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In terms of expounding on the future meaning of non-violence I would like to draw the attention to two points:

1. There is the new idea of 'Responsibility to Protect'. The concept consists of three pillars: 'Responsibility to Prevent', 'Responsibility to React' and 'Responsibility to Rebuild'. The first pillar, the 'Responsibility to Prevent' is designed to prevent the outbreak of heavy violence. So far the experiences with the instruments of conflict-prevention are poor. All instruments to detect the outbreak of violence more or less failed. Could it be an idea, that Pax Christi and other groups within the Church, who are part of the society and not from outside, would understand themselves as an early-warning system?
2. It is obvious, that for Europe the times of undisturbed prosperity and peace are over. The alternatives, Europe is facing, are either conflicts, terrorism, wars ... or sharing our wealth. It would be too easy just to appeal to the rich to share their opulence. We need new models of ways of life which show, that there is a full live beyond the promises of consume. To design and to test new models of live would be a great challenge for everyone who wants to prevent the outbreak of violence.

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