

CALL FOR PAPERS (deadline 31 January 2025)

Revitalising Peace Theologies for Today

A Multi-Faith Peace Conference

Hosted by the Centre for Faith in Public Life
at Wesley House, Cambridge, 5-6 June 2025

It's estimated that one in four of the world's population are affected by conflict. Interstate conflict is increasing, and the threat of nuclear warfare has returned. This means issues of war, peace and activism have moved out of the ethics classroom into the lived reality of many faiths around the world. This conference provides a chance to explore the notion and practices of peace from a range of religious perspectives and from the viewpoints of many different actors.

The conference will bring together religious practitioners, scholars, and theologians for an in-person multi-faith conference which aims to revitalise non-violent theologies of peace. We welcome paper proposals from a range of faith traditions, global contexts, and disciplines that aim at understanding, promoting, and enacting peace within oneself, communities, and nations. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Faith-inspired nonviolent resistance and direct action
- Pacifism in theory or practice
- Studies of nonviolent religious figures (eg Leo Tolstoy, Gandhi, Jane Addams, Thich Nhat Hanh, Abraham Joshua Heschel, Abdul Ghaffar Khan, Dorothy Day)
- Conscientious objection to military service
- Militarism, memory, and remembrance
- Faith-inspired disarmament and demilitarisation
- Peace in worship (eg liturgy, prayers, songs, rituals, sacraments)
- The relationship between peace and justice
- Peace in the Hebrew scriptures, Quran, or Christian Bible or other sacred texts
- Just war or just peace theory and its critics
- War, peace, and the environment
- Coexistence in religiously pluralistic societies
- Indigenous peace perspectives
- Religion, peace and intersectionality (eg race, gender, sexuality, class, age)
- Forgiveness, repentance, reconciliation
- Faith-inspired conflict resolution and mediation
- Catholic Social Teaching on peace
- Faiths in conflict and interfaith peace initiatives

Selection criteria for abstracts include the originality of the proposal, its relevance to the conference themes, and the potential for peer-reviewed publication. The organisers are looking for papers that will cohere together into a well-curated conference. The organisers reserve the right to decline any paper proposal.



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Cambridge**

Use this link or the QR code to submit a paper proposal and learn more about the Conference:

<https://bit.ly/peace2025>



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