

Peace Witness Focus

Commitment to Act for a New World

- 1: Like Isaiah, we are called to raise our prophetic voice, saying that security cannot be achieved through military domination of one people over another.
- 2: We call on one another to find genuine security in God, who insists that we build just relationships with all people. We call on the President and Congress to bring our troops home from Iraq, to remove our military bases and to stop threatening Iran and other nations.

All: By God's grace and the power of love, we call for an end to the U.S. Occupation.

- 1: Like Jesus, who healed the sick and preached good news to the poor, we are called to be a pastoral presence to our country.
- 2: We call on one another to care for soldiers and their families who give so much of themselves in times of conflict. We call on the President and Congress to provide generous support for veterans and active-duty soldiers and their families as they seek to rebuild their lives.

All: By God's grace and the power of love, we support our troops.

- 1: Like Paul, we are called to love our neighbors as ourselves and to care even for our enemies. The lives of our sisters and brothers in Iraq, Afghanistan, Iran, and across the Middle East have been turned upside down by the war.
- 2: We call on one another to financially support relief efforts in Iraq through our denominations. We call on the President and

Congress to lead the way in funding international reconstruction of Iraq and providing humanitarian aid for shattered Iraqi families, for our experience in other conflicts has taught us that such assistance is the most effective path to real security for all people around the world.

All: By God's grace and the power of love, we commit resources to rebuilding Iraq.

- 1: Like the disciple who learned to put away the sword, we are called to treat others as we want to be treated.
- 2: We call on one another to learn and practice the discipline of active nonviolence: to resist violence and injustice and to construct the culture of peace and reconciliation that we all desire. We insist that our government treat all enemy combatants humanely and take decisive action to ensure that torture is banned by all agencies of the United States government.

All: By God's grace and the power of love, we say no to torture.

- 1: Like Mary, who praised God for lifting up the lowly and filling the hungry with good things, we long for a world free from hunger, homelessness, environmental destruction, injustice, and oppression.
- 2: We call on one another to do justice and show mercy to make our vision plain. We call on the President and Congress to create a federal budget that puts priority on meeting basic human needs instead of on making war. Let us together begin to fashion a just peace dividend that is both renewable and lasting.

All: By God's grace and the power of love, we say yes to justice.

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