

Each One Reach One

We hope you have enjoyed reading this report and feel that you too are a part of this work for peace. If you value Pax Christi, why not encourage others to support our work too?

In this 60th Anniversary year we ask all our members to "reach out" and bring new members to Pax Christi. Pass on this report, and the invitation to membership, to a member of your family, a friend, your parish priest or another person whom you know to be interested in work for peace.

Each One Reach One - Supporting Pax Christi

1. I would like to make a donation to the work of Pax Christi £
2. I would like to receive your Legacy of Peace information
3. I would like to help make peace in our world by becoming a member.

Please send me details of payment by Bankers Order

I wish to make my membership payment now

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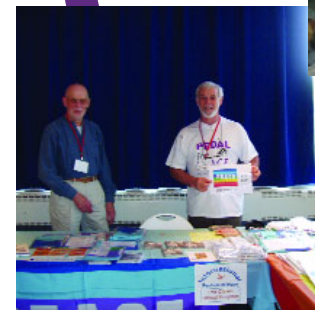
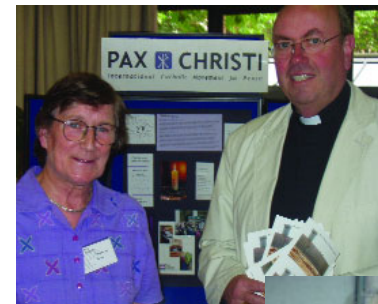
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"Each One Reach One for Peace"



“Growing” peace

Sixty years of faithful peacemaking is something to celebrate! A movement that began as the inspiration of one woman has grown to become an international network of individuals and groups. It is good to remember that peace can indeed be grown - its seeds can take root in any person, at any place and at any time. Pax Christi members and supporters know this and the challenge is to create opportunities for others to ‘grow’ into the task of peacemaking with Pax Christi by sharing our own experiences and enthusiasm.

The great range of work that has been undertaken over the past year is inspirational, showing how as a movement we have been able to reach out to others, both here and in the wider world community, in our search for peace. We hope that you will be impressed enough to share this report with others, invite them to become members of Pax Christi, and so “grow” new peace-workers in the year ahead!

Chair’s Report

Stewart Hemsley

First of all we both honour, and give thanks to God, for all those who have gifted us, through Pax Christi, with a foundation achieving 60 years’ work for peace and reconciliation. Thanks be to God for all of them.

This is my third report and, yes, Iraq is still on the agenda. The difference this year, at the time of writing, is that the electorate have an opportunity to pronounce on this issue. It has been an eventful and packed year and Pax Christi has tried to influence the course of global politics by making the best use we can of our resources and people-power.

Justice in Palestine-Israel has been at the forefront of our campaigning. We are proud of, and thankful to, Rosemary Read our vice-chair who, during the last 3 months of 2004, was in Nablus taking part in the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI). Many of you will have had the privilege of hearing her speak about her experiences.

In a solidarity visit over the Christmas period, Pat Gaffney, Anne Dodd, Sheila Simpson, Ann Farr and John Harkin, with a party from the Dutch and Belgian sections of Pax Christi, stayed in Bethlehem as guests of Fuad Giacaman and the Arab Educational Institute.

Effective collaboration between those working across the world for peace

is more important than ever. For this reason we sponsored journalist Paul Donovan to represent us as a monitor at the US elections last November. This was greatly appreciated by Pax Christi USA who had called on the rest of our international movement to send observers.

In January of this year I went with a team of trade unionists, an MP (Jeremy Corbyn) and others, as a monitor for the Palestinian elections. We have strengthened our links with Friends of Sabeel UK and I now represent Pax Christi on their theological advisory group.

In giving thanks for “those who have gone before us” in the past year, we held a special celebration to remember Bishop Victor, our past President. Several hundred people, including Bishop Victor’s sister, family, and our present President, Bishop Malcolm, attended a service organised by CIIR, CAFOD and Pax Christi. Another joint event - when the life and work of US peace activist Philip Berrigan was recalled, and his daughter Frida spoke - was held at Greenham Common.

What of the future?

I can do no better than quote Leonardo Boff in his book on The Prayer of St. Francis. He writes: “Powerful people in politics and finance present themselves as great lords. They meet among themselves to decide on the fate of millions of people. They demand total submission to their political, economic, and military strategies. Those in opposition are marginalised, excluded, and if necessary, attacked militarily.

There is a struggle among the various lords of the world to see which of them is most lordly. Nevertheless, religious people of all creeds deny the title ‘Lord’ to these pretentious fools. In the name of the true Lord of Heaven and Earth, they unmask them as false lords, because their power is built up at the cost of the impoverishment of vast numbers of people and the systematic pillaging of the resources of the Earth. From a global standpoint, they are producers of death, rather than life.”

In resisting these we proclaim our Risen, Resurrected Lord, and offer Life. What a calling!

Stewart Hemsley and Giovanni Scudiero at International General Assembly in New Jersey.



Reaching out for peace

Pat Gaffney, General Secretary

The number of speaking events, workshops and conferences served by the Pax Christi office and members around the country has grown enormously in the past year. We have on record at least 40 such events! These range from day conferences for schools on themes of war and peace, and contributing to Citizenship education and Personal, Social and Health Education classes, to a host of meetings and seminars on Israel-Palestine, drawing on the experiences of Pax Christi people who have taken part in delegations, and study-days with religious congregations on creating a culture of peace. To support this outreach we have:

- Run a training day in London for members willing to help us with our schools work. We plan another for summer 2005. We now have a variety of programmes which can be offered to schools.
- Facilitated, with other peace groups, a regional gathering in York to support and resource members and other activists, and provided speakers and workshops for diocesan Justice and Peace gatherings in Leeds, Cardiff and Shrewsbury dioceses.
- Developed Peace Resource packages for members and others who help promote Pax Christi's work and resources at diocesan pastoral gatherings, Churches Together, and similar events. This year we have exhibited at the joint Plymouth, Clifton and Portsmouth diocesan event, at the National J & P Conference, at Greenbelt Christian youth festival, a Council of Churches in Britain and Ireland conference, and the National Board of Catholic Women's annual conference. None of this would have been possible without the involvement of local members.
- Contributed to more than 20 meetings and seminars as part of our Israel-Palestine work, backed up by our *Living Under Occupation* resource pack and our campaign postcard *People of the Holy Land need Bridges not Walls*.

The Pax Christi ICON of peace has been a new and creative resource for peacemaking this year. It has reminded us of the power of art in providing a focus for prayer and reflection. A gift to Pax Christi International from the Middle East, it has also been a motif for our work for peace and reconciliation in that region and here at home.

- In Coventry, the ICON drew together the ecumenical community of the city who, co-ordinated by Pax Christi member Ann Farr, produced

a week-long programme of liturgies, meditations and seminars in the Chapel of Unity at Coventry Cathedral.

- In London, the ICON attracted new networks, from those involved in Christian meditation to local schools who took part in education workshops and Londoners interested in Middle Eastern music - all of which were offered as part of the programme at St Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation in the City of London.
- The ICON has been a focal point for prayer and meditation at Chichester Cathedral, and at Christ the Cornerstone ecumenical church in Milton Keynes.
- In Birmingham, a new project at St Michael's Church in the city centre hosted the ICON for Peace Sunday and into the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Helen Maoudis, of the Greek Orthodox Church in Coventry, with the Pax Christi ICON

Experiences of the ICON

"The enduring image I have of the ICON is of Esau and Jacob embracing. This is made more poignant because of the importance of this event in the struggle of Jews, Christians and Muslims to understand each other. One rarely thinks of this when considering the need for reconciliation in the Holy Land."

"Icons draw our eyes to look together in the same direction to what lies beyond words and propositions ...this is a surer way to reconciliation than by obsessively looking at each other rather we are summoned to look together in the same direction." (Bishop Richard Chartres, Bishop of London at the ICON service in London.)



Share information about Pax Christi with your parish confirmation group or local school

Partnership and Prayer

- The ICON and Middle East work have also opened important new partnerships for Pax Christi. We have involved members of Islamic Relief, the Council for Christians and Jews, Jews for Justice for Palestinians and Friends of Sabeel in our workshops and seminars - sharing approaches to peacemaking.

- Our partnership with other Pax Christi sections and affiliates was strengthened this year at the International Council of Pax Christi, held in the United States in May. To share common approaches to peace education with people from Portugal, Belgium, Croatia and the Great Lakes region of Africa was both affirming and humbling as an appreciation of the very different social contexts was revealed. To pray and sing in a variety of languages, to hear voices from the South and Middle East reflect on the impact the so-called "war on terror" has on their lives - all of these experiences reminded us of how strong we are in diversity as an international movement of peace people.

- The liturgical and peace calendars offer us great opportunities for prayer and action. In December, Pax Christi members around the country responded to the call for prayer and fasting for peace in the Middle East. In January, members used initiative and creativity in celebrating the Peace Sunday theme *Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good* so that parishes and communities could fully participate. Ash Wednesday, marked by Pax Christi members in London, Cambridge, Oxford and Newcastle, again focused attention on nuclear war preparations and the need to engage our Government in positive action to strengthen the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty at the Review Conference to be held in May 2005.

- International partnerships were formed through the two election monitoring projects we supported, in the United States and Palestine. Journalist Paul Donovan, who represented us in the United States, congratulated Pax Christi USA on their monitoring initiative in Florida. Stewart Hemsley, representing us in Palestine, was able to experience first-hand the frustrations of trying to uphold democracy in an occupied country.

Order some resources for your parish for Peace Sunday
15 January 2006

Tools for peacemaking

Valerie Flessati

Our most ambitious publication this year was *Living Under Occupation - daily life for the people of Palestine*. This illustrated pack covers some contentious issues in the Israel/Palestine conflict, including the Wall, choices for soldiers, and British arms sales to Israel. There are maps, addresses, and action suggestions.

At regular intervals Pax Christi has sent out its *Reflection and Action* guide, carrying prayers and campaigns for passing on through parishes and local groups. This and all our other initiatives are featured on our website: www.paxchristi.org.uk. With colleagues in the Network of Christian Peace Organisations we produced a General Election Briefing on citizenship and security, the arms trade, nuclear disarmament and peace in the Middle East.

To help "each one" to "reach one" we now offer a "Promoting Peace Pack" free of charge. It consists of some returnable items (peace flag, laminated posters and signs) along with a supply of flyers to distribute at church, school, or one-off events.

We have also devised "Selection Packs" of our peace literature suitable for personal reflection, as a gift, or to sell. The themes are: Heroes and Heroines; Prayer and Reflection; War, Peace and Nonviolence; Family Peacemakers; Greeting and Prayer Cards. We hope that these packs will make it easier for supporters to organise a bookstall - especially if Pax Christi's publications are not so familiar to them.

Greeting and prayer cards have done well, especially those depicting the *Pax Christi Icon*, which has been at the centre of much recent work. A beautiful new *All Praise* card with St Francis' words has been painted by Georita Harriott, a Pax Christi member who is a botanical illustrator.

Why not look at your diary right now and see if there is an occasion coming up when you could use the peace promotion pack in your parish, show a teacher some of our peace literature, or send one of our cards as a birthday greeting?

Order our free Promoting Peace Pack - a selection of resources
and display material

Learning with Pax Christi... what people have said

"I was impressed with the respect which the speakers showed to us attendees and our efforts. The day showed a great sense of collaboration rather than teaching/learning."

"I learnt that we need to communicate with, not at people... this was a hugely valuable lesson for me."

(participants in one of our regional gatherings)

"The games and role-plays were a very enjoyable way of learning, helping us to see other points of view."

"The images and brainstorming exercise made me more aware of what leads to conflict and what needs to be done to stop it."

(participants at a 6th form peace conference)

Finance Report *Nan Saeki, Treasurer, Jacqueline Laird, Administrator*

How satisfying it is to report on another outstanding year. Not only is it satisfying to see the significant increase in total income, but also it is important to note that this increased income has been generated from a number of sources. It is hoped that this diversity of income will build a more secure sustainable future for us. You will notice that our main sources of income are Peace Sunday Donations, Members' subscriptions, and Grants.

Peace Sunday Donations - 32%. In 2003 donation envelopes were distributed to every parish in Brentwood, and Southwark. 30% of the total donations received from all parishes in that year were generated from the dioceses with donation envelopes. In 2004 the envelopes were extended to include also Nottingham and Clifton dioceses. This increased the percentage figure of donations received through donation envelopes to 46%.

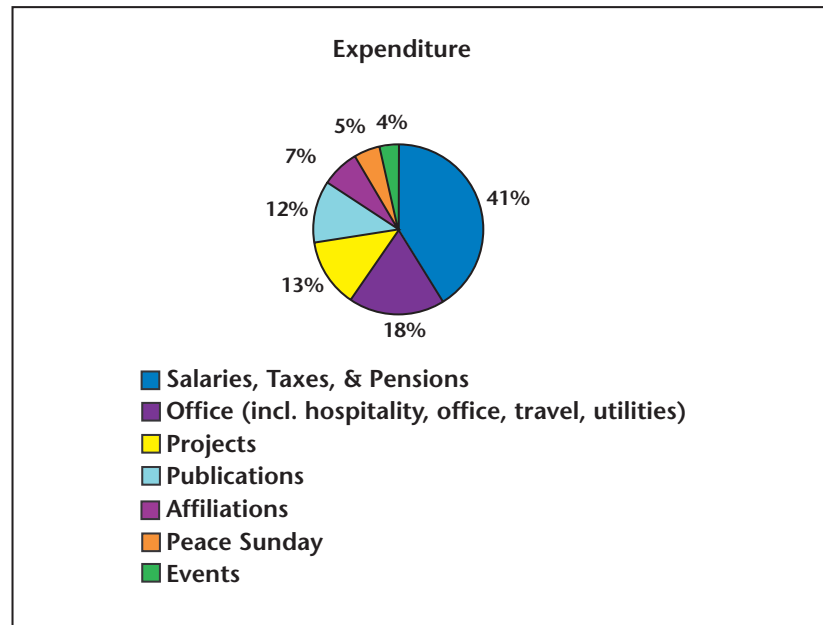
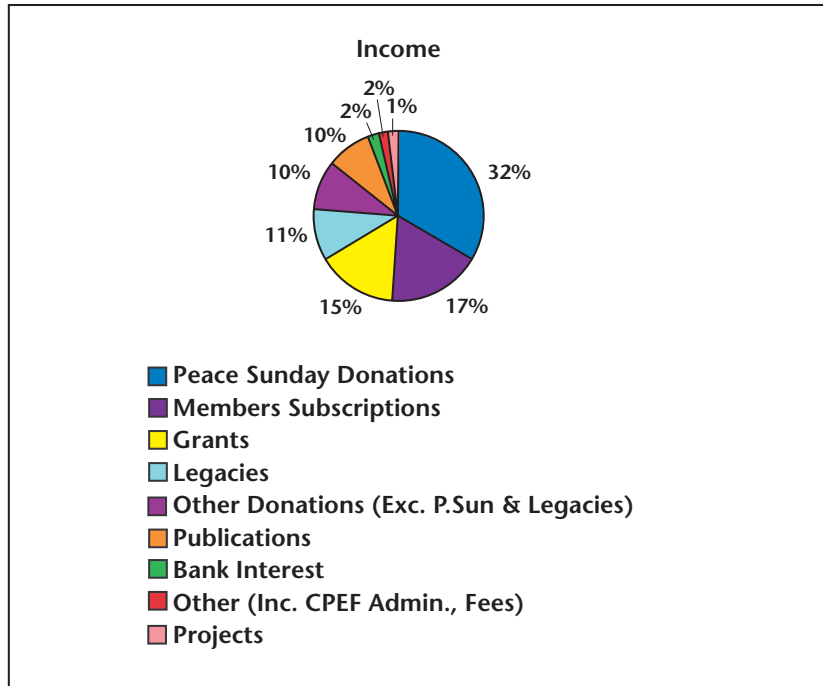
Members' Subscriptions - 17%. This is a vital dimension of income. Historically we know that our members have contributed generously. Indeed included here are members who contribute over and above the member subscription rates. This is mainly received from regular bank standing orders. Our particular thanks go to these members, who together contribute £945 each month.

Of course we never underestimate the other ways in which members make a financial contribution. One member demonstrated her commitment to Pax Christi by leaving a legacy totalling £32,000, received in 2003/2004. Other examples include special donations, pennies for peace, and the sale of publications.

Grants -15%. Our thanks go to the following, who offer valuable support, which makes our project work possible: The Tolkien Trust, Allan & Nesta Ferguson Trust, CAFOD, and Christian Peace Education Fund. A number of religious congregations also support our work financially.

Looking at expenditure, because of the nature and size of our organisation, it is inevitable that the majority of our expenditure is spent on staffing and office costs. However, Pax Christi has spent less directly from its core funding on fees for project work because our funding applications have included and successfully covered those fees.

Finally, our current increase in income generation has resulted in a surplus over recent years. At present we hold £30,000 in reserve. Our Finance Committee is currently making recommendations to our Executive about increasing this to more appropriate level.



Membership

During 2004, 100 new members joined Pax Christi, giving a total of 1415. 29 new members joined using the special leaflet produced for Peace Sunday. A further 28 joined by using our general promotional leaflet. This proves that giving people an experience of, and access to, our information leaflet is enough to encourage membership. Membership even for a year gives Pax Christi the opportunity to share with others the invaluable work we do.

The number of Catholic parishes which directly support our work has increased by 161, to 745. This increase can be solely attributed to parishes which made a first donation as a result of Peace Sunday. It is clear that parishes value immensely our Peace Sunday booklet and resources. Indeed, many order additional resources to share with parishioners.

Our website, which is maintained by Pat Gaffney and Giovanni Scudiero, continues to be appreciated by many. We are often complimented about the quality of the site. The fact that it is constantly updated is a real asset.

So that is our report - it is now over to you: "each one reach one"

Encourage others to join Pax Christi



Art workshop on the Palestinian side of the Separation Wall near Bethlehem

Income and Expenditure Accounts for year ended 31st December 2004

INCOME	Total 2004	Total 2003
Subscriptions	33,621	31,453
Donations from:		
Members and supporters	13,532	9,470
Religious Orders Appeal	3,340	5,840
Peace Sunday	63,563	54,963
Chairperson's Appeal	-	1,225
Pennies for Peace	3,691	2,391
Legacies	20,195	16,556
Grants for Projects	29,790	12,337
Sales of publications and other goods	18,196	19,123
Special events	40	-
Fees for work done	1,334	1,188
Interest on bank deposit accounts	4,658	2,277
Net (cost) of hostels	-	(30)
	<u>191,960</u>	<u>156,793</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Cost of generating funds	7,013	5,213
Salaries	59,140	55,890
Rent, rates, light and heat	7,609	7,219
Telephone and fax	1,739	1,707
Postage, stationery and photocopying	9,724	9,036
Publications, printing and purchases	16,437	15,983
Travel and volunteer workers' expenses	2,569	2,613
Repairs and equipment	490	3,064
Insurance	1,047	907
Accountancy fees	881	793
Other fees	25	1,640
Bank charges	128	4
Special events	5,421	2,007
Hospitality and sundries	1,385	1,397
Affiliations - International Office	9,967	8,937
- others	762	520
Projects	18,118	2,519
	<u>142,455</u>	<u>119,449</u>
<u>Less: CPEF administration expenses</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
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SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	50,505	38,344

One thing leads to another when following the heart

- reflection by Pax Christi member Marion Yeomans

Prior to the Iraq war, and wearing a Pax Christi rainbow peace flag, I joined demonstrations in Birmingham against the war. People on these demonstrations told me about the grave injustice in Palestine. Later I became a member of the Palestine Solidarity Campaign and continue to help with the street stall on Saturday afternoons in Birmingham city centre. We give out leaflets and ask the public to sign petitions against the separation wall. I use the Pax Christi Bridges not Walls cards to reach out to the general public.

I joined a multifaith peace walk round Birmingham, calling at Jewish, Moslem, Christian, Hindu, Sikh, Baha'i and Jain places of worship. All gave an insight into each faith and generous hospitality to all walkers. From this I made contact with a multifaith women's peace group and last May accepted an invitation to visit Israel/Palestine as a member of the Interreligious and International Women for Peace. As a Pax Christi member I visited the Arab Educational Institute in Bethlehem and met Fuad Giacaman, the Director and his team. We were pleased to meet the Mothers' group and heard about their peace building work: they and their children doing ordinary activities together, being peacemakers in their neighbourhoods.



Marion Yeomans and Pat Gaffney at a Stop the Wall rally in London

On return from Palestine I joined with another Pax Christi member, Mary Brennan, who leads a group making efforts to twin women's groups from Birmingham with groups in Ramallah. The group also raised funds to help severely malnourished children in that area. Before Christmas we held a Palestinian Dinner at St Mary's Parish Centre in Harborne, raising over £1000. A Palestinian grandmother helped us to prepare authentic food, and Palestinian men danced and made music using traditional instruments: a lute and drum of the type that has been used in the Middle East for centuries. I thought of David playing the lute to King Saul to soothe him. In April we helped organise a national demonstration in Birmingham against the Caterpillar headquarters, which supplies the bulldozers used in house demolitions in Palestine.

Another link for peace was the setting up in Birmingham of a new branch of the ecumenical Christian group, Friends of Sabeel. Sabeel aims to provide information, raise awareness of the Palestinian situation, promote liberation and reconciliation by nonviolent means, and to encourage prayer and action inspired by Jesus Christ. I have volunteered as treasurer with this new group and am learning as I go!!

The full circle of links is that I once again got out my Pax Christi peace flag in March, to join the Erdington/Sutton Coldfield "Stop the War" group at the national rally to end the occupation of Iraq. I met up with the Pax Christi team in London and watched out for the next prompting of the heart!

Speak to others about the work of Pax Christi

Pax Christi People

National President: Bishop Malcolm McMahon OP

Vice-Presidents: Peggy Attlee, Valerie Flessati, Canon Nicholas Frayling, Dr Leslie Griffiths, Gerry Hughes sj, Archbishop Patrick Kelly, Bruce Kent, Anne McCann, Fr Gerry Mc Flynn, Clare Prangle, Bishop Thomas McMahon, Margaret Scally, Giovanni Scudiero imc, Brian Wicker, Archbishop Rowan Williams

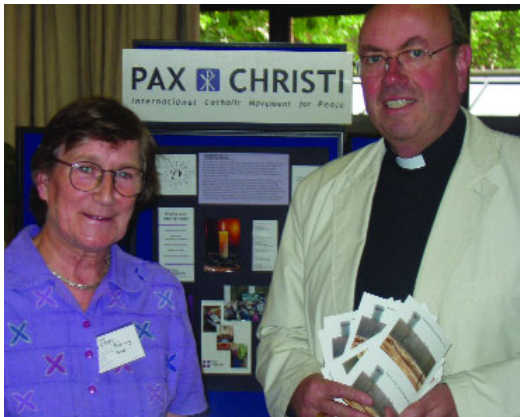
Executive Committee: Stewart Hemsley (Chair) Rosemary Read (Vice-Chair), Nan Saeki (Treasurer) Hilary Ruston, Sheila Simpson, Mark James, Lynn Dekker, Anne Dodd and Josie Campbell

Office team: Full-time staff - Pat Gaffney (General Secretary), Jacqueline Laird (Administrator). Part-time - Valerie Flessati (working on publications and events) Giovanni Scudiero (Webmaster), Sr Mary Ann Tyler (seconded by the Religious of the Assumption) Regular volunteers - Michael Mitchell, Sr Deirdre Duffy, Peggy Oliver, Peggy Attlee, Sandro Zanchi, Roula Maarouf, Anne Burke, Sr Rosario Gallo. Volunteers who help with mailings - Cecily Fernbank, Nuala Flynn, Comboni Sisters, Chiswick and Srs of St Joseph of Peace, Joan and Alexine.

About Pax Christi

Pax Christi is an international Christian peacemaking movement, based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace and without fear of violence, in all its forms. We believe in the power of prayer, reconciliation, forgiveness, justice and nonviolence and in the right to live in a culture which promotes these values and treats the whole of God's creation in a respectful and just manner.

To achieve this Pax Christi works within the Church and wider community to bring about a culture of peace by: being a prophetic witness to peace and standing against violence; promoting the option of nonviolence as a means of resolving conflict in our homes, communities, nations and between nations; providing peace education materials and programmes; ensuring the message of peace is heard by the Church, by decision makers and those working in our communities; providing networks, practical skills, resources and support, and working with other individuals and organisations to bring the Peace of Christ to all who long for a better world.



Rosemary Read and Bishop Malcolm at the launch of the 'People of the Holy Land need Bridges not Walls' card campaign