

**WE BELIEVE** in a church that ensures *peaceful pursuit of self-determination and religious expression*. We share with persons of other faiths the truth that has come to us through Jesus Christ, and we listen for truths we can learn from them. We do so in the hopes of deepening respect for one another, not to impose conversion nor express self-righteousness. We reject merging religious beliefs with nationalism or subjugating one belief system or cultural group to another. We deplore using religion to promote warfare or the exploitation of others and the earth. World and local leaders in all faith traditions must stand steadfast to address this issue and model respect for all our neighbors and all of life.