

## COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT PEACENET

### What exactly is PeaceNet?

"PeaceNet" is a computer-based communication system helping the peace movement throughout the world communicate and cooperate more effectively and efficiently. With a large minicomputer based in northern California connected to Telenet (a common carrier), PeaceNet users can communicate globally, usually through a local phone call.

### Does PeaceNet require a special computer?

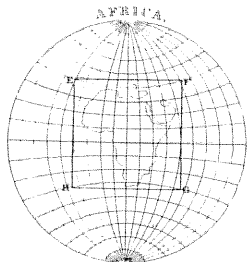
No. PeaceNet is compatible with virtually any personal computer or computer terminal outfitted with a 300 or 1200 baud modem (also 2400 baud in some locations).

### Does PeaceNet connect with other networks?

Yes. PeaceNet "gateways" with several other international systems such as Dialcom, GEnie, The Source, UUCP, BitNet, and EIES.

### Who is using PeaceNet?

Nearly two thousand people are using PeaceNet, including members of the American Peace Test, Beyond War, Coalition for a New Foreign Policy, Internews, National Freeze, North American Congress on Latin America, Nuclear Times, the Christic Institute, and Parliamentarians Global Action.



### How much does using PeaceNet cost?

PeaceNet's rates are among the cheapest anywhere. With a \$10 sign-up fee, you get a user's manual and a free hour of off-peak computer time (weekday evenings, weekends, and holidays). Then you pay a monthly charge of \$10, which gets you another hour of off-peak computer time each month. Every additional peak hour is \$10 and every additional off-peak hour is \$5. There is also a small charge for users requiring a large amount of storage space.

### Are discounts possible?

Yes! For every new user you bring online, we'll give you two free hours of off-peak computer time or additional storage space. If you come with a list of ten or more new users, we can offer group discounts as well. Information providers may also be eligible for discounts.

### Who is running PeaceNet?

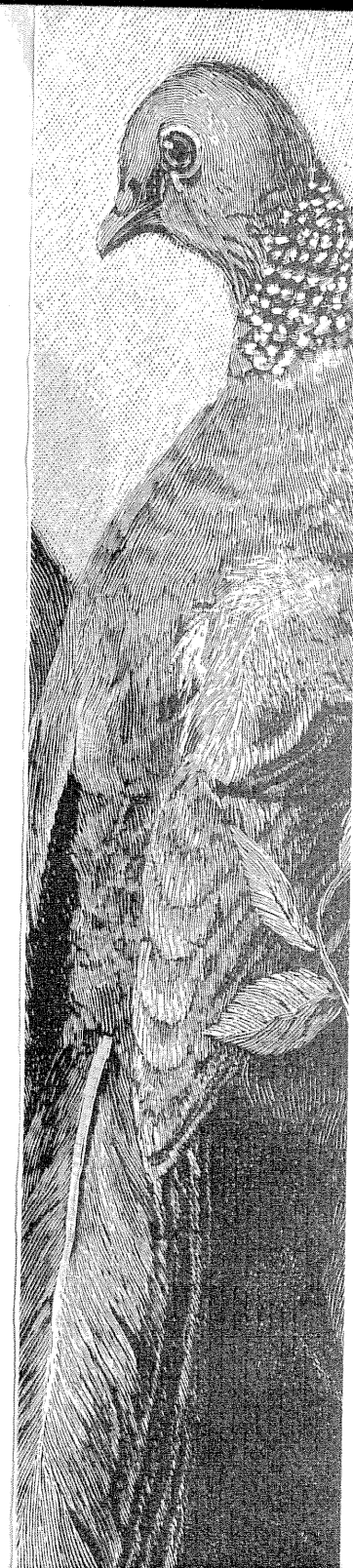
PeaceNet is a nonprofit project of the Tides Foundation, a San Francisco-based public charity. PeaceNet is managed by three nonprofit national peace organizations with a combined membership of over 10,000: the Center for Innovative Diplomacy, Community Data Processing, and Foundation for the Arts of Peace. A council consisting of a representative from each organization and several other people is responsible for PeaceNet's operations. PeaceNet also has an advisory council representing the mainstream of the American peace movement.

### How has PeaceNet been funded?

Thus far, PeaceNet has been funded primarily through grants and gifts. Soon, however, fees from users will support the system.

### How can I help?

Join us! Bring your friends and colleagues on board as well. We also can use your input to develop information resources, conferences, and databases.



## HOW YOU CAN JOIN

Fill out this card and return it to us immediately!

☐ YES, sign me up for PeaceNet.

☐ I'll pay through my credit card (Master/Visa/Am Ex):

Name on card if  
different than below

Expir. Date

Card Number

☐ I prefer to pay by check.  
Enclosed is a \$50 deposit to  
open my account.

☐ YES, I'm interested but cannot sign  
up right now. Please keep me  
informed of new developments.

Name

Organizational Affiliation

Address

City, State, Zip

Telephone

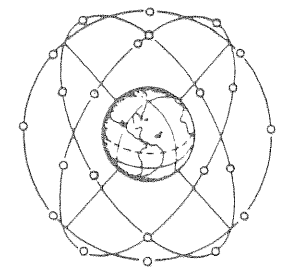
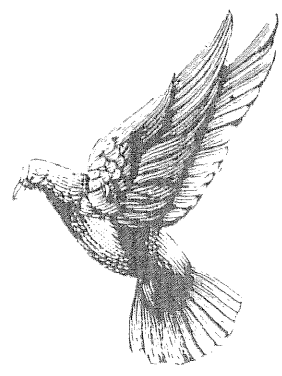
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THE FIRST GLOBAL COMPUTER NETWORK FOR PEACE



## TELECOMMUNICATIONS

### *Dial Locally, Act Globally*

If you have a personal computer and a modem, PeaceNet will let you talk, plan, and work with people throughout the United States and in over 70 countries, all without expensive travel.

### *Harness Powerful Computer Technology*

PeaceNet offers easy-to-use tools for posting your events on international bulletin boards, preparing joint projects through electronic conferences, and finding the latest information on everything from Star Wars to Nicaragua.

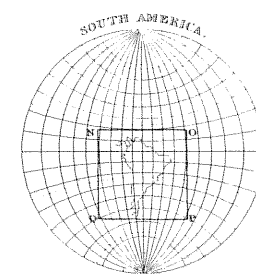
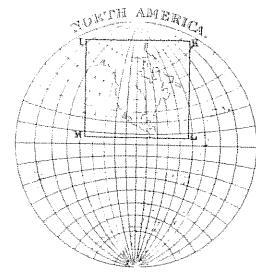
### *Save Time and Money*

PeaceNet allows you to send messages, letters, or documents faster than Federal Express™ for pennies per page. No more phone tag; no more unnecessary copying, addressing, folding, stuffing, and mailing.

## HOW PEACE GROUPS ARE USING PEACENET:

### *Electronic Mail*

Use PeaceNet's electronic mail system to send and receive private messages to and from nearly 2,000 PeaceNet subscribers, Telex users, and many other networks around the world.



Electronic mail is quick, reliable, secure, and easy to use. Maintain regular communications without the need to print, stuff, address, and put postage on regular "land mail," play "phone tag," or heed time-zone constraints using the phone.

### *Conferences*

Conferences are just like specialized bulletin boards. They ease group communications by structuring messages so that it is easy to see who has contributed what, when. By using these conference tools a geographically distributed group can carry on frequent and responsive communications.

PeaceNet's conferences are used to distribute timely information about a number of discrete subjects. Some organizations are using them to facilitate group decision-making and task-sharing processes.

Conferences can be set up in a private fashion for a small group of users or they can be established as a public resource.

### *Databases*

PeaceNet's databases provide easy access to large quantities of information and allow for custom searching and output (printing) formats.

Among the databases PeaceNet is working on are: lists of peace groups, speakers, foundations as well as bibliographic, legislative, and project information.