

## Peace and Justice Fall Gathering

# Seeking Peace:

## A Conversation to Encourage Congregational Justice and Peace Education and Action



**Saturday, October 10, 2009**

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

**Franconia Mennonite Church  
Telford, Pa**



*Seek peace and pursue it. Psalm 34:14*

### Program:

- **Reflection** – “For Such a Time as This: On Not Giving In” James C. Longacre
- **Conversation** – sharing peace work happening in our congregations
- **Collaborative Peace Witness** – how can we work together more effectively?
- **Resources for teaching peace:**
  - Parenting/Children (Ellen Longacre)
  - Conscientious Objection (Anne Yoder)
  - Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) (Curtis Book)
  - Pastors (James C. Longacre)
  - Guest speakers for teaching / preaching
- **Dialogue** - How can PJC best support peace and justice work in your congregation?

**And more:** Coffee, juice, pastries; resource displays

### What to bring:

Stories, displays, or handouts to share – about peace & justice or sustainable living practices happening in your church, home, or community

### Location:

Franconia Mennonite Church, 613 Harleysville Pike, Telford, Pa.  
(meeting in Upper Fellowship Hall)

**For more information** or to RSVP (by October 7th – *not required but appreciated*)

Contact us by email: [seekpeace@ppjr.org](mailto:seekpeace@ppjr.org) or by phone:  
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- 8:30 a.m. Registration, Resource Displays  
Coffee, Juice, and Pastries --Served by Bally Peace Prayer Group
- 9:00 a.m. Opening Meditation: *For Such a Time As This: On Not Giving In*  
– James C. Longacre
- 9:15 a.m. *Some Things We've Tried*  
– Sharing what's happening in our congregational peace efforts
- 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. *Maximizing Peace Witness and Peace Education among Conference Congregations: On Getting More Done --*  
Brainstorming on ideas for collaboration and ownership of specific issues
- 11:00 a.m. *Useful Resources for Teaching Peace* – Collected by PJC Members
  - Parenting/Children – Ellen Longacre
  - Conscientious Objection – Anne Yoder
  - Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) – Curtis Book
  - Pastors – James C. Longacre
  - Guest speakers available to teach and preach in congregations
- 11:30 a.m. *Where to from here?* How can the Peace and Justice Committee be supportive of congregational efforts?  
– Dialogue led by Bob Walden, PJC Chair
- 11:50 a.m. Closing prayer and blessing

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