

CRITICAL CONVERSATION

Please respond to the following questions, which allow you to think critically and reflectively about peacemaking.

1. What is the role of peacemaking in society? Where does it have the greatest impact?
2. Describe the intersection of religion and peacemaking. How do political and socioeconomic values and beliefs mesh with the religious aspects of peacemaking?
3. What impact does peacemaking have in society, especially on critical conflicts such as war and polarization among distinct groups of people (divisiveness that results in major conflicts)? Why do peacemakers feel compelled to advance peace even in situations where it is not likely to be established?
4. What is the value of peacemaking? How is it successful? What is the downside of peacemaking? What holds it back ... makes it difficult to achieve?
5. In the end, is peacemaking a necessary act? Describe your thoughts.

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