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Changes to the "Aims & Methods" Section of the International Constitution of S.C.I.-
adopted by the 45th ICM on 15th December 1973.

SCI, believing that all men are capable of living together with mutual respect, and without recourse to violence to solve conflicts between nations, communities or people, works for the promotion of peace.

SCI is concerned for all people, and particularly for those who are victims of violence, as well as social, economic and political injustice or who suffer from hunger or disease.

In its concern for mankind, SCI

- supports action which encourages the development of a new way of living founded upon international solidarity, justice, mutual understanding, participation in policy-making throughout society and a respect for individuals as stated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
- organises voluntary service in collaboration with local communities in cases of need, recognising the educational role of voluntary service to encourage understanding and self-discipline. No work shall be undertaken which competes with paid labour, or causes strike - breaking.
- through the means of practical work, spreads across the barriers which divide men a new spirit which will render the concept of violence less and less acceptable, and the degradation of human dignity impossible.
- works for the creation of a voluntary international service which will foster greater confidence between nations and eventually replace military service. Equally, in countries where compulsory military service exists, without the possibility of alternative service, SCI works for the realisation of such service for conscientious objectors.
- takes appropriate non-violent international action in situations of tension, war and injustice.
- works for constructive changes in unjust structures which exist in society and divide man from man.
- encourages and experiments in new forms of community life with the objective of fostering tolerance and questioning our own attitudes.
- in a spirit of humility and compassion, acts as a catalyst for change within both individuals and society.
- bases its work on developing people's own initiatives to organise themselves to solve their own problems.
- analyses and evaluates all work, taking account of both the local and wider contexts in which it is carried out.
