



Peace and Reconciliation

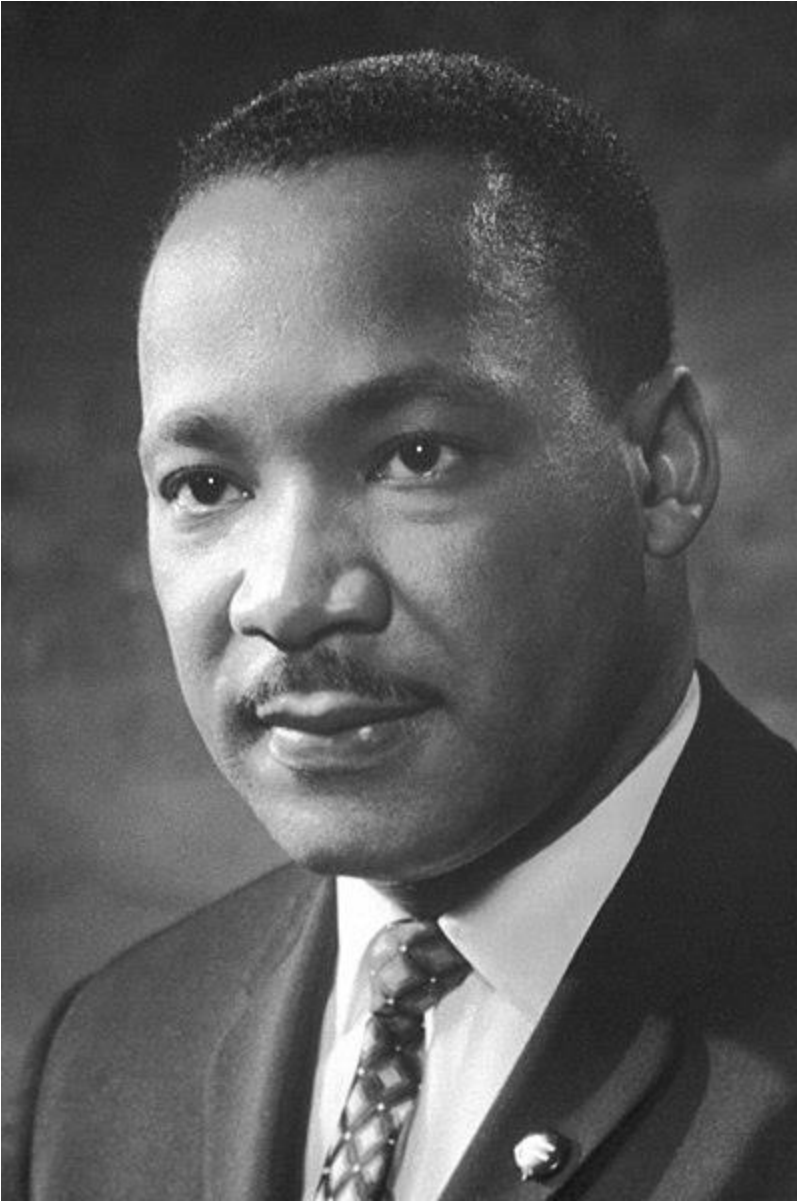
John Cooper, Director, the Fellowship of Reconciliation in England and Scotland

“if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away, see, everything has become new! All this is from God who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation’



“A Christian vision of reconciliation is not just another program to help us get along with our neighbour. **It is an invitation to enter a new reality that God has created**, another vision of life, where we are called to be God’s new creation” Rice and Katongole





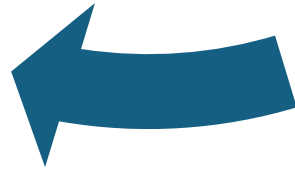
“the type of peace that
all men of goodwill hate.
It is the type of peace
that is obnoxious. It is
the type of peace that
stinks in the nostrils of
the almighty God”

Recognise

Repent

Reimagine

Reconcile



- ⁴¹ And when he drew near and saw the city he wept over it, ⁴² saying, “Would that even today you knew the things that make for peace! But now they are hid from your eyes. ⁴³ For the days shall come upon you, when your enemies will cast up a bank about you and surround you, and hem you in on every side, ⁴⁴ and dash you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave one stone upon another in you; because you did not know the time of your visitation.”

What would cause God to weep today?



church and peace



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And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush; and he looked, and lo, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³ And Moses said, “I will turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.” ⁴ When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here am I.” ⁵ Then he said, “Do not come near; put off your shoes from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.”

When has your church (either individually) or your churches together network acted as a beacon of peace or a meeting point in a moment of conflict or difficulty in your community?



³⁴ “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”



Date 1916

June 20 (Tuesday) I have sent my appeal to right to Conscientious
I have appealed on conscientious grounds & business
I have a clear case if they will do fair, but they have not done
to yet. There are 1200 conscientious objectors in prison,
and they have suffered much, by insult, abuse and injury
In the Compulsory Bill ministers of religion are exempt
but not local preachers except when they are conscientious
objectors, rest shall have to take my stand on religious
principle and I hope I shall succeed.

22 (Thursday) My father has been married again today
at Lamb West chapel Preston. His wife (Mrs Dixon) is
a native of Preston and is over 50 yrs of age.

25 (Sunday) This morning I have preached at the
Wesleyan chapel on Peabon 125 1st and we had a rich
blessing.

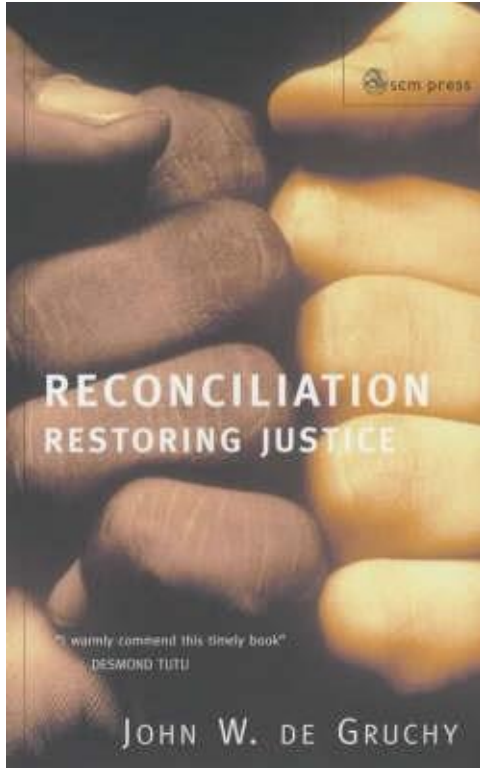
July 2 (Sunday) We have had a special service this morning
at Beetham Lane chapel. My subject was John 8th 12th
I had full liberty and much of God's presence.

9 (Sunday) I have preached both afternoon and evening
at Beetham Lane chapel. Texts Matt 5. 20. & Matt 27. 25

16 (Sunday) I have preached at Mauderley Wesleyans
today we had two good services Texts Matt 6. 33 & Luke 16. 6

22 (Saturday) This has been a dark week. Both my appeal
and my brother's come off next Monday and it has
been an anxious time for us both. I trust we
shall be successful.



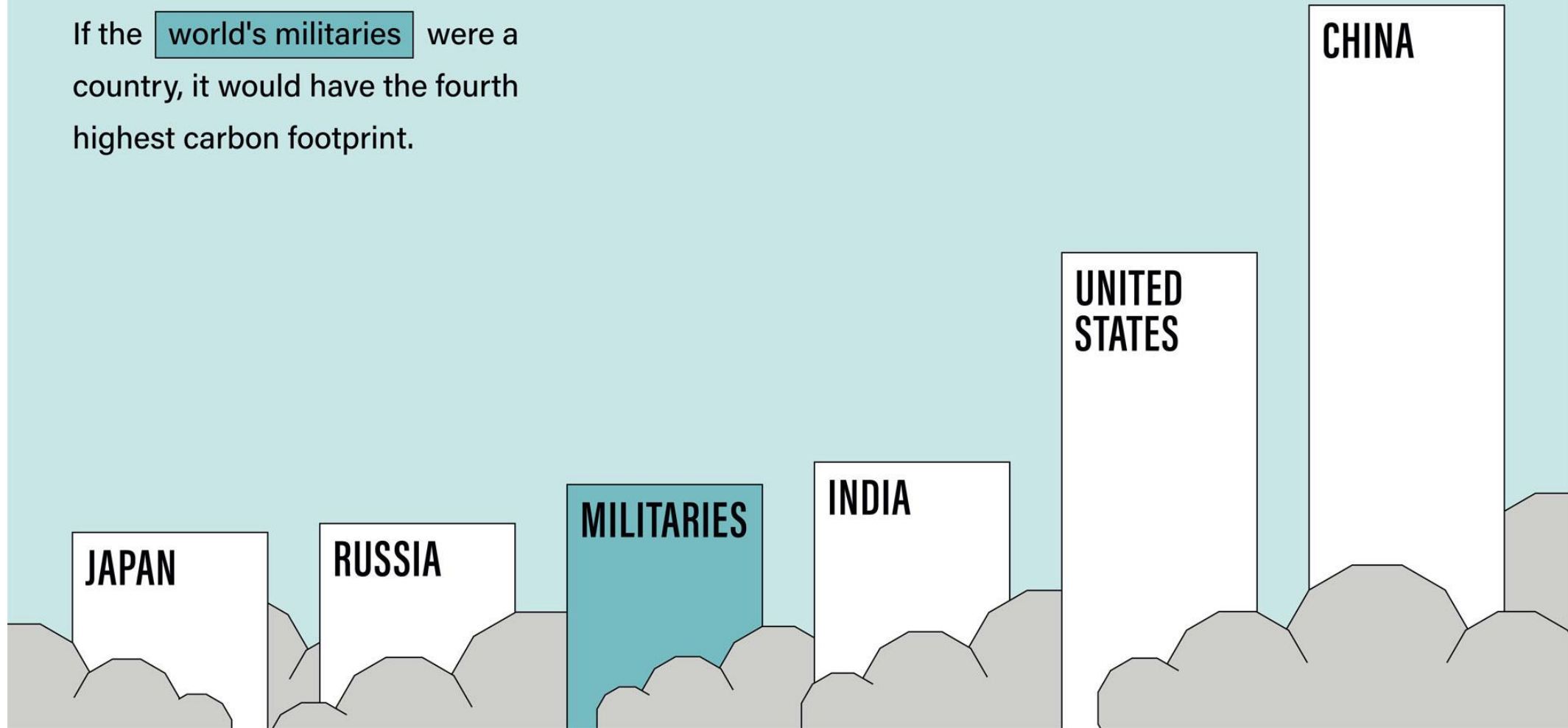


- “Erecting of signposts of reconciliation in the world that signify the reality of God’s gift, it is a challenge facing the Christian Church as God’s agent of reconciliation”

He shall judge between many peoples,
and shall arbitrate between strong nations far
away;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more;
⁴ but they shall all sit under their own vines and under
their own fig trees,
and no one shall make them afraid;
for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.

Comparing the military carbon footprint on a global scale

If the **world's militaries** were a country, it would have the fourth highest carbon footprint.



- Reconciliation: **reconciliation**

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1. [singular, uncountable] an end to a disagreement or conflict with somebody and the start of a good relationship again

Or are we looking to build Shalom?