

Project Ploughshares and Community of Christ

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Project Ploughshares takes its vision from Isaiah's biblical prophecy, where resources consumed by war are transformed for human development, eliminating the roots of conflict. This vision aligns with the biblical concept of "shalom," encompassing peace, harmony, and well-being among people and nature. Project Ploughshares operates with the belief that war can be avoided, conflicts should be resolved through justice, and nuclear weapons are unjustifiable under any circumstances.

As the peace research institute of The Canadian Council of Churches (CCC), Project Ploughshares expresses the call to witness peace, reconciliation, and non-violence. While Community of Christ is not a CCC member, we are the only non-member church involved with Project Ploughshares, serving as a participating member. This partnership reflects our commitment to building a peaceful and just society.

Governance and Sponsorship

Project Ploughshares is governed by a Management Committee accountable to The Canadian Council of Churches. The committee consists of representatives from sponsoring churches and members-at-large, including Community of Christ. Sponsoring churches include:

- The Anglican Church of Canada
- Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace
- Canadian Unitarian Council
- Community of Christ
- Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada
- Mennonite Central Committee Canada
- The Presbyterian Church in Canada
- The United Church of Canada

Project Ploughshares is housed at the Kindred Credit Union Centre for Peace Advancement at Conrad Grebel University College, University of Waterloo.

Community of Christ's Role

As the Community of Christ representative on the Management Committee, we meet four times a year. Our involvement highlights the church's dedication to peace and justice within broader Christian circles. How can YOU support Project Ploughshares? Be a voice for peace in our governments! Donations are gratefully accepted, and you can receive a Charitable Tax Receipt. For more information, visit <https://www.ploughshares.ca>.