

What advice do we find from Christ and the Church on being a peacemaker? How are we called to act?

Think

Think about your own lives. Where do you see conflict and violence in your homes, schools, communities or world?

Draw a conflict tree: Put the causes of the conflict on the roots, the results on the branches and, on the leaves, suggest possible ways of resolving the conflict.

How do you resolve conflict in your own life?

You will need printed copies of the Being a Peacemaker quotations: www.paxchristi.org.uk/elements

Reflect

Ask the young people in twos or threes to look at some of the quotations

What can we learn from each quotation about being a peacemaker? How do they encourage us to act? What reasons do they give to explain why working for peace is important for Christians? What methods of peacemaking do they suggest?

How can the methods of peacemaking identified in the previous section be put into action?

Act

Pray: for peace and justice in our lives and the world.

Stand up: for those suffering through war and violence.

Tell someone: about how they can help.

Campaign: put pressure on those who make the rules.

Protest: find creative ways to make your feelings known.

Civil Disobedience: refuse to obey unjust rules.

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