

USMB Study Conference Reading List for Articles 12 and 13

Relevant Biblical Texts – The US Board of Faith and Life recommends that you familiarize yourself with the following Biblical texts and others in preparation for the upcoming Study Conference.

Article 12

Exodus: 20:13, 16; Leviticus 19:11; Psalm 82:3-4; Jeremiah 29:7; Daniel 2:21; 3:17-18; 4:17; Matthew 5:13-16, 33-37; 6:33; 17:24-27; 22:17-21; John 15:19; 17:14-18; Acts 5:29; Romans 13:1-7; 1 Corinthians 5:9-13; 2 Corinthians 6:14-18; Ephesians 5:6-13; Philippians 1:27; 3:20; 1 Timothy 2:1-4; Titus 3:1-2; James 5:12; 1 Peter 2:13-17

Article 13

Exodus 14:13-14; 20:1-17; Leviticus 19:18; Deuteronomy 9:4-6; 20:1-18; Many Psalms, including 28:4; 33, 46, 133, 146; Ecclesiastes 3:8; Isaiah 2:4; Matthew 5:9; 5:17-28, 38-48; 10:34; 22:37-40; 26:52; Luke 6:27-38; 10:25-37; John 17:16; John 18:36; Romans 12:9-21; 13:1-7, 8-10; 14:19; 2 Corinthians 5:11-21; 13:8-10; Galatians 3:28ff; Ephesians 2:11-18; James 4:1; 1 Peter 2:19-25; 3:9-11, others

Relevant Books – The US Board of Faith and Life suggests that you read at least two books from the following list, one which reflects a pacifist position, and one which reflects a just war position. Many of these books were suggested by those who will be presenting at the Study Conference.

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A Culture of Peace, Alan Kreider and Paulus Widjaja, 2005

Between Pacifism and Jihad: Just War and Christian Tradition, J. Daryl Charles, 2005

Choosing Against War: A Christian View, John D. Roth, 2002

Confession of Faith: Commentary and Pastoral Application, General Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches, 2000

Discipleship as Political Responsibility, John Howard Yoder, 2003

God and Violence: Biblical Resources for Living in a Small World, Patricia McDonald, 2004

Hope Indeed!: Remarkable Stories of Peacemakers, N. Gerald Schenk, 2008

Jesus and Nonviolence: A Third Way, Walter Wink, 2003

Joshua: Believers Church Bible Commentary, Gordon H. Matties, 2012

Just Peacemaking: The New Paradigm for the Ethics of Peace and War, Glen H. Stassen, 2008

Just Peacemaking: Transforming Initiatives for Justice and Peace by Glen H. Stassen, 1992

Just War as Christian Discipleship: Recentering the Tradition in the Church rather than the State, Daniel Bell, 2009

Just War, Lasting Peace: What Christian Traditions Can Teach Us, John Kleiderer, Paula Minaert and Mark Mossa, eds., 2006

Killing Enmity: Violence and the New Testament, Thomas R. Yoder, 2011

Making Peace: A Guide to Overcoming Church Conflict, Jim Van Yperen, 2002

*Peace Be With You, Comelia Lehn, 1981

St. Augustine and the Theory of Just War, John Mark Mattox, 2009

The Anatomy of Peace: Resolving the Heart of Conflict, The Arbinger Institute, 2008

The Just War Tradition: An Introduction, David D. Corey and J. Daryl Charles, 2012

The Myth of a Christian Nation: How the Quest for Political Power Is Destroying the Church, Greg Boyd. 2007

The Naked Anabaptist: The Bare Essentials of a Radical Faith, Stuart Murray, 2010

The Peacemaker: A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflict, Ken Sande, 2004

The Politics of Jesus, John Howard Yoder, 1994

*The Power of the Lamb, John E. Toews, 1986

The Upside Down Kingdom, Donald B. Kraybill, 2011

The War of the Lamb: The Ethics of Nonviolence and Peacemaking, John Howard Yoder, 2009

The Way God Fights: War and Peace in the Old Testament, Lois Barrett, 1987

War and Christian Ethics: Classic and Contemporary Readings on the Morality of War, Arthur F. Holmes, ed., 2005

War: Four Christian Views, Robert G. Clouse, ed., 1991

War, Peace, and Christianity: Questions and Answers from a Just-War Perspective, J. Daryl Charles, Timothy J. Demy, 2010

What We Believe Together, Alfred Neufeld, 2008

*These two books are currently out of print. Some MB church libraries or pastors may have copies of The Power of the Lamb. USMB does have copies of The Power of the Lamb and will have them available at the Study Conference for a donation of \$5.00.