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Peaceseekers Work to End Human Trafficking

By Peggy Howland, Orlando FL

The Presbyterian Peace Fellowship has named Evelyn Chumbow and Jill Bolander-Cohen as joint recipients of the 2015 Peaceseeker Award. These two Presbyterian women have made significant contributions to the struggle against human trafficking. Human trafficking is a global problem that includes forced or bonded labor, prostitution and sexual exploitation, and the recruitment of child soldiers. The International Labor Organization estimates that there are more than 12 million children, women, and men around the world in labor or sexual servitude at any given time. Many nations have no laws or effective enforcement against trafficking. It is estimated that 17,000 people are trafficked into the United States every year, but not all victims are immigrants. Traffickers also exploit the vulnerability of many U.S. citizens – runaway and homeless youth, the poor, the chronically unemployed, and victims of domestic violence.



As a young girl in Cameroon, Evelyn Chumbow dreamed of going to the United States and becoming an attorney. A “recruiter” convinced her family to let Evelyn come with her to the United States for an education. When she reached the U.S., she was forced

to cook, clean, and take care of the children of that recruiter. The teenager worked as a family slave for seven years. She received no pay, had no free time, did not attend school, and was often beaten. Finally she escaped. She enrolled in GED classes and became a student at the University of Maryland University College (UMUC). Today she

is a powerful and effective speaker against trafficking and an activist with the National Survivor Network (NSN).



Jill Bolander-Cohen is the Founder/Executive Director of the Lifeboat Project, Inc. a Central Florida nonprofit which advocates on behalf of survivors of labor and sex trafficking. She is also the co-founder/Vice President of the Greater Orlando Human Trafficking Task Force and

the Presbyterian Women Chair of Justice and Peace with the Synod of South Atlantic and sits on the Central Florida Presbytery Immigration Task Force. She has twice been a PC(USA) delegate to the Commission on the Status of Women at the UN and attended Ecumenical Advocacy Days in DC three times. Jill gives EAD credit for God planting the seed to her work. The Lifeboat Project offers a long term after care and residential program for trafficking survivors and has recently developed a trafficking awareness app for middle and high school students.

The 2015 Peaceseeker Award will be presented to Evelyn and Jill at the Peace Breakfast at the 2016 General Assembly in Portland, OR.

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A Peacemaker's Calendar

April 17 - 20, 2015 – Ecumenical Advocacy Days

The theme is Breaking the Chains: Mass Incarceration and Systems of Exploitation. Join over 1,000 Christian advocates in Washington, D.C. in building a movement to shake the foundations of systems of human exploitation (Acts 16:16-40), including a prison-industrial system that incarcerates millions of people in the U.S. and abroad. A world that incarcerates so many and allows some to profit from the exploitation of slave, trafficked and forced labor remains far from the "beloved community" which we are all called to seek.

Go to AdvocacyDays.org for more information, downloadable brochures and bulletin inserts, hotel information and to Register NOW!

Come early to attend the Presbyterian Compassion, Peace and Justice Training Day at New York Avenue Presbyterian Church on April 17. (See p7 for more information.)

June 4 - 7, 2015 – 2015 Convocation of Peacemakers, sponsored by the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship at Stony Point Center in New York.

Keynote speaker Paul K. Chappell will lead us in considering "The Art of Waging Peace." To register, visit www.presbypeacefellowship.org.

Convocation of Peacemakers to Focus on "The Art of Waging Peace"

By Roger Scott Powers, Baltimore MD

How can we be more effective advocates for peace – ending current wars and preventing future ones? What can we learn about nonviolent struggle from Palestinian Christians who are peacefully resisting the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza? How do we address racism and white privilege in ourselves and in our communities? These are some of the important questions we will wrestle with at the 2015 Convocation of Peacemakers being sponsored by the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship this spring. Peace and justice activists from across the country are invited to gather June 4-7, 2015, at Stony Point Center (Stony Point, NY), to explore "The Art of Waging Peace" through plenary presentations, small group discussions, workshops, Open Space conversations, powerful preaching, and inspiring worship.

The keynote speaker will be Paul K. Chappell, peace leadership director for the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation. A 2002 graduate of West Point and an Iraq War veteran, Chappell left active duty in 2009 as a captain. He is the author of the Road to Peace series, a seven-book series about waging peace, ending war, the art of living, and what it means to be human. The first four published books in this series are *Will War Ever End?*, *The End of War*, *Peaceful Revolution*, and *The Art of Waging Peace*.

The preacher for the convocation will be Amal Nassar, a Palestinian Christian who preaches and teaches nonviolence at the Tent of Nations, a center for peace-building and nonviolent resistance near Bethlehem in the West Bank. The Tent of Nations is located on her family's farm, land that her family has owned for 98 years, which is now surrounded by Israeli settlements. She and her brothers are living examples of peaceful resistance as they engage in nonviolent struggle to hold onto their land while also trying to fulfill their father's dream of building bridges of hope and understanding, reconciliation and dialogue, between Israelis and Palestinians.

In addition, Jessica Vasquez Torres, Laura Cheifetz, Kitty and Rick Ufford-Chase will co-lead two concurrent seminars – one on white privilege and the other on anti-racism.

The Convocation of Peacemakers will begin on Thursday, June 4, with check-in at 5:00 p.m. and conclude on Sunday, June 7, with lunch. The cost (which includes registration, lodging, and all meals) is \$450 if you register by May 1, \$500 if you register May 2-21. You can register on line at: www.presbypeacefellowship.org/convocation15 or by mail to: Presbyterian Peace Fellowship, 17 Cricketown Road, Stony Point, NY 10980.

Colombia: Threats and Violence Met by Partnership and Commitment

By Shannan Vance-Ocampo, Albany NY

Jan. 28, 2015 - Urabá, Colombia: More than ten years ago a letter arrived to the Presbyterian Church (USA) from our partner denomination, the Iglesia Presbiteriana de Colombia (IPC) requesting assistance in the form of accompaniment. It was a new thing for the PC(USA) to receive and act on such a request, and while it was a struggle to meet it, our denomination, aided by us, the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship, began a ministry of accompaniment in November 2004. It was thought we would only walk with the IPC for a few months, but God was up to something different and new – and had plans for us!



Presbyterian Peace Fellowship delegation meets with Colombian church leaders, January, 2015.

Here we are, ten years later, still engaged in walking together side-by-side as followers of Jesus Christ, committed to the ministry of accompaniment and the practice of nonviolence. At the invitation of the IPC a small team including Executive Director Rick Ufford-Chase visited Colombia during the last week of January 2015. *(At the time of writing this article we are still in Colombia and will have much more to report in the next Briefly and in our enews.)* Just before we began our trip, the IPC received a new round of death threats, specifically to three of its leaders, to a human rights attorney who has worked closely with us for the last ten years, and to the many communities and ecumenical partners with which we labor. PPF has responded with a pastoral letter penned by Rick Ufford-Chase, Linda Eastwood, Mamie Broadhurst and Shannan Vance-Ocampo that already has drawn over 1500 signatures. (Visit our web site to read it and add your name.) We have been presenting and will continue presenting our names as those who stand against violence and stand with our sisters and brothers in Colombia.

While we are in Colombia, we are seeking to listen together to where the Spirit is leading us in the ministry of accompaniment. We are worshipping, singing, praying, evaluating, advocating and walking together. Already we see the movement of the Spirit among us—inviting us into greater faithfulness and deepening engagement.

Pray for us and for the Colombia Accompaniment Program. Pray for our Colombian partners. And pray for peace. And stay tuned to hear all about our next steps and how you can be a part of this incredible ministry of nonviolent witness!

We are writing to communicate that death threats were received on January 11, 2015 by three of the pastoral leaders (Rev. Milton Mejía, Rev. Jairo Barriga and Elder Germán Zárate) in our partner denomination, the Iglesia Presbiteriana de Colombia (IPC) and by the communities and leaders that we have been blessed to walk alongside in the ministry of accompaniment for the last ten years, including Jerry Garavito, Esq. who works with both the IPC and many of the human rights and displaced communities we serve. We denounce in the strongest terms these threats and acts of intimidation. These threats represent sin, believing the lie that violence is the only way to gain power and control. As followers of Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace—we reaffirm the words of Jesus in Matthew 26, “Put down your sword, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword.” We stand committed to the fullness of life that comes through following Christ and his path of nonviolence. We stand with churches and communities of nonviolence in all places, today in Colombia....

(From PPF letter responding to new threats against Colombian church leaders.)

“Both the Colombian national ombudsman's office (Defensoria del Pueblo) and the national office of religious affairs made it clear to us that International pressure helps them with their work - including in defense of those just threatened.”

Colombia delegation member Linda Eastwood

Mercy Junction: Supporting social justice work in Chattanooga

By Beth Foster, Chattanooga TN

Mercy Junction, a ministry founded by the Rev. Brian Merritt three years ago, has found a home and established what the worshipping community believes will become an institutionalized beacon of social righteousness in the South, a lasting legacy of what the Presbytery of East Tennessee created during a time of transition for the denomination.

The Mercy Junction Justice and Peace Center at St. Andrews opened on Jan. 1. The center is located in a 100-year-old, 40,000-square-foot church. The ministry of Mercy Junction, and the work of the center, is to provide infrastructure and support to those organizations and individuals who are actively engaged in social justice work, and to educate and empower those organizations and individuals who are looking for ways to engage in the work of creating a more just world.

“The work of justice and peace in the City of Chattanooga is knit tightly into the fabric of Mercy Junction's faith,” Merritt said. “We are committed to walking with a diverse community in building a world that is equitable for all and celebrates God's unbiased love and acceptance to all living creatures.”

Each day at Mercy Junction begins with the "Joy of Sext," a noon prayer service. The name of noon prayers in traditional Christian liturgy is "Sext," counting midday as the sixth hour since sunrise. Each week is highlighted by the People's Sermon which incorporates base community, Taize/Iona-style worship and is designed to be a time during which community members teach and learn from each other in a horizontal structure.

The Justice and Peace Center is open noon to 8 p.m., Tuesdays through Fridays, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays. In addition to Merritt, the center's staff includes co-director Beth Foster, administrative coordinator Keely Gilliland, building manager Kara Tragesser and custodian Larry Fuqua Sr.

In striving to create the "world as it should be," Mercy Junction will have programs, campaigns and events – and organize with other like-minded ministries and organizations – to advance social justice as informed by its faith. The center also offers space to partners who share Mercy Junction's values. These building partners pay rent in either cash or volunteer hours and commit to work with the community to support common work, solve problems and fundraise. Among the building partners currently housed in the center are GED and English-as-a-Second



language programs, a bicycle cooperative, three worshipping communities including a Spanish-language congregation, drug/alcohol recovery programs, and a nutritional program for Haitian children.

"It is a big vision that we have," Foster said. "We are creating a center out of which we hope to practice the gospel of Jesus Christ and change the world with our friends and allies. We are asking for those who share our values to believe in us and to believe that this is the work to which we have been called. We need support of every kind, prayers and financial donations, and for those close enough or who are willing to visit – volunteers."

As its first fundraising effort, outside of support from the Presbytery of East Tennessee, the Mercy Junction Justice and Peace Center has launched a crowdfunding campaign on Indiegogo with a goal of raising \$3,000 in the next two months. The link to the crowd funding campaign is <http://igg.me/at/WYilm1Eg2aU/x/9628212>. Those wishing to donate may also contribute through Paypal to opentableexchange@gmail.com, or by mailing a check to Mercy Junction Justice and Peace Center, 1918 Union Ave., Chattanooga TN 37404.

Follow the Justice and Peace Center as it grows at <https://www.facebook.com/MercyJunction>. For more information, email Foster at justice@mercyjunctioncenter.org or Merritt at worship@mercyjunctioncenter.org.

In 2014, The Presbyterian Peace Fellowship began a new and exciting partnership with seven intentional peace communities, including Mercy Junction. Information about all seven communities is on our web site.

November SOA Vigil Focuses on Immigration

By Linda Eastwood, Chicago IL

Why talk immigration at the SOA Watch Vigil? Those who take part in this annual November conference and vigil in Columbus GA, understand the links all too well. SOA/WHINSEC (The School of the Americas is now officially WHINSEC – Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation) training is a significant contributor to military violence in Latin America, and that’s one of the many “push factors” that force people to flee and to migrate – many to the U.S.

That understanding led a thousand SOA Vigil protestors (including half of our PPF group) to take part in Saturday morning’s rally and 2-mile march from Lumpkin GA to “Shut Down the Stewart Detention Center” – the largest for-profit immigrant-prison in the U.S. (Corrections Corporation of America, the leader in for-profit prisons, profits from 1,800 men awaiting deportation proceedings, and 98.5% of those men can expect to be deported.)

That awareness is also why over 50 attendees of the SOA Watch conference, looking at the multiple parallel sessions on offer, chose to join our Saturday evening workshop on *Ministries of Welcome: The Presbyterian Peace Fellowship presents reports from the Texas Border and the New Sanctuary Movement*. You can see photos from this event in our Facebook album. The Rev. Kelly Allen, chair of the Mission Presbytery (South Texas) Immigration Task Force, talked of how churches in Texas are cooperating with other local agencies to respond to the surge of children and families fleeing violence in Central America, and the Rev. Linda Eastwood, a PPF National Committee member who worships with a New Sanctuary Movement congregation in Chicago, told stories and shared ways for congregations around the country to advocate for immigration reform and to protect immigrants facing deportation. (Everyone who came knew, for sure, to visit www.sanctuary2014.org both to sign petitions for those in sanctuary and to download the congregation toolkit for those considering joining this movement.)

Both Kelly and Linda made it clear that you don’t need to head for the border to provide support; even those immigrants newly crossing the border and released from detention scatter all over the country. You’ll almost certainly find people needing help right in your own neighborhood, whether they’re new arrivals or long-established immigrant neighbors facing deportation. Local immigrant-rights and legal-support groups can help you find them.

While half of the PPF group was marching to Stewart on a mostly sunny Saturday, the rest were setting up and staffing the PPF table at the rally at the gates of Fort Benning, and wandering around other tables making new friends, watching the massive “puppets” being made ready for Sunday, singing along with protest songs from the stage, and signing advocacy postcards. Shame that the sun didn’t last into Sunday, but rain did not stop play. It didn’t even dampen the spirits of all of us who marched in the vigil’s moving funeral procession, holding crosses with the names of victims of SOA graduates, and calling out “Presente” to each of the long litany of names of all known victims.

Five activists were arrested at the Stewart Detention Center on Saturday and two others were arrested for illegal entry at Fort Benning on Sunday morning. Those two, Eve Tetaz (83) and Nashua Chantal (62), stood trial before US District Judge Stephen Hyles in Columbus, Georgia on January 29. The prosecution asked for the six-month maximum sentence for both, but everyone in the courtroom was surprised when Nashua was sentenced to a 5 year probation, and Eve was sentenced to a \$5,000 fine. Neither of them was sentenced to prison, something that Judge Hyles has been notorious for imposing on nonviolent activists since beginning his tenure in 2010.

The vigil never ceases to be a moving and haunting reminder of how far we still have to go to prevent the terrible harvest of U.S.-supported militarization in Latin America and around the world. The fruits are deaths, disappearances, displacements. We cannot rest.



Presbyterian Peace Fellowship Expands Occupation-Free Endowment Fund

By Jan Orr-Harter, Aledo TX

The Presbyterian Peace Fellowship will start 2015 with a new commitment to peace and justice through investment. And it will do it through the New Covenant Trust Company, a subsidiary of the venerable Presbyterian Foundation which has supported Presbyterian mission for over 200 years. At a mere 70 years old, the Peace Fellowship is an independent nation-wide community of Presbyterians who follow the nonviolence of Jesus Christ by working to reduce war and violence in the world.

Some history: Starting in 2007, the Peace Fellowship (PPF) invested its endowment fund in the New Covenant Funds, sponsored by the Presbyterian Foundation. In 2013 the Fellowship launched an Occupation-Free endowment option at the request of a donor who believed strongly in the long-standing Presbyterian commitment to ending the Occupation of the Palestinian Territories by the nation of Israel. Because the Presbyterian Church (USA) was still in the process of debating a more limited divestment from three corporations that profit from the Occupation, the new Occupation-Free portion of the Fellowship's endowment was invested separately with a Louisville, KY firm specializing in socially-responsible investment. The balance of the endowment remained at the Foundation's New Covenant Funds. The Occupation-Free Fund grew to over \$150,000 in six months.

Support for denominational action: "The Presbyterian Church took a courageous and necessary stand in voting to no longer profit from the Occupation," said PPF Executive Director Rick Ufford-Chase, referring to the June 2014 vote by the PC(USA) General Assembly to divest from Presbyterian investments in Caterpillar, Hewlett Packard and Motorola Solutions, three corporations that strategically support and benefit from the Occupation. "The followers of Jesus should not make money off of the misery of this illegal Occupation or the abuse of anyone's human rights. We are grateful that our full fund can now be managed through the Presbyterian Foundation's New Covenant Trust Company (NCTC) without profiting from an ever-expanding Occupation." Ufford-Chase cites a report in the *Wall Street Journal* on Oct. 27, 2014: "Israel plans to build some 1,000 new housing units in areas of Jerusalem claimed by Palestinians as part of a future state, further stoking tensions in the city after months of violence."

The now-united PPF endowment fund, with almost

\$600,000 dollars invested, will be maintained by the NCTC as an Investment Management Account, which gives more control over ethical investment decisions by the fund owner. Each year the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship will provide the NCTC with a "Proscription List" to exclude investments in corporations that profit from the Occupation of the Palestinians. This goes beyond the three corporations previously divested from by the PC(USA), Caterpillar, Hewlett-Packard and Motorola Solutions, and includes the possibility of future prophetic witness with investments in other areas.

"We hope that our witness," says PPF Endowment Investment Committee member Benjamin Snipes, "will inspire other groups, churches and individuals to develop ethical restrictions for their financial investments in support of Palestinian human rights and oppressed communities around the world. Together, we can testify that profiting from the oppression of others is not acceptable in our churches and our business practices."

For more information on setting up an Occupation-Free Fund, as a group or as an individual investor, or to contribute to the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship's Occupation-Free Endowment, contact Jan Orr-Harter, Chair, Endowment Fund Committee, at 817-291-3952 or see www.presbypeacefellowship.org

Join Us in Working for Middle East Peace

From the PPF Israel/Palestine Working Group

Three new PPF committees have been formed focusing on different aspects of our work in the Middle East:

Boycotts. The General Assembly of the PC(USA) has affirmed a boycott of products made in West Bank settlements as a non-violent strategy for challenging the Israeli occupation of Palestinian lands. This committee will work with a coalition of others to engage Presbyteries and congregations in implementing the commitments we have made in this area. Melinda Thompson chairs this committee (melinda4994@gmail.com).

Engaging Congregations in Prophetic Action in Palestine and Israel. The charge of this committee is to develop materials to engage churches in Christian education and prophetic action in relation to Palestine and Israel and suggest ways churches might organize to do that work. Art and Mary Hunt are chairing this committee (art@cheswood.com, mary@cheswood.com).

A Response to ISIS and US Aggression in the Middle East. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has affirmed that peacemaking is our calling. How do we respond as Chris-

tians to our country's proclivity to turn to war and violence in world events, including the recent violence in the Middle East, embodied by ISIS/ISIL. Mitch Trigger is chairing this committee (revtrigger@gmail.com).

Don Mead is PPF's overall coordinator of this set of activities (mead@msu.edu). Each of these committees is eagerly seeking more participants to join them. We hope that one will match your own concerns and that you will wish to join them in seeking to respond to what God is calling us to do. Please contact one of these persons to find out more and to indicate your interest in participating in this work.

PPF Redoubles Its Commitment to Stand Against War

By Rick Ufford-Chase, Stony Point NY

Tom Driver's exhortation to fully claim our historic commitment to stand firmly and boldly against war captured the attention of many of us last fall. In December, I convened a group of ten people for a writing day at Stony Point Center. Though we started with what seemed like one goal at the beginning of the day - to write a clear statement to firmly ground our response to situations of violent conflict around the world - by the end of the day it was clear that we were trying to do accomplish at least three different tasks.

First, we hoped to develop a statement that would respond directly to Tom's challenge and inspire and support Presbyterians who are trying to stand against the easy answers of military aggression that dominate the media and permeate even our churches in the United States today.

Second, we realized that such a statement would necessitate a more nuanced reflection on the implications for our work. How do we define violence? What are the underlying structures of violence that make this work so challenging? In short, what does a "no" to war mean in terms of the work we are called to do. Solid analysis and strategy must undergird our theological convictions that violence and war are always wrong.

Finally, we felt the need for a liturgical resource that could be used by congregations that are tired of theological statements specifically designed for communities unwilling to challenge themselves or the pat answers of pop culture when confronted with violent conflict. We had in mind something poetic and Psalm-like that could support churches prepared to ask tough questions about the ways our allegiances are bought and sold in a military-industrial complex.

This winter, the writing team of ten is working on these statements. Stay-tuned for opportunities to weigh in and offer your own suggestions through Facebook and our enews during the Lenten season.

Ecumenical Advocay Days to Focus on Mass Incarceration

From the PC(USA) Office of Public Witness

Everywhere people are facing severe human rights violations for political and economic gain. The United States is holding nearly a quarter of the world's prisoners. Young children are forced to work in mineral mines in the Congo. African Farmers are forced off their land as part of corporate land grabbing. The education of low-income people in the United States is systemically neglected.

How can we the church turn these tragedies into triumphs? Come to Advocacy Training Weekend in Washington DC to take a long hard look at these issues and seek solutions that are theologically and biblically based. Training will kickoff April 17, 2015 with Compassion, Peace and Justice Training Day, a special pre-conference for Presbyterians. Learning will continue with our ecumenical sisters and brothers during Ecumenical Advocacy Days the remainder of the weekend.

As people of Hope, we are reminded that Jesus' radical message was one of liberation for all and restoration of right relationships. Through prayer, worship, advocacy training, networking and mobilization with other Christians, we will face the reality of mass incarceration and corporate exploitation, and call for national policies that bring liberation both to the prisoner and to a world in need of restoration – all culminating with EAD's Congressional Lobby Day on Capitol Hill.

Compassion Peace and Justice Training Day for Presbyterians will be held on Friday, April 17, 2015, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at New York Avenue Presbyterian Church (1313 New York Ave. NW, Washington, D.C.) Register now at: presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/advocacy-training-weekend-2015/

Ecumenical Advocacy Days will begin Friday evening, April 17, and conclude with legislative advocacy appointments throughout the day on Monday, April 20. Special rates are available at the conference hotel, the Crystal City Double Tree. For information about workshops, speakers, housing, scholarships and to register, see advocacydays.org.

Presbyteries to Vote on Peacemaking Affirmations

By Eric Garbison, Kansas City MO

The next stage of the Peace Discernment process is upon us. Last summer the GA approved what they refer to as “Five Affirmations.” These have now been passed on to presbyteries for discussion, suggestions for wording revisions, and a vote. This will not be a policy statement, but an “advisory vote.” Presbyteries may elect to accept only the affirmations they desire. They may also change the language of any individual affirmation. We urge all of you to take the following actions:

The FIRST step you should take is to get online and read the five affirmations and their rationales. Familiarize yourself with the process that is being recommended by the OGA. Note, they are still ironing out details and have not yet set a deadline. These can be found at the OGA website: oga.pcusa.org/section/ga/ga221/peace-discernment/ and at this ACSWP link: www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/peacemaking/peace-discernment/

Once you have done this we need everyone to: Call your presbytery and ask if they have received them. Ask how

they are planning to inform commissioners. And if they have already scheduled a vote. Contact the local (presbytery or congregational) peace and justice committees to explore what they know about it and work with them on how they might get involved. There is a chance for colleges and seminaries to give an advisory vote. It is not clear how this will happen. But if you are part of these groups you should contact OGA or ACSWP and inquire.

PPF is disappointed that the affirmations do not include the premise of the original 2010 GA action, which launched a 6-year process of discernment about “God’s call to the church to embrace nonviolence as its fundamental response to the challenges of violence, terror, and war.” However, we were instrumental in starting this process, and we are committed to seeing it through to the end. We are hopeful that the presbytery recommendations and the deliberations of the next GA will lead the PC(USA) to move closer to a commitment to nonviolence—which is to say, the pattern of Jesus’ life and teachings, the meaning of his death and resurrection and the way of life he calls us to model.

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