Peace with Justice

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SPECIAL Sunday

When you support Peace with Justice Sunday, your gift becomes a voice for advocacy around the world. Together we strengthen God's family with ministries that challenge structures of inequality and empower people and communities through systemic change.

"We often see a connection between art and Peace with Justice. Our children are able to not just build bridges but be bridges of hope and change in our community. At the same time, we are carving out safe space for children who live in extremely at-risk communities to have positive, safe, communitybuilding activities and receive nutritious meals throughout the summer, which is the peak time for juvenile-related offenses."

> - THE REV. MICHAEL PARKER, UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, TEMPLE HILLS, MD

"My mom heard me sing in that church for the first time. She said I hadn't heard you sing for 17 years."

- RON HOUSE, MATTHEW'S VOICES, A MINISTRY OF ROBERTS PARK United methodist church in Indianapolis, in

"This grant helped us to better engage our members who can't verbally communicate....Everyone's fully integrated presence in our public and workspaces benefits us all."

> - KELLIE CREAMER, ISLAND TIME ACTIVITIES, A MINISTRY OF SEABOLD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, WA



O ne of our denomination's six Special Sundays with offering, Peace with Justice Sunday is a faithful expression of shalom in the Bible. It calls the church to strengthen its capacity to advocate publicly in communities and nations throughout the world. The offering is administered by the General Board of Church and Society and benefits peace with justice ministries in the annual conferences and around the world. Half of our gifts stay with local ministries in this conference and half support the work of Church and Society globally.

For example:

- A grant from The Pacific Northwest Annual Conference through Seabold United Methodist Church in Bainbridge Island, WA, helped support the needs of members with intellectual disabilities who were part of the Island Time Activities program.
- The Summer Arts Camp of United Methodist Church of the Redeemer, in Temple Hills, MD, received a grant from the Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference. In partnership with Leaders of Tomorrow Youth Center, funds supported an experience designed to help children unleash their creative abilities through a variety of artistic expressions including drama, music, dance, visual arts and photography.
- In Indiana, a grant through the annual conference supports Matthew's Voices, a choir that offers access to, and addresses the need for the arts in, populations in Indianapolis that often go untouched, unloved and underserved. The ministry is hosted through Roberts Park United Methodist Church.

Global Peace with Justice grants include:

- an East Congo roundtable to discuss equitable educational justice—especially how to address the illiteracy that makes Pygmies vulnerable to deception and exploitation,
- "Letting Girls Be Girls" health education programming and services for young girls in the Rotifunk community of Sierra Leone, and
- an Economic Empowerment program for Gypsy women in Canon Nagar, India.

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