

**PREACHING WITH A NEW FIRE:
CHAPTER COMMITMENTS
Dominican Sisters of Peace 2009**

*I have come to bring fire to the earth,
and how I wish it were already kindled!*

Luke 12:49

We, Dominican Sisters of Peace, claim our charism to preach truth – with a new fire. Our preaching flows from our contemplation and is embodied in our prayer, study, community and ministry. Rooted in the heritage of the Order of Preachers, we witness to the living presence of the Risen Christ.

As members of an international Order and recognizing our interdependence, we call ourselves to greater involvement with the global community. We embrace simplicity of life and itinerancy of mind, spirit and body. We respond to the hungers of our world by sharing with others the bread of life.

Radically open to ongoing conversion into the peace of Christ, we commit ourselves to be women of peace who:

- Study, contemplate, and preach God's revelation discovered in the unfolding mystery of creation and in Sacred Scripture.
- Create environments of peace by promoting non-violence, unity in diversity, and reconciliation among ourselves, the Church and others.
- Promote justice through solidarity with those who are marginalized, especially women and children, and work with others to identify and transform oppressive systems.
- Create welcoming communities, inviting others to join us as vowed members, associates, volunteers, and partners in our mission to be the Holy Preaching.

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