Peace with Justice Grants for Individuals, Churches, Organizations

Church and Society Work Team - Eastern PA Conference of the United Methodist Church

Background Information:

The annual Peace with Justice Sunday offering received in churches and sent to the Annual Conference is divided equally between the Peace with Justice Fund, administered by the General Board of Church and Society, and the Annual Conference Peace with Justice Fund. In accordance with the United Methodist Book of Discipline, “Peace with Justice witnesses to God’s demand for a faithful, just, disarmed, and secure world”; the Discipline further provides that the Conference Peace with Justice funds be administered by the Annual Conference Board of Church and Society or equivalent structure. The Church and Society Work Team (CSWT) is further guided by the United Methodist Social Principles.

General Guidelines:

1. Programs may be initiated by the CSWT, other EPA Conference agencies, District groups, local churches, community groups with significant involvement of EPC United Methodists, or individuals who are members of EPC churches.
2. Grants will be awarded for a program, project or training (workshop, conference, study tour) which addresses one or more of the UM Social Principles with preference given to the following:
   - Seek alternatives to individual, national, and international violence.
   - Promote restorative justice, including abolition of the death penalty.
   - Address root causes of poverty and self-development of peoples.
   - Overcome human rights injustices, including race, ethnicity, gender and sexual orientation.
   - Support environmental justice, focusing on health of the earth and its peoples.
3. Expenditures shall be approved by the CSWT upon review of the recommendations of the Conference Peace with Justice Coordinator. Allocations for any one program or project will not exceed $2000. Individual allocations will not exceed $500.
4. Organizational applications must be signed by the program coordinator and by the pastor or appropriate Conference official. Individual applications must be signed by the church pastor or appropriate Conference official.
5. Applications for grants may be submitted at any time of year and will be reviewed by the CSWT at their next meeting or via e-mail when needed.
6. Site visits may be made prior to approval of a proposal.
7. Although grants are intended to help with the development of new programs, a second grant may be given to individuals or groups based on merit.
8. Grant money is intended for programs, and is not meant to be used for salaries.
9. Follow-up reports are to be submitted to the Peace with Justice Coordinator at the conclusion of the project or at the end of the funding year, whichever comes first. Reports should state how the funds were expended, how successful the project was in meeting its purpose and goals, and plans for the future. Some portions of the report may be used to publicize the Peace with Justice program.

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PEACE WITH JUSTICE GRANT APPLICATION FOR INDIVIDUAL/CHURCH/ORGANIZATION

Name of program/project______________________________________________________________

Person applying for grant_______________________________________________________________

Mailing address_______________________________________________________________________

Telephone______________________Email___________________________Fax___________________

Amount requested________________(up to $2000 for group/$500 for individual)

Date needed_________________________(allow time for approval process)

Is this a new program?____or ongoing program____?  Expected length__________________________

Which of the Peace with Justice objectives does this project address?  (check one or more)

_____Seek alternatives to individual, national, and international violence.

_____Promote restorative justice, including abolition of the death penalty.

_____Address root causes of poverty and self-development of peoples.

_____Overcome human rights injustices, including race, ethnicity, gender and sexual orientation.

_____Support environmental justice focusing on health of the earth and its peoples.

Has funding been requested from other sources?____.  If Yes, what source and how much is expected or already approved.______________________________________________________________________.

Does the United Methodist Church supporting this application participate in Peace with Justice Sunday, and how?______________________________________________________________________.

Who will be submitting a follow-up report?__________________________________________________

Supporting documentation

Individual application: One page explanation of how the social justice issue will be addressed.

Group application: Explanation of how the social justice issue will be addressed, including a detailed description of the program/project, its goals, and timeline for implementation. Include a detailed budget.

Payee name for check:______________________________________________________________

Address for check to be mailed:___________________________________________________________

Signature of Pastor/UM official____________________________________________________________

Signature of Program Coordinator:________________________________________________________

Date of submission:_____________________________________________________________________

Email application to Rev. Jessica Ross, Peace with Justice Coordinator: pastorjess@outlook.com