

“Jesus calls us to turn enemies into friends...when we become friends, the undeniable outcome is peace.”

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It is becoming increasingly clear that the War on Terrorism is not making our nation more secure. Violence in Iraq threatens global peace. The end of the conventional war in Iraq has not led to an end to violence for the people of Iraq. By perpetuating the cycle of violence between the West and the Muslim world, the war in Iraq has made us less safe, not more, both in the short run and into the foreseeable future.

We alienate the world community when we abandon our commitment to arms control treaties and seek new, offensive nuclear weapons while insisting other nations disarm. The war in Iraq endangers the lives of U.S. troops, innocent Iraqi civilians, aid workers and people all over the world. Additionally, by spending hundreds of billions for the war effort and cutting taxes irresponsibly, we endanger our own people with a skyrocketing national debt, a neglected national healthcare crisis, a lack of basic social services for the many jobless and poor, and a crumbling infrastructure in cities and communities across the country.

The SMART Security platform—a **S**ensible, **M**ultilateral, **A**merican **R**esponse to **T**errorism—developed by Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR), offers a new vision of America’s role in the world. The heart of SMART Security is international cooperation grounded in the rule of law. It is based on the principles of peace, justice, and mutual aid. The genius of SMART is that it packages those principles in a clear, coherent agenda, a foreign policy “brand” that people can understand and embrace.

The Pennsylvania Council of Churches is teaming with the state PSR chapter to raise public support for SMART. Our goals are to make SMART Security a household term in Pennsylvania and to convince our political leaders that acting SMART is, well, smarter than simply acting tough. ***But for Pennsylvania to get SMART, we need the help of the faith community.***

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The SMART Security Platform:

- **Strengthen international institutions and support the rule of law to prevent acts of terrorism and future wars**
- **Reduce the threat and stop the spread of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction**
- **Change budget priorities to reflect SMART Security needs by changing national priorities.**



Here’s how you can help make Pennsylvania SMARTer:

1. Learn more about SMART Security by going to PSR’s SMART Security home page at www.psr.org/home.cfm?id=sm_sec_pg and the Pennsylvania Council’s website at [www.pachurches.org/html/SMART Security Resources.doc](http://www.pachurches.org/html/SMART_Security_Resources.doc).
2. Endorse PSR’s SMART Security platform by going to <http://takeaction.psr.org/action/index.asp?step=2&item=15486>. Ask your family, friends and neighbors to do so as well.
3. Ask your church, PTA, neighborhood association, local businesses, and other organizations to endorse the SMART Security platform. An endorsement form suitable for churches is available at [www.pachurches.org/html/SMART Generic Resolution.doc](http://www.pachurches.org/html/SMART_Generic_Resolution.doc) (Word format).

NOTE: These endorsements are very important for convincing the press and politicians that it is OK to be SMART. They fear being labeled soft on terrorism, and need to be shown that We the People know the difference between soft and SMART.

4. Write letters to the editor and opinion editorials promoting SMART. Be sure to emphasize the term "SMART Security."
5. Host, sponsor, or arrange PSR’s PowerPoint presentations of *Health Effects of War and the SMART Alternatives* to community organizations and/or the general public in your town.
6. Meet with elected officials and candidates to ask them to endorse SMART. Go to community forums and ask SMART questions. Contact PSR to coordinate these activities:
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