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## PEACE WITH JUSTICE GRANT PROGRAM – 2009

### BACKGROUND

According to the 2004 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. (§ 1003.4)

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.** (§ 1003.4)

Further, funding for this program is generated by the local churches and Annual 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 264.5 and 822.5).

#### Required Steps

- Plan** ahead to meet the Feb. 15 deadline
- Review** eligibility requirements and objectives
- Request** Bishop’s or Bishop’s designee letter in time to be included with application
- Prepare** project description and budget (1 page each) Include a one page copy of your organization’s budget
- Get** Annual Conference information
- Fill in** application form completely
- Prepare** 20 copies of all material (U.S. only)

#### Optional Steps

- Seek** references
- Call for** help
- Request** translation services, if needed

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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING A FUNDING APPLICATION

- Grants are awarded annually. (In 2008, awards totaled \$51,000.00.)
- **Applications must be received no later than February 15, 2009.**

**Eligibility:** To apply for funding from the Peace with Justice Program (PWJ), the applicant must be a United Methodist local church, district, annual 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 principal leaders among United Methodists and enjoin the general 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 poverty and restore communities.
- Objective 4:* Support policies that promote systematic 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 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 Annual 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.

**Application Due Date:** Plan ahead to complete your application within the time frame. Applications must be received no later than February 15, 2009 for consideration at the Review Subcommittee meeting of the General Board of Church and Society in March 2009. Every question on

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the application must be answered in full. Applicants may seek assistance from GBCS/PWJ staff at anytime.

**Notification:** Grantees will be notified soon after the meeting.

**Distribution of Funds:** Checks to grantees are processed in May and mailed no later than June to the fiscal agent named on the application form.

**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 Bishop or a designated representative** regarding the project is required.

*2009 Budget*

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

*Project Description*

Include a one-page **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 (optional)*

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

**Submission:**

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Please note the requirements for your location.

***Applicants in the United States***

- ▶ Send 20 copies of the completed application and any supporting documentation by mail to the address below. (Application by fax is reserved for applicants living outside the United States.)

***International/Central Conference Applicants***

- ▶ Send the original application and any supporting documentation by mail to the address above or by fax (202) 488-5639 to be received by February 15, 2009. Copies will be prepared by GBCS staff and are not required of international applicants. Translation services can be provided upon request.

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