



Peace with Justice Grant Application

Upper New York Annual Conference



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, Important Information, and Guidelines

The Peace with Justice Grant Program is designed to fund only **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 1 of the application).

Peace with Justice Grant applications must include a **statement of support** from the pastor of the church, the Lay Leader or Church Council chair, the District Superintendent, or another member of the United Methodist Church who is familiar with the project being started or expanded in order to be considered. This person shall not be a member of the same household as the applicant or person receiving the funds.

The UNY Social Holiness Team requires that any publicity or follow-up news stories, especially those by our Conference Communications Team, include a statement that the project or event was **funded in part by** an UNY Conference Peace with Justice Grant.

A **written report** *shall* be submitted to the Peace with Justice Coordinator approximately 3-6 months after approval of a grant and depending on the length of the project, again at the one-year mark. This will be used to help assess the grant process and promote the Peace with Justice Grant Program as well as the Peace with Justice Sunday offering.

Grant applications may be submitted to the Peace with Justice Coordinator at any time; however, they will only be considered **twice a year** (April & October – deadline for submission will be the 30th of each of those months.). 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:
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Please fill out completely, using extra space as necessary.

For Team Use	Application #:	_____
	Amount:	_____
	Date Approved:	_____
	Check Request Sent:	_____
	Report Received:	_____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

If grant approved, send check to: _____

Address: _____

Name of Individual, Local Church, or Community Organization Making Request:

Project/Event Title: _____

Amount Requested: _____

What is the intended outcome of this project? _____

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) _____

Describe in way(s) this project/event will address the objectives checked above: _____

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? _____

Please verify that you understand the following by initialing each item.

_____ Budget and description of how funds will be allocated is attached. (not more than one page)

_____ Statement of support is attached or being sent by _____.

_____ I/We will include "funded in part by a Peace with Justice Grant" in advertising and in news coverage of the project/event.

_____ I/We agree to submit at least one follow-up report after the project/event.

_____ I/We commit our support to the Peace with Justice Sunday offering. If a local church, date next Peace with Justice offering will be taken _____.