Peacebuilding Principles

Peacebuilding:

- Responds to the root causes of violent conflict, including unjust relationships and structures, in addition to addressing its effects and symptoms.
- Is based on long-term commitment.
- Uses a comprehensive approach that focuses on the local community while strategically engaging the middle-range and top levels of leadership.
- Provides a methodology to achieve right relationships that should be integrated into all programming.
- Builds upon indigenous non-violent approaches to conflict transformation and reconciliation.

- Requires an in-depth and participatory analysis.
- Is driven by community-defined needs and involves as many stakeholders as possible.
- Is done through partners from the local Church and other organizations who represent the diversity of where we work and with whom we share common values.
- Strategically includes advocacy at local, national and global levels to transform unjust structures and systems.
- Strengthens and contributes to a vibrant civil society that promotes peace.

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