

GC30 False Apocalypticism and The Church (1984F116)

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WHEREAS the threat of nuclear war is global and the prevention of nuclear war calls for global collaboration by people of all faiths and commitments; and

WHEREAS the Christian gospel is denied in the false apocalypticism of some religious figures and by the despair and passivity of others; and

WHEREAS the world is witnessing a renewal of movements that use religion to buttress militarism and war-making:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The 30th General Council request all levels of the church to:

- 1. ENTER into dialogue and inter-faith discussion on peace-making in a nuclear age through such groups as the World Conference on Religion and Peace;
- INITIATE dialogue with church bodies such as the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada and with churches of the Canadian Council of Churches that do not participate in Project Ploughshares, towards a process of biblical and theological reflection on the gospel, peace, militarism and apocalypticism;
- 3. The 30th General Council requests the Committee on the Church and International Affairs to facilitate dialogue through the provision of a variety of resources.

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