

Just Peacemaking: A Case for Christian Pacifism

The decision by the U.S. in favor of a "preemptive strike" against Iraq--coming in the shadows of the 9-11 attacks -- has re-animated vigorous conversations among Christians about the merits and limits of "Just War" arguments. This presentation will engage the Just War tradition and invite participants to consider the option of Christian pacifism. The session will include ample opportunity for discussion.

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