



NCP Peacemaking Banner Displayed at GA in San Jose

The NCP Peacemaking Committee answered the call of PC(USA)'s Peacemaking Program to send a peacemaking banner representing National Capital Presbytery to the 218th General Assembly in San Jose, CA as part of the 25th anniversary of the General Assembly's adoption in 1980 of *Peacemaking: The Believers' Calling*, a call to Presbyterians to witness and commit to peacemaking. In April 2008, the Committee gathered under the guidance and inspiration of liturgical artist Susan Tilt to cut and create symbols of peace in Washington, D.C. With Committee members suggesting inclusion of the Capitol, doves, and cherry blossoms, Susan provided patterns and fabric from which the Committee enthusiastically began to cut and create pieces for the banner. Susan then stitched the pieces together and provided the finishing touches so Bill Plitt of Trinity Presbyterian in Arlington could hand-carry our banner to the GA! What a beautiful banner for NCP to display!



The banner has returned to Washington, D.C. and was displayed on stage at the July 1 Presbytery Meeting where the Peacemaking Committee presented a skit and dialogue on "Commitment to Peace" in celebration of the 25th peacemaking anniversary. Churches are welcome to borrow the banner for special events and may contact either Barbara DeLouise, delouise581@verizon.net, of the Peacemaking Committee, or Rev. Carla Gorrell, cgorrell@thepresbytery.org, at the Presbytery office.

