



Church of the Brethren General Board

Statement Declaring General Board Property to be Nuclear Free zones

March 3-6, 1984

Believing that peace is God's intention for all creation, including all people of the earth, and that the presence of nuclear weapons do not contribute to peace;

Confessing that all war is sin and all participation in war is sin, and feeling a confessional need to eliminate elements of war-making that exist in our lives;

Affirming our stewardship of creation and the particular responsibility for any property over which we have been given management; and

Desiring to give a witness to the world of Jesus Christ as the Prince of Peace, to warn the world of the perils of the nuclear arms race. To take this concrete step as peacemakers,

The Church of the Brethren General Board, meeting at Elgin, Illinois, March 3-6, 1984, declares all of the property held by this corporate body to be Nuclear Free Zones. Specifically

1. Our property shall not be used to design, test, produce, store or deploy nuclear weapons,
2. We state to our government that we do not wish such property defended by the use or threat of nuclear weapons.
3. We ask all nuclear powers of the world to avoid targeting these properties with nuclear weapons.

Having declared those properties for which we have stewardship to be Nuclear Free Zones, we now encourage all parts of our church to consider similar action: acting corporately as districts, congregations, seminary and colleges. Retirement homes and hospitals, camps; acting personally as members regarding residences, businesses, and other properties.

The General Board will maintain at the general Offices a record of all such corporate and personal resolutions, and will periodically publish a listing of Nuclear Free Zones resolutions. The Board will also provide a standard form for the Nuclear Free Zones resolution and an identifying sign for those who desire to use it.