

Union of Saints Church

Understanding Protective Resource Diversion

War, Peace, and the Preservation of Everyday Life

Throughout history, periods of prolonged conflict, political instability, social disruption, or rapid societal change have required individuals, families, and communities to devote greater portions of their time, attention, and energy toward safety, preparedness, and preservation. As these demands increase, less time and energy remain for ordinary responsibilities such as family life, education, work, ministry, recreation, and building healthy communities.

The Union of Saints recognizes that every person possesses a limited amount of mental, emotional, physical, financial, and spiritual energy. When a significant portion of these resources must be redirected toward responding to conflict or uncertainty, other areas of life naturally receive less attention. Understanding this tradeoff allows individuals and communities to intentionally preserve balance whenever possible.

Protective Resource Diversion

The Union of Saints uses the term **Protective Resource Diversion** to describe a condition in which individuals, families, and communities devote an increasing share of their time, attention, energy, finances, and organizational efforts toward responding to ongoing threats, instability, or prolonged conflict.

Protective Resource Diversion extends beyond time alone. It includes attention, decision making, emotional energy, financial resources, planning, and organizational effort. Every hour devoted to responding to conflict is one less hour available for raising children, caring for family, education, work, ministry, recreation, and building the future.

Mental Burden

One result of Protective Resource Diversion is an increase in mental burden. Individuals may spend increasing amounts of time following public safety concerns, government policies, legal matters, emergency planning, or events affecting their communities. As more attention is directed toward these responsibilities, less remains for study, creative work, relationships, and personal growth.

Over long periods, this constant pressure may contribute to fatigue, exhaustion, and reduced productivity. It may also delay long term goals as immediate concerns take priority.

What We Give Up

Every decision requires a tradeoff. Time, attention, and resources devoted toward one responsibility cannot be devoted somewhere else.

During prolonged periods of conflict or instability, individuals and communities often invest increasing effort into protection, preparedness, and adaptation. This naturally reduces the time available for education, business, charitable work, cultural activities, ministry, recreation, and strengthening family life.

Wartime Mindset

Extended periods of conflict may gradually produce what the Union of Saints refers to as a **Wartime Mindset**. During these periods, people naturally devote greater attention toward safety, preparedness, planning, and protecting those around them.

A Wartime Mindset may be appropriate during periods of genuine uncertainty or danger. However, when maintained over long periods, it may contribute to fatigue, reduced quality of life, and fewer opportunities to enjoy the ordinary rhythms of peaceful living.

Cultural Preservation

Every people possess a history, heritage, traditions, customs, language, beliefs, and shared experiences that contribute to their identity. Preserving these traditions strengthens families, neighborhoods, and future generations.

The Union of Saints encourages peaceful and lawful efforts to preserve history, heritage, language, traditions, and local communities through education, service, scholarship, volunteerism, and public participation.

Stewardship of Our Energy

The Union of Saints teaches that human energy is a gift that should be carefully managed. Mental, emotional, physical, financial, and spiritual resources should not be consumed entirely by conflict whenever peace allows for restoration.

Healthy communities invest their time in raising children, caring for elders, educating future generations, serving neighbors, strengthening local businesses, practicing their faith, preserving their heritage, and preparing wisely for future challenges.

Protecting Our Communities

Communities become stronger by working together. This includes preserving local history, strengthening families, supporting volunteer organizations, promoting education, encouraging thoughtful discussion, preparing responsibly for emergencies, supporting lawful public safety institutions, protecting cultural traditions, and building resilient local economies.

The purpose of preparedness is to preserve peace, not replace it. Strong communities prepare so that future generations may continue to live ordinary, productive, and peaceful lives.

The Union of Saints Understanding

The Union of Saints teaches that peace is more than the absence of conflict. Peace includes healthy families, meaningful work, education, ministry, charity, justice, safe communities, and responsible stewardship.

Protective Resource Diversion reminds us that prolonged conflict redirects time, attention, energy, and resources away from ordinary life. While protection remains important, communities should also seek opportunities to restore balance, strengthen families, preserve their heritage, educate future generations, and continue building peaceful and prosperous communities.

Understanding the Experience

Related Terms

Individual

- Protective Resource Diversion
- Wartime Mindset
- Protective Vigilance
- Prolonged Vigilance
- Mental Burden
- Mental Energy
- Constant Pressure
- Decision Fatigue
- Conflict Fatigue
- Conflict Exhaustion
- Heightened Awareness
- Security Awareness
- Public Safety Awareness
- Mission Focus
- Resource Stewardship

- Human Energy Stewardship

Family and Community

- Family Preservation
- Community Preservation
- Community Stability
- Community Recovery
- Strong Communities
- Community Readiness
- Public Safety Preparedness
- Emergency Preparedness
- Community Defense
- Community Participation
- Neighbors Working Together
- Volunteer Service
- Community Restoration
- Returning to Normal Life

Cultural

- Cultural Preservation
- Cultural Heritage
- Cultural Identity
- Cultural Continuity
- Cultural Stewardship
- Cultural Stability
- Cultural Security
- Cultural Integrity
- Cultural Marginalization
- Cultural Displacement
- Pressure to Change
- Threat to Identity

- Cultural Concern
- Cultural Uncertainty

Planning and Resource Management

- Resource Allocation
- Resource Diversion
- Protective Planning
- Continuity Planning
- Continuity of Operations
- Community Capacity
- Opportunity Cost
- What We Give Up
- Redirected Priorities
- Operational Strain
- Mission Fatigue

Peace and Restoration

- Peacebuilding
- Conflict Resolution
- Conflict Prevention
- Community Renewal
- Community Restoration
- Long Term Recovery
- Family Restoration
- Educational Continuity
- Spiritual Renewal
- Stewardship of Time
- Stewardship of Attention
- Stewardship of Peace

Union of Saints Vocabulary

- Protective Resource Diversion

- Wartime Mindset
- Protective Vigilance
- Stewardship of Our Energy
- Stewardship of Time
- Stewardship of Attention
- Stewardship of Peace
- Protecting Our Communities
- Community Preservation
- Family Preservation
- Cultural Preservation
- Peace Through Preparedness
- Community Restoration
- Returning to Normal Life
- What We Give Up
- Building Peace Through Stewardship