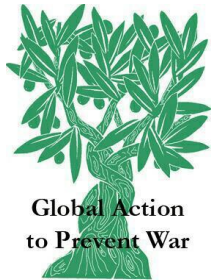




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## How Can Religious Congregations and Theological Schools Respond to the Challenges of Human Security?

A Workshop for Leaders of Faith Communities and Seminaries Sponsored by:  
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The world is facing a host of difficult challenges, from the declining health of our climate and the insecurity of our food and water supplies to the unregulated arms trade and the inability of governments to protect civilians from systemic abuse.

As citizens and members of faith communities, we have a responsibility to preserve what works in our world and change what doesn't. But many denominations and seminaries provide inadequate guidance about human security challenges and often fail to provide the practical skills and theological tools needed to help local congregations build genuine cultures of peace. There is clearly a need for theologically-grounded policy insights and educational materials that can highlight critical policy issues and provide inspiration and guidance for sustained local response.

This event directed at US members of **Global Action to Prevent War**, **interfaith youth leaders**, **the Association of Chicago Theological Schools**, and the leadership of **Unitarian-Universalist congregations**, is uniquely positioned both to provide insight on human security challenges for pastors-in-training and to help congregations better fulfill their local and global peacemaking responsibilities. Led by **Sharon Welch** of **Meadville Lombard Theological School**, **Susan Thistlewaite** of the **Center for American Progress** and **Chicago Theological School**, **Robert Johansen** of the **Kroc Institute at the University of Notre Dame** and a group of diversely skilled workshop facilitators, this event will help participants explore options for developing pastoral and congregational capacity to impact human security policy and promote local cultures of peace.

The human security framework and its challenges to religious seminaries and other faith communities will be introduced through two resources: **Sharon Welch's *Real Peace, Real Security: The Challenges of Global Citizenship***, and the comprehensive *Program Statement* produced by **UN-based Global Action to Prevent War**. This event will enlist the support of its diverse participants towards the creation of new forms of pedagogy and practice that can reinforce direct linkages between theological conviction, community engagement and sound policy on a range of compelling global concerns.

Enrollment is limited. For more information or to indicate your plans to participate please contact:

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