

METHODISTS UNITED FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE  
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A Grant Request to  
Town Creek Foundation

**Who We Are.**

Methodists United for Peace with Justice is a national membership association of laity and clergy. We organized in 1987 to provide witness and undertake action on peace and justice issues.

We are not an official part of any religious denomination, but we work with people associated with four major Methodist denominations: United Methodist, African Methodist Episcopal, AME Zion, and Christian Methodist Episcopal. 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. As a private nonprofit organization we have flexibility to take prompt initiatives without getting bogged down in denominational bureaucracies.

At its last semi-annual meeting our Board of Directors adopted the following issue priorities (see attachment for complete outline):

- Dismantle Cold War militarism
- Global arms reduction

- Peace in Middle East
- Strengthen the United Nations
- Federal budget priorities

We find that peace and justice issues intersect in budget priorities. We believe that military spending will not be significantly reduced until foreign policy changes occur and alternative security arrangements are put in place.

We work on these issues through public policy advocacy in Washington, D.C. linked with grassroots education and mobilization of Methodists around the country. Our potential outreach is to 13 million members in 52,350 local congregations located throughout the United States.

### **Need for Financial Support**

We are a fledgling organization which needs foundation assistance in order to gain the strength that would attract substantial support from members, local Methodist churches, and conference units. Annual income since we began has been as follows: 1987 -- \$5,821; 1988 -- \$6,846; 1989 -- \$10,706; 1990 -- \$16,385. For 1991 we are seeking funds for a minimum budget of \$65,250 in order to retain a full-time staff in Washington and pay for printing and distribution of information bulletins to our grassroots network. We have a larger goal of \$87,750, which would enable us to add an administrative assistant (see attached budget).

We request the Town Creek Foundation for a grant of \$10,000 in general support of our educational activities. The grant would go to our Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund, which the Internal Revenue Service has approved as a 501(c)(3) entity.

## SCOPE OF OPERATIONS

From our headquarters in Washington, D.C. we reach out to Methodist networks throughout the United States. Our operations can be divided into three major modes: grassroots, linkage, and national.

**Grassroots.** We provide educational material on current peace and justice issues to our members and to other persons in Methodist networks around the country. This consists of a basic handbook on *Witnessing for Peace and Justice*, which we give to all members and sell at conferences. We have an informational bulletin, *Peace Leaf*, now published quarterly (though we have missed some quarters due to lack of funds). As appropriate we send supplemental information on emerging issues (such as the Persian Gulf crisis as it unfolded last fall).

We respond to written and telephone requests for information. On occasion we provide speakers for local and regional meetings, and we are in the process of planning a Mid-Atlantic Pan-Methodist regional conference.

To facilitate grassroots mobilization on national legislative issues, we send out *Peace/Justice Alert* approximately ten times each year. We occasionally make telephone calls to stimulate action in particular congressional districts. (All such grassroots lobbying is paid by membership contributions to our basic corporation, which has 501(c)(4) status.) We have provided draft resolutions on current issues which our network contacts have submitted to United Methodist annual conferences, and also petitions for circulation at these conferences.

**Linkage.** To facilitate our outreach to grassroots contacts we have established informal linkages with various organizational units within the United Methodist Church. This includes national agencies, the 50 resident bishops, staffs and elected leaders in the 72 annual conferences, district leaders, and local church contacts. We have taken a "free market" approach to the United Methodist Church, rather than considering it to be a strict

hierarchical structure. That means we can enter at any level we choose and make contacts with people who will use our material and will relate to us if they find us responsive to their needs and interests.

If we have just started the process of developing similar linkages within the African Methodist Episcopal, AME Zion, and Christian Methodist Episcopal denominations.

National. Our operations in Washington have a twofold purpose: (i) gathering information to share with grassroots contacts through *Peace Leaf* and *Peace/Justice Alert* and (ii) policy development and public advocacy. Both of these purposes are facilitated by participation in coalitions, including Citizens Budget Campaign, Coalition on Human Needs, Monday (Arms Control) Lobby, and Alliance for Our Common Future. We also do a small amount of direct lobbying with Congress (paid by c-4 funds).

From time to time we submit statements to national media, and we share out ideas with other national organizations. In 1990 we took the lead in organizing a five-part Disarmament Forum on Capitol Hill to consider ideas for disarmament in the 1990s going beyond the current legislative and arms control negotiation agendas. We have also initiated several sign-on letters to President Bush, include one that also went to President Gorbachev.

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*. A grant from the Town Creek Foundation would help us with these initiatives, described in the following pages.

## 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.

### Initial Outreach

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 have found that the crucial links to local congregations 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 are also directly in touch with many local churches and peace activists. And we regularly send information to national United Methodist publications and conference newspapers.

Through these connections we are reaching United Methodists in regions where the U.S. peace movement has been weakest, such as the South, Southwest, and nonmetropolitan Midwest. To strengthen our contacts with nonwhite, non-anglo United Methodists, we have appointed to our Board of Directors and National Advisory Committee representatives of United Methodist racial/ethnic caucuses.

## *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:

Episcopal

Local

	<u>districts</u>	<u>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

Our major vehicle for grassroots education is our bulletin, *Peace Leaf* (samples attached). 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):

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4,000

## ORGANIZATION AND FINANCE

**Board of Directors.** The policy-making body of Methodists United for Peace with Justice is the Board of Directors. Currently the Board has 28 members (list attached). Of these, 17 are elected by the membership, 10 are appointed by United Methodist racial/ethnic caucuses and AME and AME Zion bishops, plus the executive director ex officio. We are in a board expansion pattern that will have 30 elected directors by September 1992 and up to 18 appointed members. The Board of Directors meets semi-annually.

**National Advisory Committee.** We have a National Advisory Committee consisting of distinguished Methodists, including UMC, AME, and AME Zion bishops and representatives of the UMC racial/ethnic caucuses (list attached). We are seeking to add Christian Methodist Episcopal representatives.

**Personnel.** Presently we have one employee, Howard W. Hallman, executive director (vita attached). 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.

**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 maintain a General Fund for (c)(4) activities, with revenues coming from membership dues and contributions. We also operate through the Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund, which has IRS approval as a 501(c)(3) entity (letter attached). Because most of our work is

educational, not lobbying, most of our operations can function through the (c)(3) Education Fund. Therefore, foundation grants, including a grant from the Town Creek Foundation, and tax-deductible contributions from individuals can go to the Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund.

**Finance.** We have strict separation of our (c)(4) General Fund and the (c)(3) Education Fund with separate federal employer numbers, bank accounts, and accounting records. Our financial statement for 1990 is attached.

**Budget.** The Board of Directors has established a minimum budget of \$65,250 for this year and with a larger goal of \$87,750. This budget is attached.

**Foundation grants.** We received a \$6,000 grant from the Winston Foundation in October 1990. We have applications pending with the Peace Development Fund and C.S. Fund, and we have submitted inquiries to the Rockefeller Family Fund, Sunflower Foundation, and Threshold Foundation.

May 15, 1991

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. Organization: Methodists United for Peace with Justice  
Address: 421 Seward Square, SE, Washington, DC 20003  
Contact Person: Howard W. Hallman, Executive Director (301)  
897-3668

Fiscal Agent: Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund,  
our 501(c)(3) entity

2. Date of most recent tax-exempt status letter: July 6, 1990

3. Request for project support.

Project Title: "Engaging in the 'New World Order' Debate"

4. The purpose of this project is to develop and articulate a comprehensive set of public policy proposals that emphasize global curtailment of warfighting capability and development of better nonviolent instruments for peace.

We will participate in the current "New World Order" debate by presenting alternatives to the Bush Doctrine of the United States as global policeman. Through our bulletin, *Peace Leaf*, we will share these ideas with national and local leaders of four Methodist denominations and with other opinion makers.

5. Organization's annual budget: \$65,250 (minimum) to \$87,750 (goal)

Total project budget: \$48,000 (two years) Annual project budget:  
\$24,000

Amount requested from Joyce Mertz-Gilmore Foundation: \$48,000 (two years)

6. Other sources of funding requested for general support, not this project specifically.

Received

Under consideration

Winston Foundation, \$6,000 Winston Foundation, \$10,000 (2nd year)  
(November 1990) C.S. Fund, \$24,000  
Town Creek Foundation, \$10,000

No government funding is provided.

7. Completed by Howard W. Hallman, Executive Director July 15,  
1991

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## PROPOSAL SUMMARY

Name of Organization: Methodists United for Peace with Justice

### ENGAGING IN THE "NEW WORLD ORDER" DEBATE

**Who We Are.** Methodists United for Peace with Justice is a national membership association of laity and clergy which organized in 1987. Located in Washington, D.C., we articulate views on peace and justice issues in national policy debate and participate in arms control, federal budget, and human needs coalitions. We also work with an extensive grassroots network of 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.

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**A watershed era.** 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.

**Our views.** Methodists United for Peace with Justice has entered into this debate on what policies to pursue with the publication of the latest issue of our 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 nonviolent instruments for peace.

**Further articulation.** Having offered this overview of policies for the future, we now want to develop and articulate a comprehensive set of public policy proposals that emphasize world order with freedom and justice. These ideas will be presented in a 12-part *Peace Leaf* series, to be published bimonthly for two years.

**Audience.** Our audience will be twofold. First, we will reach out to national and local peace and justice leaders and activists within the four Methodist denominations. Second, we will share our ideas with leaders of other religious denominations and key secular decision makers and opinion leaders. Through our presence in Washington, D.C. we will be engaged in national policy debate that occurs in forums, coalition meetings, and other arenas.

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## PROJECT 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		

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

June 1991

## REFERENCES

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American Baptist Churches,  
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Washington, DC 20002

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on Activities, September 1990 to August 1991

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**Post-Cold War.** At its semi-annual meeting on March 15-16, 1991 our Board of Directors adopted an issue focus on peace concerns that encompassed (1) dismantling Cold War militarism, (2) global arms reduction, (3) peace in the Middle East, and (4) strengthening the United Nations (see attachment). As follow through, we have joined the effort to establish a

Campaign Against Proliferation aimed at stopping the spread of nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons and ballistic missiles. We stimulated discussion by the Alliance for Our Common Future on what kind of nuclear disarmament to seek after the START agreement. After the aborted coup in the Soviet Union we concluded that this matter has greater urgency and therefore have developed a proposal for immediate, mutual deactivation of the entire strategic arsenal followed by staged dismantlement (see attachment). We are now circulating this proposal to people in the peace and arms control community.

**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 holding a one-day consultation on Pan-Methodist peace and justice concerns, to be held on October 19, 1991, the second day of our semi-annual Board meeting.

**Board of Directors.** This summer we held our third annual election of the Board of Directors. Members elected ten directors for a three year term and two directors for a one year term to fill vacancies. Most of the new directors have leadership roles in United Methodist conferences. Directors from the other Pan-Methodist denominations are appointed by ecumenical bishops.

**Problems.** Funding is a continuing problem. We have gained recognition as a valuable resource for United Methodists around the country. Boards from 13 of the 72 conferences have made financial contributions (medium of \$150; three \$500, one \$1,000), but we need to raise much more from this source. Our ties with the other Methodist denominations have not yet developed sufficiently to raise much money from them, but we have received a \$250 contribution from an AME Zion episcopal district. As a

relative newcomer, we are finding that foundation grants are not easy to come by, though we believe that we offer creativity on issues and the potential for mobilizing grassroots action in regions of the country where the peace movement is weak. We are hopeful, though, that our "new world order" perspective of internationalism without militarism and our recent initiative to immediately deactivate the global strategic arsenal will convince some other foundations that we are worthy of support.

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**Post-Cold War.** At its semi-annual meeting on March 15-16, 1991 our Board of Directors adopted an issue focus on peace concerns that encompassed (1) dismantling Cold War militarism, (2) global arms reduction, (3) peace in the Middle East, and (4) strengthening the United Nations (see attachment). As follow through, we have joined the effort to establish a Campaign Against Proliferation aimed at stopping the spread of nuclear,

biological, and chemical weapons and ballistic missiles. We stimulated discussion by the Alliance for Our Common Future on what kind of nuclear disarmament to seek after the START agreement. After the aborted coup in the Soviet Union we concluded that this matter has greater urgency and therefore have developed a proposal for immediate, mutual deactivation of the entire strategic arsenal followed by staged dismantlement (see attachment). We are now circulating this proposal to people in the peace and arms control community.

**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 holding a one-day consultation on Pan-Methodist peace and justice concerns, to be held on October 19, 1991, the second day of our semi-annual Board meeting.

**Board of Directors.** This summer we held our third annual election of the Board of Directors. Members elected ten directors for a three year term and two directors for a one year term to fill vacancies. Most of the new directors have leadership roles in United Methodist conferences. Directors from the other Pan-Methodist denominations are appointed by ecumenical bishops.

September 5, 1991

METHODISTS UNITED FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE  
421 Seward Square, SE  
Washington, DC 20003  
(202) 546-5551

## 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.

### Initial Outreach

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 have found that the crucial links to local congregations 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 are also directly in touch with many local churches and peace activists. We regularly send information to national United Methodist publications and conference newspapers.

Through these connections we are reaching United Methodists in regions where the U.S. peace movement has been weakest, such as the South, Southwest, and nonmetropolitan Midwest. To strengthen our contacts with nonwhite, non-anglo United Methodists, we have appointed to our Board of Directors and National Advisory Committee representatives of United Methodist racial/ethnic caucuses.

## **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 have scheduled a Pan-Methodist consultation on "Peace and Justice Issues of the 1990s" on October 19, 1991, as the second day of our semi-annual meeting of the Board of Directors. Beyond our board members we will have other representatives from the four denominations, including United Methodist racial/ethnic caucuses.

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

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.

Issue	Subject	Date
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.

**Proposal to the W. Alton Jones Foundation**  
**Executive Summary**

**Organization Name:** Methodists United for Peace with Justice

**Address:** 421 Seward Square, SE  
Washington, DC 20003

**Phone:** (202) 546-5551                           **FAX:** None

**Director/CEO:** Howard W. Hallman                           **Phone:** (301)  
897-3668

**Project Director:** Same

**Amount requested:** \$50,000 for two years

**Grantee:** Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund,  
our 501(c)(3) entity.

**Project Title:** Mobilizing Methodists for Global Nuclear Disarmament

**What did you accomplish in your most recent grant (if any) from the Foundation?** Not applicable, no previous grant.

**Section One: Proposal**

**Project goals:**

- To push for global nuclear disarmament, shift in federal budget priorities, and stronger international institutions.

- To serve as a public policy advocate in Washington, D.C. on these issues.
- To strengthen grassroots education and mobilization on these concerns among Methodists throughout the United States.
- Especially to broaden outreach to persons from (a) three predominantly black Methodist denominations: African Methodist Episcopal (AME), African Methodist Episcopal Zion, and Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) and (b) from Asian, Black, Hispanic, and Native American caucuses of the United Methodist Church.

Briefly summarize the background of this project and the issue. Include a synopsis of your organization's involvement with the issue and any history to date.

After we formed in 1987 our initial activities focused on US/Soviet citizen exchanges and support for arms reduction negotiations, such as INF and START. We favor total nuclear disarmament, to be achieved on a mutual basis in stages. Therefore, we have organized forums and published issues of *Peace Leaf*, our educational bulletin, to raise the sights of policy makers and citizen advocates beyond the current limited agenda.

In 1988 we added federal budget priorities to our agenda and have sought to curtail military spending and block new weapon systems. With the end of the Cold War and the dissolution of the Soviet Union we are now pressing for taking the global strategic arsenal off alert and storing missiles and warheads as a first step toward staged, mutual dismantlement of nuclear warheads and delivery vehicles. We have consistently supported a comprehensive test ban and are part of a new coalition formed to deal with nuclear nonproliferation.

Summarize the activities that will be supported by the funds if awarded:

*Outreach.* Our initial outreach has been through the United Methodist Church, especially to relevant boards in 72 geographic conferences and through them to activists in local churches. As the first step toward greater participation from persons in the predominantly black Methodist churches, our Board of Directors has recruited members from the AME and AME Zion denominations and is seeking CME representation. We now want to strengthen our outreach to conference and local churches in these denominations. Our Board is considering a national conference for the fall of 1993 to bring together activists from the four denominations.

*Policy advocacy.* With our commitment to global nuclear disarmament, we are constantly probing for new ways to achieve this goal. That's how we came to advocate taking the entire strategic arsenal off alert. Recently we have garnered support from more than 30 national organizations for this idea, as expressed in a letter to Presidents Bush and Yeltsin (attached). We are promoting this idea through dialogue with officials of the Bush Administration and the Russian Embassy and with members of Congress. We are seeking media attention. We will continue this and related approaches to nuclear disarmament and will give increased attention to economic conversion and nuclear nonproliferation.

How do the activities proposed address the project goals?

Our activities flow out of the project goals and are designed to relate policy advocacy and outreach to one another. Thus, through participation in the Monday Lobby, the Citizens Budget Campaign, and the Alliance for Our Common Future, we are able to share our policy ideas with others and at the same time gather information which we can share with grassroots networks. Our grassroots outreach enables us to provide educational resources to

activists throughout the country and to mobilize them in a timely manner. This grassroots base strengthens our legitimacy for direct advocacy in Washington.

**What do you expect to be the outcome of the proposed activities?**

We expect our advocacy of steps toward nuclear disarmament to result in new approaches to this concern (not by us alone but in cooperation with other organizations). We expect to enlarge our outreach to United Methodists and to establish an extensive set of grassroots contacts within the AME, AME Zion, and CME denominations.

**What steps will be taken to disseminate the results of this project; who will be the target audiences for dissemination?**

Grassroots outreach occurs through three publications: *Witness for Peace and Justice: Peacemaker Handbook*; *Peace Leaf*, a quarterly educational bulletin; and *Peace/Justice Alert*, a legislative action bulletin (paid for by 501(c)(4) funds). In addition to *Peace Leaf* we disseminate our public policy ideas through statements distributed to opinion leaders, letters to public officials, and news release to national media and to Methodist conference newspapers.

**Key project staff:**

Project director will be Howard W. Hallman, executive director of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. His vita is attached. Members of our Board of Directors, serving as volunteers, are committed to membership recruitment and other outreach activities.

## *Criteria by which the success of the project can be judged:*

*Outreach:* (a) The extent to which we build a network of contacts with conference committees and grassroots activists of the AME, AME Zion, and CME denominations. (b) How our support from United Methodist conferences increases. (c) How effective is our relationship with racial/ethnic caucuses of the United Methodist Church.

*Public policy advocacy:* Our capacity to generate new ideas and to be supportive of innovative approaches developed by others.

*Dissemination:* The regularity of publishing Peace Leaf and Peace/Justice Alerts and the growth of our mailing lists to reach more Methodists of the various denominations.

## *Other important information about the project:*

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## Section Two: Organization

### Brief organization history:

Methodists United for Peace with Justice organized in 1987 in response to a call for greater witness and action for peace and justice, made by the United Methodist Council of Bishops in their pastoral letter, *In Defense of Creation: The Nuclear Crisis and a Just Peace*. Most of the initiators were United Methodists but from the beginning we made a commitment to seek participation of persons from the African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion, and Christian Methodist Episcopal Churches. Hence our name: "Methodists United". We are, however, not an official part of any denomination.

### Brief mission statement:

We have adopted "Swords into Plowshares" as our major theme for the 1990s. To implement this theme we are working on the following issues: global nuclear disarmament, shifts in federal budget priorities, economic conversion, international institutions, Middle East peace, arms trade, regional disarmament, and a variety of justice concerns.

### Additional major programs:

Our work in Washington on these several issues occurs through participation in a number of coalitions, including the Monday Lobby (arms control), Citizens Budget Campaign, Alliance for Our Common Future, and Coalition on Human Needs.

### Staff profile:

At the moment we have a one person staff: Howard W. Hallman, executive director. Because of lack of consistent funding he has not received a regular salary, but he has held the organization together and carried out its work mostly as a volunteer. We cannot expect to sustain our work in this manner much longer and therefore need to find additional revenue to maintain essential staff. We would like to add a second staff person to take over routine administrative operations.

#### Size and nature of membership:

During 1991 we had approximately 300 contributors, mostly individuals but about 25 United Methodist conferences and local churches. Our Board of Directors is mounting a campaign to increase substantially the number of contributing members, including more United Methodist conferences and conference units of the other Methodist denominations.

#### Types of strategies: (List of typical strategies regularly used by organization)

We work in three modes: (1) education through grassroots outreach and our publications; (2) public policy advocacy in Washington, D.C., and (3) ecclesial activities to foster Pan-Methodist collaboration on peace and justice issues.

#### Is this organization exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service Code?

We have established a Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund that has received 501(c)(3) status from the Internal Revenue Service. This Fund would be the recipient of a grant from the W. Alton Jones Foundation.

May 3, 1991

Mr. Murray Rosenblith, Executive Director  
A.J. Muste Memorial Institute  
339 Lafayette Street  
New York, NY 10012

Dear Mr. Rosenblith:

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

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

May 3, 1991

The James C. Penney Foundation  
1633 Broadway, 39th Floor  
New York, NY 10019

Dear Friends:

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

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

May 3, 1991

Ms. Lina Arena-DeRosa  
The Greeley Foundation  
33 Bedford Street  
Concord, MA 01742

Dear Ms. Arena-DeRosa:

Please send us a copy of your latest annual report and grant application guidelines, including your schedule of deadlines for receiving requests.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

May 3, 1991

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

Dear Mr. Stanley:

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

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

May 3, 1991

Mr. Robert W. Musser, President  
General Services Foundation  
PO Box 4659  
Boulder, CO 80306

Dear Mr. Musser:

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

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

May 8, 1991

Mr. Marty Teitel, Executive Director  
C. S. Fund  
469 Bohemian Highway  
Freestone, CA 95472

Dear Mr. Teitel:

We are submitting to you a request for a grant of \$24,000 for each of the next two years. Our request is summarized in the enclosed two-page request to the C.S. Fund. The details of our workplan are presented in the attached general proposal.

Our proposal to the C.S. Fund is for "A Project to Strengthen Grassroots Education among Methodists in Four Denominations". The four are the African Methodist Episcopal, AME Zion, Christian Methodist Episcopal, and United Methodist Churches with a combined membership of 13 million. This will be accomplished by expanding the frequency and breadth of distribution of our educational bulletin, *Peace Leaf*. Now a quarterly publication, we would like to make it bimonthly and reach at least 2,400 key peace and justice leaders in Methodism (plus some other opinion leaders). Topics to be covered are indicated in the workplan.

As an alternative to support for this educational endeavor, your grant could go for general support of our 501(c)(3) activities. This would encompass both educational work and our effort to broaden our outreach to black Methodists, as described in the general proposal.

In either case the grant would go to the Methodists United Peace/ Justice

Education Fund, which has status as 501(c)(3) entity under the Internal Revenue Code. A copy of the IRS ruling is enclosed.

If you need further information, please write to us or call me at (301) 897-3668.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

May 17, 1991

Mr. Drummond Pike  
The Threshold Foundation  
873 Sutter Street  
San Francisco, CA 94109

Dear Mr. Pike:

We are inquiring whether the Threshold Foundation would consider making a grant of \$10,000 to our Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund, a 501(c)(3) entity. The purpose would be to broaden our outreach to peace and justice activists in three predominantly black Methodist denominations: African Methodist Episcopal, AME Zion, and Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME). Our approach to this task is described on pages 4-5 of the enclosed general proposal.

We are a national membership association of laity and clergy. We organized in 1987 in response to a call from the United Methodist Council of Bishops for more faithful witness and action in dealing with the nuclear crisis. Our initial focus was disarmament and US/Soviet relations. In 1989 we added federal budget priorities to our agenda. Last fall we opposed the U.S. offensive military buildup in the Persian Gulf and supported nonviolent sanctions rather than going to war. We are now working for an arms embargo in the Middle East and resolution of long-standing disputes in that region.

We reach out to Methodists through three publications: *Witnessing for Peace and Justice: Peacemaker Handbook*; an educational bulletin, *Peace Leaf*, now published quarterly; and *Peace/Justice Alert*, sent out nearly every month on national legislative issues.

We are not an official part of any Methodist denomination, but we relate to persons with peace and justice concerns within these denominations. Our initial network development has occurred within the United Methodist Church, working with the 50 resident bishops, peace with justice committees in 72 conference (geographic units), local churches, and individual activists.

We now want to expand our network connections with people in the three black Methodist denominations. As a step in this direction the AME and AME Zion ecumenical bishops have joined our National Advisory Committee and appointed representatives to our Board of Directors. We are working out a similar arrangement with the CME Church. This has prepared the way for broader outreach. We seek your financial support to make this possible.

If you would like a fuller proposal or other information, please write to us or call me at (301) 897-3668.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

May 8, 1991

Mr. Richard Parker, Director  
Sunflower Foundation  
305 Madison Avenue, Suite 1166  
New York, NY 10165

Dear Mr. Parker:

We are inquiring whether the Sunflower Foundation would consider making a grant of \$10,000 to our Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund, a 501(c)(3) entity. The purpose would be to broaden our outreach to peace and justice activists in three predominantly black Methodist denominations: African Methodist Episcopal, AME Zion, and Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME). Our approach to this task is described on pages 4-5 of the enclosed general proposal.

We are a national membership association of laity and clergy. We organized in 1987 in response to a call from the United Methodist Council of Bishops for more faithful witness and action in dealing with the nuclear crisis. Our initial focus was disarmament and US/Soviet relations. In 1989 we added federal budget priorities to our agenda. Last fall we opposed the U.S. offensive military buildup in the Persian Gulf and supported nonviolent sanctions rather than going to war. We are now working for an arms embargo in the Middle East and resolution of long-standing disputes in that region.

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If you would like a fuller proposal or other information, please write to us or call me at (301) 897-3668.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

May 8, 1991

Carolyn Cushing  
Peace Development Fund  
44 N. Prospect Street  
PO Box 270  
Amherst, MA 01004

Dear Ms. Cushing:

Several weeks ago I received a postcard from you requesting a copy of a general funding proposal if we had one. At that time we didn't have a current one, but now we do. Therefore, I am sending you seven copies. Also enclosed are copies of our latest *Peace Leaf*, which offers our "Perspective on a New World Order".

Please let me know if you need any further information as you consideration application.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

May 14, 1991

Ms. Nancy Stockford  
The Winston Foundation  
401 Commonwealth Avenue  
Boston, MA 02215

Dear Ms. Stockford:

We are submitting a half-year report on our activities that have been assisted by a \$6,000 grant from the Winston Foundation. Attachments to this report highlight some of our activities.

We are now wondering whether the Winston Foundation would consider a second grant, this time in an amount of \$10,000, to provide further support for the work of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. A general proposal is enclosed. We can make it more specific and respond to your application guidelines if you want us to.

This general proposal describes our organization and current activities, which you know, and lays out two initiatives we expect to take during the next 18 months. The first is to broaden our outreach to people in the three major black Methodist denominations (pp. 4-5). The second is to strengthen grassroots education by increasing the frequency and breadth of circulation of our bulletin, *Peace Leaf* (pp.6-7).

Also, I note that the Winston Foundation is now managing the affairs of the CarEth Foundation, and I know that John Tirman performs this task for the Henry P. Kendall Foundation. Would you be able to advise us whether either or both might consider a grant to Methodists United for Peace with Justice, either in general support or for a specific aspect our work?

Our issue focus is almost identical with CarEth current funding priorities: addressing current areas of crisis (Middle East), reorienting national priorities (federal budget activities) and strengthening a worldview of peace and justice ("Perspectives on a New World Order"). Moreover, our efforts to reach black Methodists relates to CarEth's concern for promoting democracy and achieving political empowerment. So it would seem that we would qualify for consideration by the CarEth Foundation.

I know less about the Kendall Foundation's priorities and would like to have such information.

I would like to call you about these matters. Or, if you want to reach me, I am available at (301) 897-3668.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

May 14, 1991

Ms. Mary Page  
The MacArthur Foundation  
140 S. Dearborn Street, #1100  
Washington, DC 60603

Dear Ms. Page:

Since I wrote you an inquiry letter on April 17, we have developed a general grant proposal. I want to share it with you to add to your file on Methodists United for Peace with Justice. Then you will have it on hand after you work out your guidelines for grassroots initiatives and begin to consider potential grantees.

New information provided are (a) a description of how we will undertake expanded outreach to black Methodists denominations (pp. 4-5) and (b) an outline (p. 6) of a dozen issues of our bulletin, *Peace Leaf*, to elaborate on our "Perspectives on a New World Order", as published in *Peace Leaf* for January-March 1991 (copy sent to you with my letter of April 17).

Please put us on a list to receive your new guidelines when they are available.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

May 15, 1991

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

Dear Mr. Stanley:

We are submitting for your consideration a request for a grant of \$10,000 in general support of our educational activities. A full proposal and supplemental information are enclosed.

Methodists United for Peace with Justice is a national membership association of laity and clergy. We are a nonprofit corporation and not a religious organization, *per se*, but we seek to draw people from four major Methodist denominations: United Methodist, African Methodist Episcopal, AME Zion, and Christian Methodist Episcopal.

Our work relates to your third area of interest: reducing military spending and addressing citizens' needs and aspirations. Since January 1989 we have focused on shifting federal budget priorities, illustrated by the enclosed "Call" and two issues of *Peace Leaf*. We were a founding member of the Citizens Budget Coalition in mid-1989. We recognize that this objective cannot be achieved unless there are major changes in U.S. foreign policy. Therefore, we are heavily involved in the debate on a "new world order" (see latest *Peace Leaf*), and we continue to pursue a course we began when we organized in 1987 to dismantle Cold War militarism.

A grant from the Town Creek Foundation would go to our Methodists United

Peace/Justice Education Fund, which has IRS status as a 501(c)(3) entity.  
The IRS letter is enclosed.

If you need any further information, please write to us, or call me at (301)  
897-3668.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

May 22, 1991

Ms. Elizabeth King, Executive Trustee  
The Greeley Foundation  
33 Bedford Street  
Concord, MA 01742

Dear Ms. King:

We request a grant of \$25,000 in general support of the activities of Methodists United for Peace with Justice, a national membership association of laity and clergy. As the enclosed proposal indicates (p.3), our current issue focus encompasses:

- Dismantle Cold War militarism
- Global arms reduction
- Peace in the Middle East
- Strengthen the United Nations
- Change federal budget priorities

We organized in 1987 in response to a call from the United Methodist Council of Bishops for more faithful witness and action in dealing with the nuclear crisis. Our initial focus was disarmament and US/Soviet relations. In 1989 we added federal budget priorities to our agenda, a place where peace and justice objectives intersect. Last fall we opposed U.S. offensive military buildup in the Persian Gulf and supported nonviolent sanctions rather than going to war (see samples of our *Peace/Justice Alerts*). We are now working for an arms sales moratorium in the Middle East and resolution of long-standing disputes in that region. We have entered the "new world order" debate with the latest issue of our bulletin, *Peace Leaf* (enclosed).

As a follow-through, we have outlined a dozen issues of *Peace Leaf*, our primary vehicle for grassroots education, on international peace and justice concerns of the 1990s (p. 6 of the proposal). We also work in several Washington-based coalitions on these issues.

As a private, nonprofit organization, we are not part of any religious denomination, but we relate to people with peace and justice concerns within the United Methodist, African Methodist Episcopal, AME Zion, and Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) Churches. Our initial network development has occurred within the United Methodist Church, working with the 50 resident bishops, peace with justice committees in 72 conferences (geographic units), local churches, and individual activists. As part of this process, we have provided representation for black, Hispanic, Native-American, and Asian United Methodist caucuses on our National Advisory Committee and Board of Directors.

We are now in the process of expanding our network connections with people in the three black Methodist denominations. As a step in this direction the AME and AME Zion ecumenical bishops have joined our National Advisory Committee and appointed representatives to our Board of Directors. We are working out a similar arrangement with the

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CME Church. This is preparing the way for broader outreach to people in these denominations, as outlined on pp. 4-5 of our proposal.

Already we have ties with peace and justice activists in the South, Southwest, and nonmetropolitan Midwest, regions where the American peace movement has been weak. As we strengthen our connections with black, Hispanic, Native American, and Asian churches, we will be further broadening the scope of our outreach. Moreover, with four members of our Board of Directors attending the World Methodist Council in Singapore this summer, we are gaining global connections.

A grant from the Greeley Foundation would go to our Methodists United Peace/ Justice Education Fund, which has IRS approval as a 501(c)(3) entity (letter enclosed). The grant would be used solely for educational purposes. Any legislative activity we undertake, direct and grassroots, is financed through membership contributions to our basic corporation, which has 501(c)(4) status. We have separate federal employer numbers, separate bank accounts, and separate accounting records for the two funds, (c)(3) and (c)(4).

If you would like further information, please write to us or call me at (301) 897-3668.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

July 15, 1991

Mr. Larry E. Condon, President  
Joyce Mertz-Gilmore Foundation  
218 East 18th Street  
New York, NY 10003

Dear Mr. Condon:

We are submitting for your consideration a request for \$24,000 for each of the next two years for a project entitled "Engaging in the 'New World Order' Debate". Our purpose is to develop and articulate policies to curtail global warfighting capability and to achieve better nonviolent instruments for peace. We will present these ideas in our bimonthly bulletin, *Peace Leaf*, and will offer them to American opinion leaders and to an extensive network within four Methodist denominations: United Methodist, African Methodist Episcopal, AME Zion, and Christian Methodist Episcopal.

This project is described in the attached proposal summary. As further background, I am enclosing a general grant proposal in which is marked aspects relating to the project proposed for funding by the Joyce Mertz-Gilmore Foundation.

Although we work closely with people associated with four Methodist denominations, we are not an official part of any religious denomination. Instead, we are a private, nonprofit membership association. A majority of our Board of Directors is elected by our members.

A grant would go to our Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund, which the Internal Revenue Service has determined is a tax-exempt entity

under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The IRS determination letter is enclosed.

If you need further information on our request, please call me at (301) 897-3668.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

July 25, 1991

Mr. Robert W. Musser, President  
General Service Foundation  
1445 Pearl Street, Suite 201  
Boulder, CO 80302

Dear Mr. Musser:

We are inquiring whether the General Services Foundation would consider making a grant of \$25,000 to our Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund, a 501(c)(3) entity. Such a grant would support our education and policy analysis activities related to international peace issues, including the need to curtail warfighting capability, develop stronger nonviolent instruments of peace, and address international justice concerns. This grant would also help us to broaden our outreach to peace and justice activists in three predominantly black Methodist denominations: African Methodist Episcopal, AME Zion, and Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME). How we would go about these tasks is described in the enclosed general proposal.

We are a national membership association of laity and clergy. We organized in 1987 in response to a call from the United Methodist Council of Bishops for more faithful witness and action in dealing with the nuclear crisis. Our initial focus was disarmament and US/Soviet relations. In 1989 we added federal budget priorities to our agenda. Last fall we opposed the U.S. offensive military buildup in the Persian Gulf and supported nonviolent sanctions rather than going to war. We are now working for an arms embargo in the Middle East and resolution of long-standing disputes in that region. Budget priorities remain a major concern, and we have entered the debate on what kind of a "new world order" to seek with the latest issue of

our bulletin, *Peace Leaf*.

We are not an official part of any Methodist denomination, but we relate to persons with peace and justice concerns within these denominations. Our initial network development has occurred within the United Methodist Church, working with the 50 resident bishops, peace with justice committees in 72 conferences (geographic units), local churches, and individual activists.

We now want to expand our network connections with people in the three black Methodist denominations. As a step in this direction the AME and AME Zion ecumenical bishops have joined our National Advisory Committee and appointed representatives to our Board of Directors. We are working out a similar arrangement with the CME Church. This has prepared the way for broader outreach.

If you would like for us to submit a more detailed, formal proposal, please let me know. I can be reached by phone at (301) 897-3668.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

July 25, 1991

Ms. Nancy Stockford  
CarEth Foundation  
401 Commonwealth Avenue  
Boston, MA 02215

Dear Ms. Stockford:

We kindly request the CarEth Foundation for a grant of \$10,000. This grant would go to our Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund, a 501(c)(3) entity. A general grant proposal is enclosed. Your support would be particularly helpful for two activities. The first is policy development and grassroots education related to global peace and justice issues, especially the need to curtail warfighting capability, develop stronger nonviolent instruments of peace, and address international justice concerns (see pp. 6-7). The second is our effort to broaden our outreach to peace and justice activists in three predominantly black Methodist denominations: African Methodist Episcopal, AME Zion, and Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) (see pp. 4-5).

We are a national membership association of laity and clergy. We organized in 1987 in response to a call from the United Methodist Council of Bishops for more faithful witness and action in dealing with the nuclear crisis. Our initial focus was disarmament and US/Soviet relations. In 1989 we added federal budget priorities to our agenda. Last fall we opposed the U.S. offensive military buildup in the Persian Gulf and supported nonviolent sanctions rather than going to war. We are now working for an arms embargo in the Middle East and resolution of long-standing disputes in that region. Budget priorities remain a major concern, and we have entered the debate on what kind of a "new world order" to seek with the latest issue of our bulletin, *Peace Leaf*.

We are not an official part of any Methodist denomination, but we relate to persons with peace and justice concerns within these denominations. Our initial network development has occurred within the United Methodist Church, working with the 50 resident bishops, peace with justice committees in 72 conferences (geographic units), local churches, and individual activists.

We now want to expand our network connections with people in the three black Methodist denominations. As a step in this direction the AME and AME Zion ecumenical bishops have joined our National Advisory Committee and appointed representatives to our Board of Directors. We are working out a similar arrangement with the CME Church. This has prepared the way for broader outreach.

If you would like for us to submit a more detailed, formal proposal, please let me know. I can be reached by phone at (301) 897-3668.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

September 5, 1991

Ms. Nancy Stockford, Program Manager  
The Winston Foundation for World Peace  
401 Commonwealth Avenue  
Boston, MA 02215

Dear Ms. Stockford:

We are submitting a report of our activities during the past twelve months. Part of our educational activities during this period were financed by a grant from the Winston Foundation for World Peace.

The proposal we submitted to you in May, accompanying a request for a grant of \$10,000, still describes our basic approach.

How we carry out our agenda constantly adapts to changing events. For example, we believe that the recent coup attempt in the Soviet Union highlighted the need to eliminate the global nuclear arsenal before part of it falls into wrong hands. The defeat of the coup has opened new opportunities to do so. We had been working on some ideas for strategic arms reduction beyond the START agreement, envisioning a two-phase process: simultaneous, mutual deactivation of the entire strategic arsenal followed by balanced, staged dismantlement. We have converted this idea into the enclosed proposal, which we are now circulating among people in peace and arms control organizations. We are open to other ideas. We feel that the peace movement should move quickly by providing leadership for the U.S. response to the changed situation.

This summer we conducted our third annual election for the Board of Directors. As the enclosed listing indicates, most of the newly elected

directors have strong connections with United Methodist conferences. This will help our network development. Directors from the three black Methodist denominations are appointed by ecumenical bishops. As another step towards strengthening our ties, we are holding a one-day consultation on Pan-Methodist perspectives on peace and justice issues on October 19, 1991. This will take place in conjunction with our semi-annual meeting of the Board of Directors, bringing in additional Methodists from the four denominations for the discussion.

We hope that your Board will give favorable consideration to our request for another grant.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

September 5, 1991

Mr. George Perkovich,  
Director, Security Programs  
W. Alton Jones Foundation  
232 East High Street  
Charlottesville, VA 22901

Dear Mr. Perkovich:

We kindly request the W. Alton Jones Foundation for a two year grant of \$25,000 a year, a total of \$50,000, in general support of our activities. The grant would go to our Methodists United Peace/ Justice Education Fund, a 501(c)(3) entity. The enclosed grant proposal elaborates our approach and tells more about us. An activities report highlights what we have been doing the past twelve months.

During the next two years we would use grant support (a) to expand our outreach for building stronger connections within three predominantly black Methodist denominations and (b) to strengthen grassroots education and mobilization of persons associated with four major Pan-Methodist denominations in this dual post-war period (after the Cold War and the Gulf War). We will continue our public advocacy work in Washington, working in coalition with other organizations and contributing to development of policy ideas for a new world order that features internationalism without militarism. The latter is illustrated by the enclosed proposal for global strategic disarmament in two phases: immediate deactivation followed by balanced, staged dismantlement.

Last April you indicated that your board will want to know about the extent

of our network and the impact of our work. We function as a combination of membership organization and network mobilizer. As a membership organization, we have about 500 persons who are considered members because they made an individual financial contribution to our work or were designated as part of a group membership by a Methodist conference board which made a contribution. At present 13 of the 72 United Methodist conferences contribute financially and one AME Zion episcopal district. Fourteen of the 50 United Methodist resident bishops are personally members. In our 1991 election for the Board of Directors, most of the nominees were active in United Methodist conference affairs (see enclosure). We also have a number of directors appointed by ecumenical bishops of the black Methodist denominations and racial/ethnic caucuses of the United Methodist Church.

As a network mobilizer, we regularly send our bulletin, *Peace Leaf*, and *Peace Justice Alerts* on legislative issues to all 50 United Methodist resident bishops and to the following officers of the 72 United Methodist conferences: council director, council staff assigned to peace and justice issues, chair, board of church and society, and

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coordinator, peace with justice task force. About once a year we send church and society chairs and peace with justice coordinators proposed resolutions for use by their board and annual conference. Periodically we send news releases to United Methodist conference newspapers and national publications.

We want to establish similar network ties with the African Methodist Episcopal, AME Zion, and Christian Methodist Episcopal denominations. And we are continuously seeking to expand the number of people and conference boards that make membership contributions to Methodists United for Peace with Justice.

We lack statistical analysis of the impact of our outreach, but we have a number of indicators to know that our material is used by our members and conference contacts. A number of our United Methodist conference contacts, especially peace with justice coordinators, reproduce our *Peace Justice Alerts* and send them to their contacts in local churches. Individual members do likewise in their own churches. If timing is right, an *Alert* is included in a conference mailing that goes to all ministers. After mailing an issue of *Peace Leaf* offering "Perspectives on a New World Order" to about 2,000 United Methodist, we sold another 600 for further distribution.

Conference church and society chairs and peace with justice coordinators have used our material in developing board and conference resolutions. For instance, in September 1990 our "Reflections on the Middle East Crisis" was the first Methodist material they received after the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait

and arrived prior to the fall meeting of conference boards of church and society. We heard from a number of conference contacts that this was very useful for them. Likewise our draft resolutions on Iraqi relief and Arab-Israel conflict, developed by our Board of Directors in March 1991, served as the basis for resolutions presented to annual conferences in May and June.

The only time we have done a sign-on statement was in April 1989 on federal budget priorities (enclosed), and we gained signatures from 32 of the 50 United Methodist bishops and from officials in two-thirds of the United Methodist conferences. Another eight bishops have shown other kind of endorsement of our work.

In our coalition work in Washington on seeking termination of the B-2 bomber, we learned that senators from 22 states were considered "swing votes." We had contacts in all of those states and were able to mobilize grassroots activities. When the Nunn-Warner proposal for deployment of a missile defense system around the ICBM field at Grand Forks, North Dakota came forth, we were able to alert persons in North Dakota about this possibility. (Naturally we pay for grassroots lobbying through membership contributions handled by our basic 501(c)(4) corporation. In contrast, our basic educational work with these networks is handled through our Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund, a 501(c)(3) entity. We have separate bank accounts and financial records to keep the two funds clearly separated.)

As a private nonprofit corporation, we are not formally affiliated with any religious organization even though we reach out to persons who have formal affilia-

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tion with particular denominations. As a matter of policy, we seek to fill voids and not compete with official denominational boards. For example, the United Methodist General Board of Church and Society is doing nothing on nuclear disarmament, does not participate in the Monday Lobby, did very little on the Gulf War, and has not paid attention to the debate on federal budget priorities. We view United Methodism as a "market economy" rather than a "command economy". Conference boards and local churches use information from a variety of sources according to its usefulness, and they do not take orders from national boards on what issues to work on. The widespread use of our material indicates that we are a valuable resource that comes to them quicker and is more sharply focused than material coming from the church bureaucracy, if it comes at all.

The three black Methodist denominations have fewer national staff working on peace and justice issues, so that our material is likely to be welcome by their conference boards and local churches as we build stronger contacts.

If I can provide further information, please let me know. Or if you would like to meet in Charlottesville or Washington, I am available. I can be reached by phone at (301) 897-3668.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

September 13, 1991

Mr. Stewart R. Mott  
122 Maryland Avenue, NE  
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Mr. Mott:

We have come up with an idea for moving rapidly with strategic disarmament. We need some financial support for follow through. Therefore, we kindly request you to consider making a contribution or grant of \$6,000 to the Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund, a 501(c)(3) entity that can receive tax-deductible contributions.

The idea is for the United States and the Soviet Union to embark together on a two-phase process for the complete elimination of all strategic nuclear weapons and their warheads.

Phase I. Immediate and simultaneous deactivation of all strategic nuclear delivery systems

Bring all strategic submarines into port and remove their missiles; open all ICBM silos, take out the missiles, place them on the ground, and remove their warheads; move all ICBMs to fixed locations, take the missiles off the transport vehicles, and remove their warheads; ground all strategic bombers, remove all bombs and missiles.

Phase II. Dismantlement of all warheads and delivery vehicles, staged in a manner to assure that no nation is at a disadvantage or at risk at any time during the dismantlement.

The attachment offers more details.

I have started to circulate this proposal widely to people in peace, arms

control, scientific, and religious organizations. Among the first responses the idea has been called "a novel concept", "thought provoking", "imaginative", "makes a lot of sense", and "provocative". Respondents have said, "it is time for radical steps" and "we need to move quickly to end run the bureaucrats and naysayers".

Physicist Ted Taylor is taking my proposal to the Pugwash Conference in Beijing. William Colby is including it a presentation of "zero option" possibilities that he is making to the executive committee of the Committee for National Security. Aaron Tovish wants to share the idea with his network in Parliamentarians for Global Action. I have had positive feedback from staff of the Center for Defense Information, National Resources Defense Council, Federation of American Scientists, Physicians for Social Responsibility, and Union of Concern Scientists, at least that the idea is worthy of consideration, though I cannot claim that these organizations have made a formal endorsement. People active in the religious community who work on these issues look favorably toward taking dramatic action at this time. Organizations like SANE/FREEZE, Greenpeace, and Women Strike for Peace have broader agendas for action now, but would

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likely join in a broad coalition to press for immediate deactivation of the strategic arsenal.

With this idea catching on, I would like to devote some time during the next several months as a stimulator, catalyst, and convener to develop it further. I would like to refine the proposal to incorporate others' ideas and to gain endorsement from a respectable number of U.S. peace and arms control organizations. Then we can get support from some members of Congress and do some missionary work within the Bush Administration. Persons with contacts in the Union of Sovereign States (former Soviet Union) can share this idea with citizens and parliamentarians there, and through them with the presidents of the key republics and the Union. Within a few months we can generate widespread support.

For two years I have served as executive director of Methodists United for Peace with Justice, trying to make it a full-time paid positions. However, I haven't been able to generate enough support from Methodist circles, foundations, and major donors for any more than occasional salary. I can't afford to work as a full-time volunteer any longer and therefore am now seeking other employment and consulting work. Yet, I would like to follow through on this idea for immediate deactivation of the strategic nuclear arsenal. For that reason, I hope that you will look favorably upon our request for a \$6,000 tax-deductible contribution, which would permit me to do a thorough job of following through on this innovative approach to strategic disarmament.

If you would like me to stop by some time to discuss this request in greater detail, I can be reached by phone at (301) 897-3668.

*With best regards,*

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

Budget for Request to  
Stewart R. Mott

*Consulting fee\**

Howard W. Hallman	30 days @ \$150	\$4,500
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Operational expenses	1,500
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Printing, postage, telephone, supplies	_____
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Total	\$6,000
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\* Because of inability to have a regular payroll, Hallman as executive director of Methodists United for Peace with Justice will be paid a consultant fee at a rate derived from an annual salary of \$30,000 with 15% fringe benefits.

Methodists United for Peace with Justice  
421 Seward Square, SE, Washington, DC 20003

September 13, 1991

September 16, 1991

Mr. Stewart R. Mott  
122 Maryland Avenue, NE  
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Mr. Mott:

I would like to add two items to what I sent you on September 13 in requesting a contribution to the Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund. One is an issue of our bulletin, *Peace Leaf*, in which we offer "Perspectives on a New World Order". Our vision is outlined on pages 8-9,11. The second is a list of my writing on peace issues since 1984.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

November 2, 1991

Mr. Stewart R. Mott  
122 Maryland Avenue, NE  
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Mr. Mott:

In September we wrote to you, requesting you to consider a contribution or grant of \$6,000 to the Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund, a 501(c)(3) entity. The purpose would be to support our work on nuclear disarmament.

Since then we have further developed our ideas, leading to the enclosed set of recommendations adopted by our Board of Directors. We say that now is the time to eliminate all nuclear weapons throughout the globe. This means exercising the zero option with these objectives:

- Strategic nuclear weapons: zero
- Tactical nuclear weapons: zero
- Testing and production: zero
- Nonproliferation: universal
- Strategic defense: unnecessary

In our detailed recommendations we call for immediately and concurrently deactivating the entire land- and sea-based strategic arsenal. This would be accomplished by

- Bringing all strategic submarines into port, removing their missiles, and taking off their warheads, and
- Opening all ICBM silos, taking out the missiles, placing them on the ground, and removing their warheads.

*Deactivation would be followed by a staged program to dismantle all strategic warheads and their delivery vehicles.*

We are offering these recommendations to President Bush, President Gorbachev, the presidents of the major republics of the former Soviet Union, members of the U.S. Congress, parliamentarians in the Union of Sovereign States and associated republics, and various citizen organizations. Among the latter we have found considerable interest in the idea of deactivating the entire strategic arsenal and other components of our recommendations.

To help us continue to push for the zero option, an idea whose time has come, we repeat our request to you for financial support for our endeavor.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

November 4, 1991

Ms. Nancy Stockford, Administrator  
CarEth Foundation  
401 Commonwealth Avenue  
Boston, MA 02215

Dear Nancy:

As a final updating before the Board of Directors of the CarEth Foundation takes up our request for general support, I am sending you the latest issue of our bulletin, *Peace Leaf*. It contains a statement of our Board of Directors stating that now is the time to exercise the zero option and seek global nuclear disarmament as quickly as possible. This would be accomplished by attaining the following objectives:

- Strategic nuclear weapons: zero
- Tactical nuclear weapons: zero
- Testing and production: zero
- Nonproliferation: universal
- Strategic defense: unnecessary

One of our principal recommendations is immediate and concurrent deactivation of the entire land- and sea-based strategic arsenal throughout the globe. This would be accomplished by

- Bringing all strategic submarines into port, removing their missiles, and taking off their warheads, and
- Opening all ICBM silos, taking out the missiles, placing them on the ground, and removing their warheads.

Deactivation would be followed by a staged program to dismantle all strategic warheads and their delivery vehicles.

In developing this statement we have shared our ideas with many other organizations and found support among those with a "disarmament" orientation. Other organizations which are oriented toward "arms control" tend to believe reduction to 1,000 strategic warheads on each side under the doctrine of minimal deterrence is all that could be attained. We are trying to convince them to support total deactivation now and then wait until the stages of dismantlement to determine how far to go. Meanwhile, we are making our views known to President Bush, his principal advisors, members of Congress, leadership in the former Soviet Union, as well as to our own grassroots network and the media.

Support from the CarEth Foundation will help us continue this and other activities.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

November 7, 1991

Ms. Penny Willgerodt  
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Dear Ms. Willgerodt:

I would like to submit some supplemental material as further background for our request for a grant of \$24,000 for each of the next two years. Our project is "Engaging in the 'New World Order' Debate".

In early summer while working on an issue of our bulletin, *Peace Leaf*, on "Dismantling Cold War Militarism", it occurred to me the way to achieve strategic nuclear disarmament would be first to deactivate the entire global strategic arsenal in one fell swoop and then to dismantle it in stages over a period of several years. I talked with military and scientific experts to determine if immediate deactivation was logistically feasible, and they said it could be done if there was a political willingness. I was thinking about this idea as "beyond START", but after the failed coup in the Soviet Union, I accelerated my work because this event produced a sense of urgency and also opened a window of opportunity. The product was a draft statement on "A Proposal for Strategic Disarmament Now" (September 3, 1991), which I circulated to about 100 people in the peace and arms control community (Attachment 1).

Response was positive. On September 27 President Bush offered his arms reduction initiatives, including a commitment to take strategic bombers and certain intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs) off alert. This was a

modest step of deactivation. In response I produced "A Statement on the Zero Option for Global Nuclear Disarmament" (September 30) that offered a far reaching approach (Attachment 2). Again response was positive, but it was apparent that it would take quite a while to get a significant number of organizational endorsements because of decision-making inertia. Then on October 5 President Gorbachev gave his response of reciprocal actions. It was time for advocacy groups to respond.

Therefore, I recast the second document into a statement for our Board of Directors, which would be meeting on October 18 and 19. The Board worked on the statement, introduced reference to the 1986 document of the United Methodist Council of Bishops that said "no" to nuclear deterrence, and adopted it. We then published the statement as an issue of *Peace Leaf* (Attachment 3). We are now giving the statement wide circulation in a manner that illustrates our approach to public policy advocacy.

We have written to President Bush and his top advisors, requesting a meeting. We have delivered a copy to every member of Congress and during the next two months will seek appointments with key members and staff. We have written to President Gorbachev and the presidents of the four republics of the former Soviet Union where strategic nuclear weapons

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are based. We are asking organizations with contacts within the Union of Sovereign States to help us get this statement into the hands of parliamentarians and citizen activists there.

We have written to the heads of 42 U.S. peace organizations requesting their support for the idea of immediate deactivation of the strategic arsenal, and we will follow through with telephone calls and personal visits (a number have previously indicated support). We have written to the heads of ten major arms control organizations which are pushing for reduction to a level of minimal deterrence but do not think that total nuclear disarmament is feasible. We are trying to persuade them to support total deactivation even if they insist that a modest supply is kept in reserve for deterrence. Our argument is that there are no longer legitimate targets in the reforming Union of Sovereign States for an active U.S. strategic arsenal. We will also contact former U.S. defense officials, scientists, and arms control negotiators who favor minimal deterrence, making the same argument with them. We are seeking opportunities to partake in public forums to present the zero option.

We sent our statement to about 120 national media contacts and 100 United Methodist national publications and conference newspapers. We realize that the national media don't give much coverage to our kind of organization, so we are following through with individual contact with journalists, columnists, and editors who may be willing to provide coverage for our proposal.

We have developed a prospectus for a book on the zero option that would have 16 chapters written by different authors. We will try to line up some authors on a tentative basis and then seek a grant to pay authors to write and a publisher to print and distribute the book. Our purpose is to strengthen the intellectual basis of the zero option concept, and therefore its respectability.

We have sent *Peace Leaf* to our network around the country, now consisting mainly of United Methodist activists but growing to include persons from three predominantly black Methodist denominations. Our board election during the summer has strengthened our network ties among United Methodists, and we are beginning to make stronger connections with African Methodist Episcopal, AME Zion, and Christian Methodist Episcopal leaders.

Our work is about equally divided between (a) national policy development and advocacy and (b) grassroots education and mobilization. Our grassroots foundation provides legitimacy to public policy advocacy nationally and provides a modest amount of influence. Our connections with other national organizations provides us considerable information we can share with our grassroots contacts. These two emphases are interrelated and inseparable.

We understand that your emphasis is more upon policy analysis and advocacy than grassroots work. We hope that the above description of how we have been working on the zero option convinces you that our work on policy analysis and advocacy is worthy of your support. We would use a grant from you for that purpose, realizing that our grassroots network has the potential for providing sufficient financial support for that phase.

Therefore, we hope that you will give favorable consideration to our request.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

November 21, 1991

Ms. Nancy Stockford, Program Manager  
The Winston Foundation for World Peace  
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Boston, MA 02215

Dear Nancy:

We have received your check for \$6,000 and are grateful for your support. We will provide the report you requested at the end of six months and another at the end of the grant year. We will definitely not use your funds for lobbying purposes.

You made the check to "Civic Action Institute." We specified this organization as a grantee in our first application to you, but this was only a transitional arrangement until we could receive IRS approval for our own Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund as a 501(c)(3) organization. This was accomplished over a year ago, and I thought that I had notified you. At any rate we endorsed the check from the Civic Action Institute to the Education Fund and deposited it in the latter's bank account. For your records I am sending a copy of the IRS letter related to the Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

February 22, 1992

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

Dear Mr. Perkovich:

We are submitting to you an executive summary and several attachments in support of our request for a two year grant of \$50,000 from the W. Alton Jones Foundation. The grant would help our support our work for global nuclear disarmament. Project activities would encompass public policy advocacy in Washington, D.C. and grassroots education and mobilization of Methodists from four denominations: African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion, Christian Methodist Episcopal, and United Methodist.

To illustrate our public policy work, I am enclosed several items that present a proposal for taking the global strategic arsenal off alert. The enclosed issues of *Peace Leaf* provide samples of grassroots educational material. we undertake.

When we organized in 1987, most of the initiators were United Methodists. Since then we have been developing stronger ties with people from three predominantly black Methodist denominations. Simultaneously we are seeking a stronger relationship with the Asian, Black, Hispanic, and Native American caucuses within the United Methodist Church. Support from the W. Alton Jones Foundation would enable us to achieve a stronger grassroots

base of this nature. This would benefit our work and would help add diversity to the U.S. peace movement.

The grant would go to our Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund, which has status as a 501(c)(3) entity under the Internal Revenue Code. The IRS approval letter is enclosed.

If you need any further information or if you would like me to go to Charlottesville to talk about our application in greater detail, please call me at (301) 897-3668.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman  
Executive Director

June 4, 1992

Ms. Nancy Stockford, Program Manager  
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Dear Ms. Stockford:

This spring a major focus of ours was the United Methodist General Conference, which held its quadrennial meeting in Louisville from May 5-16. We were so caught up in preparation that I overlooked our need to provide you a six month report. Please accept my apology for this late report.

Our efforts at the United Methodist General Conference were quite successful. We staged a Peace with Justice Breakfast on May 6, the second day of General Conference, to highlight key issues that legislative committees would be considering. In addition to three American bishops who spoke from the podium, Bishop Ruedeger Minor from Germany spoke from the floor.

Four years ago we successfully sponsored a resolution to establish Peace with Justice as a special program, run by the United Methodist General Board of Church and Society. This time the General Council of Ministries proposed Peace with Justice as one of three major emphases for the next four years, and this was approved. This year we proposed a resolution on "Nuclear Disarmament: The Zero Option", an up-dated version of a statement our Board of Directors passed last October. It was adopted by the General Conference.

Our other major thrust during the past six months was pressing to get the

global strategic arsenal taken off alert and all warheads separated from their delivery vehicles. In January we distributed a statement on this subject. In February we got 35 other organizations to join us in making this proposal to President Bush and President Gorbachev. In March a small delegation of signers arranged an appointment at the U.S. State Department and learned that the U.S. government is not now ready to accept this approach. Our letter to Moscow apparently reached President Yeltsin himself, and he instructed the Russian Embassy in Washington to get in touch with us and say that the Russian government looks favorably on this proposal. We followed up with a group letter to Secretary Baker, urging him to accept the Russian offer.

These activities are further described in the enclosures.

Sincerely yours,

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Executive Director