

PC(USA)'s 25th Anniversary of "Commitment to Peacemaking"

At the NCP Presbytery meeting on July 1, 2008, the NCP Peacemaking Committee appealed to churches in the Presbytery to make a "Commitment to Peacemaking" or "Recommitment to Peacemaking" in honor of the 25th anniversary of the General Assembly's adoption of a resolution urging Presbyterian churches to commit to integrating peacemaking into the life and mission of their congregations. The 192nd General Assembly affirmed a major study, *Peacemaking: The Believers' Calling*, that called on churches to "nurture and equip God's people as peacemakers."

Led by Peacemaking Committee members Nancy Lawrence Hill and Jan Moody, a youth skit on peacemaking and PC(USA) Peacemaking Program slides explained the purpose and actions to be taken for the 25th anniversary celebration. The youth explained what peacemaking is and why it is important. Nancy and Jan led a discussion on how churches in the Presbytery can commit or recommit to peace.



Brochures explaining the "Presbyterian Peacemaking Program" were available at the meeting as well as at the NCP office. Churches and Sessions are asked to take the "Commitment to Peace" brochure to adopt its tenets and sign the document by the Session Moderator and Clerk to be returned to PC(USA) in Louisville. Churches are also encouraged to incorporate a Service of Dedication affirming the "Commitment to Peace" perhaps in the fall at the time of the Peacemaking Offering. A suggested service of dedication is provided in a brochure by PC(USA), also available at the Presbytery meeting and the NCP office.

Members of the NCP Peacemaking Committee are contacting churches with information and requests to make a commitment to peace, or churches may contact Rev. Carla Gorrell, cgorrell@thepresbytery.org, at the NCP office for more information and brochures.

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