

Laura Ashfield Appointed Peace and Human Security Intern

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It is with pleasure that the Life and Mission Agency and Project Ploughshares announce the appointment of Ms. Laura Ashfield to an eight month internship with Project Ploughshares in Waterloo, Ontario. Ms. Ashfield is the second intern to participate in this three year partnership between The Presbyterian Church in Canada and Project Ploughshares. Her internship begins September 2009.



In April 2009 Ms. Ashfield completed her Honours Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo. Her international experience includes participation in the Sabeel International Youth Conference: “1948: The Nakba, Justice, and Beyond” and volunteering for the Global Youth Network, assisting relief and development work in Lunglei, Mizoram, India. Ms. Ashfield served as an immigration and refugee host at her local YMCA, and has been involved in many community social justice events. Ms. Ashfield is a member of Knox Presbyterian Church in Waterloo.

Ms. Ashfield brings to the internship a passionate sense of justice and commitment to non-violent resolutions to conflict and hopes her work with Project Ploughshares will continue unmasking the ugliness of war and creating awareness and pathways for peace.

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Founded in 1976, Project Ploughshares is the ecumenical peace centre of The Canadian Council of Churches with a mandate to work with churches, governments, and civil society, in Canada and abroad, to advance policies and actions that prevent war and armed violence and build peace. The Presbyterian Church in Canada is one of nine national churches that sponsor Project Ploughshares.

For further information about the Peace and Human Security Internship Program, including the next internship cycle, contact Stephen Allen (sallen@presbyterian.ca) or Katharine Masterton (kmasterton@presbyterian.ca) in Justice Ministries: (1-800) 619-7301; (416) 441-1111.