



Press Release

## ***Pax Christi Southern California Region***

On October 1, 2022 the Pax Christi Southern California Region held its Virtual Fall Assembly on the intersectionality of poverty, racism, military spending, nuclear weapons and the climate crisis attended by approximately thirty-six participants from across the country.

The keynote speakers were Archbishop Wester, author of the pastoral letter “Living in the Light of Christ’s Peace”, a Conversation Toward Nuclear Disarmament and Sister Simone Campbell, SSS, recent recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

A reflection on the intersectionality of the presentations was provided by a reflective prayer addressing the effects of the arms race on the economy, climate change and racism.

The presentations were highlighted by a panel discussion with Frank Bognar, *Board Chair of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation*; Cathleen Crayton, a PCUSA Ambassador of Peace and member of PCUSA Anti-Racism Team; and Gary Butterfield, a member of Veterans for Peace Steering Committee for their *Climate Crisis and Militarism Project*.

Comments from our post assembly survey included:

“Best assembly ever!”

“Bishop Wester and Sr Simone set the tone and we picked that message up in our breakout sessions and Q&A”.

“The panelists interaction during Q&A was surprising and instructive.”

Suggestion for Action – Demand that your Congressperson endorse the **Military Emissions Accountability Resolution**.

