

*{Amendment to be located in place of the second to last paragraph of the recommendations section, starting with the same words}*

**Proposed Amendment for Category B1: Call to Discernment on U.S. Foreign and Military Policy**

"To invite this church to a particular time of prayer and communal discernment" over the next three years to promote robust examination of the of expanded US war efforts since 1990. The Church Council through the Office of the Presiding Bishop will solicit diverse partners, including scholars whose work focuses in these areas, activists, ecumenical partners, seminaries, colleges/universities, synods, VA and other federal chaplains. We especially hope to include those whose lives are most impacted by these developments in the United States and world. This group will form a task force to study this aspect of our reality as Christians and citizens of the United States

Topics of inquiry could include:

- The impact on well being of some military veterans, contractors, affiliates, and their families:
  - Chronic disabilities and loss (including chemical dependencies and brain injury)
  - Collateral involvement with criminal justice system
  - Diminished lives and early deaths of veterans and their families from toxins, PTSD symptoms, and violence
  - Moral injury
  - Character and skill development
- Broader societal impacts, such as:
  - climate change and global pollution load
  - changes in policing practices
  - engagement with and prejudice against neighbor Muslims
  - policy decisions due to commercial motivations for the proliferation of arms
- Social needs met and unmet due to prioritizing public spending on expanding war efforts