

Peacemaking Offering: World Communion Sunday, Oct. 3, 2010

On World Communion Sunday, October 3rd, we will be taking the 2010 Peacemaking Offering.

2010 is the 30th anniversary of the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program and the Peacemaking Offering, following the adoption by the General Assembly of *Peacemaking: The Believers' Calling*, which called for a new emphasis on peacemaking across the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

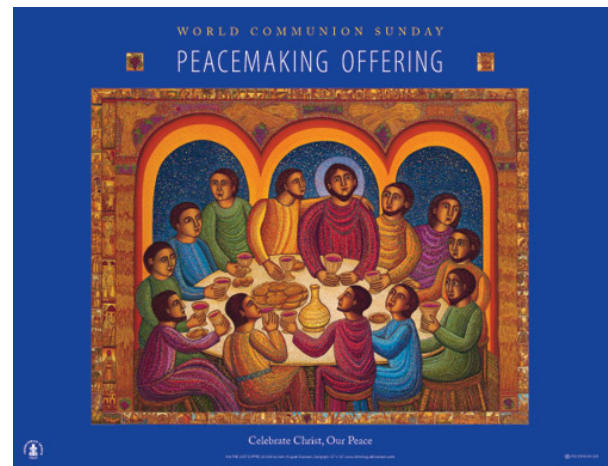
This year as our church plans to receive this offering, remember the peacemakers of years past – in our congregation, presbytery, synod and the denomination as a whole. Make this year a time to renew your commitment to peacemaking as part of your calling as a follower of Christ, who not only taught us the ways of peace, but is our peace.

The Peacemaking Offering was created in 1980 to support the efforts of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to live out a deeper commitment to peacemaking as part of our faithfulness to God. It is one of four special offerings designated by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s General Assembly.

The theme for the 2010 Offering is "Celebrate Christ, Our Peace," and is based on apostle Paul's message to the Ephesians [2:14 NASB] church where he says: "For he himself is our peace, who made both groups (Jewish and non-Jewish Christians) into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall."

Each congregation is encouraged to retain 25 percent of the Offering it receives to use for local ministries of peacemaking within the church and its community. AHP will retain 25 percent of the offering and direct it to the HIV/AIDS Pandemic.

Twenty-five percent is used by presbyteries and synods and 50 percent is used by the General Assembly ministries through the [Presbyterian Peacemaking Program](#). Examples of Presbyterian peacemaking programs include: 1) Sending observers to the May 2010 presidential election in the Philippines in response to an invitation from the United Church of Christ in the Philippines, a PC(USA) church partner; and 2) organization and implementation of the International Peacemakers Program, which brings Christian peacemakers from around the world to tell Presbyterians in the United States about peacemaking ministries in their



The theme for the 2010 Offering is "Celebrate Christ, Our Peace." The art is *The Last Supper*, a serigraph by [John August Swanson](#).

countries.

In accordance with the action of the 217th General Assembly (2006), congregations are encouraged to consider directing a portion or all of their 25 percent of the Peacemaking Offering as a faithful Christian response to the HIV/AIDS pandemic. On the other hand, congregations may use their allocation to work in recovery efforts on the Gulf Coast, or in efforts to reform immigration legislation, or in expansion of community gardens, or to support domestic

violence shelters for woman and children.

Watch for an upcoming Sunday worship bulletin insert that will give an account of how a New Jersey Presbytery bought 12 small mechanical grinding mills for Sudanese woman to make grain into flour.

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