This session takes place in 2 parts: Taize worship led by Jenny Wakeling, and Wisdom of Peacemaking led by Karl Jenkins. The session will be convened by Geoffrey Butler.

1. Taize Worship session… Seeking and finding God. Director: Jenny Wakeling

The Presenter. Jennifer Wakeling is a graduate of Grace Lutheran College (Dux1989), and a past teacher at Mueller and Grace. Her gift is music. She is a graduate of the Queensland Conservatorium and holds a Master’s degree both in Music performance – piano and in education along with F Mus. A. AMEB. She is currently working on a M. Phil exploring the presence of God in music (Music as religious symbol in worship.) She is an accomplished pianist, is currently a professional accompanist (Queensland Conservatorium string Department) and is also a composer. She has composed several meditative works on scripture passages for ACLE 4, which can be heard in the reflection room booth, Wisdom of Music. Jenny has taken two trips to Taize (2003 and 2005) and is a regular contributor of Taize style services at Grace Lutheran College and her home church Redcliffe Uniting Church. She regularly composes songs for these services.

Taize Reflective worship. In a world of frenetic and often shallow activity, a contemplative style of worship is calming and deepening. Many of the worshippers at the Taize centre in France are young people. This style of reflective worship with chant, music, readings and silence interspersed seems to have universal appeal. It makes a valuable contribution as an alternative mode of worship in schools. It brings both staff and students together into the wisdom of contemplation and allows for deep inner truths to be revealed rather than simply making religion another competing academic rationalist input.


Karl William Pamp Jenkins, CBE is a Welsh musician and composer. Wikipedia

Born: February 17, 1944 (age 69), Penclawdd

Compositions: The Armed Man, Huffin, Stabat Mater. The Peacemakers


Movies: Karl Jenkins: The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace

Children: Jody Jenkins

Education: Cardiff University, Gowerton Comprehensive School, Royal Academy of Music, University of Wales

The Presentation: His composition “The Peacemakers” is played with readings provided. Jenkins uses the speeches of wisdom teachers on peace and sets them to music - Jesus, The beatitudes, Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Iona community and others.