



HOW TO BE A PEACEMAKING CONGREGATION



Peace in the World:

- ◆ Stay informed about what is happening in the world; read your newspaper and watch the news
- ◆ Pray for the end of violence, terror and injustice across the globe
- ◆ Encourage members of your congregation to vote with a global mind
- ◆ Know what the church has to say about global justice issues
(Social Action Handbook - <http://presbyterian.ca/justice/>)



Peace in Society:

- ◆ Volunteer as a church group in local peacemaking initiatives (rallies, prayer circles, artistic events promoting peace)
- ◆ Organize a peace event at your congregation (invite peace speakers, make peace cranes, do a collective art project that can later be displayed on the subject of peace)
- ◆ Learn more about other cultures by organizing a congregational visit to ethnic cultural centers
- ◆ Appreciate the beauty of diversity
- ◆ Write letters to politicians expressing your hopes for peace and demands for policies that protect and promote peace
- ◆ Drive courteously
- ◆ Greet people



Peace in Congregations:

- ◆ Pass the peace
- ◆ Pray for peace
- ◆ Hold a Bible Study on peace and diversity
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/season-peace-bible-study-full/>
- ◆ Facilitate discussions on peace
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/wp-content/uploads/Peace-Cards-Third-Edition-2016.pdf>
- ◆ Create beautiful worship services where congregants experience the sight (art), sounds (music) and presence (talk about Jesus as the Prince of Peace, lift up the promise of the peaceable kingdom) of peace
- ◆ Learn about PCC partner groups like KAIROS and Project Ploughshares that are actively working for peace—get involved
<http://presbyterian.ca/justice/>



Peace in Relationships:

- ◆ Get to know your neighbours
- ◆ Be patient
- ◆ Be kind
- ◆ Be helpful
- ◆ Listen more than you speak
- ◆ Say sorry



In Ourselves:

- ◆ Pray
- ◆ Read Scripture
- ◆ Practice patience
- ◆ Be still
- ◆ Be quiet
- ◆ Stand up for what is right



**“BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS, FOR THEY WILL BE CALLED
THE CHILDREN OF GOD.” MTT 5:9**