

**That
Men
May
LIVE**



**Statement of Purpose
of The Fellowship
of Reconciliation**

That Men May Live in Peace Together

The Fellowship of Reconciliation is composed of men and women who recognize the essential unity of mankind and have joined together to explore the power of love and truth for resolving human conflict.

While it has always been vigorous in its opposition to war, the Fellowship has insisted equally that this effort must be rooted in a commitment to the achieving of a peaceful world community. Thus international peace is not the only objective of the Fellowship; it sees war as the consequence and manifestation of the brokenness of community, while it recognizes peace as the fruit and pleasure of a community that cherishes and defends the full dignity and freedom of every human being everywhere.

In the working out of such objectives the Fellowship seeks the company of those of whatever faith who wish to confront human differences with nonviolent, compassionate and reconciling love. The Fellowship began as a movement of protest against war, with its roots in the ethic of love as found preeminently in Jesus Christ. Many of its members today are motivated by a commitment to God as revealed in Jesus Christ, and to a life of obedience to Christ as Lord. The participation of others is nourished in the historic faith and community of Judaism, with its prophetic emphases on universalism, justice, and love. Still others affirm their faith in man and in the unity and interdependence of the human race, and their intent that life shall be made truly human.

Any requirement of credal uniformity thus is alien to the spirit of the Fellowship; its diversity of motivation is the source of neither embarrassment nor dilution, but of strength and assurance. The Fellowship seeks to demonstrate the integration of faith and life for which religion at its best exists, and to do it

within a framework of respect for the integrity of each member's personal beliefs. It is a special role of the Fellowship to extend the boundaries of community in radical directions, as it seeks the resolution of cultural conflicts by the united efforts of men of many faiths.

In the development of its program, the Fellowship does not depend upon a large number of nominal adherents, but upon persons who, accepting its principles fully for themselves, will give time individually and in groups to the application of those principles to every area of life. Although members do not bind themselves to any exact form of words—

(1) They identify with those of every nation, race and religion who are the victims of injustice and exploitation, and seek to develop resources of active nonviolent intervention with which to help rescue them from such circumstances;

(2) They work to abolish war and to create a community of concern transcending all national boundaries and selfish interests; as an integral part of that commitment they refuse to participate personally in any war, or to give any sanction they can withhold from physical, moral or psychological preparation for war;

(3) They strive to build a social order that will utilize the resources of human ingenuity and wisdom for the benefit of all men, and in which no individual or group will be exploited or oppressed for the profit or pleasure of others;

(4) They advocate methods of dealing with offenders against society that will be founded on understanding and forgiveness, and that will seek to redeem and rehabilitate the offender rather than impose punishment on him;

(5) They endeavor to show reverence for personality—in the home, in vocational relationships, in school and the processes of education, in association with

persons of other racial, credal or national backgrounds;

(6) They seek to avoid bitterness and contention in dealing with controversy, and to maintain the spirit of self-giving love while engaged in the effort to achieve these purposes.

The Fellowship's unity is of those who share a common vision and a common task; the vision is of a just and peaceful world; the task is nothing less than the permeation of the whole process of social change with the spirit of human kinship.

IF YOU AGREE...

All who agree with the principles of the Fellowship of Reconciliation are invited to contribute and are urged to become members. (This is done by signing the attached membership application.)

FINANCING THE FELLOWSHIP

There are no stated annual dues and none are required. The essential bond of union is a sincere sharing of the Fellowship's purpose. Members unable to assist financially can help the FOR do its job by their contribution of personal work.

On the other hand, the FOR is not merely an instrument through which people can register as pacifist. It is a working fellowship and as such it is entirely dependent for financial support on the voluntary contributions of its members and friends. Each year its work is budgeted carefully and its needs made known to the members. Every member then decides how much he can do.

Four dollars of each member's annual contribution—or \$2.50 if a student—goes to pay for his subscription

to **FELLOWSHIP Magazine**. Members are urged to give generously and regularly in excess of that amount to support the ongoing program of the Fellowship in this country and abroad.



The Fellowship of Reconciliation

BACKGROUND OF THE FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship of Reconciliation began in England in 1914, only months after the start of the First World War. A small group of Christians, persuaded that they could not participate in the mass killing, but that their faith did point the direction by which war might be abolished, gathered at Cambridge and brought the Fellowship into being. A year later, at Garden City, Long Island, 68 men and women agreed that the same witness should be made in the United States, and the Fellowship was organized in this country. Since then similar Fellowships have been created in a score of countries and cooperate with one another through the agency of the international F.O.R.

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membership application

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Date _____ Signed _____

NAME (please print) _____
(Mr., Miss., Mrs., Rev., Prof.) LAST FIRST MIDDLE

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
(zone)

Occupation _____
(if student, please mention school)

I am a student in high school college seminary; I expect to graduate _____
(date)

I enclose \$ _____ as my membership contribution, of which \$4 is for my subscription to FELLOWSHIP Magazine (\$2.50 if student).

I also pledge \$ _____ to be paid on _____ (date)

(Contributions to the Fellowship of Reconciliation are deductible for income tax purposes)

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