



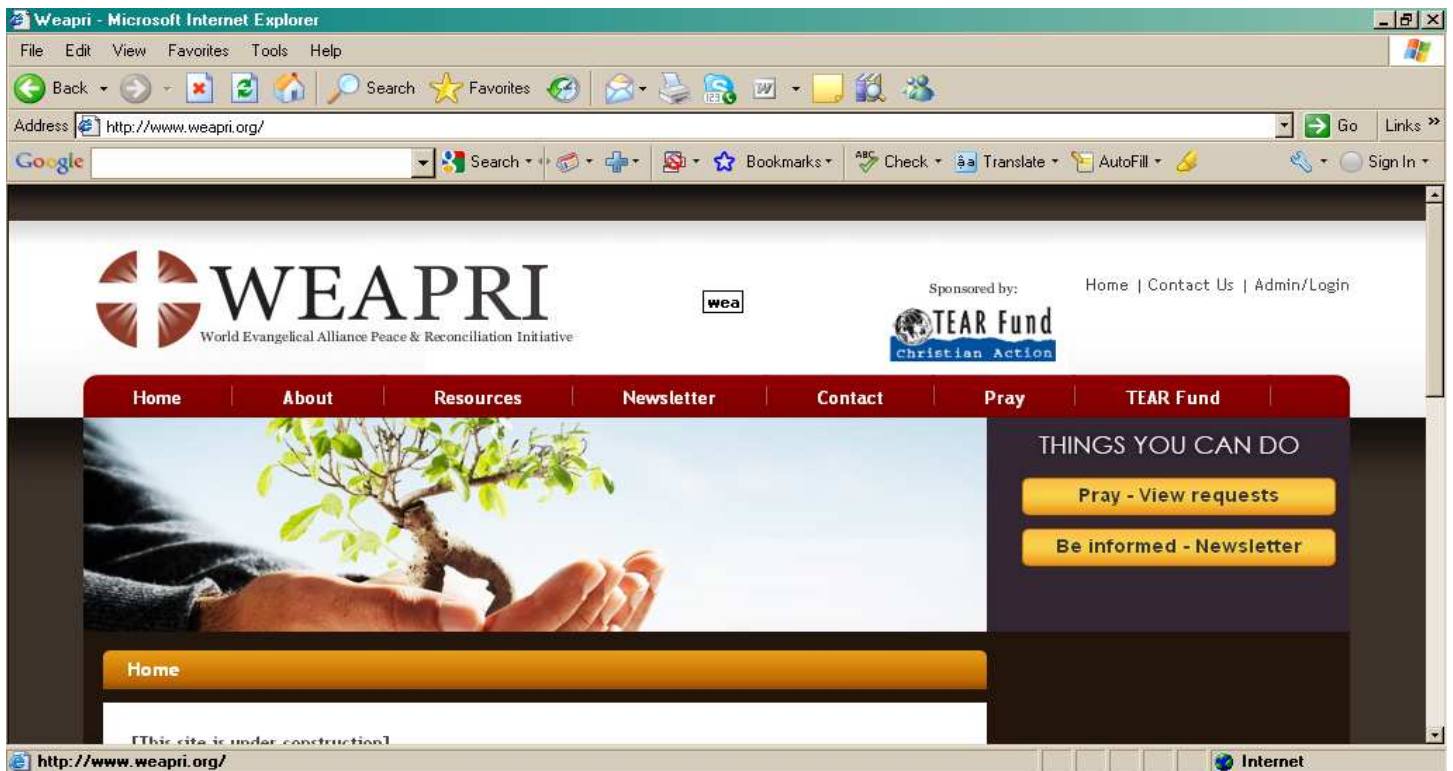
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WEA Peace and Reconciliation Initiative E-NEWS

WEAPRI Website now on-line



The new WEA Peace and Reconciliation Initiative website is now up and accessible to you on www.weapri.org.

As you will see the website is still in need of content, particularly peace-building tools, skills, strategies and case-studies. We have excellent material promised and coming through, and by the new year WEA will have a valuable and no doubt well used internet based resource for peace and reconciliation.

While the website is managed by the Auckland based secretariat, content comes from you the users. Remember too, that peace and reconciliation resources include issues relating not only to the big picture such as armed conflict and national reconciliation, but perhaps even more importantly peace-building in communities, neighborhoods, families, ministries and churches.

Joint Lausanne and WEAPRI Partnership for Lausanne III

The Lausanne committee tasked with invitations has extended 7 invitations for a core facilitation team. Both WEA and Lausanne peace and Reconciliation Initiatives had hoped the number would be higher, given the importance of peace-building in our world today. However, a number of international Peace-makers have been extended invitations through aligned and parallel tracks. We hope to have a significantly larger presence at congress as a result.

If you wish to be part of the Lausanne WEA consultation on peace-building and have not received a direct invitation from WEAPRI would you please discuss with your national WEA leadership team about obtaining an invitation.

The consultation and any workshops will be available on-line.

Christian Islamic Dialogue

WEAPRI Executive member Dr Chris Love is a specialist in Christian – Islamic dialogue and bridge building. Rick is involved with the Lausanne Christian and Muslim dialogue stream and will be working alongside WEAPRI. Read Rick's speech on Da'wa and Evangelism to the World Bank at the Moroccan Embassy in Washington DC. You will find it on the WEAPRI resource page. Not only does it provide insight into Christian Islamic relations, but inter-faith generally.

Case Study: ALARM

Find out how WEAPRI Partner ALARM encouraged Ugandan women to be empowered as peace-makers and leaders in their community.

ALARM equipped 60 women from Uganda, Sudan, Burundi, Rwanda and Congo to train a total of 600 women at grass-roots level in the areas of peace building and human rights awareness in their communities.

ALARM designed this project to educate women on human rights, to equip women with negotiation skills that will create a more level playing field as they advocate for their rights, negotiate property matters, participate in business to support their families and improve their personal well being; to equip women with basic skills in communication, conflict management and conflict mediation, and enhance their participation in peace building within their communities through their involvement in community and conflict resolution mediation centers.

Go to the WEAPRI resource page on the website to read this inspirational case study.

Book Review

Peacemakers: building stability in a complex world

Peter Dixon , Published by IVP

In the book, Peter Dixon, Chief Executive of Concordis International offers a non-academic, personal but balanced look at issues of war and peace, pacifism and the Just War tradition, intervention and reconciliation. Based on his experience of both military service and peace-building, his aim to identify principles to understand and examples to follow, when faced with the horrors of war and the elusiveness of peace. Ultimately, answering one basic question: what it means to be a peacemaker. Writing from a Christian viewpoint, Dixon concentrates on how people can involve themselves in working towards peace, stability and reconciliation as 'third parties' in 21st Century violent conflict. He consciously combines personal experience with Biblical concepts and the best wisdom available from other traditions and suggests that there is no single or simple answer to the complexities of violent conflict, but tries to bring Christian values to bear on these questions in a practical and pragmatic way.

Some positive comments on the book include:

"A work of extraordinary relevance in today's troubled and volatile times", General Sir Richard Dannatt, former head of

the British Army

"A gentle, wise and helpful companion as we try to make sense of the conflicts in our world offers us hope, never making us feel guilty, and providing a Christian framework to help us unpack complex issues as we reflect on uncomfortable questions." Ram Gidoomal CBE

"A thought-provoking and engaging book ... I commend this wide-ranging work which is well-grounded in the practical experience of Concordis International in Sudan." Air Commodore Mark Leakey, Director Armed Forces' Christian Union

"Given the importance of peace in Christian priorities, I hope this book will be given the attention it deserves." Michael Schluter CBE, Founder, Jubilee Centre, and Chief Executive, Relationships Global

<http://www.amazon.co.uk/Peacemakers-Peter-Dixon/dp/1844744027>

For more information on Concordis go to

<http://www.concordis-international.org>

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<http://bethbc.com/christatthecheckpoint.html>

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