



United for Peace Campaign

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

The United Church of Canada has affirmed: “As a community of faith, we are called to participate together, with others, in the struggle for the right to a just peace, with dignity, for all of God’s people.”

In the fall of 2007, in support of the above affirmation, the United Church of Canada launched a two-year Education, Advocacy and Fundraising campaign for peace i.e. UNITED FOR PEACE -- January 2008 to December December 2009.

The Official Board of our church is endorsing and becoming actively involved with the national body in this project. It has requested that the Stewardship Committee, with other groups in the church, plan and carry out projects pertinent to the three above-mentioned themes i.e. Education and Awareness, Advocacy and Fundraising.

Presently we are entering the education and awareness arousing stage. Advocacy and fundraising will come later.

As part of our first phase, the Stewardship Committee and the U.C.W. presented a special information and interactive session on Monday, Oct. 20. Guest resource person was Shirley Barnes, B.N. Shirley worked as nurse, and sometimes as a volunteer with international groups, in many regions of the world including the Canadian North, Asia, Africa and the Middle East. She spent considerable time in Kuwait and Israel thus enabling her to obtain and appreciate first-hand the contending and often conflicting views and claims that have given rise to the many and complex challenges to peace that have emerged to make the Middle East one of the world’s most troubled and strife-torn regions.

As a first-hand observer, as a nurse, and as a woman, her perspective on the Middle East was somewhat different from the general “male-oriented” mind-set about this region to which our media has accustomed us.

This was a unique opportunity to learn and expand awareness, and to support Memorial United and our national body in a worthwhile project.

“Let us then pursue what makes for peace, and for mutual uplifting” (Romans 14:19)

For more information [click here](#).