

What Churches say about Trident

Weapons of mass destruction must be replaced but not with more weapons. Rather, replace Trident with projects that bring life to the poor.

Cardinal Keith O'Brien, Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh, Easter 2006

Nuclear weapons are a direct denial of the Christian concept of peace and reconciliation, which are social and economic as well as physical and spiritual... The costs involved in the maintenance and replacement of Trident could be used to address pressing environmental concerns, the causes of terrorism, poverty and debt, and enable humanity and dignity to be the right of all...

20 Anglican Bishops writing to The Independent, July 2006

Our churches urge the British Government to work tirelessly to rid the world of weapons of mass destruction. The end of the Cold War gives us hope that this aim is achievable. Replacing Trident would send the wrong message to aspiring nuclear powers...

Statement on Trident from Baptist, Methodist and URC Church leaders, 2006

What can be said about those governments which count on nuclear arms as a means of ensuring the security of their countries? Along with countless persons of good will, one can state that this point of view is not only baneful but also completely fallacious.

Pope Benedict XVI, World Peace Day 2006



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