


SPECIAL
SUNDAY

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY

Rising Justice: Pursuing the Peaceable Kingdom



*“One who rules over people justly...
is like the light of morning, like the
sun rising on a cloudless morning,
gleaming from the rain on the
grassy land.”*

—2 SAMUEL 23:3 NRSVU



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Pace 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.

For example, in the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference, grants have been a blessing to churches and communities working to fight poverty, broaden their reach, connect with diverse neighbors and amplify God's presence in the world.

One 2023 recipient is the YOUFirst program at The Maker's Place, a faith-based nonprofit organization in Trenton, NJ. The program offers moms weekends away for respite, gathers them to make vision boards together, and provides mental health support. The Maker's Place works to mitigate adverse childhood experiences and provide a safe environment for struggling community members to talk about mental health issues and heal from their emotional wounds. They offer group workshops led by chat teams

made up of psychologists, professional experts and other community leaders.

The goal is "to help these women grow and affect how they show up in their lives," says executive director, Callie Crowder. "If we can help them heal, they will be better."

The Peace with Justice grant has been used to provide childcare, a balanced meal and fun and games while moms are getting what they need—information, care and community.

"Healing is taking place, and we have the opportunity to close open wounds," Crowder said. "God is bringing them to the help they need."

One of the denomination's six special offerings, 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.

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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