

The work of Christian Peacemaking

Lesson 5: Christian Peace Activism



Pax Christi: The International Catholic Movement for Peace

[You will need copies of **Pax Christi: Peace in Action** for this activity]

We are going to look at the work of an organisation that works for peace, Pax Christi. [Slide 2]

Students are given copies of Pax Christi Peace in Action which they read for five minutes. [Slide 3]

The pamphlets are collected and the students take part in the quiz based on what they have read. [Slides 4 - 12]

The quizzes are marked out of 10 (8 questions with question 4 having three answers). [Slides 13 - 21]

Main Activities

Christian peace activism

[You will need copies of the **Christian Peace Activism** and **Connect, Extend, Challenge** sheets from the Teacher's pack]

Students will now go on to look at the wider work of Christian peacemaking. [Slide 22]

Research: 'Carousel' activity – students will be given information on six types of action Christians may take in their work for peace. For each strategy they should complete a connect-extend-challenge sheet: [Slides 23 - 24]

How does this **connect** to what you already know?

How has it **extended** your knowledge?

What are you still finding **challenging**?

Students should also note the advantages and disadvantages of each approach. They will feed this back to the group.

Plenary

Your own peace action

Next week students will be designing their own campaigning action. Before then they need to decide: [Slide 24]

Who will they work with?

What will their campaign be about?

The groups will select one issue of injustice which they particularly care about. This could be one of the issues examined in this course or some local, national or global issue that they think is particularly important. It might be useful to provide newspapers to help students to choose their issue.

Next week they will plan their campaign. [Slide 26]

Lesson Objectives

What: To examine how Christians work for justice and peace

How: By looking at the work of Pax Christi and examining some of the strategies used by Christian peace campaigners

You will need

Slideshow: Christian Peace Activism

Lesson 5: Teacher's pack

Pax Christi: Peace in Action pamphlets. Printed copies available for free from Pax Christi or download from <http://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-education/resources>