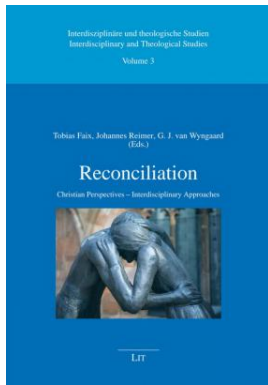




### Peacemakers Trust's work in 2020

In 2020 Peacemakers Trust undertook several initiatives in partnership with Universities and other organizations. Peacemakers Trust continues to be operated by volunteers who appreciate the faithful support of our generous donors.

#### Truth-telling, lying, conflict, and reconciliation in North American churches



In 2020, an essay by Peacemakers Trust director Catherine Morris was published in a collection of published in Zurich by LIT Verlag. The chapter, entitled "[Noble Lies, Augustinian Lies and the Post-Modernist Black Hole: Truth, Reconciliation and the Church](#)". The essay explores the engagement or entrapment of contemporary church people in lies and propaganda. The paper explores these concerns "in light of biblical concepts and statements of Jesus" and concludes with an exploration of how church people can move forward towards reconciliation. Generous donors to Peacemakers Trust provided funding for Catherine Morris to travel to Germany in 2017 to present her research at an academic conference on "Christian Perspectives on Reconciliation." In 2018, Catherine engaged in a community sabbatical at the University of Victoria's

Centre for Studies in Religion and Society where she conducted additional research for an edited version that was published in August 2020 in *Reconciliation: Christian Perspectives - Interdisciplinary Approaches*, edited by Tobias Faix, Johannes Reimer, and G. J. van Wyngaard. Peacemakers Trust acknowledges several board members and supporters who assisted not only in funding for the project but also in editing and needed proofreading.

#### Action toward justice for Rohingya people in Myanmar and Bangladesh

Peacemakers Trust director, Catherine Morris, in her capacity as Associate of the University of Victoria Centre for Asia Pacific Initiatives (CAPI) worked with the UVic Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa, and Canadian Senator Marilou McPhedran to convene an online roundtable on 21 May 2020 to explore potential Canadian responses towards justice for Rohingya people who have suffered atrocity crimes committed by the Myanmar military, including allegations of genocide that are now in the International Court of Justice. A major focus was on systematic sexual violence as a method of genocide against the Rohingya. The resulting report of the Roundtable is entitled, [Justice for the Rohingya: The Role of Canada](#) (pdf). The virtual roundtable drew together dozens of scholars and experts from times zones around the world including Canada, Myanmar, Australia, Bangladesh, Korea, the United Kingdom, the United States and elsewhere. This project follows Peacemakers Trust's previous work on the [situation of the Rohingya](#).



### Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding: A Selected Bibliography

Peacemakers Trust continues to offer its online bibliographic resources for students, scholars and practitioners. In 2020 Peacemakers Trust cooperated with CAPI at the University of Victoria to sponsor a research placement for an accomplished Cambodian legal academic who prepared a bibliography on [business, human rights, and conflict](#) which in 2021 are slated for publication on the Peacemakers Trust website.

#### Reporting on Conflict: Media monitoring

Peacemakers Trust directors Ernie Fraser and Catherine Morris continue to monitor reports from around the world for posting on [Facebook](#) and Twitter [@peacemakers\\_ca](#).

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