NB 1. RESOLUTION ON WEAPONS TRANSFER

RECOMMENDATIONS

- **At the individual level:**

  1. That individuals educate themselves and others about the impacts of the US arms trade and our biblical call to peacemaking.

  2. That individuals reflect and pray about the effects of US weapons transfers around the world, and how best to move society and government down a less militaristic path.

  3. That individuals who own investments, including retirement accounts and pensions, divest from the arms industry. Annually, Eder Financial compiles lists of the top twenty-five publicly traded defense contractors and all publicly traded companies where more than ten percent of their revenue comes from contracts with the US Department of Defense. Following these guidelines, individuals should divest from companies that have more than a minimal involvement in weapons production whether or not they derive the majority of their profit through military contracts.

  4. That individuals contact their elected representatives and participate in nonviolent direct action to oppose US weapons transfers.

- **At the congregational and district levels:**

  1. That congregational and district leadership provide resources and encouragement for church members to learn about, reflect on, and take action on the concern of US arms transfers.

  2. That congregations and districts divest from companies that have more than a minimum involvement in weapons production, including those that derive the majority of their profit not through military contracts.

- **At the denominational level:**

  1. That the Church of the Brethren, through the Office of Peacebuilding and Policy, engage in ongoing research, education, and advocacy against US arms transfers and the defense industry

  2. That Annual Conference agencies and other Church of the Brethren-related organizations divest from companies that have more than a minimal involvement in weapons production, including those that derive the majority of their profit not through military contracts, referring to the lists compiled from Eder Financial.

NB 3. RESOLUTION - WALKING TOGETHER: IMMIGRATION, PEACEMAKING, CONSCIENCE, AND SUPPORTING OUR NEIGHBORS

CALLS TO ACTION

- **For individuals:**
  - *Learn and listen*
    - Read immigrant and refugee stories.
    - Listen with humility and respect.
    - Learn about cultures, histories, and experiences.
  - *Speak with care*
    - Challenge harmful stereotypes with truth and grace.
    - Use language that honors dignity.
    - Share accurate information with compassion.
  - *Show up consistently*
    - Volunteer regularly, not just once.
    - Accompany families when invited.
    - Build relationships rooted in trust.
    - Understand that civil disobedience may be necessary.

- **For congregations:**
  - *Pray and reflect*
    - Pray for immigrant families and communities.
    - Include immigrants in congregational prayer.
    - Reflect on the biblical call to welcome the stranger and to work for justice.
  - *Offer welcome and support*
    - Greet and acknowledge immigrant neighbors.
    - Help with forms, school questions, or appointments.
    - Offer rides, childcare, or translation, when possible.
    - Understand that civil disobedience may be necessary and support church members who prayerfully participate in such actions.

- **For districts:**
  - *Give resources*
    - Donate food, clothing, school supplies, or gift cards.
    - Support trusted local and national organizations.
    - Share resources collectively for greater impact.
  - *Bear the cost*
    - Accept inconvenience, misunderstanding, or criticism.
    - Share power, space, and leadership.

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        - Remain faithful when support requires sacrifice.
        - Understand that civil disobedience might be necessary and support congregations' prayerful participation in such actions.

- **For the denomination:**
    - *Advocate courageously*
        - Speak up when policies harm families.
        - Contact leaders and institutions respectfully.
        - Use voice and position to act for justice.
    - *Stand in solidarity*
        - Be publicly supportive of immigrant communities.
        - Attend prayer services, vigils, or community gatherings.
        - Choose presence, even when uncomfortable.
        - Understand that civil disobedience might be necessary and support parts of the denomination, including staff, who prayerfully participate in such actions.

- **For reflection:**
    - Annual Conference statements on peace and justice.
    - The 2007 "Separate No More" Annual Conference paper (on racism and unity).
    - Church of the Brethren positions on immigration, refugee support, and nonviolent action.