



2022 Peace with Justice Grant Application

Why do we exist?

GNJ exists to recruit and develop transformational leaders so that people and communities experience healing, renewal, and wholeness from God. Transformational leaders grow vital congregations who shape passionate disciples of Jesus Christ and share faith, hope and justice in the community.

What is our commitment?

GNJ is committed to resource and support congregations and clergy and lay leadership to assess and improve their pathways for disciples to know, grow in, live and share the life of Jesus every day, so that we increase the number of new disciples and vital congregations

What is a vital congregation?

A vital congregation is a Holy Spirit-led community of passionate disciples who are working together to grow new disciples, inspiring worship, active small groups, risk taking community mission and generous giving to mission. (Acts 2:42-47)

What happens in vital congregations?

Life-Changing Ministries	Ministries build up the community of faith and transform lives and social conditions in the community and the world.
Fruitfulness	New disciples are being made, more disciples are participating in small groups for learning and faith formation, more disciples are engaging in worship and mission, and disciples are giving generously, particularly to mission.
Life-Full Stories	Stories are shared about changed lives, new disciples and transforming ministry.

How do vital congregations grow?

- Inspired and inviting worship
- Engaged disciples in mission and outreach
- Gifted, empowered, and equipped lay leadership
- Equipped, effective and inspired clergy leadership
- Faith-formed small group ministries, and
- Strong children and youth ministries.



About the Board of Church and Society

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

[R]elate 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. (¶ 1003.4)

The Peace with Justice Sunday, preferably with an offering, taken on the first Sunday after Pentecost, witnesses to God's demand for a faithful, just, disarmed, and secure world. It is the responsibility of the Board of Church and Society to provide general supervision to the observation of this Sunday and offering.

About the Peace with Justice Grants Program

Funding for this program is generated by the local churches from the Peace with Justice offering taken on Peace With Justice Sunday. Fifty percent (50%) of these offerings are retained in the Annual Conferences and the remainder is forwarded to the General Board of Church and Society. The total amount of grants varies according to the offerings. (See ¶ 263.5 and ¶ 823.5). Grants are awarded annually. Continuing funding may be recommended.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING A FUNDING APPLICATION

Eligibility. To apply for funding from the Peace with Justice Program:

1. Applications may be submitted by any group related to the Conference, a local church; an agency of the conference, a district, or by two or more such groups in cooperation (e.g. the task forces of urban, suburban or rural churches working together).
2. The applicant must demonstrate that it currently provides or has the capacity to provide services as described in the project application.
3. If the organization/group received a grant after 2017, the organization/group cannot receive a grant for the same project or program the previous grant was awarded to support.



Criteria. As the Board of Church and Society for the United Methodists of Greater New Jersey, we believe that vital congregations are congregations deeply rooted mercy and justice ministries. Christian discipleship is centered in living out the love and grace of God that we have experienced. The Board also seeks to support the General Board of Church and Society objectives for Peace with Justice grants (www.umc-gbcs.org/GBCSgrants).

Specifically, we will consider funding programs that meet several of the following objectives:

Objective 1: Serves as a mission-spirited “bright spot” for the Conference.

Objective 2: Develops disciples who strive to end poverty, be graceful to those at the margins, connect with people who are different from us, and magnify God’s presence in the world.

Objective 3: Equipping the congregation(s) with justice and mission opportunities that will inspire turnaround spiritual leaders.

Objective 4: Strengthens a congregation(s) plan to increase the number of worshipers in mission to the larger community.

Objective 5: Assist United Methodists in understanding and responding to violence and militarism.

Objective 6: Involve United Methodists in efforts to end conflicts and violent aggression at home and around the world.

Objective 7: Promote just local, state, national and international policies and actions (governmental and non-governmental) which seek to restore communities and respond to the disproportionate effect of injustices on racial and ethnic persons.

Objective 8: Support policies that promote systematic economic justice and the self-development of peoples.

Priority. The Board will give priority to projects/ministries that:

1. Encourage innovative (creative and risk taking) peace with justice ministry that connects with people in the community.
2. Develop lay and clergy leadership for making disciples and transforming the world.
3. Maximize vital congregations.

Timeline. Plan ahead to complete your application within the time frame:

1. Application forms are made available in March and are posted on the web page www.gnjumc.org.
2. Applications must be received no later than May 3, 2022.



3. Decisions are made by the Greater New Jersey Board of Church and Society at their next meeting. Notification of action will be made as soon as possible following the meeting of the Board.

Application Form. Complete and submit the following application with all necessary additional pages:

- a) The District Superintendent's Recommendation Form
- b) Local Church Budget
- c) Email completed application to Diana Picurro, <mailto:dpicurro@gnjumc.org>

What You Can Expect After Submitting an Application?

- The Greater New Jersey Board of Church and Society will acknowledge receipt of the application to the sender.
- The Peace with Justice Coordinator of the GNJ Board of Church and Society will conduct an initial review of the application, checking for conformity with guidelines. If additional information or clarification is needed, he or she will contact the applicant.
- Copies of the applications are forwarded to the GNJ Board of Church and Society Board Members serving on the Peace with Justice Grant Review Subcommittee.

The application is designed to be completed electronically. **The application and supporting documents must be submitted in pdf format.** Only applications submitted in this format will be considered. If you need assistance in creating a pdf go to: <http://www.wikihow.com/Convert-a-Microsoft-Word-Document-to-PDF-Format>.

Applications must be received by May 3, 2022. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Questions about the grants can be directed to:

Rev. Jonathan Campbell
845.893.9157 | pastorjcampbell@hotmail.com

Submit the following application to Diana Picurro via email to dpicurro@gnjumc.org by May 3, 2022.



The United Methodists of Greater New Jersey
 2020 Peace with Justice Grant Application – **Due May 3, 2022.**

To input your information, click on the dark gray areas within the highlighted areas and begin typing. Please complete all gray highlighted areas. Responses must fit in the box and space provided.

Church Name:		Church number:	
Church Address:		Website:	
Pastor:		Email:	
Church Council Chair:		Email:	
Project Contact Person:		Email:	
Project Contact Home Phone		Mobile:	
Name of Project:		District:	
Start Date for Project:		\$ Amount being requested	



Peace with Justice Objectives:

<p>Please indicate the Peace with Justice Objectives this ministry will support. Check all that apply.</p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Serve as a mission-spirited “bright spot” for the Conference.</p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Develop disciples who strive to end poverty, be graceful to those at the margins, connect with people who are different from us, and magnify God’s presence in the world.</p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Equip the congregation(s) with justice and mission opportunities that will inspire turnaround spiritual leaders.</p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Strengthen a congregation(s) ministry plan to increase the number of worshippers engaged in mission in the community.</p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Assist United Methodists in understanding and responding to violence and militarism.</p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Involve United Methodists in efforts to end conflicts and violent aggression at home and around the world.</p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Promote just local, state, national, and/or international policies and actions (governmental and non-governmental) which seek to restore communities and respond to the disproportionate effect of injustices on racial and ethnic persons.</p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Support policies that promote systematic economic justice and the self-development of peoples.</p>
<p>Please answer the following questions:</p>
<p>1. Briefly describe the ministry program for which you are seeking funding:</p>
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2. How will this peace with justice ministry program help your church make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world?

Empty response area for question 2.

3. How will this peace with justice ministry program help develop disciples who strive to end poverty and work for justice?

Empty response area for question 3.

4. What community of need is this ministry program focused on serving and building relationships with your congregation members (put a face on your ministry)? How many do you anticipate will be touched by this ministry?

Empty response area for question 4.

5. Explain how your group is related to the United Methodist Church of Greater New Jersey (in fulfillment of the eligibility guidelines listed above):

Empty response area for question 5.



6. IF THIS IS A NEW MINISTRY, please list briefly three measurable goals of this new ministry program. Make sure to specify how you will measure your success for each goal.

Goal 1:

Goal 2:

Goal 3:

What is the date you expect to initiate this program ministry?

What is the date you expect to have it fully operational?

7. If you have received grants for this program before, please list the three goals of the ministry program you proposed before and share a brief evaluation of the outcome.

Goal 1:

Evaluation:

Goal 2:

Evaluation:

Goal 3:

Evaluation:



8. If this is an ongoing program, how is this program expected to be sustained in future years?				
9. Who is your church partnering within the community to accomplish your goals?				
10. What training has your leadership team received to develop this program?				
11. Would your leadership team be interested in additional training? If so, please specify.				
12. Number of disciples participating in mission (if grant is for several churches, add the totals).				
2019	2020	2021		
What are your goals for the next five years? (Disciples participating in mission)				
2022	2023	2024	2025	2026



13. Total money spent each year on mission (if grant is for several churches, add the totals).		
2019	2020	2021

14. Please answer the following questions about your local church (if grant is for several churches, add the totals).			
	2019	2020	2021
Average weekly worship attendance			
Professions of Faith			
Number of disciples in small groups			
Total church operating expenses			

15. Please report your record of Shared Ministries Fund (Apportionment) history for the past three (3) years:
 If you need help to get Shared Ministry Fund information, please contact Diana Picurro at 732.359.1064 or dpicurro@gnjumc.org, **before the deadline.**

Year	Established Shared Ministry Fund	Amount Paid
2019		
2020		
2021		

16. Use the space below to outline a budget for how you will allocate the requested funds. Include the sources of income that will support the program and the expense lines that will be associated with the program. Use only those lines applicable to your program (Income and Expenses amounts should be balanced).

What dollar amount are you requesting to receive from the Peace with Justice Grant?	
How will the fund requested be used (Please describe)?	



INCOME	\$	EXPENSES	\$
Peace with Justice Grant (Amount Requested)		Salaries and Benefits	
Local Church Contribution		Facilities Rental	
Other Grants		Equipment	
Donations		Utilities	
Fund Raising		Maintenance	
Offerings		Administration	
Registrations/Quotas/ Tuition from participants		Promotional Resources	
Scholarships		Transportation	
		Training	
		Educational Materials	
		Activities (specify)	
		Food and/or Snacks	
		Other Expenses related to the program:	
TOTAL INCOME		TOTAL EXPENSES	
Income and Expenses amounts should be balanced.			



By checking the boxes below, you confirm the following:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Church current budget is attached (If this document is not included your application will not be considered by the funding committee.)	
<input type="checkbox"/> District Superintendent is aware of this program and application (Complete the top of the enclosed District Superintendent Recommendation Form. Send a copy of this application to your District Superintendent with the Recommendation Form. The District Superintendent will send his/her recommendation directly to us. Make sure you contact your District Superintendent with enough time to review your application to meet deadline.)	
Date of Submission:	
Name of person submitting application:	

To Be Completed by Applicant:

Name of Church/Organization:	
Address:	
City:	
State:	
District:	
Name of Project/Ministry:	

To Be Completed by District Superintendent:

Please answer the following questions in relation to the above project/ministry

1. What general knowledge do you have about this project/ministry program?

2. To your knowledge, does this program fit the criteria for the Peace With Justice Grant?

___ Yes ___ No

3. Would you recommend this program for consideration?

___ Yes, absolutely.
 ___ Yes, with reservations. Why? _____
 ___ No. Why? _____

Print Name: _____ **Signature:** _____

Date: _____

Please EMAIL to Diana Picurro via email to dpicurro@gnjumc.org by May 3, 2020.