

The reference in the Just War Theory session of the Theological Afternoon Series regarding the Reformed Presbyterian Church's position on nuclear warfare comes from an article in the Confessional Presbyterian (2010) by Dr. Frank J. Smith, entitled "American Presbyterianism and the Cold War". In the article, Dr. Smith cites the following statement approved by the RPCNA Synod in 1982 and addressed to civil magistrates.

- 1. Acknowledging our submission to God and His Word we affirm the Kingship of Jesus Christ over all men and nations*
- 2. Acknowledging it is the task of the Church to be a prophetic voice to the world in which we live*
- 3. Acknowledging that in a world filled with hatred and violence, the Church is called to the role of peacemaker*
- 4. Acknowledging that our failure to declare the whole counsel of God has contributed to the threat of nuclear war*
- 5. Acknowledging that the proliferation and possible use of nuclear arms is a demonstration not only of man's contempt of man but of man's contempt of God and His creation*
- 6. Acknowledging that murder is forbidden by God and that the use of nuclear arms involves the massive, indiscriminate killing of human beings*
- 7. Acknowledging that the nations that forget God shall surely come to death*

*We call upon all men and nations to repent of their arrogance and independence of God, to trust in Him that they might do that which is honoring to Him and be blessed by Him.*

*We call upon you:*

- a. To acknowledge your position as a servant of God, called to do justice, to protect human life and;*
- b. To do all in your power to work to eliminate the use of all nuclear weapons by all nations.*