"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 how 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.