PEACE GROWS MORE ABUNDANT WHEN WE SHARE IT.

In the midst of conflict, God spreads a table of peace, justice, and reconciliation. Your gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering this World Communion Sunday (October 2) gathers more people to that table.

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY.

Through your congregation

Text PEACE to 20222 to give $10

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Resources:
The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) has been in constant conflict for nearly two decades. The civil war there officially came to an end in 2003, but violence continues in the country’s eastern provinces. Women are victims of conflict-related sexual assault. Children are conscripted into militias. People live in daily fear.

In 2013, a delegation from the Federation of Protestant Women in Ituri decided enough was enough. With unwavering faith in God’s power to draw their enemies to the table of justice, these women ventured to the jungle hideout of the fearsome rebel leader Cobra Matata. For more than a year, they visited with Cobra repeatedly, asking him to lay down his arms. Finally, their courage and faith won out: Cobra surrendered to the Congolese Army.

Encouraged by this sign of peace, the women of eastern DRC are inviting other warlords to begin the long process of peace and reconciliation. With the support of Presbyterians like you, they hope to begin healing the deep spiritual, physical, and emotional wounds of their nation’s conflict and move toward a lasting peace.

Consequences of Conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

- Over 5.4 million people have died from conflict-related causes.¹ Nearly half of them are children under age 5.²
- At least 70 armed groups are active in eastern DRC.²
- As of late 2015, about 2.9 million people remain displaced in the DRC.³
- Since 2009, over 31,000 boys and girls have been recruited as soldiers by armed groups.⁴
- An estimated 1.31 million women in eastern DRC have experienced sexual violence.⁵

By giving to the Peace & Global Witness Offering, you support peacemaking work that brings people to God’s table of peace, even in the deepest conflict.