



Can't keep quiet about peace!

Welcome!

The Peace and Justice Support Network would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone attending Charlotte 2005, the national assembly of Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada! The mission of the Peace and Justice Support Network, Mennonite Church USA, is to proclaim and promote God's desire for justice (Micah 6:8), Christ's call to peacemaking (Matthew 5:9), and the Spirit's reconciling work (Ephesians 2:11-22). The work of PJSN includes:

- creating and keeping clear the vision of peace and justice in Mennonite Church USA,
- providing counsel to Mennonite Church USA agencies and Executive Board,
- promoting the expansion of peace and justice through gatherings for inspiration,
- sharing and publicizing resources for congregations,
- communicating peace and justice work to the wider constituency.

PJSN Gathering Theme

The Peace and Justice Support Network Reference Committee decided to incorporate the PJSN national peace gathering into the national assembly of Mennonite Church USA, *Can't Keep Quiet*, at the Charlotte Convention Center in Charlotte, North Carolina, July 4-9. There will be no separate registration for PJSN events. Offerings will be received at the Bible study to support the work of PJSN as we keep peace and justice visible at the assembly.

PJSN Sponsored Events

We hope that you will participate and encourage others to be part of the various PJSN sponsored events listed below:



Pre-assembly events: *Drumming for Peace*

Leo Hartshorn, minister of peace and justice, Mennonite Mission Network, will lead several sessions of the Drumming for Peace program "Joyful Noise" for all ages, while people arrive on Monday, July 4. Learn principles of peacemaking through drumming, rhythm, story, and have fun!

Bible Study:

Jesus' Peace Theology

Come join for three evenings of inspiring worship, singing, peace stories, and Bible study. PJSN will make a Peace Pitcher presentation for 2005 on Friday, July 8. This presentation recognizes an outstanding lifetime leader in peace and justice with a pottery pitcher (designed by Dick Lehman). Everyone is invited to this intergenerational gathering! A program for children will be offered. Leaders of the Bible study will be Perry Yoder, professor of Old Testament, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary and Mary Shertz, professor of New Testament, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary.



Dates and times are Tuesday, July 5, 6:45-8:00 pm—*The Judge Who Judges Justly* (1 Peter 2:21-24); Thursday, July 7, 6:45-8:00 pm—*God's Peace and Justice* (Psalm 82); and Friday, July 8, 6:45-8:00 pm—*Christ-Centered Ethics: Agents of Reconciliation* (2 Corinthians 5:14-21).

Peace and Justice Workshops

Numerous peace and justice workshops have been proposed from PJSN to be offered to the wider assembly, which

have not been confirmed as of this publication. The peace and justice workshops are integrated into the workshop times at the assembly.

Public Action: *Proclaiming Truth and Healing: A Charlotte Public Witness*

Mennonites gathering at the Charlotte 2005 assembly are invited to proclaim the source of their true security and offer healing to the wounds of our neighbors and enemies. Our public witness will reclaim Christ's Lordship of our bodies and money through a prayer pilgrimage from the Charlotte Convention Center to military recruitment and Internal Revenue Services offices. We will witness that God calls us to life and to offer that life to others.

Our government aggressively recruits our youth's bodies and nearly 50% of our federal income taxes for military purposes. Participants will learn to counter recruitment methods for Jesus' way of peace and be invited to redirect a portion of their 2005 tax dollars to life-affirming organizations. Join us as we proclaim our dependence on God and God alone! For more information contact Susan Mark Landis, peace advocate, Mennonite Church USA, SusanML@MennoniteUSA.org, 330-683-6844.

Organizations are invited to join in the sponsorship and organizing of this important witness. Current sponsors and organizers: Mennonite USA Peace and Justice Support Network, Mennonite Mission Network, Christian Peacemaker Teams, Every Church a Peace Church, National Campaign for a Peace Tax Fund, and Center on Conscience and War (NISBCO). For more information about the public action come to the PJSN display in the booth area.

PJSN Display Booth

To purchase PJSN resources and for more information on PJSN-sponsored events, visit the PJSN booth, located in the display area. The first 100 persons (one per congregation) visiting the PJSN display booth will receive a newly designed poster (based on a Franciscan benediction) produced by PJSN.



Times and Locations

Locations and times of all PJSN sponsored events will be posted at the PJSN display booth at the Convention Center.

For more information on PJSN

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