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PEACE AND JUSTICE SUPPORT NETWORK encourages your congregation to set aside a Sunday to affirm your commitment to follow Jesus, who calls us to peace, justice and reconciliation as we witness to God's love and grace in this violent world. One clear way for our congregations to be formed into communities of peace and justice is through the practice of worship. Observance of Peace Sunday is a way for congregations to "preach what they practice."

This year, Peace Sunday is being celebrated November 9, as an alternative to Veterans' Day, but you may choose to use the materials any date convenient to your congregation. Leo Hartshorn, minister of peace and justice, will be preparing resources that will be available on the PJSN web site (<http://peace.mennolink.org>) or by calling Leo.

As a visible sign of your congregation's desire to increase God's peace and justice in the world, you might choose to take an annual Peace Sunday offering. This offering will give evidence of your gratitude to God for the peace you presently experience in your lives and an indication of your support for future peacemaking. Keep part of the offering for your congregation's local peace and justice work, and send a portion to PJSN to support our denominational work.

LITANY FOR PEACE SUNDAY

Leader Upon your name, Jesus, the Christ of God, we call.

People You are the Prince of Peace; we are your people.

Leader You, our Lord, are the shalom of our life;

People grant us your grace to practice peace, justice, reconciliation.

Leader You, our Lord, are the designer of forgiveness;

People empower us to forgive as we have been forgiven.

Leader You, our Lord, are the eternal mediator;

People enable us to dismantle the walls of injustice, illusion, intolerance.

Leader You, our Christ, are the reconciliation, redemption, and renewal of God;

People anoint us afresh to declare your message and demonstrate your ministry.

All We are not ashamed of your gospel of peace.

(from Peace Sunday 2000 materials)

MISSION

PEACE AND JUSTICE SUPPORT NETWORK seeks to be an inclusive, antiracist, multicultural network, whose mission is to support Mennonite Church USA as it strives to bring justice and peace to a fractured world.

The work of PJSN is grounded in faith in Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, and his good news of human liberation, social transformation and the reconciliation of individuals, communities, cultures, nations and all of humanity with one another.

YOU CAN RECOGNIZE PJSN BY:

- ✦ the resources we created for congregations responding to the war on Iraq;
- ✦ web site chockfull of resources, with 1000 pages downloaded a day;
- ✦ pre-Atlanta peace gathering, "When the Saints Go Marchin'";
- ✦ dynamic resources that inspire all ages, including "Peace takes guts" t-shirts, pray/act flags and drums for peace;
- ✦ worship materials on timely themes;
- ✦ our free publications, *Dove Tales* and *Olive Branches*;
- ✦ mugs and pitchers recognizing lives of service for peace and justice;
- ✦ our staff: Leo Hartshorn, minister of peace and justice, Mennonite Mission Network; Susan Mark Landis, peace advocate, Mennonite Church USA Executive Board; and Valerie Weidman, PJSN administrative assistant; and
- ✦ our Reference Committee members: Dick Davis, Malinda Berry, Titus Peachey (MCC US), Yvonne Diaz Keeler, Mark Frey (CPT), Andy Peifer Nissley, Jorge Vielman.

SUPPORT

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT so we can do our work! You can do this through prayer, purchase of resources, participating in advocacy, joining and inviting others to join PJSN, and contributing financially to our work.

CONTACT

FOR MORE INFORMATION on how to join PJSN, our resources, work, education, advocacy, and how to donate, go to our vast web site: <http://peace.MennoLink.org> or contact Leo Hartshorn, 717-399-8353; LeoH@Mennonitemission.net