Churches’ Commitments to Children

Churches uniting for children in the pilgrimage of justice and peace

1. Keep children safe

The church will do everything possible to keep children safe

- Make sure that children feel safe in their churches, homes and communities and that children know whom to go to for help if they have a problem
- Help stop children being hurt by other people in villages, cities, countries and throughout the world
- Find ways in which churches can protect children in dangerous situations (for example: refugee children, children affected by storms, earthquakes, wars)
- Help all children to have a “birth certificate”.

2. Listen to children

The church will try very hard to make all decisions together with children when such decisions have something to do with children’s lives. They also will plan activities for children together with children

- In church activities and planning for services and praying
- In society (including family, school, community, leaders, politicians and decision-makers).

3. Protect the planet for our children

The church will organize activities with children to protect our planet and to deal with problems caused by climate change - inside the church, and in society.

Do you find these commitments important? Do you have ideas for your own church?

If yes, then it will be interesting to discuss your suggestions with the community.

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