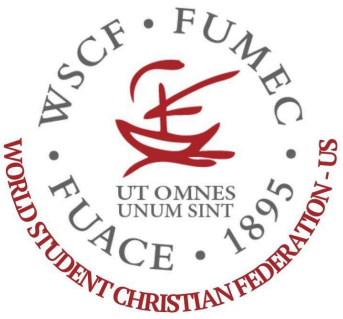

WSCF-US 2025-2026 Call to Study and Action

"Study War No More"

As students in the United States, we find ourselves in a moment of burgeoning repression and violence in our everyday lives. Our universities have become sites for the expansion and experimentation of the military industrial surveillance complex, while programs geared towards critical race studies, public health research, peace studies, and more, are cut by the government. The Department of Defense funds research, harnessing the brilliance of young minds to develop technologies used for war. Campuses have become militarized zones in which students are surveilled, immigrants are harassed and arrested, and the university administration capitulates in fear of greater government cuts to funding if the school fails to comply with ideologies and programs that abrogate freedom of speech and thought.

At such a time as this, what does our faith call for? As Christian students **we claim the Biblical charge to study war no more.** We exist in a long tradition of peacemakers, following the way of Jesus. We align ourselves with students and young people across the U.S. and the world courageously protesting violent injustices through encampments, campaigns for divestment, and direct actions. Embracing Isaiah 2:3-4 and Micah 4:3-4 as our guides for the year, we invite our community of learners and followers of Christ into conversation and action to deepen commitments to resistance against violence, fear, and oppression.

Over the course of the year, we will collectively define what resistance to violence means for us as young Christians and embody that resistance through our study and action. Together we will **demonstrate a Christian presence that projects hope** for a future liberated from violence, **boldly imagining the flourishing that emerges from peace on Earth as it is in Heaven**.

Scriptural Guides

Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

- *Isaiah 2:3-4*

He shall judge between many peoples
and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war any more;
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.*

- *Micah 4:3-4*