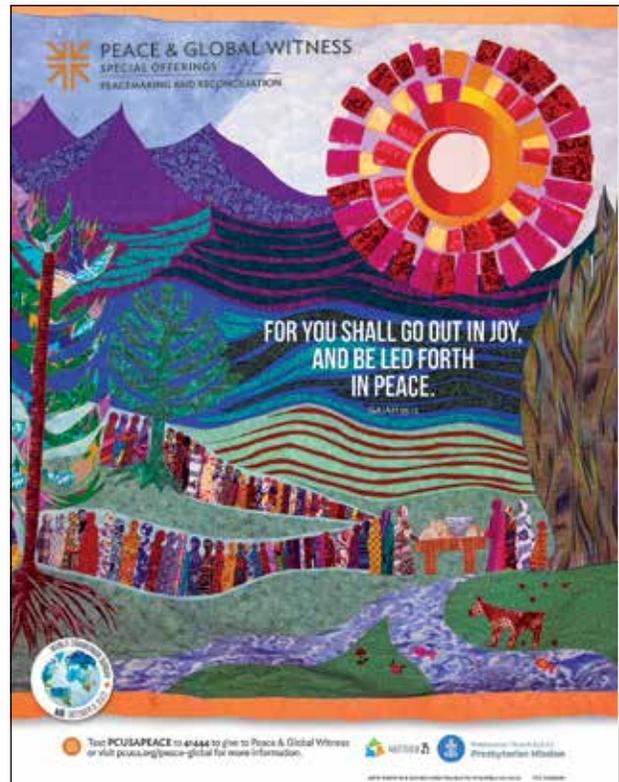
10 RESOURCES AND MATERIALS

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.

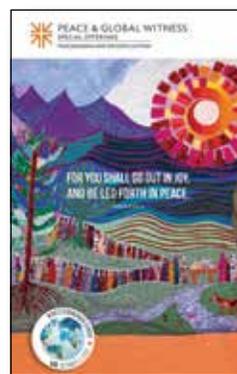


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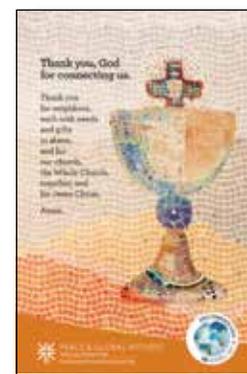
- ✦ Bulletin inserts: *Go Out in Joy* and *Be Led Forth in Peace*
- ✦ Poster: Display in a high-traffic area in your church (in English, Spanish and Korean)
- ✦ Sample pastor's letter: Use as a reference when writing a letter to your members
- ✦ Facebook cover photo: Use on your church's Facebook page throughout *A Season of Peace*
- ✦ Minutes for Mission: Five stories about the transformative power of the kinds of peacemaking and reconciliation efforts the Offering supports (large print reader version and video form)
- ✦ Worship resource
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- ✦ PowerPoint slides: To illustrate Minutes for Mission or for other presentations in support of the Offering
- ✦ Children's Curriculum



Go Out in Joy poster



Go Out in Joy insert



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Let us pray ~

*O God of Peace
at all times in all ways,
grant us your peace
and help us
to imagine a world
where your justice
and peace
are ever known.*

AMEN.



Thank you for your support of the Peace & Global Witness Offering
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