

## What our members say

When I think of Christ the peacemaker and his work carried on through ordinary people I find great joy in being a part of LPF. I believe that God will take all of our gifts, sacrifices, acts of resistance, and deeds of mercy from every time and place to accomplish God's purpose: a mended universe, *Shalom!*

**Rev. Dan Erlander**, noted writer, artist,  
ELCA Peace Task Force member

What an opportunity LPF gives us: to be biblically faithful and socially concerned. I invite you to join me in this wonderful community of Lutheran peacemakers.

**Dr. Marva Dawn**,  
theologian, author, educator

LPF's Training Program opened my eyes and has helped me so much!

**Luis Ochoa**, student

Through the effort and creativity of each of us and of organizations like Lutheran Peace Fellowship, Christ comes as peace into this aching world. To keep the beautiful work of LPF moving takes our prayer-filled contribution.

**Rev. Ann Helmke**, director,  
San Antonio PeaceCenter

The gospel witnesses to peaceful unity in the midst of diversity. That is what this troubled world needs and what the Spirit of God empowers us to help create. Thank you for joining with LPF and supporting this vital ministry.

**Rev. Lowell Erdahl**, Bishop  
Emeritus, St. Paul Area Synod



*"Many members...one call to peacemaking"*

Pray for peace. Work for peace.  
Become part of the growing  
community of peacemakers that is  
Lutheran Peace Fellowship:

\_\_ \$35, regular contributor, \_\_ \$19, new member,  
\_\_ \$9, student, low income, \_\_ LPF intro packet  
\_\_ \$52, supporter (\$1/week for peace)

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LPF's peace education ministry receives its main support from LPF members, congregations, and synods. We are grateful for project grants over the years from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Wheat Ridge Ministries, and from the ELCA World Hunger Program, Youth Ministries, Commission for Women, Church in Society, and Global Mission.

For further information on the programs, issues, resources, and activities outlined here, please go to: [www.lutheranpeace.org](http://www.lutheranpeace.org)

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## Responding to the Gospel Call to be Peacemakers

Lutheran Peace Fellowship



Daniel W. Erlander

"Do not be conformed  
to this world, but be  
transformed.

Live in  
harmony.

Do not repay  
evil for evil.

If your enemies are  
hungry, **feed** them."  
Romans 12

Lutheran Peace Fellowship



Lutheran Peace Fellowship (LPF) is a network of Lutherans across the U.S. and around the globe, responding to the Gospel call to be peacemakers and justice seekers. LPF offers the opportunity to join others in a caring community of education, prayer, and action.

## Priority LPF Programs

**1. The Core Mission of LPF:** to oppose violence, war, and injustice; and to respond to the gospel call to practice and share the way of Jesus: the biblical vision of *Shalom*, of justice and active nonviolence.

**2. LPF Advocacy** takes on crucial issues such as soaring US military budgets, conflicts around the globe, world hunger, violence against women, refugees, human rights, our militarized foreign policy...

**3. Leadership** forums and trainings in 65 cities, as well as leaders' guides, equip and support Lutheran leaders to better serve their congregation, youth or women's group, service program or community.

## What LPF Offers

❖ **LPF peace resources** help congregations and individuals explore and respond to such challenges as rising defense budgets, global conflict, youth & the military, climate change, hunger... A million people have used our computer-based activities!

❖ **Mobilizing for peace:** As part of Campaign Nonviolence, in 2017 LPF helped organize more than 1600 actions in a single week, in every state!

❖ **LPF forums and workshops** for congregations and events explore Biblical peacemaking, budget priorities, nonviolence, hunger, leadership/conflict skills, women as peacemakers, facing prejudice...

❖ **Our resource center** contains over 9,000 books, manuals, audiovisuals, curricula, and databases, and we tap into the best online resources as well.

❖ **LPF advocacy updates** help us encourage our elected officials to take leadership on key issues, e.g. we helped Lutherans gather more landmines ban petitions than any other US group!

❖ **Our website, Facebook page, and blog** offer 100s of education and advocacy resources and peacemaking narratives: [www.lutheranpeace.org](http://www.lutheranpeace.org)

❖ **Peace worship materials from LPF** include bulletin inserts, litanies, sermons, a "peace deck," and a 50-pg resource packet. We wrote the first global "Day of Prayer for Peace" worship insert!

❖ **Impact:** LPF played a crucial role in passing the Chemical Weapons Treaty in the US Senate! Our director was chosen as US delegate to UN Decade for Peace strategy meetings held in India!

## The Call to Peacemaking

The followers of Christ have been called to peace. And they must not only *have* peace but *make* it. And to that end they renounce all violence and tumult. In the cause of Christ nothing is to be gained by such methods. In so doing they overcome evil with good, and establish the peace of God in the midst of a world of war and hate. **Dietrich Bonhoeffer**, Lutheran youth leader, pastor, theologian, and anti-Nazi hero.

In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus is urging us to transcend both passivity and violence by finding a third way, one that is assertive and effective, yet nonviolent. **Walter Wink**, Author, *The Powers that Be; Engaging the Powers...*

If we are honest, we find the temptation to vengeance in our own hearts. Yet we know that the first real victim of violence is the perpetrator. What Gandhi said is true: An eye for an eye results only in two blind persons. As militarism and terrorism tighten their grip on our way of life, we need to support each other in the risk of unconditional love, taking concrete actions in our world as well as in our personal life. **Mary Evelyn Jegen** co-founder, first coordinator, Pax Christi USA

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed it's the only thing that ever has. **Margaret Mead**, noted anthropologist and author

