CHAPTER 13 PEACE BUILDING



Introduction

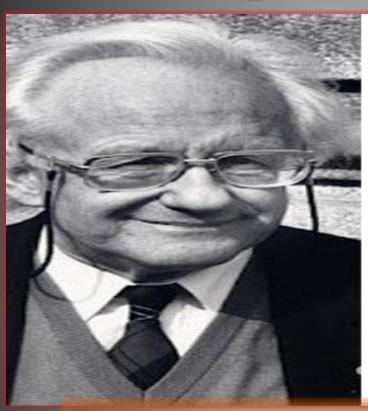
- Johan Galtung is internationally referred to as "the father of peace studies".
- Creation of peace building structure by
 - Addressing the root cause of violent conflict
 - Support the peace management and conflict resolution
- The term "peacebuilding" covers wide ranges of tasks from disarming warring parties to rebuilding of political, economical, judicial and civil society institution.

Three interconnected phases of peacebuilding

- 1. Conflict prevention and de-escalation
- 2. Crisis mgt. and cessation of hostilities
- 3. Consolidation leading to a peaceful order These phases are connected with both internal factors and external factors.



Process of peace building



"By peace
we mean
the capacity
to transform
conflicts
with empathy,
without violence,
and creatively a never-ending
process"
Johan Galtung

Factors connected to phases of peace building

- internal level: trust and forgiving
- social level : disarmament and justice

Peace: fruit of love and justice

- Peace is a value and a universal duty founded on a rational and moral order of society that has its root in God.
- Peace is not just the absence of war, not the balance of power among enemies.
- Rather, peace is the correct understanding of people, which requires the establishment of an order-based on justice and charity.

Peace: the fruit of justice

- The respect for the balance of every dimension of person
 - The civil life is directed to common good.
 - The dignity is respected.
 - The promotion of human rights is essential.
 - The development of individuals are integrated.

Peace: the fruit of love

Love is a big matter for lasting peace while justice is to do away with obstacle to peace.

Peace itself is an act and results only from unconditional

love.



Peace: the fruit of harmony structured into human society by GOD and which is actualized by men as they aspire for greater justice

- Everyone is responsible for promoting peace in one's heart and spread it to family, to the communities and society.
- In justice and harmonious environment, it can grow internationally.
- The welfare is safeguard and people can share freely and trustingly the riches of minds and talents.

How to get peace when conflicting

- People show no violence, no bloodshed scenarios.
 - Violence is evil and unacceptable as a solution to problems. It is lie since it is against the truth of faith in Christ and the awareness of his mission.
 - Violence destroys dignity, life and the freedom of man. Violence goes against the truth of humanity, and faith.
- Rather, conflicting parties should engage in dialogue and it has to be transparent.
- Galtung talk on violence: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GN9nvEO_tqQ

Peace building dialogue

- From Pope John Paul II
 - Religion and peace go together. Religious leaders must show they are pledged to peace because of the religious belief.
 - Religious belief inspires peace, encourages solidarity, promotes justice and upholds liberty.
 - The culture of dialogue is promoted. Dialogue is positive and constructive. It is honest, open, active communication, presupposing mutual acceptance and generosity of hearts and encompassing the possibility of changes by the truth of the other.

The need of dialogue to build peace is highlighted.

Dialogue can be understood in three ways.

- 1. Human level: communication leading to common goals
- 2. A mission of the church with the spirit of the dialogue : an attitude of respect and friendship
- 3. Religious plurality: positive and constructive interreligious relations, not only conversation are directed for mutual understanding and enrichment.

How to get true peace by the church?

- It is possible through mutual forgiveness and reconciliation.
- Through prayer, we engage in the battle of peace. The heart is open to the deep relationship with God and encounter with others marked by respect, love,

understanding and esteem.

Discussion

• Give a story of conflict in everyday life and draw your own flower of peacebuilding to show how people can develop true peace in the society

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=efvAjSWSBYg

