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“*Therefore, since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*”

—ROMANS 5:1, NRSV

If we are to live into our mission of transforming the world, we must prioritize collaboration among nations, work to reduce the use and need for weapons and foster just, equitable and durable solutions to the root causes of conflict. These United Methodist focus areas reflect a vision for partnering with God to build Christlike peace with justice:

Multilateralism: Multilateralism is an expression of our shared longing to secure peace and justice, promote human dignity and protect human rights and prosper the world and its resources through just and sustainable development means and methods.

Nonproliferation and Disarmament: The International Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty is the cornerstone of international efforts to curb nuclear weapons. It says, “The proliferation of nuclear weapons would seriously enhance the danger of nuclear war.”

Peace Building: From terror to war, the effects of climate change and environmental degradation, famine and political strife, our communities around the globe are struggling to survive. Peace building is a process that facilitates the establishment of durable peace to prevent the recurrence of violence by addressing root causes. It is a way for communities to not only survive but thrive.

Gun Violence Prevention: Guns make violence more deadly and more frequent. For example, domestic violence turns more deadly when guns are involved. Firearms are the most common method of suicide in countries where guns are prevalent in private households, according to data collected by the World Health Organization. If we hope to end the scourge of gun violence, we need to have a cultural shift as well as a policy shift.

Addressing Ongoing Conflicts: The church must work for peace in regions of the world experiencing war, violence or terror. Among other places, The United Methodist Church is engaged in conflict resolution in the Korean Peninsula, Israel and Palestine, Syria, the Philippines, South Sudan and Somalia and Nigeria.

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Today is the day

**God cries with the masses of starving people,
despises growing disparity between rich and poor,
demands justice for workers in the marketplace.**

And so shall we.

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On Peace with Justice Sunday, we partner with other United Methodist congregations in a special offering to support advocacy around the world. Together we strengthen God's creation with ministries that challenge structures of inequality. We empower people and communities through systemic change in ways that bring true and lasting peace with justice.

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.

The United Methodist Church, the world and our communities are in a time of transition. Now, perhaps more than ever, we are called to be part of extending healing and hope. Through our gifts and support, we partner with God and God's people to strengthen Christ's loving presence in a hurting world.

United Methodist Special Sunday celebrations invest in transforming communities, empowering leaders and building up ministries of peace with justice. Concentrating our resources to support shared ministries equips us to step into a grace-filled new beginning with faithful determination.



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