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Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation Work Group (JPIC)

## PEACEMAKING FUNDS GUIDELINES

### INTRODUCTION

Projects and various forms of participation involving congregations, presbyteries, church members, and entities within the bounds of our Synod and its mission are eligible for funds that may be available through the Synod's task force on Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation (JPIC-SY). Recently, funding has been made available for "Katrina" mission/work trips, for workshops, national and international conference attendance, and various expressions of Christian involvement in matters of justice, peace, and 'creation care.'

Thanks to congregations of our Synod that contribute to the Peacemaking Offering JPIC-SY receives a portion (1/8) of such offerings. This enables our churches and presbyteries (sometimes in linkage of two or more) and individuals to be more actively engaged in mission.

If such requests are compatible with our Guidelines (see next page), please contact the Chairperson of JPIC-SY at: [darrelmeyers@hotmail.com](mailto:darrelmeyers@hotmail.com) "

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Guidelines Regarding Distribution of Peacemaking Funds

1. Said project or scholarship should address peacemaking as defined by the General Assembly Peacemaking Program.
  - a. **Peacemaking in Families and Community Living**  
Create opportunities for people of all ages to develop peacemaking skills such as conflict resolution, mediation, or nonviolence training that will help them grow as peacemakers in their families, in the congregation, and in the community;
  - b. **Community Ministries**  
Work with and support ecumenical and interfaith partners and other bodies in their pursuit of social, racial, and economic justice, to confront racism and all other forms of prejudice, and to respond to people in communities, local, national, and worldwide, who are caught in poverty, hurt by unemployment, or burdened by other problems;
  - c. **Study and Response to Global Issues**  
Support human rights and economic justice efforts in at least one area of the world—through presbytery partnerships and sister countries;
  - d. **Global Security**  
Study global security concerns, work for worldwide arms control, and support alternatives to military solutions to international and civil conflicts;
  - e. **Making Peace with the Earth**  
Protect and restore the environment through study, advocacy, and individual and corporate lifestyle commitments.
2. It should speak to the church constituency and community-at-large about our responsibility to be peacemakers. The work of the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program is guided by three affirmations outlined in Peacemaking: The Believers' Calling:
  - The church is faithful to Jesus Christ when it is engaged in peacemaking.
  - The church is obedient to Jesus Christ when it nurtures and equips God's people as peacemakers.
  - The church bears witness to Christ when it nurtures the moral life of the nation for the sake of peace in the world.
3. It should be a project or scholarship grant to benefit or reflect the peacemaking mission of the Synod and its Presbyteries.
4. Project fund requests should be viewed as seed money to generate other funds. The work group should avoid on-going funding of projects.
5. The project submitted shall have endorsement and some funding of the Presbytery where the project is located. It may include the request for matching funds.

The Process to receive Application(s) shall be as Follows

Applications should be sent to the Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation Work Group and its Chair via the Synod.

1. The Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation Work Group, in coordination with the Committee on Cross-Presbytery Ministries (CCPM), establishes deadlines for the submission of applications.
2. The JPIC receives applications, selects projects and recommends allocation of funds to the CCPM. The JPIC reviews all applications received at each meeting, having received such applications from the Chair prior to the meeting.
3. The CCPM receives the report and recommendations from the JPIC and makes the final decision for distribution of the Peacemaking Funds.