Background
The Peace with Justice Sunday offering, scheduled for the first Sunday after Pentecost, witnesses to God’s demand for a faithful, just, disarmed, and secure world. While one half of all funds received by churches is remitted to the General Board of Church and Society for support of a global grant program, the rest stays within the UNY area and will be used to provide grants for programs, projects, trainings, and resources to aid Peace with Justice efforts locally. These funds are administered by the Social Holiness Team.

Objectives and Guidelines
The Peace with Justice Grant Program is designed to fund emerging and next step ministries. The grants are not intended to pay salaries or stipends or make capital improvements. The Peace with Justice fund is not a repeat source of financial assistance. Once you have received a UNY Peace with Justice Grant, please look for other funding sources for your project. No individual, church, or organization will receive grant money more than once per 12 month period – even for a new project or ministry. In order for us to fund as many ministries as possible, grants will not exceed $2,000 and may be awarded at a lower amount depending on the number of applications being considered.

Financial grants are offered to individuals, local churches, and faith-based organizations located within the boundaries of, and affiliated with, the UNY Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. The Social Holiness Team will give preference, but will not limit approval, to projects addressing one or more of the UM Social Principles as well as general criteria identified by the General Board of Church and Society (see objectives on page 2).

Peace with Justice Grant applications must include a statement of support from the pastor of the church, the Lay Leader or Church Council chair, or the District Superintendent in order to be considered.

A written report must be submitted to the Peace with Justice Coordinator approximately 3-6 months after approval of a grant. This will be used to help assess and publicize the Peace with Justice Grant Program.

Grant applications may be submitted to the Peace with Justice Coordinator at any time. Applications will be considered twice a year (April & October – please check unyumc.org or contact the Peace with Justice Coordinator for exact deadlines). Decisions on funding will be based on a majority vote of the Social Holiness Team and should be finalized within 4-6 weeks of the application deadline.

Please direct all questions and applications to:
Heather Smith, Peace with Justice Coordinator
peacewithjustice@unyumc.org
518-368-2209
10 Arthur Road, Newtonville, NY 12110
Please fill out completely, using extra space as necessary.

Name of individual, local church, or community organization making request:

Project Title:

Amount requested:

Budget and description of how funds will be allocated (not more than one page):

What is the intended outcome of this project? (not more than one page):

Which Peace with Justice objectives will this project address? (check any that apply)

___ understand causes and seek alternatives to individual, national, and international violence

___ promote reconciliation, transformation, and restoration of relationships

___ address root causes of poverty and promote self-development of peoples and communities

___ work to end human rights injustices designed to oppress minority groups

___ other (explain) ____________________________________________

How do you plan to promote this project?

How and when will you measure the outcome of this project?

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

☐ We commit our support to the Peace with Justice Sunday offering?

☐ Statement of support is attached.

☐ Acceptance of a Peace with Justice Grant means that all or parts of this application and the necessary follow-up report may be published in effort to advance the Peace with Justice Program.

Contact Person: ______________________ Phone: ______________________

Email: ______________________________

If grant approved, send check to:

Address: ____________________________

For Team Use Only
Application #: __________
Date Approved: ________
Amount: __________
Check Request Sent: _______
Report Received: _______