

Church and Society Committee

East Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church

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Peace with Justice Grant Program

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According to the 2008 Book of Discipline,

Peace with Justice Sunday [is] celebrated with an offering on the First Sunday After Pentecost. Congregations are to observe Peace with Justice Sunday on this date or on another date appropriate to the local church. Pentecost celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit calling for God's shalom. Peace with Justice witnesses to God's demand for a faithful, just, disarmed, and secure world. (§263.5)

Furthermore,

The annual conference treasurer shall retain 50 percent of the receipts for Peace with Justice ministries in the annual conference, to be administered by the annual conference board of church and society. (§263.5a)

Purpose: To provide seed money for educational or advocacy programs that celebrate God's call for shalom by working for the realization of peace with justice in our world.

- Grant applications will be reviewed and grants will be awarded on an ongoing basis.
- Recipients will be required to report back to the Church and Society Committee of the EOC upon the use of awarded funds within six months of the grant approval.
- Submit completed application to:

Church and Society Committee, East Ohio Conference of The UMC

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Eligibility: To apply for funding from the Peace with Justice Program of the East Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church, the applicant must be a United Methodist local church, district, or other affiliated organization or individual within the East Ohio Annual Conference, or an ecumenical group/organization within the East Ohio Annual Conference working with and through at least one United Methodist agency or organization. The project must serve people within the boundaries of the East Ohio Conference.

Criteria: Applicants must work toward achieving at least one of the following objectives:

- 1) Assist individuals and communities in understanding and responding to violence and militarism.
- 2) Involve individuals and communities in efforts to end conflicts, human rights violations, and violent aggression around the world.
- 3) Promote just local, national, or international policies and actions with particular attention given to addressing poverty and restoring communities.
- 4) Support policies that promote systemic economic and environmental justice and the self-development of peoples and communities.
- 5) Reflect God's shalom in local communities by living into the mission of The United Methodist Church, i.e. to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Completed applications will be reviewed and grants will be awarded on an ongoing basis. Each point indicated in the "Application Format" below must be addressed as fully as possible. Questions about the process may be directed at any time to Rev. Lorna Westlake, EOC Peace with Justice Coordinator, at tandl30@windstream.net.

Notification: Grantees will be notified as soon as the application has been reviewed at the monthly meeting of the Church and Society Committee.

Application Format: In order to be considered, all applications must include all of the following:

- 1) Complete name and contact information (e.g. phone, address, email) of the program/project
- 2) Complete name and address of the fiscal agent for the program/project to which the check should be made if different from #1
- 3) Complete name and contact information (e.g. phone, address, email) of the local church, organization, or group affiliated with the program/project
- 4) A brief description (no more than two pages) of the program/project which includes a mission statement and, in as much detail as possible, identifies the social justice problems, needs, or issues addressed by the program/project and how the requested grant would help to address these problems, needs, or issues in accordance with the criteria stated above; if this program/project will be a collaborative effort, please describe other partners as applicable; include a timeline, estimated budget for the program/project, and briefly describe your criteria for "success"
- 5) A description of the way the program/project will serve a group of people and not the applicant only.
- 6) Include the dollar amount being requested from the Peace with Justice Grant Program
- 7) List the current sources of funding, including from other UMC grants or agencies
- 8) If funding through the Peace with Justice Grant Program is awarded, the recipient must agree to inform the Church and Society Committee of the EOC how the funds received have specifically advanced peace and justice within their communities. This may be done by means of a written report and/or a presentation to the Church and Society Committee within six months of the grant approval.