

## Touchstones Theme: Peace

“To be a peacemaker means not to judge or condemn or speak badly of people, not to rejoice in any form of ill that may strike them. Peacemaking is holding people gently in prayer, wishing them to be well and free. Peacemaking is welcoming people who are weak and in need, ...and



opening our hearts to them. It is welcoming those with whom we may have difficulty or whom we may not especially like, those who are culturally, psychologically, or intellectually different from us. It is to approach people not from a pedestal, a position of power and certitude, in order to solve problems, but from a place of listening, understanding, humility, and love.” *Jean Vanier*



“It is easy to want peace and love peace. It is easy to say, ‘Leave me in peace,’ but are we prepared to struggle for peace, which would mean to enter into places of conflict in the family; in the community; wherever? And if we are prepared to enter into places of conflict, are we aware that we are vulnerable and can be hurt?”

...If our families are places of love; if parents and children are helping each other to become fully human, to become fully alive, then peace will come in our land. Peace will come between cultures; peace will come in our world.” *Jean Vanier*

## Join us in exploring the theme of Peace

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