



*Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;  
Righteousness and peace will kiss each other.*

Psalm 85:10

The psalmist portrays these abiding virtues – love, faithfulness, righteousness and peace — as persons who meet, embrace, kiss. In this joining of essential virtues **we see what God intends even more clearly** than when we look at each one separately.

When righteousness is united with peace, the result is a **peace that is true**, rooted deeply in the gospel message. When love and faithfulness meet, **love gains integrity** and faithfulness knows the true nature of God.

**God calls us, and Jesus leads us, into a faithful love; a righteous peace.**

Our Annual Report, which is in your delegate packet, shows some of the ways that On Earth Peace has served the church in the past year as we seek to live out the vision of Psalm 85.

**In 2007, On Earth Peace provided programs or direct services in all 23 districts of the Church of the Brethren.** We celebrate the ways that we have been able to work with districts and congregations in responding to God's call.

Thousands of youth, children, and adults have been served through the programs of On Earth Peace in the past year. **Youth have learned** about Jesus' call to nonviolent living, **children have gained skills** in working out their conflicts, and **congregations have found ways to serve God** through ministries to returning soldiers and youth at risk in their communities.

**These are a few examples of the ministries which On Earth Peace carries out in partnership with congregations and districts – and some of the ways that, together, we serve the communities around us.** Thank you for your partnership as we respond to God's call to live out the Good News and share it in the world.


May God bless you and your ministries,

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