

*Mennonite Church Canada  
Annual Assembly  
Advance Resolution*

Resolution Number: 2008 - 001

Area Church affiliation: Mennonite Church Saskatchewan

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*Note: The mover and the seconder must be in attendance at the plenary session for discussion and questions of clarification.*

BE IT RESOLVED:

Our nation is at war and we are becoming a more militaristic culture. The principles of redemptive violence are being aggressively promoted to justify the increase in military spending and the shedding of blood by Canadian soldiers. **Christ's message of peace, reconciliation and grace needs to be heard in our country.**

Realizing that we are called to bear witness for Christ and his message, **we request that the staff of MC Canada develop a proposal for promoting the peace message in the "public square", and that it is presented at the 2009 annual delegate assembly.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE/BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

We are very concerned about the increased militaristic propaganda in the mass media, such as recruiting commercials and military presence at televised sports events, and we strongly feel that we must counter this by getting the peace message out to the general public. What we envision might include the use of mass media like newspaper, radio, T.V. and internet. Since we understand the cost involved in this, we suggest MC Canada may want to combine resources with other peace organizations (independent and those that are branches of other denominations). We feel a positive message, such as using the Golden Rule, would be most effective.

Submitted to the MC Canada office on (complete date): May 13, 2008