



# Fellowship of Reconciliation Zimbabwe

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## Statement on the War in Ukraine

The on-going war in Ukraine should be condemned as this draws back the world to the past. Since the end of World War 2 the world has enjoyed relative peace with remarkable progress in terms of economic and human development.

War is never a good option for resolving disputes both at domestic, national and international levels. War involves violence which begets violence. Violence is like a raging fire which creates it's own fuel.

War leaves the affected countries destroyed. Economies built for years will be destroyed in one day. Post war reconstruction is always difficult as it also includes rebuilding damaged relationships and relocation of displacement people.

Unlike war dialogue and other peaceful approaches build long lasting peace. Mahatima Ghandi once remarked that, " one cannot get a rose after planting an obnoxious tree". This means no one can achieve peace by using violent means. The means used in resolving a conflict always determine the outcome.

It is therefore important for the warring parties to opt for dialogue as way of resolving their dispute. By so doing they live up to the letter and spirit of the UN Charter preamble where world leaders vowed to never again allow war to destroy humanity.

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