



## *Church and Peace* International Office

Church and Peace is an ecumenical network of Christian communities, churches and organisations in Europe committed to the peace church vision.

### **Press Release**

#### **New General Secretary of Church and Peace from January 2013**

Church and Peace, the ecumenical peace church network in Europe, is pleased to announce that the Administrative Committee has decided to appoint Davorka Lovreković from Hamburg to be the new General Secretary of Church and Peace.

Marie-Noëlle von der Recke will hand over her post into new hands after decades of involvement as General Secretary and earlier Chair of the association. She will remain closely committed to the vision of Church and Peace. There will be an official send off for Marie-Noëlle at the Annual General Meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2013 in Selbitz, Germany.

Davorka Lovreković is 50 years old, married, has 3 children and comes from a religious Croatian family who moved to Germany in 1966. After high school she studied Catholic theology for two years, later she joined the Quakers (the Religious Society of Friends) and has collected many years of experience in ecumenical and interreligious dialogue and work in committees.

Davorka Lovreković works as a mediator and skilled organisational developer. Committed to nonviolent communication for a long time she has supported and strengthened, communication and commitment in nonprofit organizations. Since the mid-1980s, she has been involved with the German branch of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, and until May 2012 was Vice Chair. She cultivated contacts with the other European branches of the Fellowship of Reconciliation. Since late 2010, she has served on the International Committee of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation, IFOR, as Vice-President. These relations will be an asset in her future work in the international office of Church and Peace in Schöffengrund-Laufdorf, Germany and will be very valuable in the network.

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