

## **10 WAYS TO USE THE “STEPS TOWARD PEACE” TRAVELING PEACE TRUNK**

1. **PROMOTE!** Let your congregation know about “Steps Toward Peace.” Use your bulletin and newsletter to publicize the peace trunk. Generate interest and excitement for the visit!
2. **BULLETIN BOARD!** Use the “Bulletin Board on Steps Toward Peace” folder from the trunk to create a bulletin board or wall display. It’s ready to go!
3. **DISPLAY** resources from the trunk and invite all ages to check them out. Check-out cards are provided. Be sure your church library committee looks over the contents of the trunk as they may find items they would like to purchase to add to your church library.
4. **INFORM** youth sponsors, worship planners, teachers of the resources that will be of particular interest and use to them.
5. **KICK-OFF** the “Steps Toward Peace” between Sunday school and worship, at the close of Sunday morning activities, or on a Sunday or Wednesday evening. Serve dove-shaped cookies and punch (cookie cutter is in trunk), play music CDs or tapes from the trunk, invite people to browse through trunk contents and read and discuss quotes on bulletin board “feet.”
6. **FELLOWSHIP!** Plan a Sunday or Wednesday evening fellowship time and invite several persons to share new ideas or insights they have encountered in books or materials they’ve read from the trunk. Include a children’s time that features stories or activities from trunk materials.
7. **PLAY!** Host a party using cooperative games. Find ideas in the “Nonviolent Play & Cooperative Games” folder. Share refreshments of dove-shaped cookies and punch. Include a discussion about nonviolent play or violent computer games. Consider inviting all ages to sign a peacemaker pledge (samples in “Ideas for Action and Growth” notebook).
8. **WORSHIP!** Plan a Sunday morning worship time focusing on the theme “Steps Toward Peace.” Use resources from the trunk’s “Worship Materials” notebook. Share reconciliation bread. Use litanies, prayers, stories. Download or copy some of the 8 ½ x 11” peace posters found in “Brochures, Flyers, Posters & Banners” and make available to everyone to hang on their bulletin boards at home or work, refrigerators, lockers, etc. If people have been given opportunity during your “Steps Toward Peace” events to sign a peacemaker pledge, include a formal signing time and prayer of commitment during this worship time.
9. **EDUCATE!** Plan a special Sunday school for adults and youth to talk about ideas for action/s in which your church can be involved in making “Steps Toward Peace.” For ideas explore what some others have done in the “Ideas for Action and Growth” notebook.
10. **LEARN** some of the peace songs on the CDs or tapes and have a group share them in the worship service.