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To: Mennonite Church USA congregations
From: The Peace and Justice Support Network:
Subject: Letter from Mennonite Church USA to President Bush opposing war with Iraq
Date: August 29, 2002

Friends,

We invite you to join thousands of Mennonites who are making visible their opposition to a U.S. invasion of Iraq by signing a Mennonite Church USA letter to President Bush. We believe that if we can gather at least 5000 signatures and deliver this letter September 12, our voices will have an impact on President Bush's policy decisions. Please note that J. Daryl Byler, Mennonite Central Committee Washington Office director, is closely working on this process with us.

Please join us! here is how you can help:

1. Invite your congregation to *pray for peace* with Iraq and *act for peace* by signing the letter as a peace building activity. (See attachment, *Christ calls us to speak to our government.*)
2. You may choose to use the attached prayer to accompany your congregational signing.
3. Collect signatures of members of Mennonite Church USA congregations along with their cities/states of residence. At the top of each page, include your congregation's name, contact information (postal addresses, phone, fax, e-mail), your pastor(s)' name(s), and the name and contact information of the person submitting the list. We are working for the signatures of 5,000 Mennonite Church USA members.
4. Send the list by **Sept. 11** to the MCC Washington Office, 110 Maryland Ave., NE, Washington, DC 20002; Fax: (202) 544-2820.
5. Keep a signature list in your historical records. This record may be especially helpful for youth who are seeking to document their commitment to peace and convictions against war.
6. Invite your congregation to continue to *pray and act* for peace with Iraq. You'll find additional resources on the Peace and Justice Support Network web site, <http://peace.MennoLink.org> or you may contact Kathy Harshbarger, 574-294-7523, for paper copies. The home page of the web site will include a counter of the number of signatures we have received and a list of the names of congregations who have participated.

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