



Cultivating Peace: DOV in Australia

Within the Australian ecumenical movement, the *Decade to Overcome Violence in Australia* has related the worldwide DOV themes to four central Christian values - reflected in different ways in the stories in this resource:

Truth

We are called to speak truth and are called towards repentance for our complicity in violence. It is the power of truth – naming violence where it occurs – which will transcend the ‘logic’ and spirit of violence.

Truth is a force of non-violent resistance which exposes and opposes oppression and injustice.

Mercy

We are called to address power and to exercise ‘mercy-power’ or compassion (‘opening the eyes of the blind and giving voice to the voiceless’). It is mercy which will overcome the abuse and misuse of power by adjusting our relationships.



Justice

We are called to do justice. It is justice which overcomes violence by redressing injustices in ways which oppose violence without replicating it.

Mercy and Justice are forces of non-violent resistance which transform our relationships and the systems and structures of our interconnectedness.

Community

We are called to build a community which encompasses all people and all creation. It is community which builds peace and true security through relationships of cooperation, understanding and trust.

Community is a force of non-violent resistance which transforms the culture of violence into a culture of peace, where security is found in relationship with God and each other.

Fundamental to the Decade to Overcome Violence in Australia
is recognition of the violence of the past and of the need for just Reconciliation between
Australia’s Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples

DOV in Australia is overseen by a national network of the NCCA
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**calling the people and churches of Australia
to be channels of God's peace:
in our own lives, in families and communities
in our nation and region
and across the world**

*What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8*

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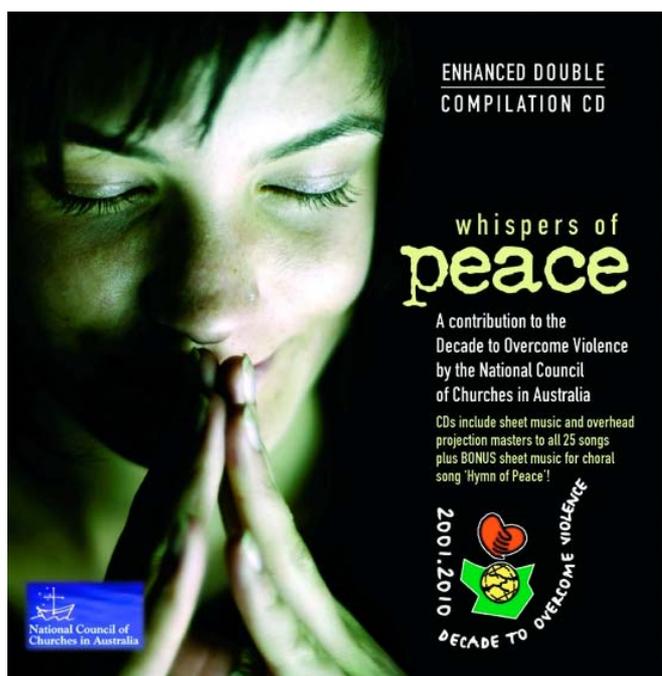
DOV in AUSTRALIA Timeline of Key Developments: 2001 -2005



- 2001**
- Worldwide Launch of DOV in Berlin
Launches of DOV by State Ecumenical Bodies:
- July Adoption of DOV by National Council of Churches in Australia as 'underlying focus for all the work of the NCCA'
Establishment of NCCA DOV Working Group
- 2002**
- Rev.Shayne Blackman, Sir William Deane, Ms Paula Masselos, and Prof.Lowitja O'Donohue agree to become National DOV Patrons
- Nov Appointment of Jon Inkpin as national DOV Coordinator (18 month post) to help get DOV further off the ground in Australia
- Nov on Responding to the war in Iraq, networking with peace groups
- 2003**
- Jan Emily Ninnes appointed as DOV Assistant in the NCCA on year-long Order of St.Stephens
Hope beyond Terror pamphlet produced
- Feb 'Give Peace a Hand' kit of resources for congregations
- March NCCA DOV webpages and egroup up and running
National Release (launch) of DOV on the day after war was begun in Iraq/Harmony Day
Gender Commission/WISE event in Sydney
World Peace Forum involvement
- April Poster competition for small schools in remote areas launched
Treaty kit published by New South Wales Ecumenical Council
- May First 'Rolling Conference' event - in Armidale
Youth Concert against Suicide - in Armidale
- July DOV event in Alice Springs and launch of DOV in the Northern Territory
- August 'Turn to the Sun' follow-up kit of resources for congregations
Launch of Youth DOV CD: *Over this peace thing: the still small voice*
Melbourne event with ATF
Canberra DOV 'Rolling Conference' event
- October DOV meetings in the Torres Strait
DOV Pacific Peace Feast with Pacific Peacebuilding Institute
- November CCWA event and Perth meetings
- 2004**
- Jan DOV Spirituality Summer School – 'Opening Up to Peace'
Inter-faith youth project '*Journey of Promise*', followed by production of documentary
- Feb SACC 'Renewing Creation' Lenten study)
Bathurst DOV evening gathering and day conference
- March National Climate Change initiative
NCCA '*Safe as Churches*' conference
- July CWS 'Pacific Focus' seminars

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July 2004	Lowitja O'Donoghue keynote speaker at NCCA National Forum as DOV Patron and visit of CCANZ DOV Coordinator Launch of 'Whispers for Peace' (DOV in Australia double CD of music) by Robin Mann in Adelaide Cathedral
September	Social Justice Sunday DOV kit on 'Security'
October	Adoption of 'Peacebuilding' focus by CWS
Nov	Liaison with CCA over DOV Asia focus in 2005
Nov-Dec	'On the Wings of a Dove' campaign (against violence against women and children) and 'Prayerline' Indigenous resource
Dec	Involvement in 'Peace for Life' international conference in the Philippines
2005	
Jan	NSW Ecumenical Council and Melbourne Ecumenical Summer School with Dr. Linda Hogan from the Irish School of Ecumenics
March	Visit of Rev. Ken Newell, Moderator of Presbyterian Church of Ireland
Feb – May	<i>Hearts are Burning</i> tour with NATSIEC to raise the profile of Indigenous issues
end of April	National Nonviolence Conference
May	Simply Sharing Week focus on 'Stop Trafficking of Women and Children in Asia'
June	Support of 'Season of Creation' workshops and promotion
July	Launch of NCCA-CWS 'Partners for Peace' program
August	'Seeds of Peace' resource
<i>forthcoming</i>	Overcoming Violence in the Asia-Pacific region book Theology of Reconciliation publications



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