

What our members say

When I think of Christ the peacemaker and his work carried on through ordinary people I find great joy in being a part of LPF. I believe that God will take all of our gifts, sacrifices, acts of resistance, and deeds of mercy from every time and place to accomplish God's purpose: a mended universe, Shalom!

Rev. Dan Erlander, writer, artist,
ELCA Peace Task Force member

What an opportunity LPF gives us: to be biblically faithful and socially concerned. I invite you to join me in this wonderful community of Lutheran peacemakers.

Dr. Marva Dawn,
theologian, author, educator

LPF's Training Program opened my eyes and has helped me so much!

Luis Ochoa, student

Through the effort and creativity of each of us and of organizations like Lutheran Peace Fellowship, Christ comes as peace into this aching world. To keep the beautiful work of LPF moving takes our prayer-filled contribution.

Rev. Ann Helmke, director,
San Antonio PeaceCenter

The gospel witnesses to peaceful unity in the midst of diversity. That is what this troubled world needs and what the Spirit of God empowers us to help create. Thank you for joining with LPF and supporting this vital ministry.

Rev. Lowell Erdahl, Bishop
Emeritus, St. Paul Area Synod



Pray for peace. Work for peace.
Become part of the growing
community of peacemakers that is
Lutheran Peace Fellowship:

___ \$35, regular contributor; ___ \$19, new member,
___ \$9, student, low income, ___ LPF intro packet
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New contributions are matched by a grant for LPF's
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LPF's peace education ministry receives its main support from LPF members, congregations and synods. We are grateful for project grants in recent years from Wheat Ridge Ministries, AAL, and Thrivent; from the ELCA World Hunger Program, Youth Ministries, Commission for Women, and Women of the ELCA, and from ELCA units for Church in Society, Higher Education and Schools, and Global Mission.

Lutheran Peace Fellowship is happy to provide you with further information on the programs, activities, and issues outlined here:

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Responding to the Gospel Call to be Peacemakers

Lutheran Peace Fellowship



Daniel W. Erlander

"Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed.

Live in harmony with one another.

Do not repay evil for evil.

If your enemies are hungry, feed them."
Romans 12

Lutheran Peace Fellowship



Lutheran Peace Fellowship (LPF) is a network of Lutherans across the US and around the globe, responding to the Gospel call to be peacemakers and justice seekers. LPF offers the opportunity to join others in a caring community of education, prayer, and action.

The Call to Peacemaking

The followers of Christ have been called to peace. And they must not only *have* peace but *make* it. And to that end they renounce all violence and tumult. In the cause of Christ nothing is to be gained by such methods. In so doing they overcome evil with good, and establish the peace of God in the midst of a world of war and hate. **Dietrich Bonhoeffer**, Lutheran youth leader, pastor, theologian, and anti-Nazi hero.

In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus is urging us to transcend both passivity and violence by finding a third way, one that is assertive and effective, yet nonviolent. **Walter Wink**

If we are honest, we find the temptation to vengeance in our own hearts. Yet we know that the first real victim of violence is the perpetrator. What Gandhi said is true: An eye for an eye results only in two blind persons. As militarism and terrorism tighten their grip on our way of life, we need to support each other in the risk of unconditional love, taking concrete actions in our world as well as in our personal life. **Mary Evelyn Jegen**

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed it's the only thing that ever has. **Margaret Mead**



Priority LPF Programs

- 1. LPF's Youth Program** is led by a full-time trainer: Youth leaders and directors from forty states have participated in LPF workshops to develop their leadership and skills. Hundreds more use LPF resources and program assistance.
- 2. Ending World Hunger** is LPF's leading advocacy priority: LPF has helped achieve significant legislative victories on expanded development aid to Africa and debt reduction.
- 3. Leadership Training in Peacemaking** day and weekend workshops – in 30 cities so far – equip and support Lutheran leaders to better serve their congregation, synod, or youth group.

What LPF Offers

- ❖ **LPF peace resources** help congregations and individuals discuss and respond to such challenges as domestic violence, international conflicts, hunger and poverty, and media violence.
- ❖ **Our workshops** for congregations, youth groups, and events – 100 a year on average – explore Biblical peacemaking, conflict skills, world hunger, leadership, and other topics.
- ❖ **Mobilizing for peace:** Many congregations, 31 ELCA synods, and the Churchwide Assembly passed LPF's resolution in support of the Peace Decade. LPF is a major resource for Lutherans.
- ❖ **Our resource center** contains 9,000 books, manuals, curricula, and audiovisuals, and we draw on the resources of many other groups.
- ❖ **LPF advocacy updates** help Lutherans encourage their elected officials to take leadership on peace and justice issues. For example, we helped Lutherans gather more petitions for a global landmines ban than any other US group!
- ❖ **Our webs, blogs, and e-networks** offer interaction and dozens of education, advocacy, and worship materials, and stories of faith in action: lutheranpeace.org has links to them all.
- ❖ **LPF worship materials** include bulletin inserts, sermons, and a 50-page resource guide.
- ❖ **Leadership:** LPF played a crucial role in passing the Chemical Weapons Treaty in the US Senate. Our director served as US delegate to UN Decade for Peace meetings held in India.