

our briefest Intro...

Imagine... a community of peacemakers

* studying and acting on the biblical vision of *Shalom*: peace with justice, understanding, compassion, welcoming community...

* exploring nonviolent responses to conflict and new ways to reach across our various differences and barriers

* seeking fresh alternatives to violence in our families, on the street, in the media, among nations...

* forging new paths toward lasting social change



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 encouragement and creativity, experience and expertise, well-crafted media and educational resources...



Daniel W. Erlander

"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 pastor, 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 and campus **forums and workshops** by LPF explore Biblical peacemaking, hunger, transforming conflict, leadership skills, spirituality...Encourage your congregation to arrange an LPF forum.
9. Over 100 LPF **resources and leaders' guides** help members & congregations engage peace issues, personal to global. 450,000 people have benefitted from our computer & forum activities and peace resources!
8. Peace **worship materials** include prayers, bulletin inserts, a 65-pg resource packet...**We wrote** the first Day of Prayer for Peace insert, used in 10,000 churches across the globe! ** There's a place here for you!*
7. Our **advocacy updates, e-alerts, and blogs** help members urge elected officials to act on peace and justice concerns. LPF leaders have been asked to testify before or consult with over 20 gov't committees & agencies!
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 Churchwide passed LPF's UN **Decade for Peace resolution** sparking countless ELCA workshops and resources. Our director was US delegate to UN planning meetings in India! *Well, yes! Peace is possible!*
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. LPF's **mission** is to bring Lutherans together to engage peace and justice concerns and to offer nonviolent options to violence, war, injustice, and their causes – from global conflict and violence against women to climate change.
2. **Simple** steps on your part can contribute to peacemaking in your congregation: e.g. share LPF advocacy info, encourage youth and adult forum planners to use an LPF leaders' guide or LPF presenter. *We really can make a difference!*
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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We can help you explore ways to use your gifts & skills for peace! Call or-email us!