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Consultation on petition P-03-262 Wales Peace Institute Response from Peter M.Thomas

The Baptist Union of Wales, through its Faith and Social Affairs Committee, is keen to lobby the Assembly on this matter and supports the call for a Peace Institute.

Over the past two years, as part of the Lewis Valentine Memorial Lecture presentation, the Baptist Union of Wales Annual Conference has objected to Aberporth being used for training in the use of unmanned aircraft and to the war in Afghanistan.

As the Union's General Secretary, I would like to support the campaign to establish a Peace Institute in Wales, to provide a voice for peace, justice and human rights in our nation's relations with individuals and governments.

Establishing an Institute would enable Wales to stand alongside other European countries that have already established similar organisations.

The Baptist Union of Wales sincerely hopes that the Assembly takes notice and sets about establishing a Peace Institute for Wales without delay.

Yours faithfully,

Peter M. Thomas General Secretary The Baptist Union of Wales