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**We - the Peacemakers - are a non-profit association that provides new impulses for a peaceful and mind-based society through dialogue and an examination of the religious past. Our aim is to pave the way for a future-orientated, value-based understanding.**

## About Project Peacemaker

Project Peacemaker was founded as a journalistic project under the management of the Central Council Of Oriental Christians in Germany e.V. with the aim of decoding society in the microcosm of the social fabric.

The ability to express oneself is an essential part of a functioning society. This applies in particular to intercultural communication. Something that often has to be learnt. Different cultures communicate differently and misunderstandings often occur in this area. Economic and social relationships, for example, suffer as a result.

Originally limited to six months and intended as an indirect outpost of the Central Council of Oriental Christians, the decision was made in July 2016 to transform it into an independent, non-profit organisation due to its great popularity worldwide.

It has purely journalistic purposes, abroad and in Europe, which serve to convey the multi-layered culture of our heritage to all people, using the most modern means of communication, in order to define a peaceful approach. Based on humanistic and Christian ideologies, our foundations of reality, knowledge and morality.

Because peace begins  
with an honest and  
respectful dialogue  
with each other



## What guides us?

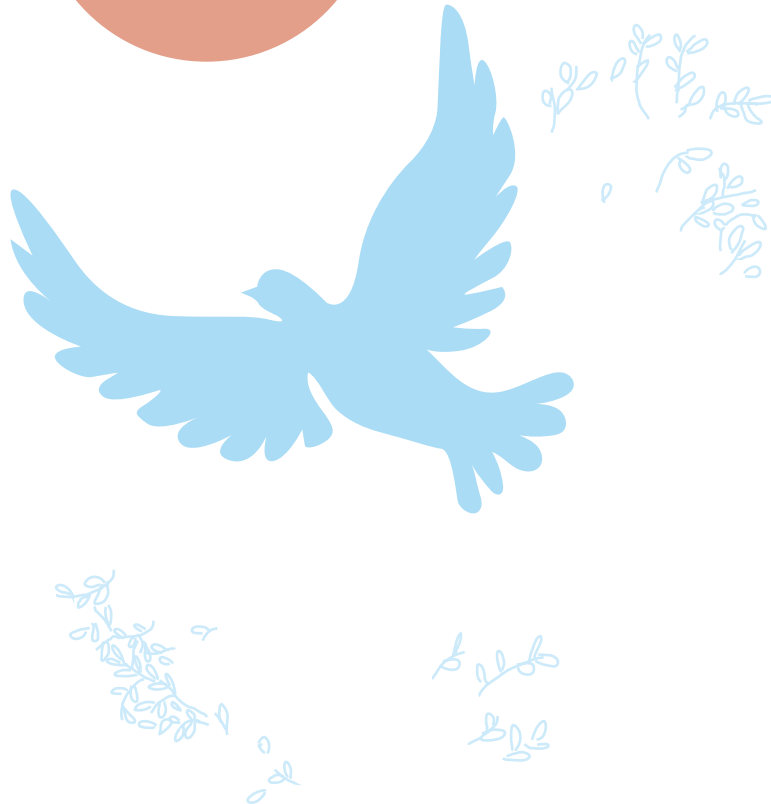
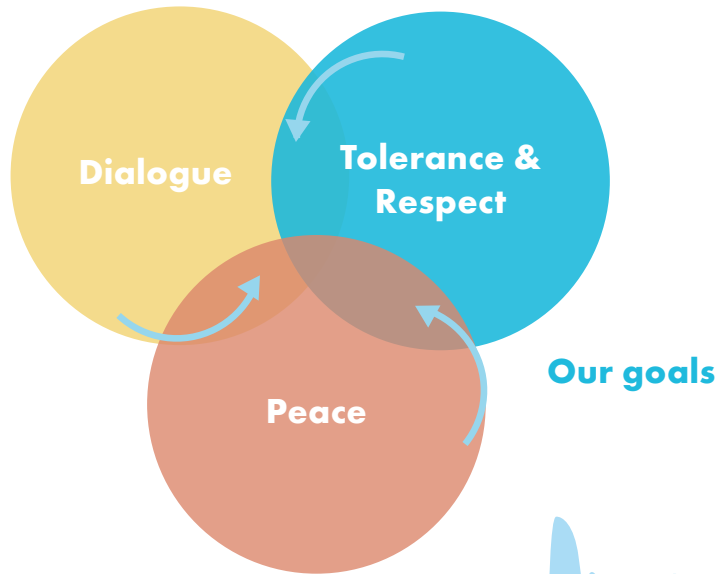
**At a time when violence and wars are on the rise, millions of people are fleeing, Project Peacemaker promotes tolerance, respect and peace between different ethnic groups, religions and worldviews. The basis for our work is derived from the basic values of democracy and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948.**

We travel to the countries of our beautiful earth and seek the exchange with the different people to show that they can live together in peace despite existing differences; no matter what they believe in or ethnicity they belong to. We seek the roots of mutual respect in all the different cultures and traditions that we encounter and that we capture in words, images and video to share and pass on.

**The initiator, Simon Jacob, launched his first peacemaker tour in 2015**, traveling through Turkey, Armenia, Georgia, northern Syria, Iraq and Iran. What was intended as a one-off undertaking turned out to be a forward-looking project. We will try to visit and report on different countries each year with our Peacemakers who are all volunteers.



## What are the pillars of a functioning society?



## How can we reach society?

In order to make the most of today's technical possibilities, such as social media, blogs, videos and networking, the project is supported by young people, so that as much media attention as possible can be created. This can never be understood as a substitute for personal contact with people.



# Objectives

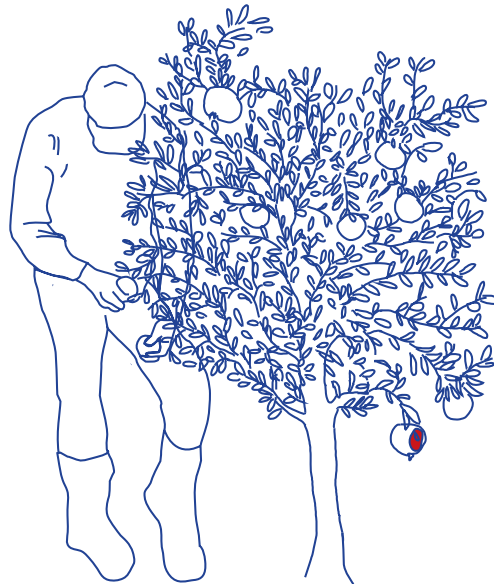
## 1. DIALOGUE ACROSS BORDERS

### The key to success

The dialogue with ordinary citizens is sought as much as with the media, representatives of religions or politicians, no matter what they believe in or may not believe. As a society, we cannot afford to leave media sovereignty over the Internet to those who use it to give the impression that the world is nothing but violence, terror, hatred and envy.

The ability to express oneself is an integral part of a functioning society. Intercultural communication plays a particularly important role here. This often has to be learned first. Different cultures communicate differently and often misunderstandings occur in this area. These include, for example, economic and social relationships.

**The solution is to build a bridge. A bridge between cultures and people, who are increasingly growing together into a village in a globally networked world.**



## 2. TOLERANCE AND RESPECT

### Tolerance and respect are cornerstones of a peaceful society

Tolerance, along with acceptance and respect for the other, regardless of the world view, the origin or ethnicity, are essential components of human reason and make a human living together in a society possible. Universal human rights, according to the UN Charter of 1948, remind us that all human beings have the same rights from birth.

And it is precisely the freedom to express one's own religion, in harmony with universal human rights, to be free to change or to belong to no religion, is a central component of this right, without which a peaceful society cannot exist and survive.

**Until then, where the origin is, our journeys will lead us. In search of the »Codes of Tolerance, Respect and Peace«!**

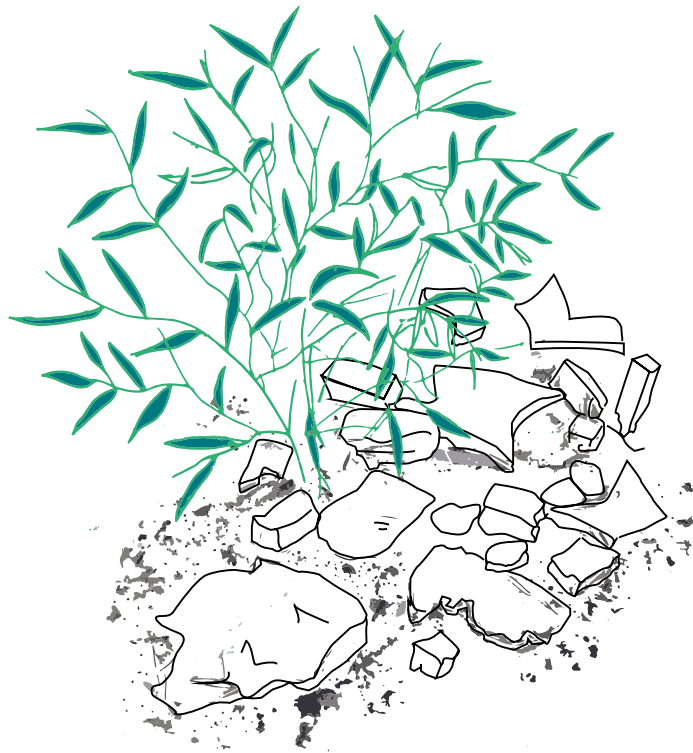


### 3. PEACE

#### **Humanity needs peace**

Dissenters, minorities, free spirits.... are partially subjected today to extreme persecution and oppression. At the same time, persecution and oppression can be different, which ultimately leads to people being circumscribed in their universal human rights.

Persecution and repression have been experienced by people over the centuries. But just the last few years, driven by the cruel acts of extremist currents have led to the fact that especially minorities are increasingly driven out of their original home.

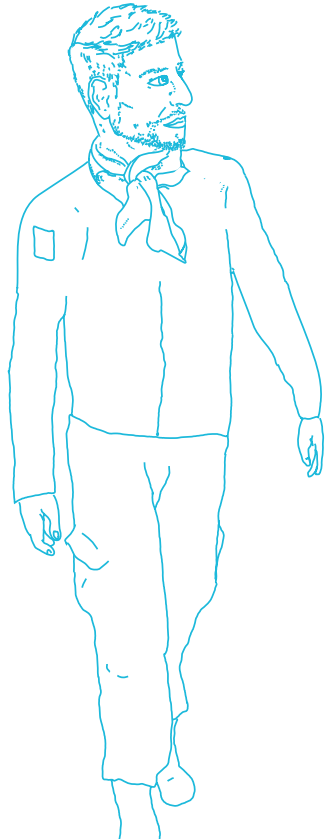


In the wake of these expulsions, which emanates from a minority, the entire society has to suffer. Dogmatists want to convince ourselves that living together by people with different world-views like Christians, Muslims, Jews, Jezids or Atheists is not possible. In fact, the majority of the population yearns for peace and harmony.

# Peacemaker Tour Middle East

September 2015 – April 2016

- » **211** Targets
- » **195** Reports
- » **95** Interviews
- » **Media:**  
pictures, videos,  
reports,  
Facebook,  
YouTube,  
Instagram,  
Homepage



## Stages:

Turkey  
Georgia  
Armenia  
Iraq  
Syria  
Iran





# Peacemaker Tour Europe

2018

WHY A STRONG UNIFIED EUROPE IS IMPORTANT FOR PEACE

The year 2018 was proclaimed a Heritage Year by the European Commission. All European citizens are called to show that Europe is not something strange and unknown, but that we are all part of Europe and belong together. Our cultural heritage tells us a common European history.

Project Peacemaker has set itself the task this year to focus on the similarities and cohesion in Europe. One of the main focuses will be on Europe's historic battlefields and the resulting developments that led to the peace we have today and which has to be preserved.

First results, reports and videos of the tour were presented in September 2018 at a „small European summit“ with French President Emanuel Macron and ex Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz.

## Documentation: Europe – The peace project



## Peacemaker – The Book



In this book, author Simon Jacob talks about his experiences and adventures, about how close cruelty and hope are to each other and he describes the changes he has made. His very personal story, which tells of his own war and peace, of how he rediscovered his Christian faith and his belief in humanity. And which also allows a different view of the world and shows that and how peace is possible and why he believes in it so strongly

The book was published in 2018 by Herder Verlag and is available as a paperback and eBook in German.

# Donations, membership fees, grants

## THE ORGANISATION

Project Peacemaker e.V. is a young club that has set itself the goal of promoting tolerance, respect and peace at all levels. It was founded on 2. July 2016 by Simon Jacob, Daniela Hofmann, Eveline Ziogas, Jessica Lahdow, Ramon Hofmann, Melki Özdemir und Gülbahar Özdemir and is financed by membership fees, donations and subsidies.

## BECOME A MEMBER



If you are interested in membership, visit our website at [www.peacemaker-tour.com](http://www.peacemaker-tour.com). Simply print out the membership application form, fill it in, sign it and send it by e-mail, fax or post to the addresses listed. We will then send you an application for membership immediately.

## CALL FOR DONATIONS



Project Peacemaker is 100% funded by donations, membership fees, sponsors and grants. Support us with your donation to help us achieve a goal that is important to us all. We are recognised as a non-profit association. All donations are tax-deductible.

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