Pax Christi AGM 2020
Celebrating 75 years of Pax Christi

Let’s build peace together
We place our Pax Christi Book of Remembrance on the table.

As we pray together, we bring them and all those who can’t be with us today, into our community worship.
Loving God

You bring us together from many different places,
You endow us with varied gifts and responsibilities,
and challenge us to respond to your call.

Together we seek to follow your way. We pray that division and discord will be laid to rest and that the Good News of hope, peace and justice will be brought to the world.

Amen
Every day, people that are church educated, go quietly and serenely to factories where they assemble warheads, to laboratories where they increase the megaton capacity of our arsenals, to boardrooms where they vote to increase our ‘defence’ capabilities, to churches where they pray the ‘Our Father’ without discomfort.

Reading:

Adapted from Joan Chittister OSB
The role of the church in such a culture is surely a clear one.

It is, of course, to pray for peace, not to cajole God to save us from our own insane sinfulness but to make ourselves receptive to God’s in-breaking into our lives and culture.

It is, as well to be centres, where strangers can become sisters and brothers in Christ.
We are called to be models of disobedience. People with ‘revolutionary personalities’ - who are independent, - who have the capacity to identify deeply with humanity, - who have the ability to disobey in the interests of more fundamental values. The Prophets, Christ, the early Christians, would understand this role completely.

It is up to us to reclaim, and recall, a conforming world to the burning burden of that work.
John 14:27

Peace is my farewell to you, my peace is my gift to you;

I do not give it as the world gives peace.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

The Resurrection Window at Buckden Towers
Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession
We pray for those Pax Christi members and supporters who have died this year:

Elizabeth Esdaile; Mary Brennan; Rita Forster; Angela Broome; Imelda Coffey; Barbara Sunderland; Frances Brown; P G Hatcher; Sheila Winters; Julia Baldry; Elsie Hinkes.
Our Personal Commitment
Spirit of God,

We ask for:

understanding that puts an end to conflict;

Mercy that quenches hatred;

Forgiveness that overcomes vengeance and the gift of courage to witness to the truth.

We pray for the commitment to continue to act and work for peace.

Amen
Celebrating Pax Christi’s 75 years and all we hope to do together in the coming year