



The General Board of Church and Society
The United Methodist Church

Send only completed applications to:
Education and Leadership Formation
General Board of Church and Society
The United Methodist Church
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PEACE WITH JUSTICE GRANT PROGRAM 2013-2016

BACKGROUND

According to the 2012 Book of Discipline, the purpose of the General Board of Church and Society shall be to:

...relate the gospel of Jesus Christ to the members of the Church and to the persons and structures of the communities and world in which they live. It shall seek to bring the whole of human life, activities, possessions, use of resources, and community and world relationships into conformity with the will of God. It shall show the members of the Church and Society that the reconciliation that God effected through Christ involves personal, social and civic righteousness. (§ 1002)

In order to achieve its purpose, the board shall:

Encourage Christian lines of action that assist humankind to move toward a world where peace and justice are achieved. (§ 1002.4)

Funding for projects is generated by local churches and Conferences from the *Peace with Justice* offering taken on Peace with Justice Sunday which “witnesses to God’s demands for a faithful, just, disarmed, and secure world.”

Fifty percent of the offering is retained in the Annual Conferences and the remainder is forwarded to the General Church. (see paragraphs of the 2012 Book of Discipline 263.5 and 823.5).

Required Steps

- Plan** ahead to meet the posted deadline
- Review** eligibility requirements and objectives
- Request** Bishop’s or Bishop’s designee letter in time to be included with application. No application will be considered without this letter of support and signature.
- Prepare** project description and budget and include a copy of your organization’s budget
- Fill in** application form completely and accurately

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING A FUNDING APPLICATION

- Grants requests are received twice a year fall and spring.
Applications must be received no later than January 10th for the March funding cycle and **August 10th** for the October funding cycle.

MAXIMUM REQUEST AND AWARD IS \$5,000.

Eligibility: To apply for funding from the Peace with Justice Program (PWJ), the applicant must be a United Methodist local church, district, conference, or other affiliated organization, or an Ecumenical group/organization working with and through at least one United Methodist agency or organization.

Criteria: Applicants must work toward achieving at least one of the following objectives:

- Objective 1:* Assist United Methodists in understanding and responding to violence and militarism and in moving and leading nations and peoples to reconciliation, transformation, and redemption.
- Objective 2:* Involve and develop principled leaders among United Methodists and enjoin the public in efforts to end conflicts, human rights violations, and violent aggression around the world.
- Objective 3:* Promote just national and international policies and actions (governmental and non-governmental) seeking to address systemic poverty and restore communities to sustainability.
- Objective 4:* Support policies that promote systemic economic justice and the self-development of peoples, in particular to respond to the disproportionate effect of injustices on racial, indigenous, and ethnic persons.

Priority: Preference will be given first to institutions of or related to the United Methodist Church, then to first-time requests and, finally, to those including an advocacy component in their program or project.

A letter from the Resident Bishop of the Episcopal Area (or the Bishop's designee) in the area in which the program is located must be attached verifying the program's standing in the Conference.

Recognition: All grant recipients shall make it known that this program or project is supported by the United Methodist General Board of Church and Society Peace with Justice Program.

Upon receiving an application, GBCS will send the applicant a letter of acknowledgment.

The Assistant General Secretary (AGS) and GBCS staff will make initial recommendation and provide a summary to the grants committee for their consideration.

Notification: Grantees will be notified soon after the meeting.

Distribution of Funds: Checks to grantees are processed twice a year soon after the spring and fall meetings of the General Board of Church and Society October and March of each year.

Supporting Documentation:

Submit the following pages with your completed application. Each should be clearly marked with the name of your program and the application date. Notice the page limits below.

Bishops' Letter

For all applicants, **a letter from the Resident Bishop or a designated representative** regarding the project is required.

Budget

Provide a **project budget** showing anticipated expenses and income from all sources. Include a one-page copy of your organization's budget.

Project Description

Include a **summary description** (background and purpose) of the project or program showing the how its goals implement the goals of the Peace with Justice Program. Include a timeline with the expected completion dates of this program.

References)

A **list of references**, but only with their express permission prior to the application.

Submission:

<p>Education and Leadership Formation General Board of Church and Society 100 Maryland Avenue, NE Washington, D.C. 20002</p>

Please note the requirements for your location.

International/Central Conference Applicants

- ▶ Send the original application and any supporting documentation by mail to the address above or by fax (202) 488-5639 and email a copy of only your completed application to Marvlyn Scott at Mscott@umc-gbcs.org or Rev. Neal Christie Nchristie@umc-gbcs.org

Acknowledgement: GBCS will acknowledge receipt of the application to the sender with a copy to the Bishop and Annual Conference representatives, if applicable.

PEACE WITH JUSTICE GRANT PROGRAM

Program/Project

Official Name: _____

Mailing Address (in full): _____

Program/Project Description

Does your congregation pay its Conference and World Service apportionments in full? *The required signature from the District Superintendent, Bishop or other Conference representative named on the application signature page confirms this.*

Yes

No

Fiscal Agent

Indicate exactly how the check should be addressed in the event that your organization is awarded a grant—every effort will be made to process awards through the Conference officer in which the applicant resides.

Project Director

Name and title: _____

Contact Information (include best mailing address, e-mail, phone and/or fax):

Project Treasurer

Name and address: _____

Endorsement

Please describe the **relationship of this program to the United Methodist Church**. Fill in all of the information that pertains below, providing full name, address, email, and phone number as appropriate: _____

Name of Annual Conference: _____

Resident Bishop of the Annual Conference: _____

District and District Superintendent (if applicable): _____

*Annual Conference Director of Connectional Ministries: _____

*Peace with Justice Coordinator or Chairperson of the Annual Conference Board of Church and Society:

*or person with oversight responsibilities

Criteria

Which of the Peace with Justice Objectives does this project address? (Check one or more.)

- Understanding and responding to violence and militarism and moving to reconciliation
- Involve and develop leaders among United Methodists and the general public
- Promote just policies to address poverty and restore communities
- Support policies that promote economic justice and self-development

How will this program be evaluated? Are clients involved in the evaluation process?

Program Name _____ Application Date _____

What is the amount requested from PWJ Grants? (**Maximum amount awarded \$5,000**)

Has this Program/Project received funding from PWJ previously? _____

When? _____ How much? _____

Has this Program/Project proposal been sent, or will be sent to another United Methodist agency for funding? ____ If so, which agency, what grant program, and for how much?

Has this Program/Project received funding from other United Methodist Church grants previously? _____

How did you hear about the Peace with Justice Grant? _____

Supporting Documentation

For these additional pages, carefully follow the instructions above.

- BISHOP'S OR BISHOP'S DESIGNEE LETTER**
- BUDGET (Both Project and Organization)**
- PROJECT DESCRIPTION**
- REFERENCES**
- FISCAL AGENT (GBCS PREFERENCE IS CONFERENCE TREASURER)**

ONLY COMPLETED APPLICATIONS WILL BE REVIEWED
(Please read instructions carefully)

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