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2008 annual report



Peace is not the product of terror or fear. Peace is not the silence of cemeteries. Peace is not the silent result of violent repression. Peace is the generous, tranquil contribution of all to the good of all. Peace is dynamism. Peace is generosity. It is right and it is duty.

Archbishop Oscar Romero



Cover photo: Students in Kabul, Afghanistan writing their messages of peace on banners in observance of the United Nations International Day of Peace, September 2008.

Building Momentum for Peace

Let us call a truce to terror. Let us invoke the blessings of peace. And as we build an international capacity to keep peace, let us join in dismantling the national capacity to wage war.

This call, made by President John F. Kennedy in his 1961 speech at the United Nations, is at the heart of the mandate and work of Project Ploughshares, work that is made possible by the faithful support of Canadian churches, foundations, organizations, and thousands of individuals. At last there are signs that President Kennedy's call is being heeded.

During the past two years a growing number of statements by major world figures, including retired Generals and a former NATO Secretary-General, have stated that human well-being and the well-being of our fragile planet require that all nuclear weapons be dismantled and permanently banned. In a dramatic shift from the Bush administration, President Obama has pledged to pursue a world without nuclear weapons as well as seek a worldwide ban on weapons in space.

In the same period, we have also seen significant progress toward an Arms Trade Treaty that will curb the traffic in the tools of violence that cause so much suffering. In October 2008, 147 states voted at the United Nations to move forward with work on an Arms Trade Treaty, eight more states than voted to start the process in 2006.

This new respect for nuclear abolition and the increased global support for an Arms Trade Treaty are in large part the fruit of the relentless efforts of civil society around the world, including Project Ploughshares.

We must now focus on addressing the pockets of determined resistance to an effective Arms Trade Treaty and to a world without nuclear weapons.



Vision and Mandate

A secure world without war, a just world at peace.

Our name and vision come from the enduring vision in Isaiah, which sees the material and human wealth consumed by military preparations for war transformed into resources for human development – a transformation that goes to the roots of war itself:

God shall judge between the nations, and shall decide for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more. Isaiah 2:4

Founded in 1976, Project Ploughshares is an operating agency of The Canadian Council of Churches, with a mandate to advance policies and actions that prevent war and armed violence and build peace.

Program

Working with churches, governments, and civil society, in Canada and abroad, Project Ploughshares undertakes research, policy development, dialogue, and public engagement to:

- Prohibit the use, possession, and manufacture of nuclear weapons;
- Prevent the weaponization of space;
- Control the supply and reduce the demand for weapons;
- Reduce the resort to military force; and
- Build sustainable peace in conflict zones.

Prohibit the use, possession, and manufacture of nuclear weapons

- New nuclear cooperation arrangements with India were the focus of extensive writing and engagement with officials in 2008. Unfortunately the nuclear cooperation arrangements with India were confirmed, with Canada's help, thus legitimizing India's growing nuclear arsenal. Our focus now is to call for clear nonproliferation conditions to apply to all civilian cooperation agreements, including any agreements by Canada with India.
- Iran was the focus of two major events in 2008, in Ottawa and Tehran – both civil society-led engagements with Iranian officials and academics on Iran's nuclear programs and intentions. The report of the roundtable held in Ottawa was released as Ploughshares Working Paper 09-1 and is available on the Ploughshares website. Follow-up roundtables are being discussed.



From left to right: Ambassador Knut Langeland, Amb. for Disarmament Affairs for Norway; Amb. Wim Geerts, Amb. to Canada from the Netherlands; Mr. Ernie Regehr, Project Ploughshares; Mr. Colin Smith, Head of the Political Section at the British High Commission in Ottawa; and Amb. Matthias Höpfer, Amb. to Canada from Germany – at a panel discussion in Ottawa on the prospects for changing NATO's security doctrine.

- At the 2000 Review Conference to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), all States Parties to the Treaty agreed to submit regular reports. At the 2008 NPT Preparatory Committee in May we circulated a paper analyzing the reporting by the States Parties, *Transparency and Accountability: NPT Reporting 2002-2007*, as part of our efforts related to the critically important 2010 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Review Conference.



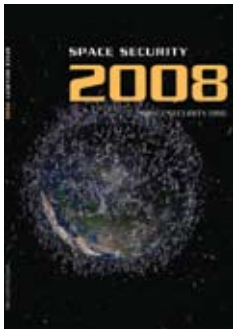
- With NATO's 60th-Anniversary Summit scheduled for April 2009, we chaired a panel discussion in Ottawa with Ambassadors from European NATO member states to discuss issues related to prospects for changing NATO's security doctrine, which continues to assert the need for nuclear weapons.



Jessica West, Project Ploughshares, speaking with Marc Garneau, MP and former astronaut, at the Canadian Space Society Summit, held in November 2008 in Montreal.

Prevent the weaponization of space

- The Space Security Index project, a program of research and expert consultation managed by Project



Ploughshares, produces an annual assessment of space security. *Space Security 2008* was released in September and received international press attention. Research findings from the Space Security Index project were presented to senior officials with the US Air Force Space Command, at UNIDIR, and at a side event to the UN First Committee. The Space Security Index project was featured in the November 2008 issue of *Mandate*, The United Church of Canada's mission magazine.

- In 2008 we also hosted a roundtable on Canada's policies on space with representatives from Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada, the Department of National Defence, Industry Canada, and the Canadian Space Agency, as well as academia, industry, and civil society.

Control the supply and reduce the demand for weapons

- Project Ploughshares is a founding member of the international NGO steering committee promoting an Arms Trade Treaty. In October 2008 member states of the UN voted to establish an Open-Ended Working Group to consider the components of a Treaty. Monitoring the Working Group meetings and engaging NGOs in supporting the negotiation of a comprehensive, legally binding global Arms Trade Treaty will be the focus of the NGO Steering Committee and Project Ploughshares in 2009.

- We conducted an audit of Canada's report of its military exports for the period 2003-2005. The report, released in January 2009, included recommendations for changes in Canadian military export policy to conform to the emerging Arms Trade Treaty.

- Project Ploughshares coordinates the Small Arms Working Group (SAWG) of Peacebuild, the Canadian peacebuilding network. In 2008 SAWG held several dialogues with Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada and published four policy briefs and three research papers on issues related to the implementation of



Elephant march, Delhi, India, in support of a global, legally binding Arms Trade Treaty.

PHOTO: Control Arms

Governance

The responsibility of board formation and governance is delegated by The Canadian Council of Churches to its member churches and other churches or church agencies that have agreed to sponsor Project Ploughshares and provide annual operating support. The board of Project Ploughshares is made up of persons appointed by sponsors and members-at-large appointed by the board.

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Left to right - Front row: Maribel Gonzales, Debbie Hughes, Anne Marie Kraemer; Second row: Nancy Regehr, Grant Birks, Jessica West, Wendy Stocker; Back row: Ernie Regehr, Ken Epps, John Siebert.



Maribel Gonzales (bottom left), Project Ploughshares, with participants at a planning workshop in Trinidad and Tobago.

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the UN Programme of Action on small arms. Ploughshares staff attended two major international meetings: the Third Biennial Meeting of States on the UN Programme of Action in July and the Review Summit of the Geneva Declaration on Armed Violence and Development.



Ken Epps, Project Ploughshares, at the Biennial Meeting of States on small arms at the United Nations in New York.

• With program partner, the Women's Institute for Alternative Development (WINAD), we co-hosted an international workshop March 5-6, 2008 in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago entitled, *Small Arms Proliferation and Misuse: Towards a Caribbean Plan of Action*. The workshop drew on the experiences of other southern regions, identified Caribbean research needs, and endorsed regional action on small arms and light weapons.

- In 2008 we launched a three-year CIDA-funded project to reduce armed violence in the Caribbean with partner organization WINAD. Annual murder rates in the Caribbean — at 30 per 100,000 — are the highest regional rates in the world. The project supports the Caribbean Coalition for Development and the Reduction of Armed Violence, a group of 10 civil society organizations from eight Caribbean countries, which aims to address the causes and consequences of armed violence through research, public education, and policy advocacy activities.

- In collaboration with World Vision Canada we examined the impact of their peacebuilding projects on levels of armed violence in Kenya, Uganda, and South Sudan. The report from the September 2008 field visits, to be issued in 2009, will be a useful tool in engaging NGOs and churches on the links between armed violence reduction and sustainable development.



John Siebert (far left), Project Ploughshares, with World Vision staff in Uganda.



Market scene in Kabul, Afghanistan, April 2008.

Reduce the resort to military force

- We continued to work with The Canadian Council of Churches, the World Council of Churches, and civil society networks on the *Responsibility to Protect* doctrine adopted by the UN in 2005 that continues to be an important subject of debate and controversy. The “limits to force” writing project is developing clarity on the limitations of the use of force, the centrality of diplomacy, and the wide range of social and economic initiatives that provide assistance to vulnerable people.
- To better understand the opportunities for reconciliation in Afghanistan and for replacing combat with political engagement and ultimately negotiations, we visited Kabul for two weeks of intense interviewing. The visit was followed by a meeting with the *Toronto Star* Editorial Board, op-eds, interviews, and presentations. Our focus has been to work with churches and NGOs to encourage governments, including Canada’s, to pursue urgently needed reconciliation initiatives.

Build sustainable peace in conflict zones

- Working with three student interns from the Global Studies Department at Wilfrid Laurier University, data on 2007 armed

conflicts was compiled and published as *Armed Conflicts Report 2008*, in web-based and poster formats, with a preface by Maureen O’Neil, the former President of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC). After a period of seven years, during which there was a cumulative decrease of 12 armed conflicts, the number of armed conflicts increased from 29 to 30, and the number of countries involved increased from 25 to 26. The *Armed Conflicts Report* data was cited in a 2008 report on the global impacts of armed violence prepared for the Geneva Declaration Summit.

- The final two papers in the three-year project with partner organization Africa Peace Forum (APFO), *Building Capacity for Sustainable Peace in Sudan*, were published in a single volume, *Regional Security, Gender Identity, and CPA Implementation in Sudan*.
- Our work with APFO continued on the IDRC-funded project to develop a peace-and-security architecture for the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) to address chronic, long-term insecurity in the Horn of Africa (Sudan, Somalia, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Kenya, Uganda, Djibouti). Twelve papers, which were commissioned during the project on a range of security issues, will be published and discussed at a conference in 2009 that will make recommendations to IGAD.
- We participated in several meetings in Ottawa between the Sudan Inter-Agency Reference Group and the federal government’s Sudan Taskforce to discuss ongoing threats to peace in Sudan, including the deployment of the joint UN and African Union mission to Darfur, the forthcoming elections, and the impact of the potential indictment of the Sudanese President for war crimes by the International Criminal Court.



Ernie Regehr receiving the Arthur Kroeger College Award for Ethics in Public Affairs from John Schwarz of Alterna Savings, the sponsor of the Ethics in Public Affairs award.

The Arthur Kroeger College Award

In April 2008 Senior Policy Advisor Ernie Regehr received the 2008 Arthur Kroeger College Award for Ethics in Public Affairs. The Ethics Award honours those who have provided an inspiring example of the importance of ethics and values in public life. Previous recipients of this award include Stephen Lewis, Roméo Dallaire, Ursula Franklin, and Gerald Vandezande.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada Internship Program

In 2007 The Presbyterian Church in Canada launched a three-year Peace and Human Security Internship Program with Project Ploughshares. The internship is for Presbyterian university graduates and funds one eight-month internship annually for three years. Adam Parsons of Waterloo was the first intern. The second intern is Laura Ashfield of Waterloo, who will begin her internship in September 2009.



Thank you

Project Ploughshares gratefully acknowledges the ongoing financial support of the many individuals, national churches and church agencies, local congregations, religious orders, and organizations across Canada that ensure that the work of Project Ploughshares continues. We are particularly grateful to The Simons Foundation in Vancouver for its generous support. Grants were also received from the Canadian International Development Agency, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada, the Ploughshares Fund (US), the Secure World Foundation (US), and the International Development Research Centre.

More than 6,000 individuals and organizations supported Project Ploughshares in 2008 at the Contributor, Associate, and Sustaining Associate gift levels. The individuals and organizations on the next two pages provided support in the Peace Partner and Peace Builder categories.

The Future Fund

The future of Project Ploughshares depends on adequate resources to carry on its work for peace. In 1991 the board of Project Ploughshares established the Future Fund to provide a predictable source of revenue for annual operations through the income earned by the Fund. We are grateful for the \$87,589 in bequests received in 2008 for the Future Fund from the estates of the following individuals:

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How and Where We Work

Project Ploughshares is respected by government officials and politicians in Canada and abroad, who have come to expect high quality and accurate research, as well as forthright presentations of concrete policy options. The views of Project Ploughshares are listened to and sought out by decision-makers.

Project Ploughshares consistently provides expert analysis and policy options to the wider NGO community. We help shape debates on issues such as nuclear disarmament, ballistic missile defence, the arms trade, space security, Canada's role in Afghanistan, and Canadian security spending.

Project Ploughshares has a broad and engaged constituency in Canada that includes its nine sponsoring churches, a network of local Ploughshares groups, and a donor constituency of more than 8,000 individuals, as well as foundations, religious orders, congregations, and organizations. This informed Ploughshares constituency

contributes generally to a higher level of public debate in Canada on peace and security issues.

Policy work and program implementation are often carried out in collaboration with other NGOs, in Canada and internationally. Project Ploughshares is a member of the Canadian Council for International Co-operation, Peacebuild, the Canadian Network to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, Mines Action Canada, the International Action Network on Small Arms, as well as other working groups. Project Ploughshares is affiliated with the Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies of Conrad Grebel University College, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario.

Our commitment to collaboration also involves working with partner organizations in conflict zones – for example, in the Horn of Africa and the Caribbean. This collaboration builds the capacity of partners in conflict zones to continue the work in their own regions and builds our capacity to provide analysis and policy options based on a more comprehensive international perspective.

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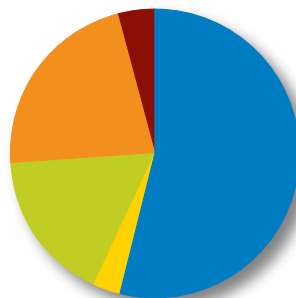
Our print publications include *The Ploughshares Monitor* (quarterly), the *Armed Conflicts Report* (annual), *Working Papers*, and *Briefings*, as well as fact sheets and reports. The *Ploughshares E-Newsletter* is a source of news and information about our programs. Sign up online.

Ernie Regehr's blog, *Disarming Conflict*, provides commentary on the policies and politics of disarmament and demilitarizing conflict. See www.cigionline.org/publications/blogs/disarmingconflict.

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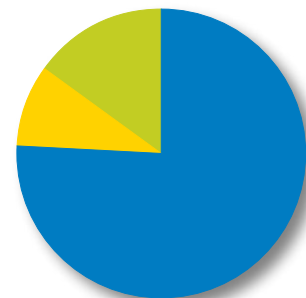
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- Donations 54%
- Sponsors' grants 3%
- Non-government grants 17%
- Government grants 22%
- Sales & interest 4%



Use of Funds

Total: \$1,219,395

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- Administration 9%
- Fundraising 15%

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