

# ...but by my Spirit.”

Zech. 4:6

The need for security and peace is a legitimate and elementary human need. Yet the quest for absolute security and invulnerability fosters a climate of fear and inevitably undermines the very fundamentals of the security it seeks to defend.

For true security is, paradoxically, the fruit of the risk that we take when we choose to live and struggle for values such as justice, interdependence and community without the use of violence. No weapons system or pre-emptive war can ever provide this kind of security.

From the point of view of faith, pursuing security without resorting to "might" or "power" does not mean denying the dangers threatening human life; rather pursuing true security means accepting human vulnerability while relying on the Spirit of the life-affirming God and practicing the justice that He asks of his disciples.

Church and Peace invites you to join Christians from across Europe for its next international conference which will take a critical look at the effects of the current security ideology and strive to define alternative community policies rooted in the choice of unarmed vulnerability and the pursuit of justice, two essential pillars of the Church's calling.

The Corrymeela community with its wealth of thirty years' experience in reconciliation and peace work in Northern Ireland provides an ideal setting for this undertaking which is intended as a waystation in the Third European Ecumenical Assembly process and a contribution to the Decade to Overcome Violence of the World Council of Churches.

Thursday, June 14

## Assessing the cost of the quest for absolute security

- Welcome and introduction to conference theme  
Hansulrich Gerber, coordinator of the Decade to Overcome Violence of the World Council of Churches
- Affinity groups: Sharing experiences of (in)security in society today
- Evening prayers

Friday, June 15

## Exploring paths to true security

- Morning worship with the Corrymeela community
- Belfast peace and reconciliation study excursion: Building justice and community
- Affinity groups: Reflecting on models of vulnerability and true security experienced during the day
- Defining conditions for a shared future: The case of Northern Ireland  
Duncan Morrow, chief executive officer of the Northern Ireland Community Relations Council, member of Corrymeela
- Evening prayers
- For night owls: A true story of security through vulnerability - Film "Joyeux Noël" + discussion

Saturday, June 16

## Identifying security choices for the Church

- Morning worship with the Corrymeela community
- Taking a closer look at *shalom*, the security strategy of the Bible  
Alejandro Zorzin, Uruguayan liberation theologian, pastor of the Altleiningen, Kohlhof and Friedelsheim Mennonite Churches
- Affinity groups: Considering the implications of shalom for day-to-day life
- Marketplace: Discovering vulnerability and true security initiatives within the Church and Peace network  
Norman Kember, former Christian Peacemaker Teams delegation member held hostage in Iraq

## Responding to God's shalom calling

- Ecumenical worship: Celebrating an alternative vision of security through vulnerability
- Sermon - "Choosing the way of the Spirit"  
Ana Raffai, co-director of Regionalna Adresa za Nenasilno Djelovanje/Regional Address for Nonviolent Action in Zagreb, Croatia
- Festive evening with Irish music and dance

