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This offering talk is part of the Peace with Justice pastor and leader kit and connects with the theme "God's Promise of Peace." It can be adapted for your context and integrated into your worship service.

he United Methodist Church, the world and our communities are still recovering from the ongoing global trauma of the COVID-19 pandemic, the impact of war in Ukraine and

other places and the anxiety of denominational splintering.

Now, perhaps more than ever, we are called to—as Paul encourages—"strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace" (2 Cor. 13:11, NIV). Through our gifts and support, we are invited to partner with God to heal and restore by building up peace with justice.

Today is Peace with Justice Sunday, one of six Special Sundays where we join with other

United Methodist churches to receive an offering for shared ministries. *The Book of Resolutions* says in part, "Peace with Justice 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. It aims to make shalom visible and active in people's lives and communities by setting people free from bondage. We will celebrate Peace with Justice when all people have access to adequate jobs, housing, education,

food, health care, income support, and clean water. We will further celebrate when there is no more economic exploitation, war, political

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oppression, and cultural domination" (2016 Book of Resolutions, #6139).

The Peace with Justice 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.

Peace with Justice grants support programs and projects that witness to God's demands for a faithful, just, disarmed and secure world.

