

Preparation for G240 – War and Peace

The Commission on Social Witness working on the "Creating Peace" Statement of Conscience for 5 years now. It will be presented at General Assembly this summer for a vote. Take a look at it here: http://www.uua.org/documents/csw/1003_soc_draft_peace_march.pdf For more information on UU Peacemaking, go here: <http://www.uupeacemakers.org/>

We have provided a long and broad list of questions. Please answer any that resonate with you.

1. Do you personally know any soldiers? If so, how does it affect your feelings about the Statement of Conscience on Creating Peace? Is there a difference between respecting a soldier, honoring a soldier and believing everyone should make the same choice? Can you respect soldiers and not agree with their decision? If you knew someone who was joining the military, would you need to encourage or accept their decision in order to respect them?
2. What is your understanding of the history and theology of Peace in Unitarian Universalism? How do you apply this understanding in your daily life?
3. How will we keep the flame of community alive in our Faith while sharing passionate and differing opinions on war? What about differences within our community and family?
4. Do you have, or does your family have, any direct experience of wars past? How has this shaped your attitude about war?
5. What should our church be doing for the congregation and the community about peace (Inner peace, Interpersonal Peace and World Peace)?
6. Our religion teaches us to have faith in the future and to act for positive change. Will you take any action due to this Statement of Conscience (SOC)? For example: sending letters to politicians or the media, organizing or participating in public events, sending care packages to military personnel, engaging in political discussions with friends and co-workers, etc.