

The BPF aims to provide a fellowship for Baptists who find that the use of military force cannot be reconciled with the teaching of Jesus Christ and His acceptance of the Cross. We ally ourselves with those who seek nonviolent means to confront and overcome injustice and so work at all times for the things that make for peace in national, community, church and personal life.

We do not believe that we have all the answers but will be led to witness in ways appropriate to the conditions in which we find ourselves. We aim to engage with our fellow Baptists on these issues so that they may come to see that armed conflict does not lead to long term peace. Like the early Christians we endeavour to talk to those whom we meet about the good news of the gospel of the Prince of Peace.

## THE COVENANT (1931)

We, members and adherents of Baptist Churches, covenant together to renounce war in all its works and ways; to do all in our power, God helping us, to make the teaching of Jesus Christ effective in all human relationships.

### Our activities include

- ◆ The publication of literature relevant to Baptists and Peacemaking.
- ◆ The organisation of meetings and conferences. We are willing to talk to groups in churches.
- ◆ The raising of issues of justice and peace at the Annual Baptist Assembly or through the Council of the Baptist Union of Great Britain. (BUGB) Issues are also aired through the Baptist Times website.
- ◆ Liaising with the Mission Department of the BUGB on relevant issues.
- ◆ Working with other Christian Peace Groups through the Network of Christian Peace Organisations. We are affiliated to the Campaign against the Arms Trade.
- ◆ Many of our members attend peace demonstrations and draw attention to peace issues through writing letters to M.P.s and Government.



### TWO WAYS TO JOIN

The BPF is affiliated to the Fellowship of Reconciliation, England (FoRE) and we would encourage you to join us via them. Their website can be found at [www.for.org.uk](http://www.for.org.uk) or write to Peace House, 19 Paradise Street, Oxford OX1 1LD stating that you wish to join as a Baptist. Your name will then automatically be passed on to us.

If for any reason you do not wish to join the FOR but still wish to join the BPF and be associated with its work then please fill in the form overleaf which is also available via our website.

Associate membership of the Baptist Peace Fellowship is open to those who have a broad sympathy with the Covenant and who share our concern for issues of peace and justice. Associate members receive our mailings.

### FINANCE

The BPF receives an annual grant from FoRE. However, if you are not a member of FoRE you may wish to make a donation to our funds and any contributions will be gladly received by the Treasurer! Regular giving helps us to plan ahead - we can send you a Standing Order Form.



Please tick and fill in as appropriate, cut off and send to the membership secretary at the address given on this brochure.

I can subscribe to the covenant of the BPF and wish to become a member.

I wish to be associated with the work of the BPF for justice and peace.

Please keep me in touch with BPF publications and notify me of meetings and conferences.

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*'Returning violence for violence multiplies violence, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that'.*

*Martin Luther King*

[www.baptist-peace.org.uk](http://www.baptist-peace.org.uk)

## Baptist Peace Fellowship



'But now I tell you; love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven'.  
Jesus in Matthew chapter 5

'If someone has done you wrong, do not repay him with wrong. Try to do what everyone considers to be good. Do not let evil defeat you; instead conquer evil with good'.  
Paul in Romans chapter 12.

