

# RESOLUTION ON BUILDING A CULTURE OF NONVIOLENCE

Adopted Unanimously by the General Assembly of the Texas Conference of Churches  
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**WHEREAS** Christ calls us to be peacemakers (Mt 5:9) and the church to be a reconciling presence for the world (2Cor 5:18-19), breaking down the dividing walls of hostility among people (Eph 2:13-22),

**WHEREAS** the UN has responded to an appeal by the Nobel Peace Laureates and has declared 2001-2010 to be The Decade For Building A Culture of Nonviolence for the Children of the World which lifts up the following six goals in the commitment 2000 put forward:

1. Respect Life
2. Reject Violence
3. Share with Others
4. Listen to Understand
5. Preserve the Planet
6. Rediscover Solidarity

## **Be it resolved that the Texas Conference of Churches:**

1. Supports the implementation of the Nobel Peace Laureates' appeal for a Decade For A Culture of Peace and Nonviolence" with special emphasis on children and youth,
2. Recommends to judicatories and their congregations to make a priority to study, teach, practice and model nonviolence – both for our own members and in service to our communities,
3. Directs the Commission of Church and Society of the TCC to provide resources for use by the churches and the larger community,
4. Recommends judicatories and their congregations contact schools, city councils, and members of the Texas Legislature to encourage them to adopt the Nobel Peace Laureates' Appeal as policy and to plan public education efforts and resources to implement it.