



Leadership Conference of Women Religious

2002 LCWR Assembly Resolutions

Peace

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Statement of Resolution

LCWR commits itself to work for peace by promoting a culture of nonviolence and building a sustainable global community founded on interdependence and the principles of human rights.

Rationale

It is imperative that we seek a new paradigm for judging questions of war and peace today. We must take seriously the Gospel challenge to seek, practice and pursue peace through just and nonviolent means. We realize we have a corporate voice and responsibility to educate, reflect and act on the principles of nonviolence and encourage the same in sponsored schools, colleges and universities and in adult education ministries. Through interfaith dialogue, education and prayer we have the opportunity to promote and support efforts toward peace.

Call for Specific Action

1. Commit ourselves to prayer and contemplation within public and private arenas on the anniversary of September 11th to give witness to and promote a nonviolent resolution to conflict.
2. Call on the executive and legislative branches of our government to support and ratify the International Criminal Court.
3. Study and consider the Earth Charter as congregations. The Earth Charter provides a framework for a new sense of global interdependence and shared responsibility for the well being of the human family and the larger living world. Read the Earth Charter and endorse on line at www.earthcharterusa.org.
4. Sign the appeal by the Nobel Peace Laureates on the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence for the Children of the World (2001-2010) on the web site www.decadeofnonviolence-houston.org.
5. Use every means to oppose military intervention in Iraq, including letter to President Bush, appropriate Cabinet members, and Members of Congress.

Origin of Proposal: LCWR Global Concerns Committee

Endorsed by Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

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