

The Peacemaking Ministry Team is indebted to The Rev. Dr. Randall Bush, Pastor of East Liberty Presbyterian Church, for this helpful list ways to respond to the escalation of the War in Iraq.

Conflict in Iraq: March 20, 2003 - ?

What Does the Lord Require of You?
(Micah 6:8)

To Do Justice

- Write elected officials (representatives, senators, President) to express opposition to an escalation of the war effort
- Join March on Washington against War in Iraq: January 27, 2007
- Attend Rally in Washington D.C. "Christian Witness for Peace" – 3/16/07
- Go to PC(USA) Peacemaking Conference – Montreat, NC: July 3-8, 2007
- Organize a protest march with other churches/faith communities
- Reduce our dependence on imported oil
- Publicize the number of U.S. troops killed overseas and update regularly
- Work for the withdrawal of all troops from Iraq
- Be a resource for anyone needing to know about Conscientious Objector status
- Challenge ongoing and increased financial appropriations for war efforts

To Love Kindness

- Send care packages and letters to troops serving overseas
- Attend seminar on April 10 & 11 on how to support veterans returning home
- Share condolences with families who've lost a son/daughter in Iraq/Afghanistan
- Write letters to and pray for families with relatives serving in Iraq/Afghanistan
- Find ways to send aid supplies to Iraqi civilians
- Take part in interfaith dialogues/conversation with Islamic community here
- Learn more about other cultures and faith traditions

To Walk Humbly With Your God

- Prayer service on anniversary of start of Iraq conflict
- Prayers for military personnel serving in Iraq/Afghanistan
- Prayers for civilians, people of Iraq/Afghanistan
- Identify prayer partners in Iraq: specific families, establish dialogue if possible
- Take time to repent – prepare a statement of apology and repentance
- Remember the limits of our knowledge and the complexity of these decisions being made by our leaders
- See peacemaking as a spiritual discipline pursued in all our relationships

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