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Peace Development Fund
Grant Application

Organization: Methodists United for Peace with Justice

Project Title: Pan-Methodist Grassroots Mobilization

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Tax-Exempt Status: 501(c)(3)

Does this project have the support of the group in whose name you are applying? Yes.

Amount requested: \$5,000

Total Cost of this Project: \$5,000

Annual Budget of Organization: \$65,250

This is a national organization which works through a network of state and local organizations.

Is this a lobbying grant? No.

Race/Ethnicity of Board: Black - 9; Native American - 1; White - 18.
Invited: Asian American - 1; Hispanic - 1.

Race/Ethnicity of Staff: White - 1.

Race/Ethnicity of Membership: Not known, but probably mostly white so far.

Race/Ethnicity of Community: We reach out to four Methodist denominations. Three are predominantly black: African Methodist Episcopal, AME Zion, and Christian Methodist Episcopal. The fourth, United Methodist, has a white majority but a sizable black membership and also Native American and Asian Americans from a variety of lands.

Do you have paid staff? Yes. How many? One.

Is this a membership organization? Yes, we have financial contributors who are considered to be members, but we also function as a mobilizing organization, reaching out to grassroots activists in four Methodist denominations.

Number of Members: 425 from financial contributions. 325 complimentary membership for United Methodist bishops and key conference officials. Outreach potential: 13 million Methodists.

Have you previously applied to PDF or PPF for a grant? Yes.

If yes, when? 1990, 1991 Did you receive the grants? No.

Describe your organization. Give a profile of your group and a brief summary of its major goals and accomplishments.

Methodists United for Peace with Justice is a national membership association of laity and clergy. We organized in 1987 in response to the United Methodists bishops' pastoral letter and foundation document, *In Defense of Creation*, which said "no" to nuclear deterrence. After two years of work by volunteers, guided by an Interim Board, mostly from the Washington, D.C. area, we elected a national Board of Directors, which took office in October 1989. All of the new directors came from the United Methodist Church. We then embarked upon an effort to gain representation from the African Methodist Episcopal, AME Zion, and Christian Methodist Episcopal denominations and also from black, Asian American, Hispanic, and Native American caucuses of the United Methodist Church. The Board of Directors appointed an executive director in October 1989.

Currently our major issues are global disarmament (nuclear and conventional), peace in the Middle East, strengthening the United Nations, and federal budget priorities. Our major emphasis is grassroots education and mobilization, but we also have an advocacy presence in Washington, D.C. For outreach we publish a quarterly newsletter, *Peace Leaf*, and monthly *Peace/ Justice Alerts*, and we distribute *Witnessing for Peace and Justice: Peacemaker Handbook*. During the past four years we have stimulated grassroots action to support US/Soviet arms reduction agreements, encourage shifts in federal budget priorities from excessive military spending to more attention to human needs and fair taxation, oppose going to war in the Persian Gulf, support efforts to resolve causes of Middle East conflict, and assist in relief for victims of the Gulf War.

Describe the community you are working in, and how you interact with other groups on connected issues.

Our community is Pan-Methodism in the United States, that is, the membership of four major Methodist denominations. Altogether these denominations have 13 million members in 52,350 local congregations located in all parts of the United States. Our initial outreach has been through the United Methodist Church, which in the United States has 50 episcopal areas, 72 conferences, 540

districts, 21,000 ordained ministers, and 37,750 local congregations. We are committed to extending our outreach to the other three major Methodist denominations, which have 4 million members in 14,600 local churches.

In the United Methodist Church the crucial links to local congregations for our purposes are the 50 resident bishops and the 72 conferences, each with a church and society board and most with peace/justice coordinators. For them we are a resource for up-to-date information on current issues which they can distribute to their networks. We also directly in touch with many local churches and peace activists. Through these connections we are reaching Methodists in regions where the U.S. peace movement has been weakest, such as the South, Southwest, and nonmetropolitan Midwest. To broaden our outreach to nonwhite, non-anglo communities, we have appointed to our Board of Directors and National Advisory Committee representatives of United Methodist racial/ ethnic caucuses and persons from the black Methodist denominations.

In Washington we are participate actively in the Monday Lobby, Citizens Budget Campaign, Coalition on Human Needs, and Alliance for Our Common Future. We also relate to national denominational offices and ecumenical groups.

Briefly describe your project, and explain the need for it.

The purpose of this project is to build a strong network of grassroots contacts around the United States within the African Methodist Episcopal, AME Zion, and Christian Methodist Episcopal denominations. This will strengthen our capacity to provide timely information to local peace and justice activists in predominantly black churches and to mobilize their support on crucial public issues. It will also give us better feedback on black concerns.

In our initial efforts within the United Methodist Church we found that there was no single listing of local, district, and conference peace and justice activists and organizational units. It was a laborious process to build a nationwide network of contacts, taking nearly a year to accomplish. Now, as we seek to expand our contacts with local activists in the black Methodist denominations, we find a similar lack of readily available listings. Therefore, we need to embark upon another multi-month endeavor of outreach. It will be carried out during a six month period following the approval of a grant from the Peace Development Fund, that is, from June to November 1991.

Outline your specific objectives for this project, and explain how and when they will be met.

To build strong network connections with grassroots peace and justice activists within the black Methodist denominations, this project will have the following objectives and activities:

- (1) Work through our board members and other contacts in the black Methodist denominations to develop lists of national officers and agencies and episcopal district and conference leaders who relate to networks of grassroots activists.*

- (2) *Develop comprehensive lists of grassroots peace and justice contacts within the AME, AME Zion, and CME denominations.*
- (3) *Introduce ourselves to them and commence sending complimentary copies of *Peace Leaf* and *Peace/Justice Alerts*.*
- (4) *Ask these initial contacts to supply other names for further outreach.*
- (5) *Invite conferences and individuals receiving these publications to become financial contributors to Methodists United.*

Assuming that the project is funded by June, we will carry out the first two steps during the summer. In September we will make initial contacts with conference and local contacts. By November we will be seeking memberships. This will complete the PDF-funded project, but we will continue these activities on our own.

Methodists United for Peace with Justice

Howard W. Hallman, Executive Director

Methodists United for Peace with Justice

Budget Request to Peace Development Fund

Personnel

Executive Director: Howard W. Hallman	\$3,450
30 days (annual salary: \$30,000)	
Fringe benefits (15%)	<u>518</u>
	3,968

Nonpersonnel

Printing	300
Telephone	200
Postage	200
Office expenses	<u>332</u>
	1,032

TOTAL \$5,000

Funding Prospects

We previously sought funding for this project from the Ploughshares Fund but were turned down. We have no other pending requests for support for this particular project.

In 1990 we received a \$6,000 grant from the Winston Foundation for general support. Requests for general support were turned down by the Joyce Mertz Gilmore Foundation, the W. Alton Jones Foundation, the MacArthur Foundation, the Ruth Mott Fund, and the Rockefeller Family Fund. For a couple of these we are waiting to find out about their 1991 priorities before deciding whether to apply again.

Meanwhile, we are working hard to gain more support within Methodist circles. Contributions come in small amounts so that we are not yet self-sufficient from this source.

March 30, 1991

PAN-METHODIST GRASSROOTS MOBILIZATION

A Project to

Broaden the Racial and Ethnic Network of Methodists United Peace with Justice

Background

Like many U.S. peace organizations, when Methodists United for Peace with Justice was founded in 1987, the initiators were predominantly white, middle and upper-middle class. Quickly, though, they made key decisions to broaden the base.

First, the core of initiators came from the Peace Mission of Foundry United Methodist Church, a mostly-white church in downtown Washington. In the first month they approached Asbury United Methodist Church, a downtown, predominantly black church, to join in sponsorship of the new organization. As a result, the senior ministers of the two churches, Dr. Edward Bauman and Dr. Joshua Hutchins, became co-chairs of the National Advisory Committee. Likewise, the original co-chairs of the Interim Board of Directors came from the two churches: Edward Helm and Cynthia Metzler from Foundry and Sherman Harris from Asbury. Prominent black United Methodist leaders were placed on the National Advisory Committee, including Bishop Leontine T.C. Kelly and Bishop Felton E. May.

Second, the name **Methodists United** was chosen to indicate an intent to be broadly inclusive of Methodism in the United States. Foundry and Asbury are part of the **United Methodist Church**, a denomination with a white majority but also with Asian, black, Hispanic, and Native American members. There are also three predominantly black Methodist denominations in the United States: **African Methodist Episcopal Church**, **AME Zion Church**, and **Christian Methodist Episcopal Church**. To be truly "Methodists United", working for peace and justice, people from these three denominations and from the ethnic minority groups of the United Methodist Church would be encompassed in the new organization.

Third, there was a realization that a justice agenda was essential along with a peace agenda. The latter was the initial focus because Methodists United formed in response to a call for witness and action made by the United Methodist Council of Bishops in *In Defense of Creation: The Nuclear Crisis and a Just Peace*. Reflecting that inspiration, the initial emphasis was upon US/ Soviet relations and nuclear disarmament. In 1989 the agenda was broadened to encompass federal budget priorities, a place where peace and justice concerns intersect. In October 1990 the Board of Directors initiated a process to broaden the justice agenda even further. At its March 1991 the Board voted to support the United Methodist bishops' anti-drug initiative and to push harder for human needs programs in the federal budget.

Expanding the Board of Directors

The Interim Board of Directors consisted mostly of people from the Washington, D.C. area. In keeping with an initial commitment, this Interim Board was replaced by an elected, national Board after two years. This was done through a nationwide nominating and election process. Four holdovers and 14 new persons were elected to the new Board of Directors. Reflecting the tendency of the U.S. peace movement, all but Sherman Harris were white.

At its first meeting in October 1989 the new Board acted promptly to broaden the base. Using appointing powers contained in the Bylaws, they appointed a black woman from Detroit, who is a member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. And they agreed to expand the Board even further by asking four racial/ethnic caucuses within the United Methodist Church (UMC) and the three black Methodist denominations to nominate persons for appointment to the Board of Directors and the National Advisory Committee.

We then set out to make appropriate contacts, explaining who we are, our goals and objectives, and our intent to be broadly inclusive in our governing board and program activities. As a result, the composition of the Board of Directors is now the following:

19 directors elected by the membership (two blacks)

8 appointed by UMC racial/ethnic caucuses and the black Methodist denominations (six more positions are still to be filled)

1 executive director, ex officio

Presently 36 percent of the Board of Directors is non-white, non-anglo.

In the annual election of officers of the Board of Directors on October 20, 1990, three out of eight are black persons, one each from African Methodist Episcopal, AME Zion, and United Methodist denominations.

In a similar manner, representatives of the UMC racial/ethnic caucuses and black Methodist denominations have been placed on the National Advisory Committee (with some further appointments pending).

Experience with Grassroots Outreach to United Methodists

Board expansion has placed us in a position to reach out more effectively to the black Methodist denominations, their national agencies, bishops, conference and district leadership, local churches, and members. We will follow the pattern already established with the United Methodist Church.

The United Methodist Church in the United States has the following structure:

General Conference, the governing body that meets every four years

General boards and councils, with members appointed by jurisdictional conferences upon the recommendation of annual conferences

5 jurisdictional conferences (regional)

50 resident bishops, each serving an episcopal area containing one or

more annual conferences

72 annual conferences, each with sets of boards and committees

540 districts, each presided over by a district superintendents; the

district superintendents in each conference form the bishop's cabinet

20,927 pastors serving local charges, each with one or more churches

37,641 local churches

9,055,575 members (1987 data from Yearbook of American & Canadian Churches, 1990)

In reaching out to United Methodists, we work both through existing networks and through direct contacts with individuals and local churches. Primary network contacts include the following:

Resident bishops

Directors, annual conference councils of ministries

Conference staff assigned to work on church and society issues

Chair, conference boards of church and society

Coordinator, conference peace with justice task force

In some conferences, all members of peace with justice task forces or district representatives to board of church and society

Churchwide publications, including United Methodist News Service

Conference newspapers (some published weekly, others biweekly, monthly)

Caucus newsletters

By tying into this extensive network we are able to provide information to hundreds of people who have the motivation and responsibility for peace and justice activities and who welcome us as an additional resource that supplements information they receive through official channels. Because none of the official United Methodist boards have an active program on disarmament and federal budget priorities and none did very much on the Persian Gulf War, we are an invaluable source of information. In this sense, we are as much of a service organization to United Methodist peace and justice activists as a membership association.

Broadening Grassroots Outreach to Black Methodist Denominations

Now we are ready to expand this type of network operation to the three black Methodist denominations. In seeking nominations to our Board of Directors and National Advisory Committee, we first contacted AME, AME Zion, and CME members of the Commission on Pan-Methodist

Cooperation, an official body established by the four denominations. Upon their advice, we contacted the AME and AME Zion bishops who are officially assigned to ecumenical activities and to the senior CME bishop.

Bishop Frederick Talbot, the AME ecumenical officer, discussed our request with the AME Council of Bishop and then appointed three persons to serve on our Board of Directors. Bishop J. Clinton Hoggard, the AME Zion ecumenical officer, appointed persons from the episcopal district that he presides over. Both bishops agreed to serve on our National Advisory Committee. We are in the process of working out a similar relationship with the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church.

With endorsement from top denominational officials and appointments to our Board of Directors from two of the three black Methodist denominations, we are now in a position to initiate outreach efforts. We will especially draw on the advice of our directors from these denominations. The potential network has the following elements:

	<u>Episcopal districts</u>	<u>Local churches</u>	<u>Members</u>
African Methodist Episcopal	19	6,200	2,210,000
AME Zion	12	6,060	1,220,060
Christian Methodist Episcopal	10	2,340	718,922

In addition, there are conferences within episcopal districts.

Now we need to learn more about their national boards, district boards and committees, publications, and other communication networks. We need to establish contacts through these networks to broaden our grassroots outreach. That is the purpose of this project.

Project Activities

In order to build stronger network connections with grassroots peace and justice activists within the black Methodist denominations, this project will undertake the following activities:

- Work through our board members from each denomination to gain a better understanding of denominational structure.
- Follow their advice on whom to contact to get initial lists of contacts in conferences and districts.
- Work through these contacts to build a larger list that together will constitute an extensive peace/justice network within the denominations.
- Have our board members, or possibly the bishops on our National Advisory Committee, write a letter of introduction to these contacts, explaining who we are and urging their

cooperation with this Pan-Methodist endeavor.

- *Begin to send them our *Peace/Justice Alerts*, *Peace Leaf*, and other publications.*
- *After they become acquainted with us, ask them to help us broaden the network of contacts.*
- *Once our relationship is on solid ground, encourage conference boards and task forces to make organizational donations to Methodists United. In exchange we will put a number of their members on our mailing list. (So far, 13 United Methodist conferences and one AME Zion episcopal district have done this, and we expect more to follow suit).*

In this manner we will be able to reach people and local communities not usually involved in the peace movement, thus contributing to greater diversity. Knowing that timely information is a source of power, we will help communities of color gain greater effectiveness in their efforts to influence public policy. In reciprocity, we will gain a better understanding of black perspectives on key issues, and this will strengthen our own advocacy work in the nation's capitol.

Addendum
Overcoming Racial Separation in Methodism

Beyond the purpose of grassroots outreach to black Methodists, which is the focus of this project proposal to the Peace Development Fund, we are interested in helping to overcome racial separation in American Methodism.

Like the American society in which it exists, Methodism in the United States is trying to overcome a tragic history of racial segregation. The past can be capsuled in a few, landmark dates.

1766 -- Methodist preachers began work in America. Early Methodist societies had both white and black members.

1784 -- Methodist Episcopal Church in America was constituted with a General Conference as overall governing body and geographic "annual" conferences. Blacks were included in the membership.

1787 -- Blacks withdrew from St. George's Methodist Episcopal Church in Philadelphia as a protest against color segregation. This started a movement that led to establishment of African Methodist Episcopal denomination in 1816.

1796 -- Blacks withdrew from the John Street Methodist Church of New York City and formed the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

1828 -- A group insisting on lay representation left the United Methodist Church and formed the Methodist Protestant Church.

1844 -- The Methodist Episcopal Church, South split off from the Methodist Episcopal Church over the issue of slavery.

1864 -- General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church authorized organization of mission conferences among black people. By 1900 there were 19 such conferences, separate from the other, predominantly white conferences.

1870 -- General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South approved the formation of a separate ecclesiastical body, the Colored Methodist Church.

1939 -- Methodist Episcopal Church, Methodist Episcopal Church South, and Methodist Protestant Church united to form the Methodist Church with five geographic jurisdictions in the United States plus the Central Jurisdiction for black conferences.

- 1956 -- *Colored Methodist Church changed its name to Christian Methodist Episcopal Church.*
- 1968 -- *Methodist Church merged with Evangelical United Brethren Church (itself a product of mergers from Evangelical and Brethren traditions) to form the United Methodist Church. The black Central Jurisdiction was abolished, and black conferences were transferred to regional jurisdictions. By 1974 all black conferences had merged with white conferences.*
- 1970s *Racial/ethnic caucuses formed within the United Methodist Church and were given official recognition, including:*
- Black Methodists for Church Renewal (BMCR)*
 - Methodistas Asociados Representando la Causa de los Hispanos- Americanos (MARCHA)*
 - Native American International Caucus (NAIC)*
 - National Federation of Asian American United Methodists (NFAAUM)*
- 1987 -- *Organization of Methodists United for Peace with Justice, as a membership association of laity and clergy.*
- 1988 -- *Establishment of Commission for Pan-Methodist Cooperation, consisting of official representatives of the African Methodist Episcopal, AME Zion, Christian Methodist Episcopal, and United Methodist Churches.*

In our work we affirm the universalism of Christianity and seek to contribute to overcoming the separatism that is rooted in Methodist history in the United States.

ENGAGING IN THE "NEW WORLD ORDER" DEBATE

A Proposal by
Methodists United for Peace with Justice

The United States is now in a dual postwar period: beyond the Cold War and after the Gulf War. It is a watershed era because policies are being formulated that will affect the U.S. role in global affairs throughout the 1990s and into the 21st century.

Views of MUPJ. Methodists United for Peace with Justice, a national association of laity and clergy, has entered into this debate on what policies to pursue with the publication of the latest issue of its bulletin, *Peace Leaf*. In it we offer "Perspectives on a New World Order". We dissent from the Bush Doctrine of the United States playing the role of global policeman. As alternatives, we propose curtailment of warfighting capability around the globe and development of better instruments for peace.

Expanding our bulletin. Having offered this overview of policies for the future, we now want to develop the ideas in greater depth in a 12-part *Peace Leaf* series, to be published bimonthly for two years. Our primary audience is within pan-Methodism in the United States, consisting of United Methodist, African Methodist Episcopal, AME Zion, and Christian Methodist Episcopal denominations. We will also share our ideas with leaders of other religious denominations and key secular decision makers and opinion leaders.

Proposed topics. The topics we propose to cover are as follows (not necessarily in order of publication):

Curtailing Warfighting Capacity

Dismantling Cold War Militarism (nearly ready for publication)

Halting Arms Trade and Transfer

Nonproliferation (nuclear, chemical, biological weapons, ballistic missiles)

Regional Arms Reduction and Disarmament

Instruments of Peace

International Dispute Resolution

Peacekeeping Forces

Nonviolent Sanctions

Civilian-based Defense

International Justice

All God's Children
 Assistance for Developing Nations
 Economic Conversion
 Integrity of Creation (environmental)

Format. Each issue will be eight pages, with a six-page feature article, one page on "what you can do" and sources of information, one page on "News from Methodists United". The feature article will pull together information from expert sources and will serve as a bridge between technical studies and proposals and general understanding by opinion leaders and peace/ justice activists. Key documents will be cited for persons desiring to study in greater depth.

Distribution. We will publish 4,000 copies of each issue (more copies later if demand increases), to be distributed as follows:

- 2,400 Pan-Methodist (bishops and other national leaders, key peace & justice contacts at conference and district level, local churches and local activists with strong commitment to these issues, denominational publications and conference newspapers)
- 100 National leaders of other religious denominations
- 500 Peace & justice organizations, think tanks, journalists, editorial boards, and other opinion leaders
- 600 Members of Congress, congressional staff, and key members of the Executive Branch
- 400 In reserve to respond to requests
- 4,000

Budget. The budget for each issue in this *Peace Leaf* series is the following:

Personnel

Executive director (Howard Hallman) 10 days @ \$125	\$ 1,250
Administrative assistant 48 hours @ \$10	<u>480</u>
	1,730

Fringe benefits (15%)	<u>260</u>
	1,990

round to 2,000

Non-personal

Printing 8 pages, 4,000 copies	1,250
Mailing (postage, labels)	450
Office expenses	<u>300</u>

	2,000
TOTAL	\$
4,000	
3 issues	\$12,000
6 issues (one year)	24,000
12 issues (two years)	48,000

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GRANT PROPOSAL

Overview

Who We Are. *Methodists United for Peace with Justice is a national membership association of laity and clergy which organized in 1987. We work with people associated with four major Methodist denominations: United Methodist, African Methodist Episcopal, AME Zion, and Christian Methodist Episcopal. Altogether these denominations have 13 million members in 52,350 local congregations located in all parts of the United States. They also have ties with Methodists throughout the globe.*

As a private nonprofit organization we are not an official part of any Methodist denomination. However, we relate to persons with peace and justice concerns within these denominations. We have a small membership and expand our work extensively through contacts with denominational networks that encompass national agencies, episcopal areas and districts, conferences (geographic units), and local churches.

Governing body. *The majority of our Board of Directors is elected by our members. Other directors are appointed to represent underrepresented Methodist denominations, ethnic and racial caucuses. The Board meets semi-annually. We also have a National Advisory Committee consisting of distinguished Methodists.*

Personnel. Presently we have one employee, Howard W. Hallman, executive director. As more funding becomes available, we intend to hire an administrative assistant. After that additional funds would be used to appoint a field director and one or more interns to work in Washington.

In addition to staff, we make use of volunteers in the Washington, D.C. area, and our board members serve as volunteers to help with outreach in their region.

Finance. Our revenue comes from membership dues, special donations, and foundation grants. Annual income since we began has been as follows: 1987 -- \$5,821; 1988 -- \$6,846; 1989 -- \$10,706; 1990 -- \$16,385 (including a \$6,000 grant; 1991 (through June 30) -- \$9,760. We are seeking funds for a minimum annual budget of \$65,250 with a larger goal of \$87,750.

Tax status. Methodists United for Peace with Justice is a private, nonprofit corporation that has 501(c)(4) status under the Internal Revenue Code. We also operate through the Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund, which has IRS approval as a 501(c)(3) entity. Because most of our work is educational, not lobbying, most of our operations can function through the (c)(3) Education Fund. Therefore, foundation grants and tax-deductible contributions from individuals can go to the Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund.

SCOPE OF OPERATION

From our headquarters in Washington, D.C. we reach out to Methodist networks throughout the United States. Our operations can be divided into four major categories: national, linkage, grassroots, and administration. For each type of activity tax status of funding, (c-3) or (c-4), is indicated.

National

Research and policy development (c-3)

Gathering information from public and private sources

Digesting and synthesizing information for dissemination to grassroots contacts

Developing and publicizing policy ideas (public, denominational)

Joint sponsorship of forums and meetings

Participation in coalitions (c-3)

Citizens Budget Campaign, Monday (Arms Control) Lobby, Coalition on Human Needs, Alliance for Our Common Future to gather information

Joint development of policy ideas

Direct lobbying (c-4)

Contact with members of Congress and Executive Branch (a relatively minor activity)

Linkage (c-3)

Contact with national leaders and agencies of Methodist denominations

Contacts with Methodist peace/justice units around the country

Episcopal areas and districts

Conferences (geographic subunits)

Local churches

Individuals

Membership development

Grassroots

Education (c-3)

Dissemination of Witnessing for Peace and Justice: Peacemaker Handbook

Publication of quarterly (potentially bimonthly) bulletin, Peace Leaf

Distribution of special reports and miscellaneous publications

Holding regional forums

Speaking at district and local meetings

Responding to telephone and written inquiries for information

Mobilization for grassroots lobbying (c-4)

Distribution of Peace/Justice Alerts

Telephone contacts

Administration

Financial: fundraising, accounting

Contacts with Board of Directors and National Advisory Committee

Our c-4 activities are paid by membership dues and contributions. Our c-3 activities are paid by tax-deductible contributions and foundation grants. We have separate federal employer numbers, bank accounts, and accounting records for c-4 and c-3 funds.

During the next two years we intend to give particular attention to (a) expanding our linkages with networks within the black Methodist denominations and (b) strengthening grassroots education, especially by increasing the frequency of our bulletin, Peace Leaf. Later pages describe how we will do this.

ISSUE FOCUS

When we organized in 1987, our initial focus was on disarmament and improved US/Soviet relations. This reflected the concerns of our inspiration for forming, the United Methodist bishops' 1986 pastoral letter and foundation document, *In Defense of Creation: The Nuclear Crisis and a Just Peace*. In 1989 we added federal budget priorities to our working agenda.

At its semi-annual meetings our Board of Directors reviews our issue focus and decides upon priorities for the coming six months. This builds upon past activities and makes adjustments according to current needs. At its March 15-16, 1991 meeting the Board adopted the following issue focus:

Peace Issues

1. Dismantle Cold War militarism.
 - a. Positive US/Soviet relations.
 - b. Oppose nuclear deterrence doctrine.
 - c. "Great powers" arms reduction and disarmament, nuclear and conventional.
 - d. Comprehensive nuclear weapons test ban.
 - e. Economic conversion.
2. Global Arms Reduction.
 - a. Halt arms sales and transfers.
 - b. Nonproliferation of weapons of mass destruction (chemical, biological, and nuclear) and theater ballistic missiles.
 - c. Regional arms reduction and disarmament.
3. Peace in Middle East.
 - a. Resolution of Arab/Israeli conflict, particularly responding to legitimate concerns of Israel and the Palestinians.
 - b. Assistance for victims of Gulf War, especially civilians and refugees.
 - c. Develop deeper understanding of beliefs and cultures of Jews and Muslims.

4. Strengthen the United Nations.
 - a. Enhanced role for United Nations in dispute resolution and peacekeeping, with emphasis upon nonviolent methods.
 - b. U.S. payment of arrearage to United Nations.

Justice Issues

5. Federal budget priorities.
 - a. More resources for urgent human needs, especially children and youth.
 - b. Cutback military spending.
 - c. Fairness in taxation and effective deficit reduction.
6. Support United Methodist bishops' Drug Initiative.

Ecclesial Agenda

7. Develop a compendium of Pan-Methodist peace and justice resources, including those of African Methodist Episcopal, AME Zion, Christian Methodist Episcopal, and United Methodist denominations.
8. Work with Pan-Methodists to stage a conference in Mid-Atlantic region in fall of 1991 on emerging peace and justice issues.
9. Facilitate contact among our board members who will attend the World Methodist Conference in Singapore in July 1991.
10. Continue to support (a) the Peace with Justice Offering collected annually in local United Methodist churches and (b) the Peace with Justice Program conducted by the United Methodist General Board of Church of Society.
11. Develop and submit petitions to 1992 United Methodist General Conference.

BROADENING OUR OUTREACH

During the coming months we want to expand our outreach to the Pan-Methodist community in the United States to reach many more peace/justice activists and organizational units with these concerns. The major Pan-Methodist denominations are African Methodist Episcopal, AME Zion, Christian Methodist Episcopal, and United Methodist. The first three are predominantly black. The United Methodist Church has a white majority but a substantial number of black, Asian, Hispanic, and Native American members. Altogether the four denominations have 13 million members in 52,350 local congregations located in all parts of the United States.

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Expanded Outreach

We are committed to extending our outreach in order to build a strong network of grassroots contacts around the United States within the African Methodist Episcopal, AME Zion, and Christian Methodist Episcopal denominations. These three denominations have 4 million members in 14,600 local churches.

This will strengthen our capacity to provide timely information to local peace and justice activists in predominantly black churches and to mobilize their support on crucial public issues. It will also give us better feedback on black concerns.

To prepare for this expansion we conferred with national leaders of these three denominations to obtain their advice on how best to proceed. Bishop Frederick Talbot, the AME ecumenical officer, discussed our organization with the AME Council of Bishop and then appointed three persons to serve on our Board of Directors. Bishop J. Clinton Hoggard, the AME Zion ecumenical officer, appointed persons from the episcopal district that he presides over. Both bishops agreed to serve on our National Advisory Committee. We are in the process of working out a similar relationship with the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church.

In our initial efforts within the United Methodist Church we found that there was no single listing of local, district, and conference peace and justice activists and organizational units. It was a laborious process to build a nationwide network of contacts, taking more than a year to accomplish. Now, as we seek to expand our contacts with local activists in the black Methodist denominations, we find a similar lack of readily available listings. We need to learn more about their national boards, district boards and committees, publications, and other communication networks. We need to establish contacts through these networks to broaden our grassroots outreach.

The potential network has the following elements:

	<u>Episcopal districts</u>	<u>Local churches</u>	<u>Members</u>
African Methodist Episcopal	19	6,200	2,210,000
AME Zion	12	6,060	1,220,060
Christian Methodist Episcopal	10	2,340	
	718,922		

In addition, there are conferences within episcopal districts.

In order to build stronger network connections with grassroots peace and justice activists within the black Methodist denominations, we want to undertake the following activities:

- Work through our board members from each denomination to gain a better understanding of denominational structure.
- Follow their advice on whom to contact to get initial lists of contacts in conferences and districts.
- Work through these contacts to build a larger list that together will constitute an extensive peace/justice network within the denominations.
- Have our board members, or possibly the bishops on our National Advisory Committee, write a letter of introduction to these contacts, explaining who we are and urging their cooperation with this Pan-Methodist endeavor.
- Begin to send them our *Peace/Justice Alerts*, *Peace Leaf*, and other publications.
- After they become acquainted with us, ask them to help us broaden the network of contacts.
- Once our relationship is on solid ground, encourage conference boards

and task forces to make organizational donations to Methodists United. In exchange we will put a number of their members on our mailing list. (So far, 13 United Methodist conferences and one AME Zion episcopal district have done this, and we expect more to follow suit).

In addition to this nationwide outreach, we are planning a Pan-Methodist conference on "Peace and Justice Issues of the 1990s" in the mid-Atlantic region for the fall of 1991. A committee with representatives from the four denominations has started to plan this conference.

As we broaden our outreach to the black Methodist denominations, we will be in touch with people and local communities not usually involved in the peace movement. Knowing that timely information is a source of power, we will help communities of color gain greater effectiveness in their efforts to influence public policy. In reciprocity, we will gain a better understanding of black perspectives on key issues, and this will strengthen our justice agenda and our advocacy work in the nation's capitol.

STRENGTHENING GRASSROOTS EDUCATION AND MOBILIZATION

Peace Leaf

Our major vehicle for grassroots education is our bulletin, *Peace Leaf*. We have tried to publish it quarterly but have not always kept to this schedule because of resource limitations. If we have had more funds, we would publish *Peace Leaf* bimonthly.

Past issues. *Peace Leaf* is ordinarily eight pages in length. Each issue contains discussion of a particular issue, some action ideas, and news of Methodists United. Since the summer of 1988 we have dealt with the following topics:

Issue

- 4 What Future for Star Wars?
- 5 Children and Youth: America's True Future
- 6 Spotlight on the Federal Budget
- 7 Achieving Arms Reduction
- 8 Federal Budget Perspectives
- 9 After the Cold War
- 10 Perspectives on a New World Order (12 p.)

The latest issue offers a critique of the Persian Gulf War, establishes a foundation for a new world order that differs from the Bush Doctrine of the United States as global policeman, and proposes a set of steps for achieving peace with justice. This overview provides the basis for a *Peace Leaf* series to develop our ideas in greater depth. If we could find the resources, we would write and publish this series bimonthly.

Proposed future topics. The topics we propose to cover in the months ahead are as follows (not necessarily in order of publication):

Curtailing Warfighting Capacity

Dismantling Cold War Militarism (nearly ready for publication)

Halting Arms Trade and Transfer

Nonproliferation (nuclear, chemical, biological weapons, ballistic missiles)

Regional Arms Reduction and Disarmament

Instruments of Peace

International Dispute Resolution

Peacekeeping Forces

Nonviolent Sanctions

Civilian-based Defense

International Justice

All God's Children

Assistance for Developing Nations

Economic Conversion

Integrity of Creation (environmental)

Format. Each issue will be eight pages, with a six-page feature article, one page on "what you can do" and sources of information, one page on "News from Methodists United". The feature article will pull together information from expert sources and will serve as a bridge between technical reports and general understanding by opinion leaders and peace/justice activists. Key documents will be cited for persons desiring to study in greater depth.

Distribution. We will publish 4,000 copies of each issue (more copies later if demand increases), to be distributed as follows:

2,400 Pan-Methodist (bishops and other national leaders, key peace & justice contacts at conference and district level, local churches and local activists with strong commitment to these issues,

denominational publications and conference newspapers)
 100 National leaders of other religious denominations
 500 Peace & justice organizations, think tanks, journalists, editorial
 boards, and other opinion leaders
 600 Members of Congress, congressional staff, and key members of the
 Executive Branch
400 In reserve to respond to requests
 4,000

Because *Peace Leaf* is an educational vehicle and does not advocate particular legislation, it can be financed through our Education Fund, a 501(c)(3) entity.

Peace/Justice Alert

We publish *Peace/Justice Alert* as a means of grassroots mobilization on current legislation. It is financed by membership contributions to our basic 501(c)(4) corporation.

The usual *Alert* is a two-page, self-mailer, but sometimes we put it in an envelope and enclose a second flyer, such as to advertise a call-in day being staged with other organizations. The focus of our *Alerts* is indicated by the following topics we have covered since we began publishing them.

<i>Issue</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Date</i>
1 1989	Begin the Push for the End of Star Wars	January
2 1989	How to Influence the Federal Budget	February
3	Transform Federal Budget Priorities	April 1989
4	Block Funding of New Strategic Weapons	May 1989
5	Congress to Vote on Defense Authorization Bill	July 1989

6	Influence FY 1991 Federal Budget Priorities	October
1989		
7	It's Budget Time Again	February
1990		
8	Congress Will Decide Budget Priorities in April	March 1990
9	Budget Summit to Determine Federal Budget Priorities	June 1990
10	Senate to Vote on Defense Authorization	July 1990
11	House Vote on Defense Authorization after Labor Day	August 1990
12	Oppose Offensive Military Action in Persian Gulf	November
1990		
13	Prevent War in Persian Gulf	Dec. 6, 1990
14	Action Still Need to Prevent War in Persian Gulf	Dec. 27,
1990		
15	Now That War Has Started	Jan. 17,
1991		
16	Talking Points on Gulf War and Federal Budget	Feb. 8, 1991
17	After the War in the Persian Gulf	March 15,
1991		
18	Congress to vote on B-2 Bomber and Star Wars	May 10,
1991		

In June 1991 we joined six other organizations in sending out a postcard alert on upcoming Senate vote on the B-2 bomber. From May to July special alerts went to contacts in 22 states where the senator is a swing vote.

**A PROJECT TO STRENGTHEN GRASSROOTS EDUCATION
AMONG METHODISTS IN FOUR DENOMINATIONS**

*Proposed to the C.S. Fund by
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*Contact person:
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Opportunities and Problems to be Addressed

(1) *It is widely recognized that churches and their socially-conscious members are a significant resource in the quest for world peace and greater justice. Yet this potential is not fully utilized in the U.S. peace movement.*

(2) *The bishops of the United Methodist Church are providing enlightened leadership on peace issues (such as their 1986 pastoral letter and foundation document, *In Defense of Creation: The Nuclear Crisis and a Just Peace*). Tens of thousands of United Methodists around the country are strongly motivated to act on peace and justice issues. However, the church bureaucracy is not providing relevant and timely information to mobilize committed activists.*

(3) *In recent years African Americans have tended to give greater attention to justice issues than peace concerns, but the Persian Gulf War has brought peace issues to the forefront within this community. These stirrings are found within the African Methodist Episcopal, AME Zion, and Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) denominations, but their structures are not organized or staffed to provide needed information on peace issues to their members around the country.*

(4) *Universities and think tanks are publishing excellent studies and policy proposals on current and emerging peace issues, such as arms reduction, nonproliferation, and resolution of regional disputes, but this information seldom reaches grassroots activists in usable form.*

Our Response

We organized in 1987 in response to the United Methodist bishops' call for greater witness and action. Initially we focused on US/Soviet relations and disarmament. In 1989 we added federal budget priorities to our working agenda. In the fall of 1990 we opposed U.S. offensive buildup in the Persian Gulf, and we supported reliance upon nonviolent sanctions against Iraq rather than taking

offensive military action. We are now pushing to curtail arms sales to the Middle East and are supporting multilateral negotiations to resolve long standing disputes in the Middle East. We continue to work for disarmament and shifting budget priorities from excessive military spending to a greater focus on urgent human and community needs.

During the past four years we have built a nationwide network of contacts with United Methodists, including the 50 resident bishops, peace with justice committees of the 72 conferences (geographic units), local churches, and individual activists. We provide educational material through our bulletin, *Peace Leaf*, and we provide timely information on national legislative issues through *Peace/Justice Alerts*.

We are now seeking to broaden our grassroots education and mobilization in two ways. We want to expand our grassroots network to encompass people in the three predominantly black Methodist denominations: AME, AME Zion, and CME. And we want to expand the frequency and breadth of distribution of *Peace Leaf*, our primary vehicle for grassroots education.

Workplan

Our workplan for strengthening grassroots education is presented on pages 6-7 of the attached proposal. In summary, we want to make *Peace Leaf* a regular bimonthly publication instead of quarterly as at present (with some quarters missed for lack of resources). We also want to reach more persons in leadership positions in the four branches of Methodism, with supplemental outreach to leaders in other denominations and to other opinion leaders. Topics to be covered are listed on page 6.

Success in our educational work is partly dependent on broadening our outreach to Pan-Methodism in the United States. A work plan for this endeavor is laid out on pages 4-5.

Background Information

Our general proposal and its attachments provide information about our organization, Board of Directors, staff, and finance.

Grant Request

We request the C.S. Fund for a grant of \$24,000 in each of the next two years. The purpose of the grant would be to support expansion of our educational outreach through *Peace Leaf*. As an alternative, the grant could be for general support, covering part of the expense of *Peace Leaf* and part of the expense of broadening our grassroots outreach among the black Methodist denominations.

A grant from the C.S. Fund would go to our Methodists United Peace/ Justice Education Fund, which the Internal Revenue Service has approved as a 501(c)(3) entity. The IRS letter is attached.

May 8, 1991

Budget for *Peace Leaf* Expansion

For One Issue of *Peace Leaf*

Personnel

Executive director (Howard Hallman) 10 days @ \$125	\$ 1,250
Administrative assistant 48 hours @ \$10	<u>480</u>
	1,730
Fringe benefits (15%)	<u>260</u>
	1,990

round to 2,000

Non-personal

Printing 8 pages, 4,000 copies	1,250
Mailing (postage, labels)	450
Office expenses	<u>300</u>
	2,000

Total: One issue \$
4,000

3 issues	\$12,000
6 issues (one year)	24,000
12 issues (two years)	48,000

May 8, 1991

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REPORT TO THE WINSTON FOUNDATION FOR WORLD PEACE

on Activities, November 1990 to April 1991

Gulf War. The Persian Gulf crisis was a major focus of the work of Methodists United for Peace with Justice during the past six months. Activities included:

- *Circulated "Statement on the Middle East Crisis", adopted by our Board of Directors on October 20, 1990 (Attachment 1).*
- *Issued a series of Peace/Justice Alerts, suggesting grassroots actions; financed by 501(c)(4) funds (Attachment 2 as samples).*
- *After the war our Board adopted (a) Resolution on Arab-Israeli Conflict and (b) Resolution on Iraqi Relief, which we have sent to United Methodist bishops and conference contacts as models for annual conference resolutions when they meet in May and June (Attachment 3).*
- *Participated in Monday Lobby Gulf War Working Group, which has now evolved into Arms Sales Moratorium Working Group.*

"New world order" debate. We have entered the debate on the future of U.S. foreign and military policy with the latest issue of our bulletin, Peace Leaf, offering our "Perspectives on a New World Order" (attachment 4). Our emphasis is upon reduction of warfighting capability, development of stronger international instruments of peace, greater emphasis upon

nonviolent approaches, and a firm commitment to justice. We have sent this bulletin to Methodist networks and also to leaders of other religious denominations and members of Congress.

Other issues. At its March 15-16, 1991 meeting, our Board of Directors reviewed our issue priorities and adopted the focus for the next six months (Attachment 5). We will continue our original emphasis upon dismantling Cold War militarism and will work on Middle East peace issues. In the aftermath of the Gulf War we will work for global arms reduction and strengthening the United Nations. Our justice emphasis will continue to focus on federal budget priorities.

Ecclesial agenda. Having developed a fairly broad network of contacts of United Methodists, we are making a stronger effort to develop contacts with networks within the African Methodist Episcopal, AME Zion, and Christian Methodist Episcopal denominations. As part of this focus, we are developing plans for a Pan-Methodist conference on emerging peace and justice issues, to be held in the Mid-Atlantic region in the fall of 1991.

Coalitions. We participate in several coalitions, both to be part of cooperative public advocacy in Washington and to gather information for sharing with our grassroots contacts. They include Alliance for Our Common Future, Citizens Budget Campaign, Coalition on Human Needs, and Monday Lobby (on peace and arms control issues). We were represented at the United Nations Test Ban Treaty Conference in January and expect to be part of the Global Anti-Nuclear Alliance and the U.S. coalition on nonproliferation, which is forming.

Problems. We are gaining recognition as a valuable resource among United Methodists, but we aren't getting sufficient financial support from this

source. Building ties with black Methodist denominations is going slower than we desire, in part because of lack of experience with Pan-Methodist cooperation. Foundations funding for peace and justice activities is tight these days.

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June 13, 1990

Mr. Paul Balaran, Coordinator
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Dear Mr. Balaran:

I am writing you in relation to the Ford Foundation's interest in legal and political reform in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. Specifically I want to offer some ideas about the understructure of democracy, especially the role of citizen associations and the processes of citizen participation in governmental decision-making and program implementation, and to describe my qualifications for work in this area.

As I have observed the course of *perestroika* in the Soviet Union during the past five years and the emergence of democracy in Eastern Europe during the last 12 months, I keep thinking: 200 years of evolving federalism in the United States has some very useful lessons that might help the Soviet Union and even the smaller East European republics; furthermore, our experience with citizen participation and grassroots democracy offers many insights and numerous practical examples that would be useful to the new democracies. For instance, when I watched Hedrick Smith's television portrayal of a

neighborhood association that sprang up on the outer edge Moscow, I thought about neighborhood councils that are officially recognized as part of the governing structure in a sizable number of American cities. Knowing about this experience -- its methods, factors for success, pitfalls to avoid -- would be useful both for municipal officials and for citizen activists in Soviet cities and in the larger cities of Eastern Europe. My perspective on this matter is further developed in the attached essay on "Building the Understructure of Democracy".

I would like to have an opportunity to assist people in these emerging democracies by drawing on my forty years of experience as a practitioner, trainer, provider of technical assistance, and a writer. I don't have a specific grant request to present at this time. Rather I want to start by describing my qualifications, knowing that foundations are as much concerned with "who" as "what". The next stage would be to work out programmatic details. Options include (1) preparing material on the American experience, (2) becoming associated with an institution (such as one of your present or pending grantees) that is already providing assistance in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe and which could use my kind of knowledge and skills, or (3) myself forming a team of American practitioners who have first-hand knowledge of citizen associations and citizen participation processes. But before getting to that stage of discussion in detail, I want to summarize my qualifications in the remainder of this letter and the attachments.

As a local practitioner. I had the privilege of working in two cities at the height of civic reform where local government and citizens worked closely together: in Philadelphia (1952-58), where I was employed by the Philadelphia

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Housing Association, and in New Haven (1959-65), where I worked first for the New Haven Redevelopment Agency (and ran the neighborhood improvement program) and then Community Progress, Inc. The latter was the recipient of a large "gray areas program" grant from the Ford Foundation and was a forerunner of the Community Action Program. I led the planning effort for that program and served as deputy director for its first three years of operations.

As a trainer and technical assistance provider. I moved to Washington, D.C. in 1965 and for most of the next 14 years provided training and technical assistance to local governmental officials, community action agencies, and neighborhood organizations. Subjects included community action, employment and training programs, municipal decentralization, citizen participation in community development, citizen involvement in municipal budget-making, neighborhood organizing, and neighborhood program operations. I began this as a free-lance consultant and then in 1969 organized a nonprofit corporation, known first as the Center for Governmental Studies and later as the Civic Action Institute. On several occasions we received Ford Foundation grants. The scope of operations was nationwide, and over the years we were involved locally in more than 40 states. In 1971 I gave a paper on "Citizen Participation in Program Implementation" at a conference in Zagreb, Yugoslavia, sponsored by the International Union of Local Authorities. In 1976 I held a national workshop in Kansas City, Missouri on neighborhood councils, and this led to the formation of Neighborhoods, USA, a national membership association, which recently had its 15th national conference.

As a national policy advisor. I interrupted this work twice to deal with national policy matters. In 1967 I directed a study of the poverty program for the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Employment, Manpower, and Poverty, including hearings all around the United States. In 1977 I served as a consultant for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to write new citizen participation regulations for the Community Development Block Grant Program.

As a scholar. Interspersed with these activities, I wrote nine books: four on employment programs, five on neighborhoods and local governance. The latter include:

Neighborhood Control of Public Programs. [A study of community corporations.] Praeger, 1970.

Neighborhood Government in a Metropolitan Setting. Sage, 1974.

The Organization and Operation of Neighborhood Councils: A Practical Guide. Praeger, 1977.

Small and Large Together: Governing the Metropolis. Sage, 1977.

Neighborhoods: Their Place in Urban Life. Sage, 1984.

One of the employment books had federalism as its theme, and another looked at community-based employment programs.

As a peace activist. Since 1984 most of my efforts have been focused on the need for nuclear disarmament and the resolution of the superpower conflict that led to deploying a vast nuclear arsenal. I undertook a couple of years of self-education on the subject, became quite active in my own community (becoming county coordinator of SANE/FREEZE), and helped to form Methodists United for Mr. Paul Balaran

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Peace with Justice, which I now serve as executive director. To broaden my background and develop language facility that I might be able to use, I have

been studying German and Russian. I can read German fairly well, aided by a "Wörterbuch", have modest listening comprehension, but speak poorly. After two years of Russian I still consider myself not much more than a beginner. But I am trying.

A couple of times during this last period I have dipped back into my neighborhood work as a consultant: serving as conference coordinator for the National Neighborhood Coalition to stage a November 1985 conference on "Look Back to the Future: Poverty and Neighborhood Action" (assessing 21 years experience since the beginning of the Community Action Program); and preparing a report on citizen participation in local budget-making for a charter study group in New York City (1988).

If you believe that my wealth of experience could make a useful contribution to the emerging democracies in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, I would like to talk with you or some other member of your group to explore an appropriate vehicle. A relationship with an institution that already has connections in those countries might be the best way. But I have available two nonprofit organizations, either of which could be a grantee. The Civic Action Institute, which I incorporated in 1969 in the District of Columbia, still exists as a 501(c)(3) organization (this status was reconfirmed by the Internal Revenue Service in May 1990). Methodists United for Peace with Justice, which I serve as executive director, has created a Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund and has applied for tax exemption under section 501(c)(3). We expect approval by the end of the summer. The kind of work I envision related to the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe would be consistent with the purpose of both organizations.

Therefore, I hope that this letter leads to direct conversation with you and your associates to explore our mutual interests. I would welcome an opportunity to go to New York for this purpose.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman

June 15, 1990

Mr. Richard Stanley
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Dear Mr. Stanley:

These days in the peace movement one hears people say: Public interest is lagging because the nuclear war scare of the early 1980s has diminished, and we don't have the programs to attract widespread support. With all that is happening in within the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, we must adopt new policies that move beyond the Cold War. If we could only get the church people more active, we would have much greater support for arms control and disarmament and for cutting back on excessive military spending. We need greater activity in the South, the Southwest, and the rural Midwest. If only we could get blacks, Hispanics, and other ethnic minorities to be more active.

We at Methodists United for Peace with Justice are in an excellent position to respond to all of these concerns. To help us in our work, we request the Stanley Foundation for a two-year grant of \$50,000 (that is, \$25,000 in 1990 and \$25,000 in 1991).

We organized in 1987 in response to the United Methodist bishops' pastoral letter and foundation document, *In Defense of Creation: The Nuclear Crisis and a Just Peace*. As the bishops were in the forefront by saying "No" to nuclear deterrence as an acceptable public policy, so we seek to be on the cutting edge of public advocacy in the 1990s. An illustration is the attached

letter, which we originated, from U.S. religious leaders to Presidents Bush and Gorbachev prior to their Malta summit meeting. In it we asked that "swords into plowshares" be the theme for the 1990s and that this theme be applied by seeking general disarmament in Europe, global nuclear disarmament, and economic conversion. These points summarize the focus of our current public policy advocacy.

At the national level we work both through church circles, as the Bush-Gorbachev letter illustrates, and in collaboration with other peace and justice organizations. In the latter capacity we have provided the leadership this spring for a four-session Disarmament Forum in Washington for the purpose of exploring where we should be headed in the 1990s. Topics included (1) where we've come from and where we might be heading, (2) European disarmament beyond current CFE negotiations, (3) strategic disarmament, and naval disarmament (see flyers for participants). We are also active in the Alliance for a Common Future and are represented on the Executive Committee.

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In our grassroots work we work through the networks of four major Methodist denominations: United Methodist, African Methodist Episcopal, AME Zion, and Christian Methodist. The membership of first has a white majority but with a sizable black membership and also Hispanics, Asians, and Native Americans; the other three are predominantly black. They have a combined membership of 13 million people in 52,350 congregations in all parts of the United States. Thousands of Methodists have the motivation to act but lack up-to-date information on how, where, and when to do so. We provide needed information and help them make their voices heard by policy makers in Washington. In doing so, we reach people in regions where the peace movement has been weakest, such as the South, the Southwest, and nonmetropolitan Midwest, including people in small cities and rural areas. And we are in contact with black, Hispanic, Asian, and Native American communities.

To disseminate information we publish two periodicals: *Peace Leaf*, our quarterly newsletter that features educational articles, and *Peace/Justice Alerts*, which provide timely information on current issues so that people can contact members of Congress and other decision makers. We have recently published *Witnessing for Peace and Justice: Peacemaker Handbook*, designed to help groups organize and function in the local community. We intend to provide a continuing flow of practical advice. When our resources grow sufficiently, we want to conduct training workshops for Methodists around the country.

Our basic corporation, Methodists United for Peace with Justice, is a 501(c)(4) organization. In October our board established the Methodists United Peace/ Justice Education Fund, and we have applied to the Internal Revenue Service

for status as 501(c)(3) entity. While that is pending, we have made arrangements with another (c)(3) organization, the Civic Action Institute, to serve as a channel for tax exempt contributions through a special "Methodists United Project." We are requesting the Stanley Foundation for a 501(c)(3) grant, which would initially be channeled through the Civic Action Institute. IRS certification letters for the Civic Action Institute are enclosed.

A full proposal and background information about Methodists United for Peace with Justice are enclosed. If you need any further information, please let us know.

Sincerely yours

Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director

July 2, 1990

Mr. J. P. Myers, Director
W. Alton Jones Foundation
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Dear Mr. Myers:

As you approach the time for your Board of Trustees to consider our grant request, I would like to bring you up to date on our activities.

Our Board of Directors met on March 30-31 and made a set of decisions, as summarized in the enclosure. Since then we have been following through on these decisions, as described below.

(1) Continue our current issue focus on disarmament and federal budget priorities. Since writing you in March, we have completed the four-part series of the Disarmament Forum, which we organized with other cosponsors (flyers enclosed). Today we are going to press with an issue of *Peace Leaf* which offers the views of Senators Sam Nunn and Dale Bumpers (both United Methodists) and Representative Ronald Dellums on national security requirements "after the Cold War", and also an editorial calling for a shift "From Arms Control to Disarmament" (photocopy enclosed). We have issued two *Peace/Justice Alerts* on federal budget issues and a joint alert with seven other organizations (these are enclosed.) We continue to work with other organizations on both issues, as illustrated by a couple of sign-on letters (enclosed).

(2) Expand the base for *Peace/Justice Alerts* and local action. We are

reaching out to contacts in the 72 United Methodist conferences around the country in order to broaden the base for *Peace/Justice Alerts*, particularly to reach many more people in local churches. We expect to begin seeing results by autumn.

(3) Establish stronger Pan-Methodist connections. At its March meeting our Board of Directors decided to expand board membership by adding three directors from each of the three predominantly black Methodist denominations and one director from each of the racial/ethnic caucuses of the United Methodist Church. Prominent persons from these same bodies will be added to our National Advisory Committee.

So far, Bishop C.D.Coleman, Sr., senior bishop of the Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) Church, has agreed to join the National Advisory Committee and is helping us line up CME directors. Similarly we are working with the bishops having ecumenical responsibilities in the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church and in the AME Zion Church to get directors and advisory committee members.

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Within the United Methodist Church we have enlisted directors and advisory committee members from Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Metodistas Asociados Representando la Causa de los Hispano-Americanos (MARCHA), and Native American International Caucus. We are seeking similar appointments from the National Federation of Asian American United Methodists. In this process, we are strengthening the multi-racial nature of our Board of Directors and getting in a better position to reach minority communities with our peace and justice activities.

We are also engaged in our annual election process for the Board of Directors through which ten persons will be elected for a three-year term. We are soliciting nominations from our members around the country, and our Nominating Committee is empowered to make other nominations, particularly to fill geographic voids in Board membership. In August members will vote by mail on a ballot containing 20 nominations for the ten positions. New directors will take office in September.

(4) Broaden membership base of Methodists United. We have established a set of goals to increase membership and contributions from members of the United Methodist Church, as shown in the enclosure. Our strategy is to concentrate particularly on 24 (one-third) of the 72 United Methodist conferences during the program year from July 1990 to June 1991, to add another one-third for concentration during the following year (1991-92), and the remaining one-third in 1992-93. As we get AME, AME Zion, and CME members on our board we will begin to obtain greater entrée to those

denominations for membership recruitment.

(5) Strengthen our fundraising efforts in Methodist circles, particularly to seek major donors. As a start, we are trying to identify persons from United Methodist conferences who can help us reach major donors in their area.

Our application to the Internal Revenue Service for 501(c)(3) status for our Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund is moving along. It is now at the final review stage in Washington, and I have replied to several not-too-onerous questions from the reviewers. I would expect approval by the end of August. Meanwhile, we are using our arrangement with the Civic Action Institute to receive some individual, tax-deductible contributions for our work.

As you can see, we are developing an approach which should produce a strong base of financial support from Methodism within three years. But in the meantime, we need foundation support during the transitional period from a small, voluntary organization working in Washington to a staffed, national association with outreach throughout the nation. Therefore, we hope that you will look with favor on our grant application. If you need any further information, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

*Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director*

July 2, 1990

Mr. Edmund A. Stanley, Jr.
Town Creek Foundation
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Oxford, MD 21654

Dear Mr. Stanley:

As a final update before your Board of Trustees meets, I am sending you the latest *Peace/Justice Alert*, which deals with federal budget priorities, and a photocopy of an issue of *Peace Leaf*, which is going to press today. The latter addresses national security requirements "After the Cold War", contains the views of Senators Dale Bumpers and Sam Nunn (both United Methodists) and Representative Dellums, and has an editorial calling for a shift "From Arms Control to Disarmament".

We hope that your Board of Trustees will look favorably upon our request for financial support.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director

July 10, 1990

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Charlottesville, VA 22901

Dear Mr. Myers:

We have now received a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service granting status to our Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund as a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and an advanced ruling that we are considered a "publicly supported organization" (and therefore not a "private foundation") under section 509(a)(1)/170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Accordingly, if you decide to respond favorable to our grant application, the grant can go directly to the Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund rather than through the interim arrangement with the Civic Action Institute, as outlined in our application.

A copy of the IRS ruling is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director

July 10, 1990

Mr. Edmund A. Stanley, Jr.
Town Creek Foundation
P.O. Box 159
Oxford, MD 21654

Dear Mr. Stanley:

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Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director

September 15, 1990

Mr. Warren Reed, Assistant Program Manager
The Winston Foundation for World Peace
401 Commonwealth Avenue
Boston, MA 02215

Dear Mr. Reed:

As you requested on June 20, I am providing you updated information about the activities of Methodists United for Peace with Justice.

This covers the period since May 31, when we sent you material to supplement our original application of February 8.

(1) Continued work on disarmament and federal budget priorities. (a)

We have issued three *Peace/Justice Alerts* related to the budget summit and defense authorization. We are using a revised format to make it possible for local activists to add information about their members of Congress and their own organization on a handout leaflet.

- (b) We published an issue of *Peace Leaf* on "After the Cold War", featuring articles derived from floor speeches by two United Methodist senators with differing views, Dale Bumpers and Sam Nunn, and by Representative Ronald Dellums. This issue included an editorial stating our own view that it is time to move from arms control to disarmament. The next two issues will outline some ideas for the 1990s: (i) getting rid of the remnants the Cold War (strategic nuclear weapons, U.S. forward-based defense in Europe, Korea, Philippines) and (ii) policies for the rest of the world (development rather than military intervention, greater reliance on international organizations).

(c) *We have signed-on to a number of letters to Congress developed by the Monday Arms Control Lobby and letters to Congress and the Budget Summit from the Citizens' Budget Campaign.*

(2) Response to Middle East crisis. *At its March 1990 meeting our Board of Directors decided that disarmament and budget priorities should receive most of our attention for the next six months. When the Iraq invasion of Kuwait occurred, and the US-led response, we had no specific policy on events in that region. I decided that it would be better to wait until the next board meeting on October 19-20 to discuss this issue with the Board and to obtain policy guidance. We are a new organization, are adding new board members from several sectors of Methodism, and I want the full Board of discuss this issue before making statements in behalf of the organization. However, I did write "Reflections on Middle East Crisis" as personal views and circulated it to our members and to United Methodist leaders around the country. I have had feedback that conference leaders have found it a useful reference document as*

they prepare for their own fall meetings at which they will consider resolutions on the Middle East. As an organization, we are likely to do more following the board meeting.

(3) Broadening board membership. We held our second annual election this summer. As a result we added one director from Arizona and two from California as we widened our geographic scope. To achieve wider representation within the United Methodist Church, we now have board members from three racial/ ethnic caucuses and with a fourth one pending. We have three appointments from the African Methodist Episcopal Church and are working to obtain directors from AME Zion and Christian Methodist Episcopal Churches. In this manner our Board of Directors will have much greater breadth.

(4) Outreach to United Methodist conference. This fall we are intensifying our outreach to the 72 United Methodist conferences in the United States (a) to get more local churches and peace/justice activists participating in our Alert network and (b) to increase the amount of financial support from these sources. After the representatives of the other three major Pan-Methodist denominations join our Board of Directors, we will initiate greater outreach to their conferences and local churches.

(5) Coalition work. In Washington we continue our coalition work in the Monday Lobby, Citizens Budget Campaign, Coalition for Human Needs, Alliance for Our Common Future, and interreligious coalitions. In this work we place considerable stress upon a long-range perspective instead of being concerned only with the current issues now on the docket in Congress and with the Bush Administration.

Having built this foundation, we are in a strong position to make use of funds

that a grant from the Winston Foundation would provide. Therefore, we hope that you will give favorable consideration to our request.

Sincerely yours,

*Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director*

September 21, 1990

Mr. George Perkovich
Director, Secure Society Program
W. Alton Jones Foundation
232 East High Street
Charlottesville, VA 22901

Dear Mr. Perkovich:

As you requested, we are sending you an executive summary of our proposal to the W. Alton Jones Foundation. We welcome this opportunity to present the essence of our work in this succinct form and to show how we are approaching the challenges of the 1990s.

During the last three years we have functioned as a low-budget operation, run mostly by volunteers. In the process we have built a solid base in the 72 United Methodist conferences (geographic subunits) around the United States. We have conducted two elections for our Board of Directors and gained directors from across the nation. This summer we have added to our Board of Directors and National Advisory Committee representatives from ethnic and racial caucuses within the United States and also representatives of the predominantly black African Methodist Episcopal, AME Zion, and Christian Methodist Episcopal Churches. The latter will enable us to reach out to geographic subunits and local churches in these other three Methodist denominations. Thus, we have a broad, multi-racial operation that reaches all regions of the United States.

We believe that within three or four years we can garner most of the funds we need from Pan-Methodist sources. In the interim, though, we need

foundation support to move from an operation of volunteers to one with a small staff. Only with such a staff can we carry out our mission of reaching tens of thousands of Methodists who have a strong commitment to work on peace issues but who lack necessary educational material and timely information on when and where to act. A two-year grant of \$50,000 from the W. Alton Jones Foundation would help us cross this bridge.

Therefore, we hope that your Board of Trustees will look favorably upon our request. If you need further information, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director

September 15, 1990

Mr. Warren Reed, Assistant Program Manager
The Winston Foundation for World Peace
401 Commonwealth Avenue
Boston, MA 02215

Dear Mr. Reed:

As a further supplement to our application to the Winston Foundation, I am sending you two further documents:

- (1) A ruling from the Internal Revenue Service that our Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund is a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, this Education Fund would be the recipient of a grant from the Winston Foundation.
- (2) A listing of present members of our National Advisory Committee and the names of persons we have just invited to become members of this body. These additions are part of our effort to become more inclusive of Pan-Methodist.

Please add this material to our file.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman

Executive Director

October 10, 1990

Mr. John Tirman, Executive Director
The Winston Foundation for World Peace
401 Commonwealth Avenue
Boston, MA 02215

Dear Mr. Tirman:

I want to share with you a statement on "Peace and Justice Issues in the 1990s." It is a further supplement to our application to the Winston Foundation. I'm sending it now because I am aware that your Board of Directors is about to meet, and this document indicates major issues we are likely to work on in the coming year.

I wrote this statement as background for our Board of Directors, which is holding its semi-annual meeting on October 19-20. The statement lays out an agenda for dismantling Cold War militarism during the 1990s, ending intervention and unilateral military action, eliminating injustices that are obstacles to peace, and building stronger international institutions. It also presents an analytical framework on justice issues.

This statement is intended to help the Board focus on our policy goals and objectives for coming months and years. There are more issues offered than we can deal with immediately, so the Board will need to determine priorities for our work.

Also enclosed is a "Resolution on the Middle East Crisis", which I drafted at the request of a United Methodist bishop for his use with two United Methodist boards. I will also present it to our own Board of Directors as a way of

helping the directors define our approach to Middle East events.

I'm not certain when your Board of Directors is meeting, but in case it will still be timely, I'll get in touch with you after October 20 to tell you the response of our Board on these matters.

Sincerely yours,

*Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director*

October 27, 1990

Mr. George Perkovich
Director, Secure Society Program
W. Alton Jones Foundation
232 East High Street
Charlottesville, VA 22901

Dear Mr. Perkovich:

I want to share with you some information coming out of the meeting of our Board of Directors on October 19-20, 1990.

First is an outline of our issue focus for the coming months. It includes work on the following issues (the first two are continuation, the second two are new):

- Dismantling Cold War militarism
- Federal budget priorities
- Conflict in the Middle East
- Strengthening international institutions

Second, our "ecclesial" agenda will place heavy emphasis upon establishing strong connections with three predominantly black Methodist denominations. This will enable us to reach a segment that has not been greatly active in the U.S. peace movement. Enclosed is a separate statement on this matter.

Third, in deciding to deal with the Middle East crisis our Board adopted a statement that indicates our policy outlook.

Fourth, we are offering a set of goals for the 1990s, which we will circulate

for discussion. Subsequent issues of *Peace Leaf* will elaborate on these goals.

This material may reach you too late for use with your Board of Trustees on November 9. But if there is any leeway, we would particularly want them to know about our progress in reaching out to black Methodists. Our commitment is reinforced by expansion of our Board of Directors which, when completed, will give us 16 nonwhite members out of 37 (43 percent). And three out of our eight officers are black, drawn from three separate Methodist denominations.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director

November 3, 1990

Ms. Ruth Adams, Director
Peace and International Cooperation Program
John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
140 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, IL 60603

Dear Ms. Adams:

We are inquiring whether the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation would consider making a grant to Methodists United for Peace with Justice. We would like to be considered for support of \$25,000 for each of the next three years.

Who We Are. We are an association of laity and clergy seeking to change "swords into plowshares" in the decade of the 1990s. We relate to four major denominations: United Methodist, African Methodist Episcopal, AME Zion, and Christian Methodist Episcopal. We are simultaneously (1) a membership association and (2) a service/advocacy organization reaching out to individuals, local churches, district and conference boards in these denominations. The section on "Organization" in the enclosed binder provides more details.

Network Connections. We organized in 1987 and now have approximately 500 members who make financial contributions. We want to increase that number to 3,600 by 1993. Beyond this base of contributors we reach out to a much larger population of 13,000,000 Methodists in 52,350 local churches. We know that there are thousands of Methodists who are strongly motivated to work on peace and justice issues, but they have insufficient

knowledge of emerging issues and lack timely information on where and when to focus their concern. We help to provide such information.

Our outreach is made possible by tapping into existing networks of the four denominations and by have greater flexibility than the denominational bureaucracies. In our work to date we have concentrated on making connections through 72 United Methodist conferences (geographic units). In the next year we will expand this by establishing ties with 41 episcopal districts of the African Methodist Episcopal(19), AME Zion (12), and Christian Methodist Episcopal (10) Churches. Because the latter three are predominantly African American and because we are also reaching out to racial/ethnic segments of the United Methodist Church, we are going well beyond the white, middle-class base that has characterized the American peace movement. For more details, please see the "Membership, Outreach" section.

Issue priorities. We perceive the 1990s as a decade with many positive opportunities to achieve peace and justice objectives. Currently we are giving attention to the following issues:

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o Dismantling Cold War militarism.

Disarmament (nuclear and conventional), comprehensive test ban, nuclear nonproliferation, economic conversion.

o Resolving regional conflict.

Especially in the Middle East: Persian Gulf crisis and Israeli/Palestinian conflict.

o Strengthening international institutions.

Both structures and processes of peace.

o Federal budget priorities.

Intersection of peace and justice concerns: cutting excessive military spending, increasing support for responses to human and community needs; fairness in taxation.

o Exploration of justice issues of the 1990s, domestic and global.

Our Board of Directors and National Advisory Committee intend to function as a "committee of correspondence" to shape our justice agenda.

The sections on "Issues" and "Activities" in the binder provide elaboration of our issue concerns and a description of how we work on these issues.

Coalition work. In Washington, D.C. we participate in several broad-based coalitions, especially Monday (Arms Control) Lobby, Citizens Budget Campaign, and Coalition on Human Needs. This has a triple purpose:

- o Lets us tap a broad knowledge base on current issues.** We can then share this knowledge with our wider network around the United States.
- o Enables us to add our voice to collective responses.** For instance, we are often the only Methodist participant in sign-on letters.
- o Gives us an opportunity to bring our faith perspective to central issues.** Such as, the United Methodist bishops' viewpoint that nuclear deterrence

is morally unacceptable; the idea that justice should underlie budget priorities (serving greatest need, taxation based on ability to pay).

Tax status. *We have established a Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund, which the Internal Revenue Service has approved as a tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) organization. The Education Fund would be the recipient of a grant from the MacArthur Foundation. Our basic corporation, Methodists United for Peace with Justice, has status as a 501(c)(4) organization. Most membership contributions go to the (c)(4) entity and pay for expenses that can be considered lobbying (a relative small part of our activities). These two entities have separate federal tax numbers and separate bank accounts, and we have a record keeping system to keep expenditures separated.*

Budget. *Our budget, other financial information, and copies of the IRS letters, are in the "Finance" section.*

Further conversation. *If this brief outline of our activities makes you interested in our work, we would welcome an opportunity to talk to you in depth and to submit a formal application to the MacArthur Foundation. I can be reached at (301) 897-3668.*

Sincerely yours,

*Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director*

November 3, 1990

Mr. Donald K. Ross, Director
Rockefeller Family Fund
1290 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY 10104

Dear Mr. Ross:

We are inquiring whether the Rockefeller Family Fund would consider making a grant to Methodists United for Peace with Justice. We would like to be considered for support of \$25,000 for each of the next three years.

Who We Are. We are an association of laity and clergy seeking to change "swords into plowshares" in the decade of the 1990s. We relate to four major denominations: United Methodist, African Methodist Episcopal, AME Zion, and Christian Methodist Episcopal. We are simultaneously (1) a membership association and (2) a service/advocacy organization reaching out to individuals, local churches, district and conference boards in these denominations. The section on "Organization" in the enclosed binder provides more details.

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o Strengthening international institutions.

Both structures and processes of peace.

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***Further conversation.** If this brief outline of our activities makes you interested in our work, we would welcome an opportunity to talk to you in depth and to submit a formal application to the Rockefeller Family Fund. I can be reached at (301) 897-3668.*

Sincerely yours,

*Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director*

November 15, 1990

Ms. Judy Auster Miller
The Boehm Foundation
500 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10110

Dear Ms. Auster Miller:

Please send us a copy of your grant guidelines and a copy of your latest annual report.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director

November 15, 1990

*Ms. Cora Weiss, President
The Reed Foundation
c/o Whitman & Ransom
522 5th Avenue
New York, NY 10036*

Dear Ms. Weiss:

Please send us a copy of your grant guidelines and a copy of your latest annual report.

Sincerely yours,

*Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director*

November 29, 1990

Ms. Nanette Falkenberg, Executive Director
Joint Foundation Support, Inc.
40 West 20nd Street, 10th Floor
New York, NY 10011

Dear Ms. Falkenberg:

We are inquiring whether one or more of the foundations associated with Joint Foundation Support would consider making a grant to Methodists United for Peace with Justice. We are seeking grants in the \$10,000 to \$25,000 range. A grant could be for (a) general support (b) work on a particular issue (disarmament, Middle East, budget priorities, economic justice), or (c) outreach to racial and ethnic constituencies and to geographic regions (South, Southwest, rural Midwest) underrepresented in peace activities in the United States.

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Issue priorities. We perceive the 1990s as a decade with many positive opportunities to achieve peace and justice objectives. Currently we

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are giving attention to the following issues:

o Dismantling Cold War militarism.

Disarmament (nuclear and conventional), comprehensive test ban, nuclear nonproliferation, economic conversion.

o Resolving regional conflict.

Especially in the Middle East: Persian Gulf crisis and Israeli/Palestinian conflict.

o Strengthening international institutions.

Both structures and processes of peace.

o Federal budget priorities.

Intersection of peace and justice concerns: cutting excessive military spending, increasing support for responses to human and community needs; fairness in taxation.

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Our Board of Directors and National Advisory Committee intend to function as a "committee of correspondence" to shape our justice agenda.

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- o Gives us an opportunity to bring our faith perspective to central issues.

Such as, the United Methodist bishops' viewpoint that nuclear deterrence is morally unacceptable; the idea that justice should underlie budget priorities (serving greatest need, taxation based on ability to pay).

Tax status. We have established a Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund, which the Internal Revenue Service has approved as a tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) organization. Ordinarily the Education Fund would be the recipient of a foundation grant. Our basic corporation, Methodists United for Peace with Justice, has status as a 501(c)(4) organization. Most membership contributions go to the (c)(4) entity and pay for expenses that can be considered lobbying (a relative small part of our activities). These two entities have separate federal tax numbers and separate bank accounts, and we have a record keeping system to keep expenditures separated.

Budget. Our budget, other financial information, and copies of the IRS letters, are in the "Finance" section.

Further conversation. If this brief outline of our activities makes you interested in our work, we would welcome an opportunity to talk to you in depth and to submit a formal application to Joint Foundation Support. I can be reached at (301) 897-3668.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director

December 7, 1990

Ms. Karen Harris
Ploughshares Fund
Fort Mason
San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Ms. Harris:

We request a grant of \$5,000 to strengthen our outreach to peace and justice activists in three historic black Methodist denominations. As we expand and improve these connections, we will provide information and help mobilize action on crucial issues of the 1990s: dismantling Cold War militarism, resolving regional conflict peacefully, shifting federal budget priorities by reducing military expenditures and spending more on urgent human needs, and dealing with emerging justice issues.

Our Origin. Methodists United for Peace with Justice formed in 1987 as a membership association of laity and clergy. We organized in response to a call from the United Methodist Council of Bishops for "more faithful witness and action in face of the worsening nuclear crisis." Accordingly, our initial issue focus was improving US/Soviet relations and working for nuclear disarmament. In 1989 we added federal budget priorities to our active agenda.

Most of our founders came from the United Methodist Church, but from the beginning we saw ourself as Pan-Methodist in scope. That's why we chose the name "Methodists United" -- showing an intent to draw in people from African Methodist Episcopal, AME Zion, and Christian Methodist Episcopal Churches.

Organizing strategy. Rather than being a strict hierarchy, Methodism in the United States is quite pluralistic. There are tens of thousands of Methodists who are strongly motivated to work on peace and justice issues. They have an organizational base in local churches and are connected to district and conference networks as part of the denominational structure. However, they lack a regular flow of timely information related to crucial decisions being made by policy makers in Washington, D.C., and they are not particularly connected to discussion of emerging peace and justice issues occurring in non-church circles. We help fill these voids.

We perceive Methodism functioning as a free market of ideas. Local church groups, conference boards and task forces, district units use information provided by a variety of sources. National denominational boards can encourage but cannot command what the local boards do. If an unofficial organization like ours provides useful and timely information, local groups will use it. By dealing with issues the national boards are neglecting and by distributing information obtained well

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beyond church circles, we are able to function as a valuable resource for already-motivated local church activists.

Approach to United Methodist Church. The official governing body of the United Methodist Church is the General Conference, which meets every four years. There are several denomination-wide "general boards", such as Church and Society, Global Ministries, Discipleship, Higher Education. The 50 resident bishops, elected by five regional "jurisdictions", preside over 72 "annual conferences". Each conference has its own, autonomous board of church and society, and most of them have peace with justice task forces. Conferences are divided into districts (540 nationwide), and in many conferences there are district representatives on the conference peace with justice task force.

The United Methodist Church has no single listing of local, district, and conference peace and justice activists and organizational units, so we have had to laboriously compile this information. This took several months initially and requires annual updating. Having developed this network of contacts, plus a roster of individuals who have joined on their own, we now send out regular *Peace/Justice Alerts* on legislative issues, our quarterly newsletter, *Peace Leaf*, and special reports, such as our viewpoint on the Persian Gulf crisis. On the latter we got out information much faster than the church bureaucracy, and as a result, a number of United Methodist conference boards of church and society used our information in September when they were developing their own position on this new issue.

Board representation. When we held our annual board election this past

summer, we received a strong vote of confidence from this United Methodist network, for all seven newly elected directors were persons nominated by conference boards and task forces and four of them are conference peace with justice coordinators. Because our board members pay their own travel expenses, the message is that they consider our work valuable and want to be a part of it.

Simultaneously we have sought to broaden our Board of Directors through the appointment process. Within the United Methodist Church are four racial/ethnic caucuses with official recognition: black, Hispanic, Asian, Native American. We have asked each caucus to appoint a representative to our Board and one or more persons to our National Advisory Committee. This has been completed for Blacks Methodists for Church Renewal, partially completed for the Native American International Caucus and National Federation of Asian American United Methodists, and pending with MARCHA (the Hispanic caucus).

At the same time we have invited the ecumenical or senior bishop of the three black Methodist denominations to make similar appointments. The African Methodist Episcopal and AME Zion ecumenical bishops have both agreed to serve on our National Advisory Committee and have appointed members to our Board of Directors (3 from AME, 2 from AME Zion with a third to be appointed). We are awaiting similar appointments from the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church.

When this process is completed, 42 percent of our board will be non-anglo, non-white, and only 33 percent will be white-anglo males. The current officers of

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the board reflect a similar balance.

Approach to black Methodist denominations. The structure of the African Methodist Episcopal, AME Zion, and Christian Methodist Episcopal denominations is similar to the United Methodist Church: general conferences, bishops, episcopal areas, conferences, districts, local churches. Therefore, Methodists United for Peace with Justice will use a similar approach in building network contacts with peace and justice activists and district and conference boards and committees in these denominations.

This activity will be the focus of work financed by the \$5,000 grant we are requesting from the Ploughshares Fund. We will:

- Work through our board members from each denomination to gain a better understanding of denominational structure.
- Follow their advice on whom to contact to get initial lists of contacts in conferences and districts.
- Work through these contacts to build a larger list that together will constitute an extensive peace/justice network within the denominations.
- Have our board members, or possibly the bishops on our National Advisory Committee, write a letter of introduction to these contacts, explaining who we are and urging their cooperation with this Pan-Methodist endeavor.
- Begin to send them our *Peace/Justice Alerts*, *Peace Leaf*, and other publications.
- After they become acquainted with us, ask them to help us broaden the network of contacts.

- *Once our relationship is on solid ground, encourage conference boards and task forces to make organizational donations to Methodists United. In exchange we will put a number of their members on our mailing list. (So far, nine United Methodist conferences have done this, and we expect more to follow suit).*

We are now starting with the first steps of this process. It will take us into the fall of 1991 to complete. A \$5,000 grant from the Ploughshares Fund would pay part of the staff costs of this endeavor, spread over five to six months, and related costs of telephone, printing, mailing, and a prorated share of office expenses. The grant would go to our Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund, which the Internal Revenue Service has certified as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.

Enclosed are a project budget, some background documents, and the IRS ruling. If you want more information or a more formal proposal in your format, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

*Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director*

Methodists United for Peace with Justice

Budget for Request to Ploughshares Fund

Personnel

<i>Executive Director: Howard W. Hallman</i>	<i>\$3,450</i>
<i>30 days (annual salary: \$30,000)</i>	
<i>Fringe benefits (15%)</i>	<u><i>518</i></u>
	<i>3,968</i>

Nonpersonnel

<i>Printing</i>	<i>300</i>
<i>Telephone</i>	<i>200</i>
<i>Postage</i>	<i>200</i>
<i>Office expenses</i>	<u><i>332</i></u>
	<i>1,032</i>

TOTAL *\$5,000*

December 8, 1990

Enclosures to Karen Harris, Ploughshares Fund

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Issue focus for MUPJ: October 1990 to March 1991

Goals for International Peace and Justice for the 1990s

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December 11, 1990

Mr. David Freeman, Executive Director
The Scherman Foundation
315 West 57 Street, Suite 2D
New York, NY 10019

Dear Mr. Freeman:

We are inquiring whether the Scherman Foundation would consider making a grant to Methodists United for Peace with Justice. We would like to be consider for a two year grant in the \$30,000 to \$40,000 range. A grant could be for (a) general support (b) work on a particular issue (disarmament, Middle East, budget priorities, economic justice), or (c) outreach to racial and ethnic constituencies and to geographic regions (South, Southwest, rural Midwest) now underrepresented in peace activities in the United States.

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churches. We know that there are thousands of Methodists who are strongly motivated to work on peace and justice issues, but they have insufficient knowledge of emerging issues and lack timely information on where and when to focus their concern. We help to provide such information.

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Tax status, budget. We have established a Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund, which the Internal Revenue Service has approved as a tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) organization. The Education Fund would be the recipient of a grant from the Scherman Foundation. Our basic corporation, Methodists United for Peace with Justice, has status as a 501(c)(4) organization. Most membership contributions go to the (c)(4) entity and pay for expenses that can be considered lobbying (a relative small part of our activities). These two entities have separate federal tax numbers and separate bank accounts, and we have a record keeping system to keep expenditures separated. Our budget, other financial information, and copies of the IRS letters, are in the "Finance" section.

Further conversation. If this brief outline of our activities makes you interested in our work, we would welcome an opportunity to talk to you in depth and to submit a formal application to the Scherman Foundation. I can be reached at (301) 897-3668.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director

December 11, 1990

Mr. Robert L. Allen, Vice President
The Henry P. Kendall Foundation
One Boston Place
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Mr. Allen:

We are inquiring whether the Henry P. Kendall Foundation would consider making a grant to Methodists United for Peace with Justice for our work on disarmament and related peace and justice issues. We would like to be considered for a two year grant in the \$30,000 to \$40,000 range .

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Budget. *Our budget, other financial information, and copies of the IRS letters, are in the "Finance" section.*

Further conversation. *If this brief outline of our activities makes you interested in our work, we would welcome an opportunity to talk to you in depth and to submit a formal application to the Kendall Foundation. I can be reached at (301) 897-3668.*

Sincerely yours,

*Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director*

December 11, 1990

Mr. James R. Compton, President
Compton Foundation
10 Hanover Square
New York, NY 10005

Dear Mr. Compton:

We kindly request the Compton Foundation for a grant of \$5,000 to Methodists United for Peace with Justice for our work on disarmament and related peace and justice issues. This would help support our work of grassroots education, connected to organizations and individuals working out new ideas on key issues of the 1990s,

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is morally unacceptable; the idea that justice should underlie budget priorities (serving greatest need, taxation based on ability to pay).

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Budget. *Our budget, other financial information, and copies of the IRS letters, are in the "Finance" section.*

Further conversation. *If this description of our activities makes you interested in our work, we would welcome an opportunity to talk to you in depth and to submit any further information needed by the Compton Foundation. I can be reached at (301) 897-3668.*

Sincerely yours,

*Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director*

December 12, 1990

Dr. James P. Wind
Lily Endowment
P.O. Box 88068
Indianapolis, IN 48208

Dear Dr. Wind:

We are inquiring whether the Lily Endowment would considering making a grant to Methodists United for Peace with Justice in support of our educational activities with Pan-Methodist grassroots leaders working on social issues. If so, we would like to be considered for a multi-year grant in the range of \$25,000 to \$40,000 per year.

Who We Are. We are an association of laity and clergy seeking to apply our religious beliefs in practical action on key peace and justice issues of the 1990s. We relate to four major denominations: United Methodist, African Methodist Episcopal, AME Zion, and Christian Methodist Episcopal. We are simultaneously (1) a membership association and (2) a service/advocacy organization reaching out to individuals, local churches, district and conference boards in these denominations. The section on "Organization" in the enclosed binder provides more details.

Network Connections. We organized in 1987 and now have approximately 500 members who make financial contributions. We want to increase that number to 3,600 by 1993. Beyond this base of contributors we reach out to a much larger population of 13,000,000 Methodists in 52,350 local churches. We know that there are thousands of Methodists who are strongly motivated to work on peace and justice issues, but they have insufficient

knowledge of emerging issues and lack timely information on where and when to focus their concern. We help to provide such information and to offer an underlying biblical and theological basis for social action.

Our outreach is made possible by tapping into existing networks of the four denominations and by having greater flexibility than the denominational bureaucracies. In our work to date we have first concentrated on making connections through 72 United Methodist conferences (geographic units). We have also developed relationships with four major racial/ethnic caucuses of the United Methodist Church (Asian, black, Hispanic, Native American). In the next year we will expand our outreach by establishing ties with 41 episcopal districts of the African Methodist Episcopal (19), AME Zion (12), and Christian Methodist Episcopal (10) denominations. For more details, please see the "Membership, Outreach" section.

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Issue priorities. We deal with three types of issues: peace, justice, and ecclesial (see "Issues" section of enclosed binder). Our peace agenda started with a concern for nuclear disarmament and improved US/Soviet relations and has extended to regional conflict, especially in the Middle East, and the need to strengthen international institutions. We have been working on federal budget priorities, where peace and justice concerns intersect. Recently we constituted our Board of Directors and National Advisory Committee as a "committee of correspondence" to explore emerging justice issues of the 1990s.

At a recent meeting our Board of Directors formulated a four-part ecclesial agenda for the coming months:

- Develop a compendium of Pan-Methodist peace and justice resources.
- Work with Pan-Methodist conferences in the Mid-Atlantic region to stage a conference on emerging peace and justice issues. This would serve as a model for other regional conferences.
- Support the official United Methodist Peace with Justice Program.
- Relate to delegates to the July 1991 conference of the World Methodist Council in Singapore. (Several of our directors will be attending).

For all of this we have a basic orientation to the needs of local laity and clergy on these issues. The "Activities" section in the binder offers a description of how we work on these issues.

In the process of working on these issues in a Pan-Methodist setting, we are making a contribution to overcoming the racial separation that has been a tragedy of Methodism in the United States.

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Budget. Our budget, other financial information, and copies of the IRS letters, are in the "Finance" section.

Further conversation. If this brief outline of our activities makes you interested in our work, we would welcome an opportunity to talk to you in depth and to submit a formal application to the Lily Endowment. I can be reached at (301) 897-3668.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director

December 14, 1990

Ms. Betsy Wolter
Ruth Mott Fund
1726 Genesee Towers
Flint, MI 48506

Dear Ms. Wolter:

As you begin thinking about your 1991 funding, we would like to bring you up-to-date on our activities and to offer the main concepts of a request for a grant from the Ruth Mott Fund. We hope that you might consider us for a grant of \$25,000 for each of the next three years.

Who We Are. We are an association of laity and clergy seeking to change "swords into plowshares" in the decade of the 1990s. Organized as a private, nonprofit corporation, we are not officially a part of any religious body, but we relate to people in four Methodist denominations: United Methodist, African Methodist Episcopal, AME Zion, and Christian Methodist Episcopal. Within the United Methodist Church we are developing a special relationship with four officially-recognized racial/ethnic caucuses (black, Hispanic, Asian, and Native American). This Pan-Methodist orientation has concrete expression in the membership of our Board of Directors and National Advisory Committee. The section on "Organization" in the enclosed binder provides more details.

Our Pan-Methodist approach has three purposes: (1) to achieve cross-fertilization of concerns (for instance, disarmament has been a mostly white concern; human rights, poverty are primary issues for blacks and Hispanics); (2) to reach broader constituencies for peace and justice agendas;

and (3) to contribute to overcoming the racial separation that has been a tragedy of Methodism in the United States. While the latter, may be more our concern than yours, our multi-racial approach is enabling us to reach out to communities that have not been much involved in the American peace movement. Furthermore, because these four denominations are nationwide, we are able to reach sections of the country where the peace movement has been weakest, such as the South, Southwest, rural Midwest.

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Although a number of United Methodist conference boards have made small contributions to our work (\$100, \$300, \$500) in exchange for adding their key people to our mailing list, we do not receive any support from national denominational boards. They use their funds for their own programs. That is why we need foundation support for our initiatives. While complementing the work of official church agencies, we are able to move faster into new issues (such as the Persian Gulf crisis) and to be more imaginative and forward-looking than the church bureaucracies (if we can be somewhat immodest).

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Further conversation. If this outline of our activities makes you think that our work would fit within your 1991 priorities, we would welcome an opportunity to talk to you in depth and to submit a formal application to the Ruth Mott Fund. I can be reached at (301) 897-3668.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director

January 22, 1991

Ms. Karen Harris
Ploughshares Fund
Fort Mason
San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Ms. Harris:

In preparation for calling you about our request for a grant of \$5,000 to strengthen our outreach to peace and justice activists in three historic black Methodist denominations, I would like to provide you some updated information about our work on the Persian Gulf crisis. Although it doesn't relate precise agenda of our grant request, it illustrates how we are able to reach out to the Methodist network around the country as new issues emerge and to make connections with national coalitions.

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of such events.

Vigils

Officers of Methodists United participated in a candlelight vigil that
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Church. Two of our board members are ministers at Metropolitan

AME:

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credit for their involvement, but it shows that we are connected to
peace activists in the AME denomination.)

We should point out that we are careful to pay for lobbying expenses from our
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of our work on the Persian Gulf crisis.

I hope that this further information may be useful to you as you consider our
request.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director

January 22, 1991

Mr. David Freeman, Executive Director
The Scherman Foundation
315 West 57 Street, Suite 2D
New York, NY 10019

Dear Mr. Freeman:

As you review our letter of inquiry regarding possible support for Methodists United for Peace with Justice from the Sherman Foundation, I would like to supply you some supplemental information. It is a summary of our work related to the Persian Gulf crisis between the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait on August 2, 1990 and the initiation of U.S. offensive military action on September 16, 1991. It illustrates how we are able to reach out to the Methodist network around the country as new issues emerge and to make connections with national coalitions.

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If you wish further information, please call me at (301) 897-3668.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman

Executive Director

March 2, 1991

Ms. Rose M. Milligan
Director of Grantmaking
Peace Development Fund
44 N. Prospect St., P.O. Box 270
Amherst, MA 01004

Dear Ms. Milligan:

The end of the Persian Gulf War does not diminish our concern for Middle Peace issues, but it does change our focus of attention. When we wrote you on February 5, we expected a longer war with a series of precise issues coming to the forefront that required quick grassroots mobilization. Instead we are entering a postwar period in which some crucial decisions are going to be worked out on long-range U.S. foreign and military policies affecting not only the Middle East but also the basic U.S. approach to the entire Third World. This requires an educational effort on some fundamental issues. This may lead to specific actions as these issues reach the decision-making phase, but in preparation a sharper focus on these issues and policy alternatives is needed.

For that reason we believe that it would be better for us to shift our emphasis from (a) sending out action alerts to (b) providing a series of policy-oriented reports on crucial policy issues. Our primary audience would be Methodist networks in the African Methodist Episcopal, AME Zion, Christian Methodist Episcopal, and United Methodist denominations. Secondarily we would also feed in ideas to policy leaders in other denominations, to Congress, the Bush Administration, and other opinion leaders.

As an outreach vehicle, we would modify our newsletter, *Peace Leaf*, to a

monthly rather than a quarterly publication. This would take the place of the suggested *Middle East Alert* we described in our February 5 proposal. Considerable attention would be given to Middle East issues but in the broader context of U.S. global policies.

Already in the works, to be ready for publication in a couple of weeks, is an issue of *Peace Leaf* on "Perspectives on a New World Order". Possible topics for future issues include the following:

- *Helping the victims of the Persian Gulf War.*

- Civilians of Kuwait and Iraq, refugees, families of U.S. personnel.*

- Reconstruction of war damage (Kuwait, Iraq, Israel, Saudi Arabia) related to broader economic development opportunities.*

- Editorial: regret and penitence for deaths caused by the war.*

- *Arms reduction in Middle East.*

- Moratorium on arms sales.*

- Halt in national production and deployment of weapons of mass production (chemical, biological, nuclear, fuel-air explosives,*

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ballistic missiles).

Negotiation of agreements for mutual arms reduction.

■ Resolving long-stand issues.

Arab/Israel, Israeli/Palestinian, Lebanon, Cyprus.

■ A Helsinki process for Middle East.

Acceptance of established political boundaries; a process for resolving disputed boundaries; nonaggression agreement; confidence-building measures; arms reduction; recognition of human rights; economic cooperation.

■ Future U.S. military role in Middle East.

Related to U.S. military doctrine of maintaining a large, expeditionary force for global use.

Related to U.S. military bases around the globe.

■ Strengthening the United Nations.

For dispute resolution.

Peacekeeping force.

Each issue would contain our exposition on these matters and also reference to sources for other views and documents useful for grassroots education and action.

We will send issues of *Peace Leaf* with this coverage to key peace and justice issues in the four Methodist denominations, including:

All resident bishops.

Members of national boards dealing with such issues.

Conference and district leaders.

Local congregations and their peace/justice leadership.

We are making a special effort to broaden our outreach in the black Methodist denominations. We are following the leadership of the National Emergency African-American Leadership Summit by promoting Peace on Earth Sunday

on April 7 and related events on April 4-6.

As noted earlier, we will also share *Peace Leaf* with religious leaders in other denominations, policy leaders in Washington, and other opinion leaders.

Our budget request remains the same. The cost of publishing and mailing eight additional issues of *Peace Leaf* (we are already doing four) would be the same as the 10 *Middle East Alerts* in our original proposal (printing would be more because *Peace Leaf* has more pages than *Alerts* but postage would be less because mailing would be bulk rate).

We hope that you will give favorable consideration for our revised proposal to help grassroots Methodists have an influential role in this watershed year of U.S. foreign policy.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director

February 8, 1991

Ms. Rose M. Milligan
Director of Grantmaking
Peace Development Fund
44 N. Prospect St., P.O. Box 270
Amherst, MA 01004

Dear Ms. Milligan:

Here is our latest *Peace/Justice Alert*. It supplements the material I sent you on February 5 when I requested a grant from the Peace Development Fund for grassroots mobilization related to the Middle East crisis.

Because of budgetary restrictions we had to combine information on the Persian Gulf and the federal budget in this *Alert*, though either topic could have taken an *Alert* by itself. One of the reasons we are requesting support from the Peace Development Fund is to be able to deal with Middle East topics in a separate alert system.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director

February 8, 1991

Ms. Karen Harris
Ploughshares Fund
Fort Mason
San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Ms. Harris:

Here is our latest *Peace/Justice Alert*. It combines action suggestions on the Persian Gulf War and the federal budget. This *Alert* supplements other background material we sent you previously in support of our request for a \$5,000 grant from the Ploughshares Fund.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director

February 8, 1991

Ms. Betsy Wolter
Ruth Mott Fund
1726 Genesee Towers
Flint, MI 48506

Dear Ms. Wolter:

Since I wrote you in mid-December to offer some concepts that might form the basis for a grant from the Ruth Mott Fund to Methodists United for Peace with Justice, war has broken out in the Persian Gulf. We worked hard to prevent it, are now pressing for ceasefire, and are thinking ahead to postwar issues in the Middle East.

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I hope that soon we can have a telephone conversation to determine if there is mutuality of interests between Methodists United for Peace with Justice and the Ruth Mott Fund.

Sincerely yours,

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Attachment A

Activities of Methodists United for Peace with Justice on Middle East Crisis

Mailings

Peace/Justice Alert 11. "House Vote on Defense Authorization Expected After

Labor Day" with attachment on "Iraq, the Middle East and the U.S. Military Budget". August 10, 1990.

"Reflections on Middle East Crisis" by Howard Hallman. September 1, 1990. This

item was used by a number of United Methodist conference boards of church and society at their fall meetings in working out their own statements.

"Statement on the Middle East Crisis" by Board of Directors, Methodists United

for Peace with Justice. October 20, 1990. Adopted at semi-annual board meeting. Sent to United Methodist bishops, UM conference contacts, and with a news release to UM conference newspapers.

Peace/Justice Alert 12. "Oppose Offensive Military Action in Persian Gulf Region." November 5, 1990.

Peace/Justice Alert 13. "Prevent War in Persian Gulf". December 4, 1990.

Along with Alert, wrote to UM bishops especially urging them to send their own resolution to President Bush and members of Congress.

Peace/Justice Alert 14. "Action Still Needed to Prevent War in Persian Gulf".

Dated January 1991 but mailed December 24, 1990 to mobilize people

for January 3 call-in to Congress.

Urgent Alert. "Congress to Vote on Gulf War". Postcard message sent with seven other organizations. January 8, 1991.

Peace/Justice Alert 15. "Now That War Has Started". January 17, 1991.

Peace/Justice Alert 16. "Talking Points on Gulf War and Federal Budget." February 8, 1991.

Sign-on Letters

Initiated a letter to President Bush opposing offensive military action.

Signed

by 11 other organizations. Sent November 7, 1990.

Signer of ad in Washington Post on November 15 with similar message,

initiated

through Monday Lobby.

Signed-on to two literature drops to Congress in December and early

January,

initiated through Monday Lobby.

Lobbying

In early December urged congressional committees to hear from religious leaders

on Gulf crisis. Just after New Year's Day made calls to staffs of Senator Nunn and Dole and Representative Foley to oppose authorization of force.

January 7-9 made calls to United Methodists in 21 states where senator was considered a swing vote on resolution authorizing use of force.

On Saturday morning, January 12 joined other lobbyists on Capitol steps as members of Congress were coming to vote.

Liaison

Participate regularly in meetings of Monday Lobby, a coalition of arms control

and peace organizations.

Keep in touch with participants in Churches for Middle East Peace (a coalition of official denominational offices).

Keep in touch with a coalition meeting at Church Center for United Nations in

New York.

Provided information to United Methodist bishops prior to meeting of General

Board of Church and Society in October and Council of Bishops in October 1990.

Got on the mailing list of National Campaign for Peace in the Middle East, which organized the large demonstration in Washington on January 26, 1991. Did not join because the Board of Directors of Methodists United has not discussed whether we should be a cosponsor of such events.

Personal Actions

In November Howard Hallman, executive director, assisted George Morse, a serviceman who was claiming conscientious objector status, in making connections with agencies working on this issue. Did likewise for several others.

In calling around the country on January 7-9 on the pending authorization of

force resolution, we found that many of our board members and our United Methodist conference contacts had been organizing vigils and other local activities to oppose going to war.

Sherman Harris, chairman of Board of Directors, and Howard Hallman joined the

candlelight vigil that went from the Washington National Cathedral to the White House on January 7, and then to Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church, where two of our board members are ministers (Rev. William Deveaux and Rev. Carroll Chambliss).

As soon the war started on January 16, Hallman went to Lafayette Park across

from the White House with daughter and grandson to protest.

Harris, Hallman, and many United Methodists from as far as Kansas joined

the

January 26 demonstration against the war in Washington, D.C.

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Mr. James R. Compton, President
Compton Foundation
10 Hanover Square
New York, NY 10005

Dear Mr. Compton:

We wrote you on December 11, 1990 requesting a grant of \$5,000 from the Compton Foundation. Since then war has broken out in the Persian Gulf. We worked hard to prevent it, are now pressing for ceasefire, and are thinking ahead to postwar issues in the Middle East.

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We hope that you will give favorable consideration to our request. If you need further information, please call me at (301) 897-3668.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director

February 8, 1991

Ms. Mary Page

Peace and International Cooperation Program
John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
140 South Dearborn Street, Suite 1100
Chicago, IL 60603

Dear Ms. Page:

You and I had a telephone conversation about our work on December 7, 1990. This followed an earlier inquiry letter we wrote to the MacArthur Foundation. Since then war has broken out in the Persian Gulf. Although we are not abandoning our interest in nuclear disarmament and federal budget priorities, we have to devote considerable effort to the most pressing contemporary peace issue. We worked hard to prevent the war, are now pressing for ceasefire, and are thinking ahead to postwar issues in the Middle East.

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I would like to call you within a week or two and find out where you are in determining your priorities for the coming months. Perhaps this might lead to a fuller proposal from Methodists United for Peace with Justice to the MacArthur Foundation.

Sincerely yours,

*Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director*

February 8, 1991

Mr. George Perkovich
Director, Secure Society Program
W. Alton Jones Foundation
232 East High Street
Charlottesville, VA 22901

Dear Mr. Perkovich:

You and I had a telephone conversation about our work on December 7, 1990 and about the prospective agenda of the W. Alton Jones Foundation in 1991. Since then war has broken out in the Persian Gulf. Although we are not abandoning our interest in nuclear disarmament and federal budget priorities, we have to devote considerable effort to the most pressing contemporary peace issue. We worked hard to prevent the war, are now pressing for ceasefire, and are thinking ahead to postwar issues in the Middle East.

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Our approach is applicable to about every public policy issue we deal with. It's clear that we will continue to pay considerable attention to Middle East issues. At the same time we will retain our quest for nuclear disarmament

by supporting the START agreement (assuming there will be one) and looking beyond START to other ways to dismantle further the U.S. and Soviet strategic arsenals. And we will continue to be concerned about military spending and other federal budget issues because that is where our concerns for peace and justice intersect.

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March 30, 1991

Ms. Rose M. Milligan
Director of Grantmaking
Peace Development Fund
44 N. Prospect St., P.O. Box 270
Amherst, MA 01004

Dear Ms. Milligan:

We are submitting for your consideration a request for a \$5,000 grant on "Pan-Methodist Grassroots Mobilization." The basic purpose is to extend our grassroots network more fully to reach people in three major black Methodist denominations: African Methodist Episcopal, AME Zion, and Christian Methodist Episcopal.

As our proposal explains, Methodists United for Peace with Justice was formed by United Methodists, but from the beginning we have intended to be a Pan-Methodist organization. During the past year the ecumenical bishops of the African Methodist Episcopal and AME Zion denominations have joined our National Advisory Committee and have appointed members to our Board of Directors. We're in the process of doing the same with the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church.

With this relationship established, we want to reach out to local peace and justice activists and conference leaders in these three denominations. We want to send them *Peace/Justice Alerts* that offer timely information on crucial public issues and to supply them with background educational

material. This will enable them to mobilize people in their churches and communities. To be able to do this, we need six months effort to develop a set of contacts that will enable us to tap into their grassroots networks. We need the support of your grant to do this. After that we will be able to sustain this work with the resources that the extended outreach will generate.

Enclosed are seven copies of our application, our proposal, financial information, and background material. Also enclosed is a single copy of a letter from the Internal Revenue Service, ruling that our Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund is a 501(c)(3) entity. The Education Fund would be the recipient of a grant from the Peace Development Fund. In a couple of weeks I want to supplement the background material by sending you copies of our latest *Peace Leaf*, now at the printer, on "Perspectives on a New World Order." And we can provide you any other information you need.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman
Executive Director

April 17, 1991

Mr. Donald K. Ross, Director
Rockefeller Family Fund
1290 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY 10104

Dear Mr. Ross:

Last November you turned aside our query about the possibility for a grant on the grounds that your emphasis had shifted from arms control to greater emphasis on the environment. Nevertheless, we would like to make a second query, thinking that the Persian Gulf War and President Bush's articulation of a "new world order", policed by U.S. forces, might lead you to fund some programs that offer alternative approaches. Hope springs eternally for grant-seekers!

We opposed offensive military action in the Persian Gulf but supported economic sanctions. Now that the war is over, we have entered the debate over "beyond-the-Cold-War" policy with our latest newsletter, *Peace Leaf* (enclosed), offering our "Perspectives on a New World Order". Our alternative to the Bush Doctrine is found on pp. 8-9, 11, summarized as follows:

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We are articulating this broad framework in public debate even though we do not work on every issue at a particular time. For instance, now we are concentrating on federal budget priorities, stopping arms sales and transfers to the Middle East, and nuclear arms reduction. Soon we want to give more attention to the positive alternatives of dispute resolution, peacekeeping forces, and strengthening the United Nations.

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Grant request. We are seeking general support to work for fulfillment of our vision of a new world order. If this set of issues falls within your 1991 agenda, we would like to be considered for a grant of \$25,000 for each of the next three years.

We have two levels of activity: national and grassroots. We can offer you details if you are interested in receiving a full proposal. Here we summarize.

National. In Washington, D.C. we are engaged in policy development and public advocacy on emerging issues. We do this through publications, especially *Peace Leaf*, which we circulate to opinion leaders, key organizations, the media, and people around the country. We also participate in several broad-based coalitions, particularly Citizens Budget Campaign, Monday (Arms Control) Lobby, Coalition on Human Needs, and Alliance for our Common Future.

Grassroots. Our grassroots activities encompass education and mobilization of peace and justice activists in Methodist networks. *Peace Leaf* and regular *Peace/Justice Alerts* (see sample) are our primary means of communication, supplemented by telephone calls. We have started with networks of the United Methodist Church, especially units of the 72 geographic conferences, linked with district representatives and local church activists. We are in the process of developing similar connections with networks within the African Methodist Episcopal, AME Zion, and Christian Methodist Episcopal denominations.

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Tax status. We have established a Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund, which the Internal Revenue Service has approved as a tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) organization. The Education Fund would be the recipient of a grant from the Rockefeller Family Fund. Our basic corporation, Methodists United for Peace with Justice, has status as a 501(c)(4) organization. Most membership contributions go to the (c)(4) entity and pay for expenses that can be considered lobbying (a relative small part of our activities). These two entities have separate federal tax numbers and separate bank accounts, and we have a record keeping system to keep expenditures separated.

Budget. Our annual budget and copies of the IRS letters are enclosed.

Further information. If this brief outline of our activities makes you interested in our work, we would welcome an opportunity to talk to you in depth and to submit a formal application to the Rockefeller Family Fund. I can be reached at (301) 897-3668.

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