

Dave Andrews' Christmas Letter 2002

Our first task, as always, will be to seek to be the peace we advocate

- to be calm in the midst of the turmoil
- so we can act constructively
- with clarity and courage.

Our second task will be to deal with our own violence

- to deal with our own actual or potential violence
- in our own hearts, our own homes, our own communities and our own countries.

And our third task will be to do whatever we can to stop the violence elsewhere

- addressing the root causes of exploitation and oppression, as well as the bitter fruit of terror and terrorism.

We may not always be able to stop the violence, but we will always protest against it.

God is for life against death, for love against hate, for hope against despair.

There is no neutral ground.

So let us wage peace well this year.

- Dave Andrews in his 2002 Christmas Letter