

## WEA Peace and Reconciliation Initiative E-NEWS

### Joint Lausanne and WEAPRI Partnership for Lausanne

Following discussions between the Lausanne Working Group on Peace and Reconciliation Chair Dr Chris Rice and WEAPRI Director Stephen Tollestrup at Duke Centre for Peace and Reconciliation in August, there has been broad agreement with Lausanne Congress organizers for a presence at next year's congress in Cape town.

The Lausanne III Congress, with an expected 5000 delegates and an international web-based audience will be a remarkable opportunity for networking and connecting with Christian peace and reconciliation ministries throughout Lausanne and WEA family world wide.

Lausanne III will be focusing on six major themes one of which has the working title 'Making Peace in a Broken World.' This theme will be further divided into three multiplexes with up to 800 participants.

- Environment and creation care
- Poverty and wealth
- Ethnicity and identity

Smaller *Dialogue Groups* will also be planned for more personal and in-depth discussion and sharing of ideas and experience. All groups will produce valuable documents and resources that will be uploaded on the Congress website as well as WEAPRI.



*The statue 'The Reconciler' in the courtyard of the centre.*



*Duke Divinity School and Centre for Peace and Reconciliation.*

With still nearly 14 months till Congress the design and structure of the collaboration between Lausanne and WEAPRI is still being developed and designed.

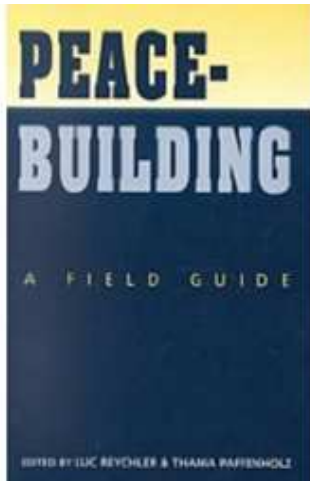
### Sri Lanka Young Ambassadors Peace and Reconciliation Initiative

Despite suffering persecution and even in some cases martyrdom, the minority Christian community and church in Sri Lanka is the only institution that has the bandwidth to encompass all Sri Lankans from across the ethnic divide. The Church in Sri Lanka holds a vital key for reconciliation. Importantly it presents the witness of Christ's love in this troubled country and an opportunity for the growth of the Church.

**Please note this monthly WEAPRI e-news is your forum to share news, insights and developments from your ministries and experience. Through your contributions you are helping build, equip and encourage WEA members around the world. Please submit to [kellie@tearfund.org.nz](mailto:kellie@tearfund.org.nz) by the last day of every month for inclusion.**

'Young Ambassadors' Peace and Reconciliation programme, is mobilizing young Sri Lankan Christians from across the ethnic divide as peace educators to their communities and generation. The cost of this programme is not significant at \$23,000, and we have an initial seed grant from TEAR Fund New Zealand of \$5000 NZ if matching funds can be found. If you are in a position to introduce the Young Ambassadors Programme to potential donors who have a special interest in Peace and Reconciliation, please contact Kellie Curtis at WEAPRI Secretariat and request a proposal be sent to you.

## Peace-Building, A Field Guide—Luc Reyhler and Thania Paffenholz



Peace-Building- a Field Guide is an essential tool for practitioners working on the sharp end of conflict and development. The nearly 600 page volume of close to 80 articles by writers from around the world covers a wide array of issues and importantly context. The authors clarify how fieldworkers "fit" into the overall peace building process, providing details of the most effective practices and offering guidelines for preparing for the field. Part 1 of the book introduces concepts and tools for sustainable peace building. It includes chapters on selecting and training fieldworkers. Part 2 focuses on seven specific peace building activities: mediation; monitoring; linking development aid and peace building; training local peace builders; dealing with the media; reconciliation; and peacekeeping. The third section addresses the practical and emotional problems that fieldworkers confront on an almost daily basis. Finally, Part 4 provides an overview of the lessons learned from the previous chapters. Written for a broad readership, the guide offers a repertoire of concrete methods that researchers and practitioners can use to analyze contemporary conflict dynamics, to develop a better peace building architecture and to heighten the synergy of their efforts.

Peace-Building, A Field Guide is not specifically a Christian work, though the reflections and recognized skills of Christian writers such as Mennonite Ron Kraybill are part of this valuable work.

There are also a number of case studies throughout that provide clear and accessible examples of conflict and mediation in field situations. This is a companion book for Peace-workers, Missionaries, Development staff and students. An excellent summary of the book is found on <http://www.beyondintractability.org/booksummary/10441/>



In Christ whom we love and serve,

Stephen Tollestrup  
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<http://reconcilers.wordpress.com/>

Be sure to check out this Blog. Full of information, interviews, insight, links to networks and engagement with Christian Peace-Makers. Well worth a browse.

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### Coming Soon...

**New Weekly Column**  
Stay tuned for a new 'Reconciliation Wednesday' column each week with some surprise guest contributors ...

**WEAPRI Website**  
Once again, asking for just a little more patience as we complete and upload the webpage in the next few weeks.

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