

# Imagine... a community of peacemakers

- \* studying and acting on the biblical vision of *Shalom*: peace with justice, welcoming community, wholeness...
- \* exploring the potential of active nonviolence, its unique, untold capacity for bringing about lasting change...
- \* working together to challenge war and militarism...
- \* lifting up alternatives to violence in the family, on the streets, in the media and among nations...



If that vision intrigues you, you will want to connect with Lutheran Peace Fellowship! We're a community of Lutherans across the nation, responding to the gospel call to be peacemakers and justice seekers. We work together, supporting one another on some of life's most rewarding challenges. LPF offers a welcome array of creativity and encouragement, experience and expertise, well-crafted media and educational resources...



"LPF resources and presentations are lively and clear, insightful and practical. Participants get a handle on the issues and leave feeling they can make a difference." **Lily Wu**, former LIRS staff, ELCA Church Council member

"What LPF contributes to our efforts is so well put together and so solid it earns our respect. LPF speaks the truth of the Gospel in a way that is engaging, empowering, and helps us connect with it and each other." **Rev. Dan Erlander**, Lutheran artist, ELCA Peace Task Force member

"What an opportunity LPF gives us: to be biblically faithful and socially concerned – and to reach out to others with this larger vision of peacemaking.... I invite you to join me in this wonderful community of Lutheran peacemakers." **Dr. Marva Dawn**, theologian, author, educator

*Pretty Good\**

## Ten Reasons to Connect with Lutheran Peace Fellowship

(\* we're Lutherans after all)

10. Congregation, campus, and event **forums and workshops** by LPF explore Biblical peacemaking, world hunger, conflict transformation, war and militarism, leadership skills, the spirituality of *Shalom*, etc.
9. Over 100 LPF **resources and leaders guides** help congregations and members engage peace concerns – personal to global. A million people have used our user-led **computer** activities on budget & hunger issues.
8. LPF peace **worship materials** include prayers, bulletin inserts, sermons, and a 65-page resource packet. We wrote the first International Day of Prayer for Peace insert, used in 10,000 churches around the globe.
7. Our **advocacy updates**, e-alerts, and **blogs** help members urge elected officials to act on peace & justice concerns. We've set records in helping Lutherans impact public policy with petitions, letters, protest, testimony...
6. Our expanded **website, blog and fb page** reach far beyond our members to share our many widely-appreciated education and advocacy materials, forum leaders' guides, inspiring 'Path of Hope' stories of nonviolence, etc.
5. 31 synods and the Churchwide Assembly passed LPF's UN **Decade for Peace resolution** sparking countless ELCA workshops and resources. Our director served as the US delegate to UN planning meetings in India.
4. Over 240 **leadership** workshops across the US including seventy intensive (e.g. weekend) trainings and college courses equip, inspire, and support Lutheran leaders to serve their congregation, college, community, church...
3. For example, LPF's award-winning program of workshops and mentoring for **food bank and meal program volunteers** strengthens their conflict skills, leadership, and understanding of the needs of today's homeless.
2. LPF's **mission** is to offer real nonviolent options to violence, war, injustice, and their causes—from global conflict and violence against women to climate change. LPF leaders have testified or consulted with over 20 gov't agencies.
1. All our efforts are grounded in the **gospel call** for us to practice and share the way of Jesus, the biblical vision of *Shalom*, of justice and active nonviolence.

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