

# B'More Peaceful

## Large Contingent of Baltimoreans to Get on the Peace Train to Washington to Call for Peace in Iraq

*Members of various faiths to travel together to make case for ending war after five years*

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**EDITORS NOTE: Members of the clergy will offer a brief blessing on the traveling party and the MARC train taking the Baltimore contingent from Penn Station to Washington for the peace march.**

BALTIMORE – As many as 200 Baltimoreans of various faiths will travel together by train to Washington to take part in a major national peace march on Friday, March 7, 2008.

The group, which calls itself “B'More Peaceful,” will board a MARC train departing from Penn Station in Baltimore. The train is scheduled to leave the station at 9:55 a.m. Members of the group will be on hand at the station and available to discuss the peace march beginning at 9:15a.m.

Before the train leaves, clergy members will offer a brief trackside blessing on the train and its passengers.

“Those who will descend upon Washington come from many faiths but share a common conviction that the war in Iraq must end,” said the Rev. Dr. Peter Nord, Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of Baltimore. “We were misled into war and both Americans and Iraqis have suffered greatly. We believe that the time has come for our elected leaders in Washington to declare our commitment to return Iraq to Iraqis and that we have no desire to maintain an indefinite military presence in Iraq.”

The Baltimoreans will join with thousands of others from around the country attending the Washington rally. The rally is sponsored by two groups: the Christian

Peace Witness for Iraq and the Olive Branch Interfaith Peace Partners. The Washington march will call for:

- An end to the U.S. occupation of Iraq.
- Support for American troops.
- An Iraqi-led peace process and development plan to be funded by the United States and its allies around the world.
- America to reclaim its moral center by renouncing all use of torture as a tool in its ongoing “war on terror.”
- Highlight the link between the growing violence and poverty in our own communities and the ongoing occupation in Iraq.

On March 7, participants from Baltimore and around the country will take part in several worship services in Washington, D.C., beginning at noon. They will be followed by a march on the Capitol that is expected to include acts of civil disobedience. For a full schedule of activities, visit: [www.christianpeacewitness.org/march08](http://www.christianpeacewitness.org/march08).

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