## A Message to the Church and Community

Dear friends,

In this folder you will find a statement from the Diaconate of First Congregational Church of Lebanon offering an alternative witness regarding the quest for peace in the Middle East to the ones presented by the General Synod of the United Church of Christ and the New Hampshire Conference of the United Church of Christ. You are invited to read the Deacons' proposal, and then to consider a sampling of the various documents and statements that have shaped the conversation that resulted in this proposal. I am confident that you will do so in the spirit of reconciliation and the commitment to peace that we confess is to be found most fully in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Yours faithfully,

Steve