

PEACE PLEDGE: TO STOP SPREAD OF ANTI-TERRORIST WAR TO IRAQ

Phase III of the Campaign of Conscience for the Iraqi People

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Episcopal Peace Fellowship, Lutheran Peace Fellowship, Education for Peace in Iraq Center
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The Bush Administration is considering pursuing military action against as many as 40 countries suspected of harboring terrorists. Iraq remains a prime target. In the past 11 years the US has led a devastating economic and air assault on that country in an effort to weaken Saddam Hussein. This war has - according to UN estimates - killed over a million people (including an estimated average of 150 children a day). The US rationalizes escalation of the war against Iraq as part of a general war on terrorism although no links to the Sept. 11 attack have been disclosed, nor are they likely. Outgoing Secretary of Defense, William Cohen, told incoming President George Bush in January, 2001, "Iraq no longer poses a military threat to its neighbors." Iraq is willing to let weapons inspectors return if the bombing and economic sanctions are lifted (Iraqi Ambassador to UN al-Douri, BBC Nov. 29, 2001), a solution that would promote international security and the welfare of the Iraqi people.

Join others pledging opposition to the war against Iraq in a powerful, pro-active peace movement, promoting a more peaceful and just global community.

"A time has come when silence is betrayal. That time is now." Martin Luther King Jr.

I support peace for Iraq. I grant permission to use my name and city publicly as an opponent of the ongoing economic and bombing war on Iraq, and of any escalation of that war.

In addition, I pledge to take the following action: (check as many as apply)

Write a letter to the editor of my newspaper (see <http://www.scn.org/wwfor> for sample letters and background information)

Form a delegation to visit a local newspaper to discuss Iraq coverage (for advice from a successful effort to influence a paper's editorial policy on Iraq contact wwfor@connectexpress.org)

Introduce a resolution to my organization or faith community. (see above website for draft resolutions).

Engage at least one new person in conversation about Iraq: Daily Weekly

Call the President to urge no escalation of the war on Iraq. (202) 456-1111 or 1414.

Call my Congresspeople (Congressional Switchboard 202-224-3121 or individual local numbers) to urge no escalation of the war on Iraq: every weekday weekly

Write a letter to my Congressperson and Senators (to their local offices because of problems in DC mail delivery) weekly.

Participate in a public event such as a vigil or picket: weekly monthly

Distribute this pledge form (forward email or especially distribute to people without email)

Other (please specify, be creative and report your efforts so we can post them)

I am contributing _____ to make this Campaign of Conscience Peace Pledge a success. (Please make check payable to FOR and mail check to WWFOR at the address below.) I am sending _____ for a pure water project in Iraq in violation of the deadly economic sanctions laws, through the Campaign of Conscience for the Iraqi People.

I am not sending a donation in violation of the economic sanctions laws right now, but will do so if the US significantly escalates war against Iraq.

If the US significantly escalates war against Iraq, I will protest publicly. I am willing to participate in acts of nonviolent civil disobedience.

Name(Signature): _____ Name (Print legibly) _____

Address: _____ (include zip)

Phone _____ E-mail: _____

Please send to iraq@forusa.org or WWFOR - CoC, 225 N 70th, Seattle WA 98103. **For more information** please visit www.scn.org/wwfor, www.forusa.org, www.afsc.org, www.peaceresponse.org/pledge/ or www.endiraqsanctions.org, email iraq@forusa.org, or phone (206) 789-5565.