

How and Where We Work

As an agency of The Canadian Council of Churches, we provide the Council and its members with analysis and information on peace and security issues of concern to them and assist them in shaping an ecumenical response to those issues. In addition, we are specifically mandated to directly engage policymakers, in Ottawa as well as elsewhere, in developing the policies and practices that will build peace and prevent war. The cornerstone of this policy work is analysis based on factual, carefully researched information. The policies and approaches that we advance are well reasoned and, as much as possible, take into account opposing views. We recognize that to be effective we must actively put forward credible policy alternatives – not so much by promoting completely formed and finely honed policies, but by participating in, and helping to generate, a milieu of inquiry in which policy alternatives can be proposed, debated, and refined in the presence of alternative perspectives and policymakers.

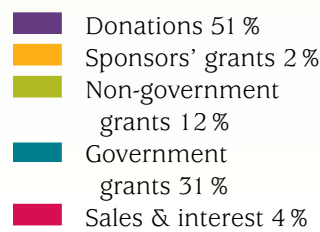
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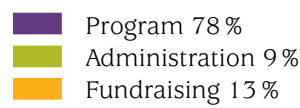
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The future of Project Ploughshares depends on adequate resources to carry on its work for peace. In 1991 the board of Project Ploughshares established the Future Fund to provide a predictable source of revenue for the annual operations of Project Ploughshares. Donors are encouraged to make a gift to the Future Fund to perpetuate their support for Project Ploughshares and its peacebuilding programs into the future, and to ensure the growth of the Fund so it will provide increasing income for programs while conserving the principal. Contact us if you would like information about our planned giving program. We are grateful for the \$76,791 in bequests received in 2007 for the Future Fund from the following individuals:

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Breaking the war cycle... and building peace

Project Ploughshares

2007 Annual Report



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Doomsday Clock

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*A world free of
nuclear weapons
is a good, safe
place to be – a
decent place, free
of the dishonor of
threatening to kill
tens of millions of
our fellow human
beings.*

*We should go
there.*

Jonathan Schell
author

On January 17, 2007 scientists moved the hands of the Doomsday Clock from seven minutes to five minutes to midnight with the following warning that reflects their grave concerns about a second nuclear age: "As we stand at the brink of a second nuclear age and at the onset of an era of unprecedented climate change, our way of thinking about the uses and the control of technologies must change to prevent unspeakable destruction and future human suffering. The clock is ticking."

There are actually no technical or policy barriers to nuclear disarmament, which isn't to say that it can be done quickly or easily. Meaningful multilateral negotiations and tough political decisions will be required. But there are signs that the daunting nuclear weapons challenges are being recognized. In January 2007, former US Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger and other former senior officials issued a statement calling on the leaders of countries with nuclear weapons to "turn the goal of a world without nuclear weapons into a joint enterprise." In January 2008 they renewed their call in an article in the *Wall Street Journal*, "Toward a Nuclear-Free World." Project Ploughshares has been actively engaged in nuclear disarmament for 30 years and in 2007 continued to work for progress in the nonproliferation challenges presented by Iran and North Korea, the US-India nuclear cooperation deal, and the Geneva-based Conference on Disarmament.

We have also seen progress in arms transfer controls. Building on a decade of work by an international group of NGOs, including Project Ploughshares, the UN General Assembly agreed in December 2006 to begin work on an Arms Trade Treaty. Through partnership with NGOs we are supporting efforts to ensure that the voices of millions of people around the world affected by armed violence

Political will and the courage to act in the global interest can be generated and mobilized by a committed international community of concern and action. We are particularly grateful for our supporters, who are part of that community of concern and action, and who join with us in building a safer and more just world. All of us are needed to set the clock back.

Mandate

The name and mandate for Project Ploughshares come from the ancient biblical vision of 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

Project Ploughshares was established in 1976 as an agency of The Canadian Council of Churches to work with churches and related organizations, as well as governments and nongovernmental organizations, in Canada and internationally, to identify, develop, and advance approaches that build peace and prevent war, and promote the peaceful resolution of political conflict.

Program

Our peacemaking and peacebuilding initiatives are organized under four themes or objectives that flow from the call to pursue peace:

- eliminate reliance on and proliferation of nuclear weapons and prevent the weaponization of space,
- contribute to Canadian and international policies that reduce the resort to military force,
- control the supply of and reduce the demand for weapons, and
- advance knowledge about armed conflict and support measures that build sustainable peace in conflict zones.



Participants at the March 15-16, 2007 Space Security Index meeting in Montreal.

are heard in the development of a strong Arms Trade Treaty based on international humanitarian and human rights law.



Pictured in Pugwash, Nova Scotia, with the Nobel Peace Prize medal awarded to Sir Joseph Rotblat and the Pugwash Conferences in 1955, left to right, Alexa McDonough, MP, Sen. Roméo Dallaire, Ernie Regehr, Project Ploughshares, and Hon. Marian Hobbs (New Zealand).

Eliminate reliance on and proliferation of nuclear weapons and prevent the weaponization of space

Nuclear nonproliferation and disarmament

In 2007 Project Ploughshares offered background and analysis on the nonproliferation challenges presented by Iran and North Korea, the US-India nuclear cooperation deal, and the Geneva-based Conference on Disarmament. Two Briefings were published – *Canada, India, and changing the nonproliferation rules and Nuclear Disarmament or Nuclear Ambivalence?* – as well as several op-eds. In March 2007 we presented a paper, *India and the Obligations of Nuclear Weapon States*, that was published in *Canadian Policy on Nuclear Co-operation with India: Confronting New Dilemmas*, by The Simons Centre for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Research at the University of British Columbia. In May we addressed the House of Commons Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development on a nuclear disarmament agenda for Canada. The presentation was based on the joint paper by Project Ploughshares and Veterans Against Nuclear Arms, published as *Ploughshares Working Paper 07-1, Nuclear Disarmament: An Action Agenda for Canada*. We also made presentations on nonproliferation issues and the future of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty at the Group of 78 annual conference in Ottawa, and at 50th anniversary conferences of the Pugwash Conference on Science and World Affairs in Pugwash, Nova Scotia, and Bari, Italy.

Non-weaponization of space

Project Ploughshares is the secretariat for a research consortium, funded by the Canadian government and Canadian and US foundations, that produces an annual assessment of space security based on trends in specific indicator areas. *Space Security 2007* was published in August 2007. Our staff participated in Canadian consultations on a space code of conduct and made presentations on space security at conferences in Berlin, Geneva, and Brussels, as well as at the United Nations and the first Preparatory Committee meeting held in Vienna, Austria, for the 2010 Nuclear Non-proliferation Review Conference. We also participated in a forum on space and defence at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs and a conference on international space security in New Delhi. The paper presented in Geneva was published in the UNIDIR publication, *Celebrating the Space Age: 50 Years of Space Technology, 40 Years of the Outer Space Treaty*. In January 2007 Ploughshares issued a press release on the January 11, 2007 Chinese anti-satellite test and in October published an article, "Back to the Future: The Outer Space Treaty Turns 40" in *The Space Review*.

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Protecting vulnerable populations

We continued to work with the World Council of Churches (WCC) and The Canadian Council of Churches on issues related to the responsibility to protect vulnerable populations (R2P). In February and March we represented the work of the WCC on R2P at the World Social Forum in Nairobi, Kenya, and at an international conference in Berkeley, California, and in November participated in a WCC consultation in Germany on the WCC's 2006 statement on R2P. We have also been monitoring and commenting on the situation in Darfur, Sudan, and Canada's response to that humanitarian crisis. In October we issued *Briefing 07/3, Hybrid AU-UN Operation in Darfur:*

Precedents, progress, and challenges, and in November 2007 sent a letter to the Prime Minister urging Canada to take a more active leadership role to help the people in Darfur.

Canada's role in Afghanistan

Monitoring and analysis of Canada's role in Afghanistan has continued to receive prominent attention. We offered background and analysis through briefings and articles as well as in consultations with NGOs and churches. During 2007 Project Ploughshares hosted two forums for national church and ecumenical representatives on Canada's role in Afghanistan. Project Ploughshares is a member of the Afghanistan Reference Group hosted by the Canadian Council for International Co-operation and Peacebuild (formerly the Canadian Peacebuilding Coordinating Committee), and participated in meetings, a press conference, and the NGO submission to the Manley Panel on Canada's role in Afghanistan. These documents are available on our website. We also contributed a chapter on Afghanistan to the North-South Institute's *Canadian Development Report 2008*.



Afghanistan Forum: John Siebert, third from left with presenters at the November 30, 2007 Afghanistan Forum in Toronto: John Lewis, Kairos, and Ann Gordon and Helen Loftin, MEDA.

Control the supply of and reduce the demand for weapons

The Arms Trade Treaty and small arms transfer controls

An important focus for Project Ploughshares is the development of international regulatory systems to control and monitor the distribution and acquisition of weapons that transform political and social conflict into war and violence. In February 2007 Ploughshares hosted an international seminar on regional dimensions of small arms transfer principles, as well as a meeting of NGOs to plan follow-up initiatives to the December 2006 vote by the UN General Assembly to begin work on an Arms Trade Treaty (ATT). Edited papers from the seminar were published as *Towards Global Standards: Regional Experience in Small Arms Transfer Controls*.

The February seminar was followed by presentations on small arms transfer control issues at Canadian government-sponsored conferences in May in Montebello, Quebec, and in August in Geneva, Switzerland. The report of the February 2007 international seminar was distributed to the government delegates at the Geneva conference. We continue to participate as a founding member of the international NGO steering committee promoting the ATT. In May 2007 Project Ploughshares, along with several other Canadian NGOs, sent a letter to the Minister of Foreign Affairs commending Canada on its submission to the UN Secretary-General on the proposed ATT.



Ken Epps, fourth from left, making a presentation at the August 2007 Canadian-sponsored meeting on small arms transfer control principles held in Geneva.

Canadian export controls

Ploughshares staff provided information for, and were quoted, in an October CBC Radio news feature, *Arming the World*, on Canadian military exports, and were subsequently interviewed on the topic by over 20 CBC stations across Canada. Ploughshares analysis of the global and Canadian arms trade and the developing Arms Trade Treaty, *Canada and the Arms Trade Treaty*, was published in the November 2007 issue of *Behind the Headlines*. Ploughshares was also cited in January 2007 in *Maclean's*, "The spoils of war: Canada's role as a big player in the global arms biz is under attack," and in October on Radio-Canada on Canada's arms industry and exports.

The Small Arms Working Group

Project Ploughshares is the coordinating agency for a program to support and strengthen Canadian policy on small arms, a program carried out through the Small Arms Working Group (SAWG) of Peacebuild. In February 2007 SAWG hosted a dialogue with international resource persons to explore the connection between armed violence reduction and development programming. The dialogue report, *A Dialogue in Ottawa: Linking Development Programming and Armed Violence Reduction*, was published and distributed. In fall 2007 SAWG commissioned papers in preparation for the 2008 Biennial Meeting of States on the implementation of the UN Programme of Action on small arms.

Reducing armed violence

The project that began in 2006 with the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) to provide guidance for the integration of small arms control into Canada's development programming was completed in March 2007, with the results of the project published as *Working Paper 07-2, Towards Safe and Sustainable Communities: Addressing Armed Violence as a Development Priority*. The results of the CIDA project were presented to an Ottawa workshop co-hosted by SAWG on linking gender, armed violence reduction, and development. In June 2007 we participated in an experts workshop held by Small Arms Survey in Geneva, Switzerland, that discussed methodologies for measuring the impact of small arms violence on development.

Advance knowledge about armed conflict and support measures to build sustainable peace in conflict zones



Documenting armed conflicts

The annual *Armed Conflicts Report*, now in its 21st year, is published in two components. The first is a compilation of detailed descriptions of each conflict that is published on our website. The second component, a poster, is printed each year and distributed to students, educators, and donors, and at various conferences and events. In 2007 three senior students from the Global Studies Department at Wilfrid Laurier University (WLU) assisted with data collection as part of a new internship program between the Department and Ploughshares. An additional student volunteer from WLU provided graphic design assistance for the armed conflicts map.

Building peace in the Horn of Africa

Our two projects with Africa Peace Forum, based in Nairobi, Kenya, continued in 2007. In the first project, a CIDA-funded multi-year research and dialogue project, *Building Capacity for Sustainable Peace in Sudan*, two roundtables were held to discuss commissioned papers dealing with security issues in the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement. The papers, *Security Threats to CPA Implementation in Sudan*, were published and are available on our website. In October we provided analysis of the Sudan elections in *Briefing 07/2, Elections in Sudan 2008/9: A Complex Challenge in Need of Urgent Donor Attention*. In November we presented a paper on Sudan at an international conference in Cape Town, South Africa, that discussed the state of arms control and armed violence reduction in Africa.

The second project with Africa Peace Forum is an International Development Research Centre-funded project on building a peace and security architecture in the IGAD region (Sudan, Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Somalia, and Djibouti). John Siebert serves as technical advisor to the project. The project has commissioned papers on security issues such as the proliferation and misuse of small arms, internally displaced populations, large-scale human rights violations and undemocratic security sectors, the management of resources, and excessive and destabilizing accumulations of arms and resources diverted for military purposes. Three roundtables were held in 2007, in Djibouti, Kampala, and Addis Ababa. The papers will be published in 2008 for discussion at the final international conference in the fall of 2008.

Publications and Information

We provide information for our church sponsors, our local group and church networks, our donors, the media, and the general public through our print publications as well as our website, www.ploughshares.ca. Ernie Regehr's blog, *Disarming Conflict*, provides commentary on the policies and politics of disarmament and demilitarizing conflict. See www.igloo.org/disarmingconflict.

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*, launched in 2006, is a source of news and information about our programs. Sign up at www.ploughshares.ca/libraries/PloughsharesNews.htm.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada Internship Program

In spring 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 8-month internship annually for three years. began his 8-month internship in mid-September 2007.



Adam Parsons, the first intern in the program.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada E. H. Johnson Award

At its 133rd General Assembly in early June 2007, The Presbyterian Church in Canada presented Senior Policy Advisor Ernie Regehr with its E.H. Johnson award, which honours those working "on the cutting edge of mission."



At the awards luncheon, left to right, The Rev. Peter D. Ruddell, Ernie Regehr, and The Rev. Dr. Hans Kouwenberg.

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The responsibility of board formation and governance is delegated by The Canadian Council of Churches to its member churches and other churches or churches 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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