



# Church and Peace International Conference

Timetable:  
from Friday, 12 June 2009:  
15h30 Arrival  
18h00 Supper  
to Sunday 14 Juni 2009  
12h30 Lunch and Departure

Venue:  
**Bienenberg Theological  
Seminary and Conference  
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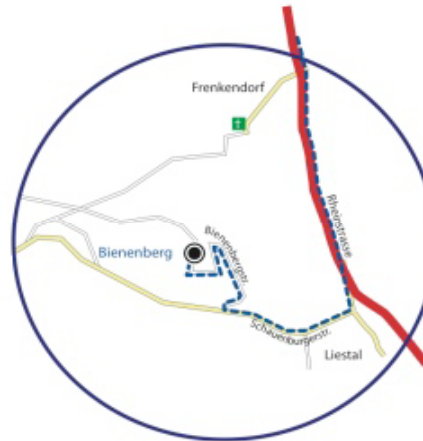
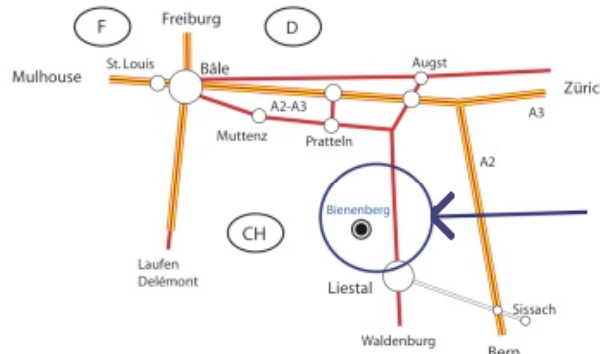
Church and Peace is an ecumenical European network welcoming all who wish to follow Jesus Christ in nonviolent discipleship and work together at enabling the Church to fulfil her calling to be a community of peace and reconciliation.

For the Historic Peace Churches - Mennonites, Quakers and Church of the Brethren- and an increasing number of Christian communities, initiatives, groups, education centres and individuals, Church and Peace has become a meeting place, a space for reflection, a forum for dialogue and a catalyst for joint peace building projects.

The biennial international conference is one of Church and Peace's traditional gatherings.

For more information: [www.church-and-peace.org](http://www.church-and-peace.org)

## Travel directions



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## "Guide our feet into the way of peace"

Luke 1.79

## 60 Years Peace Witness and Ecumenical Dialogue



12. – 14. June 2009  
Bienenberg, Liestal  
(Switzerland)

A contribution to the Decade to  
Overcome Violence on the way to  
the International Ecumenical  
Peace Convocation 2011





## Programme

Puidoux, Switzerland, 1949: The movement that would later become the European ecumenical network "Church and Peace" is born.

60 years have passed since that moment. We invite you to join in celebrating this anniversary:

- **to look back in thanksgiving on the road travelled**

- **to make space for continued reflection and fellowship**

- **to find new insights and direction for peace work in today's context**

- **to make a European peace church contribution - in the form of a peace declaration drafted by an international working group - to the International Ecumenical Peace Convocation to be held in Kingston, Jamaica, in May 2011**

"Guide our feet into the way of peace" - in saying this we emphasise that peace is not something we can possess or create. Peace is a gift of God who desires to lead us into his way. Peace arises from long-term struggle, prayer and action. Peace is the fruit of personal and communal transformation.

As the end of the Decade to Overcome Violence (DOV) draws near, the churches should reaffirm this understanding of peace with conviction and renewed commitment.

### **Friday, 12. June**

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#### ***Looking back on the road travelled***

- **Echoes from six decades of witness for peace and ecumenical dialogue:** interviews, texts, photos  
With former and current staff and Administrative Committee members.

### **Saturday, 13. June**

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#### ***Stopping to listen and reflect***

##### **"Discipleship, Community, Nonviolence" - Theological and Practical Reflection**

With Maria Biedrawa (L'Arche community of Jean Vanier, International Fellowship of Reconciliation - IFOR, France)

#### ***Preparing the way forward***

- **Exposition** - an introduction to various peace church communities, groups and projects
- **Workshops** - the future of work for peace  
With facilitators from across Europe
  - The future of peace service (Elisabeth Freise, Eirene, Germany)
  - Nonviolent intervention (Maarten v. d. Werf, Christian Peacemaker Teams, Netherlands; Karin Laier, Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel, Germany)

- Inter-religious dialogue (Ana Raffai, RAND, Croatia; Marija Ajzenkohl, Center for Religious Dialogue, Serbia)

- Peace witness to inter-governmental institutions (Paul Lansu, Pax Christi International, Belgium)

- Challenges beyond Europe (Maria Biedrawa, IFOR, France; Daniel Geiser-Opliger, Switzerland)

- Two "Decades" promoting peace...and afterwards? (Hansulrich Gerber, DOV, Switzerland; a representative of the UN Decade for Peace and Nonviolence)

- Training for peace service (Benoît Thiran, Sortir de la Violence, Belgium; Madeleine Bähler, Bienenberg, Switzerland)

- **Festive programme**

Celebrating peace through song, dance and music

### **Sunday, 14 June**

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#### ***Re-embarking on the way with the One who guides us***

- **Ecumenical worship**

Sermon: Marie-Noëlle von der Recke (Laurentiuskonvent, Germany)

- **Inauguration** of a station on the Bienenberg Centre's "Path of Peace"

