



# Walking the Path of Peace



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## Worship and Bible Study



### Keynote Speaker

**Ched Myers** is theological animator for Bartimaeus Cooperative Ministries, Oakview, Calif. Over the past two decades he has worked with several peace and justice organizations and movements, including the American Friends Service Committee, the Pacific Concerns Resource Center

and the Pacific Life Community. Ched is a co-founder and continuing board member of the Word and World School for faith-based activists ([www.wordandworld.org](http://www.wordandworld.org)), and of the Sabbath Economics Collaborative ([www.sabbatheconomics.org](http://www.sabbatheconomics.org)).

Ched holds a Bachelors degree in Philosophy from the University of California at Berkeley (1978) and a Masters degree in New Testament Studies from the Graduate Theological Union (1984). He has served as adjunct faculty at Memphis Theological Seminary, Fuller Theological Seminary and Claremont School of Theology (where he was the 1998-99 Fellow in Urban Theology) and has taught at numerous other schools and seminaries.

Ched's books include: *Binding the Strong Man: A Political Reading of Mark's Story of Jesus* (1988), *Who Will*

*Roll Away the Stone: Discipleship Queries for First World Christians* (1994), and *Say to This Mountain: Mark's Story of Discipleship* (1996, co-authored), all published by Orbis Books. He writes regularly for *Sojourners* and *The Other Side* magazines, and has published more than 100 articles and essays in various periodicals in the U.S., England and Australia. Ched travels throughout North America and abroad giving seminars and retreats, teaching, preaching and facilitating gatherings. His plenary sessions will be: 1) "From Lamech's Curse to Jesus' Challenge: Disrupting the Spiral of Violence." (Matt 18:21-35); 2) "Ambassadors of Reconciliation? Peacemaking and Economic Injustice" (2 Cor 5:18-6:2, 8:1ff); 3) "Christ Has Broken Down the Walls of Hostility: The Peacemaking Church as Boundary-Crosser" (Eph. 6).



### Bible Study Leader

**Perry Yoder** is Old Testament professor at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind. Perry received his Bachelors degree from Goshen College in 1962 and Ph.D from the University of Pennsylvania in 1970. His writings include *The Meaning of Peace: Biblical Studies* (Westminster / John

Knox, 1992), *Shalom: The Bible's Word for Salvation, Justice and Peace* (Faith & Life, 1987), and *From Word to Life: A Guide to the Art of Bible Study* (Herald, 1982).

His love of nature leads Perry to study Job with pastors and students while canoeing the Boundary Waters of Minnesota. For two years, Perry worked in a traveling assignment as People's Teacher of the Word, 1975-77. He was associate secretary for Peace and Social Concerns for the General Conference Mennonite Church, 1977-78. He taught at Bluffton College, 1968-75; Bethel College, 1977-84; and Conrad Grebel College, spring 1983.

He joined AMBS in 1985. Recently Perry has served as a mentor for the Shalom Reconciliation Pilgrimage project of the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship and International Fellowship of Evangelical Students, helping build their understanding of the meaning of the biblical term "shalom." Perry's Bible studies will be: 1) The Wisdom of Peacemaking; and 2) Keeping on the Path of Peace.

## Youth and Children

Programs for youth and children will be provided on Saturday. Daycare will be provided for ages 1-5 on Friday and Saturday during the workshops.

## Workshops

- **“Exploring Diverse Practices of Restorative Justice.”**— Elaine Enns, Restorative Justice and Conflict Mediation Program and Ched Meyers, Theological Animator, Bartimaeus Cooperative Ministries. They will explore a model of “four ways” for personal and political peacemaking, and share stories of contemporary faith-based practitioners.
- **The Fork in the Path: preparing youth to choose peace**—Titus Peachey, Peace Educator, MCC U.S. Does the message of peace have a chance in the face of the military’s multi-billion dollar advertising and recruitment budget? Yes! Come prepared to share and to learn what congregations can do to prepare youth for a lifetime of peacemaking.
- **The Fork in the Path: military veterans choosing peace (Youth)**—Titus Peachey, Peace Educator, MCC U.S. Come and meet former soldiers who are now committed to Jesus’ way of peace. Bring your questions about war, military service and how Jesus’ way of peace works in a world of violence and terror.
- **Immigrants Journey to the U.S.**—Rebeca Jimenez Yoder, Director of Immigration Office, MCC U.S. Immigration is a very complex issue with no easy answers. In this workshop we will explore why immigrants leave their home countries. We will also look at what type of situations they face in their journey to the U.S. You will also learn about some of the border policies that make their journey more dangerous.
- **Strategies for Peacemaking**—Iris de Leon-Hartshorn, Director of Peace and Justice Ministries, MCC U.S. Participants will explore a model that uses strategic peacebuilding as a way to work toward just peace solutions in our work toward peace. Participants will be asked to read *Little Book on Strategic Peacebuilding* by Lisa Schirch to prepare for the workshop. The book can be ordered on-line at [www.Goodbks.com](http://www.Goodbks.com) or by calling Good Books at 1-800-762-7171. The cost of the book is \$4.95.
- **Peace and Mission: siblings or rivals?**—Leo Hartshorn, Minister of Peace and Justice, Mennonite Mission Network. Peace and mission are often at odds within the church. This workshop will explore that tension and how the work of peace and mission have been and can be reconciled.
- **Drumming for Peace: a joyful noise (Youth and Adults)**—Leo Hartshorn, co-director, Drumming for Peace. Come join in a fun way of kinesthetically learning peace principles through drumming, rhythm and story. Through various drumming exercises using stick and plastic buckets participants learn about community, team-building and unity in diversity.
- **Global Warming, Local Witness**—Joe Blowers, a long-time environmental science teacher with Portland Public Schools. Global warming is real and it is upon us. Ice caps are melting, sea level is rising, and storms are becoming more severe. 2005 was the warmest year on record, yet many politicians, church leaders and citizens still act as if it’s no big deal. Unfortunately, climate change will disproportionately harm poor nations and poor people, making it a justice issue as well as an affront to God’s Creation. This workshop will look at the latest scientific evidence, suggest practical steps for individuals to take, and examine strategies for mobilizing the church on this issue.
- **What if Christians Stopped Killing?**—Jon Yoder, Pastor, Pacific Covenant Mennonite Church, Canby, Ore. This workshop will explore the intersection of Holy Scripture, Christian tradition, and the Holy Spirit in considering additional questions such as “Why did Christians start killing in the first place?” “Is Christian killing any different than ‘pagan’ killing?” and “Why does killing have such a grip on the Christian mind?”
- **The Earth is Good—and that includes you.**—Michael Schut, Education Director, Earth Ministry. In this interactive workshop we will explore some of the biblical and theological foundations for a creation-care ethic and how you can communicate that in your own life, including within your congregation; and, we’ll explore how our economic system could shift to honor the goodness of creation. Finally, practical resources for use in your own congregation will be introduced.
- **Organizing a Local Community Peace Organization**—Sharon Gisler, Director, Albany Peaceseekers, Albany, Ore. This workshop will explore some of the dynamics of organizing a local peace organization using the Nagasaki Peace Delegation of 2005 as a model for developing partnerships among educational, civic, church, and not-for-profit groups. The workshop will invite a dialogue among attendees in an effort to discovering the “dos” and “don’ts” of organizing local community peace organizations.
- **The Role of Alternative Dispute Resolution at a Community Level**—Sharlee Johnson, Executive Director, Linn-Benton Mediation Services, Albany, Ore. This workshop will explore the role and impact a local community dispute resolution center has on our society and culture around us. Leaders will share the challenges and rewards of the work they do, as well as where they see the future of community mediation is headed.
- **Food for Body and Soul**—Cathleen Hockman-Wert, co-author of *Simply in Season: A World Community Cookbook*, Corvallis, Ore. This workshop will help at-

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tendees make the connection between food & eating choices and the work of peace and justice. Developing relationships between congregations and local farmers can create a healthier earth, strengthen local economies and help to feed low-income neighbors.

- **CPT: Front-lines Peacemaking in the Middle East**—Matt Chandler, CPT leader (tentative). Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT) places teams of trained peacemakers in conflict areas to reduce violence. We ask the question, “What would happen if Christians devoted the same discipline and self-sacrifice to nonviolent peacemaking that armies devote to war?” CPT has maintained long-term projects in Palestine and Iraq. What are the results of this kind of front-lines peacemaking in the Middle East?

## Miscellaneous items

### Scholarships and Donations

Scholarships of up to \$200 are available so you can attend the peace gathering. Please check first with your congregation and conference for funding help. Send information about your work for peace, your reasons for coming, your total family expenses for this gathering, other aid you've pursued, and request a specific dollar amount. Requests are due in to Valerie Weidman by September 1, 2006. You will be notified by September 15 whether you have received funds. Scholarships are made possible through PJSN funds, donations and offerings taken at the peace gathering. Whether or not you attend, please consider sending a donation to make it possible for others to attend and to help defray costs for speakers, workshops, publicity and other expenses. Send donations to Leo Hartshorn, Minister of Peace and Justice, Mennonite Mission Network, 202 S. Ann St., Lancaster, PA, 17602.

### Lodging, Transportation, and Meals

Lodging in homes is available to peace gathering leadership. Included in this brochure is a list of local hotels for conference participants lodging during the conference. Meals will be served on site. Rates for meals: All meals (3 meals)—\$20; Friday only (2 meals)—\$14 Saturday only: (1 meal)—\$7. This price also includes snacks between the sessions

### Displays

A number of national and local peace and justice organizations will have displays. If you are with a peace and justice

## Schedule of Events

### Thursday, October 26

5:00–7:00 pm	Registration
7:00–8:30 pm	Worship/Ched Myers plenary session 1
8:30–9:00 pm	Introduction to Bible Study—Perry Yoder

### Friday, October 27

9:00–10:00 am	Bible Study 1—Perry Yoder
10:15–11:45 am	Workshops 1
12:00–1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30–2:00 pm	General gathering for information
2:15–3:45 pm	Workshops 2
3:45–5:00 pm	Free time
5:00–6:30 pm	Supper
6:30–8:00 pm	Worship/Ched Myers plenary session 2
8:00–9:00 pm	Variety Show

### Saturday, October 28

9:00–10:00 am	Bible Study 2—Perry Yoder
10:15–11:45 pm	Worship/Ched Myers plenary session 3
12:00–1:30 pm	Lunch
1:45–3:15 pm	Workshops 3
3:30–4:00 pm	Blessing and Sending

*\*locations to be posted and announced*

organization and would like to bring a display, please contact Leo Hartshorn, Minister of Peace and Justice, 717-399-8353, LeoH@MennoniteMission.net

### Coffee House and Variety Show

Don't miss the Friday evening informal time of refreshments and entertainment. Persons with special talents of music, comedy, dance or poetry are invited to perform at the variety show. To sign up for the evening, contact: Angela Nissley at nissly@canby.com

### Registration Fees

Registration fees for adults for Friday and Saturday are \$100. For Friday alone—\$75. For Saturday alone—\$40. Youth and children's registration fees for Saturday are \$15. For those who just want to attend a particular workshop, the fee is \$20. per workshop.

# Walking the Path of Peace Registration Form

## Address Information

Names: include ages, grade, and babies

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## Workshop Choice

List first and second choice for three workshop sessions:

### Workshops 1

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Workshops 2

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_

### Workshops 3

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_

## Travel and Lodging Arrangements

- I plan to drive to the gathering
- I plan to rent a car or make my own travel arrangements for the airport
- I am willing to transport people to the gathering from the airport or where they are lodging
- I will need transportation to and from the airport

## Costs

### Adult Registration Fees (before September 15)

\_\_\_ Number of persons x \$100.00 (Fri & Sat) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ Number of persons x \$75.00 (Fri only) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ Number of persons x \$40.00 (Sat only) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ Number of persons x \$10.00 (after Sept. 15) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ Number of persons x \$20.00 (workshops only) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Youth and Children's Registration Fees (Saturday)

\_\_\_ Number of persons x \$15.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ Number of persons x \$10.00 (after Sept. 15) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Meals (Lunch and Dinner on Friday; Lunch only on Saturday)

\_\_\_ Number of persons x \$20.00 (all three meals) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ Number of persons x \$14.00 (Friday only) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ Number of persons x \$7.00 (Sat only) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to make a donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Return This Form

Please mail form with payment to:

(Make checks to Peace and Justice Support Network)

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**Albany Hotels close to  
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**Best Western Albany Inn**

315 Airport Road SE  
1-866-890-0519  
541-928-6322  
\$59 Single/\$69 Double plus tax  
Includes full breakfast  
Conference attendees should say they are with the Peace and Justice conference to receive the discounted rate.

**Comfort Inns**

100 Opal Court NE  
541-928-2053  
Just off I-5  
\$65 Single/\$70 Double plus tax  
Continental breakfast  
Conference attendees should say they are with the Peace and Justice conference and book before Sept. 26 to receive the discounted rate.

**Day's Inn and Suites**

1100 Price Road SE  
Exit 233 east of I-5  
541-928-5050  
[www.daysinn.com/albany14014](http://www.daysinn.com/albany14014)  
\$62.10 Single/\$71.10 Double plus tax  
Continental breakfast

**Holiday Inn Express**

105 Opal Court NE  
541-928-8820  
Just off I-5  
\$65 Single/\$70 Double plus tax  
Continental breakfast  
Conference attendees should say they are with the Peace and Justice conference and book before Sept. 26 to receive the discounted rate.

**Motel 6**

2735 Pacific Blvd SE  
541-926-4233  
800-466-8356  
\$49.99 Single/+\$6 plus tax each additional person

**Phoenix Inn Suites**

3410 Spicer Road SE  
541-926-5696  
888-889-0208  
[Phoenixinnsuites.com](http://Phoenixinnsuites.com)  
\$79 Single/\$84 Double plus tax  
Includes breakfast buffet  
Conference attendees should say they are with the Peace and Justice conference and book before Oct. 13 to receive the discounted rate.  
Just off I-5 at exit 233

**Relax Inn and Suites**

1212 Price Road SE  
541-926-0170  
[www.econolodge.com/hotel/or158](http://www.econolodge.com/hotel/or158)  
\$44.99 +tax Single/\$49.99 +tax Double

*Tax is 10%*

*All Hotels are within 2 miles of Albany Mennonite Church*

