

2004 COMMITMENT STATEMENT

We commit ourselves to our corporate mission of active nonviolence and peacemaking as a way of life.

As members of a global community, we witness our Franciscan spirituality of contemplation, compassion, celebration, courage and connectedness with all creation.

We make all decisions, both personal and corporate, in light of the following: what will this choice do to and for poor and marginalized persons, the earth, and the feminine?

We choose to nurture intentional relationships within our community and all of creation

- ❖ by advocating for families, women and children, and the elderly
- ❖ by working to end the use of language and actions that fuel hostility, misunderstanding, fear, hatred, and the denial of the human and civil rights of anyone, especially gay, lesbian, bisexual and trans-gendered persons
- ❖ by intensifying our connectedness and shared ministry with the Clinton, Iowa, and the Chulucanas, Peru communities.
- ❖ by tithing our time and resources, both personal and corporate
- ❖ by working for systemic change through greater involvement in the political process

We choose to nurture the feminine in ourselves, in all women and men, and in all creation

- ❖ by expanding our images of God
- ❖ by living more fully in body, mind and spirit
- ❖ by acknowledging sexism in the Church and society and by working toward its elimination

We choose to expand our circles and share the fire of Francis and Clare

- ❖ by witnessing to contemporary Franciscan spirituality
- ❖ by strengthening and widening the avenues of public witness to peace and active nonviolence
- ❖ by remaining open to the voice of the Spirit, inviting others to share our life, and tending the fire of possibility as we actively plan for our future.

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