Church of the Savior UCC Weisgarber and Lonas Road Knoxville, Tennessee 37909 Southeast Conference 116 members - 183,189 in city

"A Just Peace Church Covenant"

Church of the Savior

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We, the Church of the Savior,
in response to our belief
in the love of God
which unconditionally wills the good
of all creation,
and our belief that shalom
(love expressed as peace and justice,
compassion and freedom),
is God's intention for all of creation,
do hereby make covenant
with the Lord
and with one another,
to become a Just Peace Church.

By the Grace of God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we pledge:

- 1. to live, work, and pray toward shalom as our goal and vision for the world;
- 2. to seek the elimination of the causes of war by building a world that is free of poverty, of oppression, and of the violation of human rights;
- 3. to be a microcosm, in our life together, of the shalom God intends for the world;

- 4. to maintain shalom as the organizing principle of our theology, beliefs, and mission;
- 5. to respect differences of opinion about <u>how</u> to achieve a just and peaceful world, as each, through dialogue, seeks to learn from others about the how;
- 6. to live as a people of hope, in faith that God is actively present in history, working toward the goal of shalom.