

Keeping Alive the Passion for Peace and Justice

Disciples Peace Fellowship

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## Anti-Drone Resolution Passed

Votes were tallied and this sense of the assembly resolution passed and became a statement of the Orlando General Assembly of the Christian Church. What actions have amplified or promoted the message and the action within and beyond the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)? DPF would love to hear of feedback and actions of individuals, congregations and groups within or related to our church—WHAT ENGAGEMENTS HAVE TAKEN PLACE? Send your responses to [jlacey2632@aol.com](mailto:jlacey2632@aol.com) so we can share. Did our words take flight? Drones continue to fly and their use will undoubtedly be a part of any military action in Syria.

Below are some postings on our Facebook page — join our dialogues, if you haven't already. Look for Disciples Peace Fellowship.

### Craig M. Watts:

New study suggests that even the estimates of those critical of drone attacks are too low. "The drone war is basically a counter-insurgency Air Force (with the help of the Saudis) for governments like Yemen and Pakistan against internal rebellions in their countries. Should the litmus test for lethal overseas intervention really be the defense of cruel and authoritarian governments against internal dissent and tribal rivalries that possibly go back centuries?"

<http://www.policymic.com/articles/22228/predator-drone-strikes-kill-up-to-50-civilians-for-every-1-terrorist-assassinated-study>

### John Brock

It is a sad commentary on our public discourse that what is real is hard to distinguish from what is fabricated. There's even a name for the confusion we find ourselves in: Poe's Law, the inability in extreme cases to distinguish fabrication from partisanship.

People of all stripes have become so accustomed to hyperbolic and divisive politics that they flinch instinctively rather than pause to consider, to investigate, and to respond rather than merely react. Somehow we (the US and the world) need to find a way to be more thoughtful in how we interact. It's not an exaggeration to say that the future of humanity is shaped by how we treat those we disagree with.

As Congress returns from their break faced with a decision to authorize military force in Syria, may we all pause, consider, investigate, and respond with care. Martin Luther

### To Do List:

- **Renew your DPF 2013 membership!! Options: Pay Pal. See Web pg.**
- **Pray for Peace and the Reign of Justice**
- **Join one of our online forums: Disciples Peace Fellowship on Facebook; former DPF Intern Forum link from [dpfweb.org](http://dpfweb.org).**
- **Pray for ALL returning from or remaining in conflict areas**
- **Give a special gift to help support and extend our ministry to youth and young adults through the summer DPF Intern Program—we can use gifts NOW to implement our program plans for Summer 2014 and beyond.**



Check in on DPF  
and secure re-  
sources for  
peacemaking—  
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King preached on Matthew 10:16 using the phrase "tough minded and tender hearted" to give modern meaning to the scriptural "wise as serpents and tender as doves." We need to hear his voice.

Craig completed a term as Co-Moderator of the executive committee for DPF and continues as a member of the committee; John Brock joined the executive committee member on election at the Breakfast at General Assembly.

**Looking for Resources for Peacemaking?**

**Bearing Witness on the Brink of War:** Andover Newton Theological Seminary has created timely resources, they may be found at: <http://www.ants.edu/news/detail/bearing-witness-on-the-brink-of-war/>

A unique offering by a unique online congregation of the Disciples of Christ: Specifically for September 11 use: <https://vimeo.com/29201347>. 7 x 7 Prayers for Peace by DisciplesNet Church.

September 21 is the **International Day of Prayer for Peace**. Find resources at: <http://www.overcomingviolence.org/en/decade-to-overcome-violence/about-dov/international-day-of-prayer-for/resources.html>

There are always timely resources being posted by Warren Lynn on: Well-Fed Spirit: [http://www.wellfedspirit.org/main\\_site/Welcome.html](http://www.wellfedspirit.org/main_site/Welcome.html)

**Your New/Returning DPF Executive Committee:**

Tiffany Crain Altamiro; John Brock, William Crowder; Brenda Etheridge; Jim Higginbotham; Jeff Hon; LaVece Hughes; Lynette Li; Rebecca Littlejohn; Catherine Nichols; Lonna Owens; KJ Reynolds; Katie Russell; Andrew Shepherd; and Craig Watts.

Co-Moderators: Rebecca Littlejohn and Jim Higginbotham. Treasurer: Brenda Etheridge. Jon Lacey, Volunteer Program Staff; Phoebe Spier, Summer Peace Intern Coordinator. Terry McAndrews is our DPF Administrative Assistant provided in partnership with Disciples Home Missions.

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