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## PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY

Rising Justice: Pursuing the Peaceable Kingdom



**P**ace 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. (*2016 Book of Resolutions*, #6139)

Half of the gifts from the Peace with Justice Sunday special offering stay with local ministries in this conference and half support the work of Church and Society globally. 2023 grant recipients include:

- The Asuncion A. Perez Memorial Center, Inc., located in the Manila Episcopal Area Central Conference, is providing “Skills Training & Livelihood for Women.” This initiative empowers women who have been affected by massive worker layoffs, providing them with the necessary skills for employment while also addressing food insecurity.
- In the Central Congo Central Conference, the Church and Society Committee initiated the “Space for Community Dialogue for Peace in District” project. This endeavor is a response to ethnic conflicts over ancestral lands. The organization is establishing a platform for dialogue, creating an environment for lasting peace and effective governance.
- McKinney Memorial United Methodist Church, part of the Texas Annual Conference, organized a “Gun Violence Awareness Day.” This event was designed to educate participants about the impact of gun violence and to provide them with the tools to combat it. Local police, doctors, and community leaders joined forces to address this pressing issue.

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One of denomination's six special offerings, Peace with Justice Sunday encourages United Methodists to participate in transforming the world and challenging injustice by calling on our leaders and elected officials to prioritize policies that support communities and reflect God's economy of abundance and grace. It is our duty to share the call for justice in the public square and invite others to join the movement for justice. "Peace with justice" is the only way to address root causes of suffering.



Throughout the Bible, God calls on us to challenge unjust leaders and serve as advocates for justice and peace. We must heed God's call for us to do justice (Micah 6:8), to repair brokenness in our communities (Isaiah 58, 61), and to seek peace and pursue it (Psalm 34:14).

At a time when it may feel like we have lost so much, embracing God's love for us can shift our perspective to recognize and share abundant grace. United Methodist Special Sunday offerings celebrate vibrant ministries while investing in servant leadership, community building and ministries of peace with justice. Concentrating our resources to support these important ministries equips us to work together, empowered by God's love.

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.

## HOW TO GIVE:

Write a check to your local church and write, "Peace with Justice" in the memo line. To give online or set up monthly giving, go to [UMC.org/SSGive](https://www.UMC.org/SSGive).



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