

Number 1

January 1989

NOW IS THE TIME TO BEGIN THE PUSH FOR THE END OF STAR WARS

ACT NOW. During January get in touch with the two U.S. senators from your state and the U.S. representative from your district and ask them to become a cosponsor of the "Outer Space Protection Act", which will be introduced in the 101st Congress. Write to them in Washington (Senate zipcode is 20510, the House of Representative is 20515). Or try to contact them directly when they are in the state or district. Many of them have district offices, and you can call there and ask the district staffs to convey the message to Washington.

About the Outer Space Protection Act.

During the last session of Congress, a version of the Outer Space Protection Act was introduced into the U.S. Senate by Senator Tom Harkin of Iowa, and it gained the cosponsorship of Senators Cranston, Daschle, Hatfield, Kennedy, Kerry, Leahy, Pell, Proxmire, Sanford, Simon, Stafford, and Weicker. A similar bill was introduced into the House by Representative Les AuCoin of Oregon. These same members intend to introduce similar bills into the upcoming Congress. The key sections of the 1988 version of the bill are as

follows:

The purpose is "to preserve the cooperative, peaceful uses of outer space for the benefit of all mankind by prohibiting the basing or testing of weapons in outer space and the testing of antisatellite weapons."

Section 3 prohibits funds for the development, testing, production, and deployment of any space-based weapons, and for the testing of any antisatellite (ASAT) weapon whether based on land, sea, air or space.

Section 4 directs the president to negotiate with the Soviet Union to achieve a permanent, verifiable treaty banning all weapons in space.

Section 5 asks the president to begin discussions in the United Nations to extend this space weapons ban to all nations.

Section 6 directs the secretary of defense to manage a long-term research program to provide the United States with options to respond to any future Soviet breakout of the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty.

Section 7 permits non-weapons military activities to continue in space.

Section 8 revokes Sections 3 and 4 if the Soviets test ASATs or develop space-based weapons.

(over)

BACKGROUND

United Methodist Position.

In their 1986 pastor letter and foundation document, In Defense of Creation, the United Methodist Council of Bishop supported bans of space weapons, both offensive and defensive. In explaining their concern for space-based defense, they noted: "We are impressed by the doubts of many eminent scientists. We are concerned about possible offensive implications. We are worried about the consequences for arms reduction. We are appalled at the probable costs. And we remember once again how often the Scriptures warn us against false hopes for peace and security." The 1988 General Conference, the official policy-making body of the United Methodist Church, voted to support and affirm the statements of In Defense of Creation.

Methodists United for Peace with Justice, an association of laity and clergy, agrees with the United Methodist bishops and the General Conference that efforts should be undertaken to ban both offensive and defensive weapons in space. The July-September issue of our newsletter, Peace Leaf, elaborates on the bishops' concerns on Star Wars: doubts of scientists, offensive implications, effect on arms reduction, and budgetary costs. For a copy, write or call us.

How to Prevent Star Wars.

There are several ways to prevent war in space. (1) The United States, the Soviet

Union, and other nations can exercise self-discipline and not develop and deploy weapons in space. (2) Nations can enter into agreements for mutual bans on the testing, development, production and deployment of space-based weapons. (3) Citizens can get their legislative bodies to ban these weapons and cut off funding for their development. (4) Such cutoffs can be made conditional on one or more other nations observing such a ban.

The Outer Space Protection Act is a combination of methods. It would prevent the United States from going ahead with the development, testing, production, and deployment of weapons in space as long as the Soviet Union reciprocates. It would push for a treaty with the Soviet Union. But it would allow the continuation of long-term basic research on ballistic missile defense to provide the United States with expanding options in case the Soviet Union breakouts of the ABM Treaty.

Precedent. There is precedent for this action in the Antarctic Treaty of 1961, which prohibits "any measures of a military nature, such as the establishment of military bases and fortifications, the carrying out of military maneuvers, as well as the testing of any type of weapons." This Treaty permits challenge inspections of any facility at any time. Since 1964, the United States has inspected the stations of six nations, including several violations of Soviet stations in the Antarctic. There have been no violations.

Follow through. After you have contacted your senators and representatives, please let us know their reply. If you want ideas to rebut arguments they offer in

refusing to become cosponsors, please get in touch with us.

Special Alert for Maine

February 1989

COSPONSORS WANTED FOR "OUTER SPACE PROTECTION ACT"

A serious effort is now underway to get U.S. Senators to become cosponsors of the "Outer Space Protection Act" before it is introduced. This bill is explained in the enclosed Peace/Justice Alert, which we sent out in January.

We ask you to write Senators Mitchell, asking him to join the list of cosponsors. Or you might prefer to call his Washington, D.C. office or his office in Maine. His address and Washington telephone number are:

Senator George J. Mitchell
176 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
(202) 224-5344

Please ask others to write similar letters or make calls.

Our previous Alert suggests some of the arguments in favor of the "Outer Space Protection Act":

- o There is an urgent need to assure that outer space is used only for cooperative, peaceful uses and that war-making capability be kept out of space.
- o There is danger that the Strategic Defensive Initiative (SDI) and the attempt to develop antisatellite (ASAT) weapons could carry war into space.
- o The United Methodist bishops have questioned the wisdom of the Strategic Defensive Initiative because of (a) the doubts of scientists about feasibility, (b) possible offensive implications, (c) negative effect on arms reduction negotiations, and (c) enormous costs.
- o There is a need to curtail SDI and ASAT production and also to articulate an overall policy for peaceful uses of outer space. The "Outer Space Protection Act" achieves these purposes.
- o At the same time the United States needs to be assured that the Soviet Union will not develop and deploy space weapons. With this in mind the bill calls upon the President to negotiate a treaty with the Soviet Union to achieve a permanent, verifiable ban of all weapons in space. The bill also permits long-term research to provide the United States with options in case the Soviet Union withdraws from the

Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty.

- o Accordingly, this is farsighted but prudent legislation.

Number 3

April 1989

FOR OUR CHILDREN'S SAKE: TRANSFORM FEDERAL BUDGET PRIORITIES

Congress is moving along with the federal budget, but it is falling behind the schedule required by law (see Peace Leaf No. 6, January-March 1989, p.2). Congressional budget leaders are negotiating with officials from the Bush Administration on possible budget compromises. However, so far neither the Congress nor the Administration has realistically faced the task of reducing the huge federal deficit, curbing excessive military spending, and at the same time responding to essential human needs.

For the sake of our children and our grandchildren, we must undertake three basic tasks:

- (1) Insist that our generation pays its own way instead of piling up debts that our offspring will have to settle.
- (2) Assure that sufficient funds are available (a) to meet the needs of children and youth for adequate nutrition, health care, and the educational foundation essential for the jobs of the 21st century and (b) to respond to other basic human needs.
- (3) Halt military spending for projects and weapon systems that waste money and human talent and increase the likelihood of war, thereby threatening human survival.

United Methodist Leaders Call for Shift in Budget Priorities

Through the initiation of Methodists United for Peace with Justice, United Methodist leaders from all parts of the United States (including xx bishops) have signed "A Call for Shift in Budget Priorities from Military to Human Needs." This call contains three main recommendations:

First, we believe that the military budget for the 1990 Fiscal Year should be reduced by (a) sharply curtailing expenditures for development, testing, and production of all weapons that could carry war into outer space, (b) establishing a two year moratorium on the production of any more strategic nuclear weapons, and (c) cutting back on excessive funding for other military hardware, especially weapon systems with high costs and questionable value.

Second, savings from reductions in military spending should be reassigned to programs responding to urgent human needs. Within the United States special attention should be given to the needs of children in poor families and their parents, education of children and youth from all segments of society, employment and training opportunities for youth and adults, adequate health care for all, and the needs of the homeless. And increased resources should be directed toward assisting Third World nations to achieve positive social and economic development.

Third, as a means of reducing the huge federal deficit, significant revenue increases should occur through closing tax loopholes and through income tax rate increases, based upon the ability to pay.

If you want a full copy of the Call and the list of signers, please write to us at the above address.

WRITE LETTERS, SEND CHILDREN'S PICTURES

It is essential that the message of this Call reach members of Congress and President Bush. We suggest the following:

- (1) Assemble some pictures of your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, neighborhood children, or children from your church.
- (2) Send a child's picture to President Bush, to your two U.S. senators, and to your U.S. representative. Indicate the child's name, age, interesting characteristics, etc. State your concern for the child's future. For example, a child born in 1985 who starts working at age 18 and retires at 65 will be a worker and a taxpayer from 2003 until 2050. She/he will inherit from us our economy, the environment, our debts.
- (3) Using your own words, indicate your support for the recommendations of the 'Call for Shift in Budget Priorities'.
- (4) Urge members of Congress to come up with a budget that:
 - (a) responds to urgent human needs,
 - (b) curbs excessive military spending, and
 - (c) reduces the federal deficit, if necessary raising tax rates for those who can afford higher taxes without cutting into necessities of life.
- (5) Ask President Bush to reconsider his campaign pledge of "no new taxes." Point out that the runaway deficit requires additional revenues, especially if we are to cope with the savings and loan crisis, increased inflation that requires higher interest payments on the growing federal debt, and still meet basic human needs.
- (6) Indicate that justice requires that (a) tax loopholes giving unfair benefits to a few should be closed and (b) income tax rate increase should be assigned to persons with greatest ability to pay.

GET OTHER LETTERWRITERS

We invite you to get other persons to write to these public officials, too. Make copies of this Peace/Justice Alert. Post it on your church bulletin board and hand it out to members of your congregation. Indicate the names and addresses of your senators and representatives. (Washington zipcodes are 20500 for the White House, 20510 for U.S. Senate, and 20515 for U.S. House of Representatives.)

Provide paper, envelopes, and stamps at a table in the social hall during the coffee hour after church. Mother's Day (May 14) or Peace with Justice Sunday (May 21) might be a good time to do this. Take such supplies to your Sunday School class, the meeting of the council of ministries or administrative board. A district superintendent or a minister can likewise for a district clergy meeting. A bishop could do the same for his or her cabinet.

Remember: it is our children and grandchildren and their future that we are concerned about!

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

Number 3 April 1989

FOR OUR CHILDREN'S SAKE: TRANSFORM FEDERAL BUDGET PRIORITIES

Between now and the middle of May, Congress will make some momentous decisions affecting how the nation spends its tax dollars. There is a distinct possibility that the budget will give inadequate attention to the needs of children, youth, the hungry, the homeless, the unemployed and to people in poor health and families not able to find decent, affordable housing. Instead, extremely high military spending might continue even though the nation is not now at war and Cold War tensions have mostly gone away. Moreover, Congress and the Administration seem to be avoiding the necessity of raising additional revenue to reduce the enormous federal debt.

We can change this. This Peace/Justice Alert offers some specific actions to take. We ask you and others in your church and community to consider them.

WRITE LETTERS, SEND CHILDREN'S PICTURES

(1) **Assemble children's pictures** -- your own children, your grandchildren, nieces, nephews, neighborhood children, or children in your church.

(2) **Send a child's picture to President Bush, to your two U.S.senators, and to your representative.** You can paste it on your stationary, as we illustrate. In your letter, tell something about the child and your hopes for her or his future. (Washington, D.C. zipcodes are 20500 for the White House, 20510 for the U.S. Senate, and 20515 for the U.S. House of Representatives.)

(3) **Express your concern about the heritage we are offering children:** a world dangerously armed with nuclear weapons, current initiatives to extend war into space, neglect of fundamental human needs for food and shelter, a huge federal deficit that future generations will have to pay off.

(4) **Insist that the President and Congress come up with a federal budget that promotes both peace and justice.** The back page of this Alert contains a summary of "A Call for Shift in Budget Priorities from Military to Human Needs", signed by more than 100 United Methodist leaders from throughout the country. It recommends that the federal budget should:

- (a) curb excessive military spending,
- (b) invest more funds in programs meeting urgent human needs, and

(c) provide for revenue increases based, on the ability to pay.

Think about these ideas and express them in your own words. You might mention that our generation has a strong responsibility for assuring that today's children receive adequate food, health care, housing, education, and family nurture. You can point out how excessive military spending takes money away from these necessities. You can say that we should take care of our own debts.

(5) Share this Peace/Justice Alert with others. Make copies. Post it on your church bulletin board. Hand it out to members of your congregation.

UNITED METHODIST LEADERS CALL FOR SHIFT IN BUDGET PRIORITIES

Through the initiation of Methodists United for Peace with Justice, a majority of active bishops on the United Methodist Council of Bishops and many United Methodists leaders from conferences in all parts of the United States have signed "A Call for Shift in Budget Priorities from Military to Human Needs." This call contains three main recommendations:

First, we believe that the military budget for the 1990 Fiscal Year should be reduced by (a) sharply curtailing expenditures for development, testing, and production of all weapons that could carry war into outer space, (b) establishing a two year moratorium on the production of any more strategic nuclear weapons, and (c) cutting back on excessive funding for other military hardware, especially weapon systems with high costs and questionable value.

Second, savings from reductions in military spending should be reassigned to programs responding to urgent human needs. Within the United States special attention should be given to the needs of children in poor families and their parents, education of children and youth from all segments of society, employment and training opportunities for youth and adults, adequate health care for all, and the needs of the homeless. And increased resources should be directed toward assisting Third World nations to achieve positive social and economic development.

Third, as a means of reducing the huge federal deficit, significant revenue increases should occur through closing tax loopholes and through income tax rate increases, based upon the ability to pay.

If you want a copy of the Call and the list of signers, please write to us. And we have available a Background Report on detailed budget proposals.

GET OTHER LETTER WRITERS

To get others to write letters to the President and to members of Congress, you can provide paper, envelopes, and stamps at a table in the social hall during the coffee hour after church. Mother's Day (May 14) or Peace with Justice Sunday (May 21) might be a good time to do this. Take such supplies to your Sunday School class, the meeting of the council of ministries or administrative board. A district superintendent or a minister can do likewise for a district clergy meeting. A bishop could do the same at cabinet meeting.

Remember: it is our children and grandchildren and their future!

METHODISTS UNITED
for Peace with Justice
421 Seward Square, SE
Washington, DC 20003

PEACE/JUSTICE ALERT
No. 3 April 1989

Number 4May 1989

BLOCK FUNDING OF NEW STRATEGIC WEAPONS

The U.S. Congress has now adopted a Budget Resolution that essentially keeps military spending on the high plateau it reached in 1986. But this is not the end of our effort to reduce excessive military spending.

Congress now must implement the broad budgetary outline through authorizing acts and specific appropriations. We can influence this process. The next step is for the House and Senate Armed Services Committees to write a "Defense Authorization Act". Subcommittee "mark up" starts June 12. Committee votes will come toward the end of June with floor debate occurring after the July 4th recess. After that the Appropriation Committees will meet and will produce bills to appropriate the funds for consideration in September.

ACTION TO TAKE NOW: Get in touch with members of Congress from your district and state. Ask them to cut back the authorized funding of new strategic weapons and strategic defense. Concentrate especially on members of the Armed Services Committees (see list on next page). If your representative and senators are not on one of the committees, ask them to convey your views to committee members. You can make direct contact during the Memorial Weekend recess. You can call their district office or write to them (U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510; House of Representative, Washington, DC 20515).

Military Spending Cutbacks to Seek

We are giving top priority to cutbacks on funds for (a) strategic nuclear weapons, that is, the ones than can strike the Soviet Union from afar, (b) strategic defense, and (c) anti-satellite weapons.

Strategic weapons. The United States has 12,510 strategic warheads directed against the Soviet Union. The official purpose is "deterrence", a policy which the United Methodist bishops have called "idolatrous." But these nuclear weapons could be used in warfare. For this horrible purpose, the arsenal represents a vast overkill, for it would take only 200 to wipe out two-thirds of the Soviet population. Furthermore, there is an excellent opportunity to achieve a Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START) with the Soviet Union to cut the number of strategic warheads in half. So why build more strategic weapons? Why not give peace a chance?

For the 1990 Fiscal Year the Pentagon has asked for \$1.2 billion to put 50 ten-warhead MX missiles on rails, \$200 million for development of a new Midgetman missile (which will eventually cost billions more), more than \$1 billion for development of the B-2 stealth bomber (the exact amount is shrouded in secrecy), and \$2 billion for deploying additional Trident II missiles on submarines.

We should urge the Armed Services Committee to disapprove all of these strategic weapons. MX missiles would be placed in their rail-garrison mode only during a period of international tension. This could a provocative act. Moreover, derailment or collision of trains could release radioactive materials and endanger nearby communities. To deploy 500 Midgetman missiles on trucks would cost at least \$32 billion. We already have a new bomber – the B-1, so another model is unnecessary, and there are already sufficient submarine missiles

Strategic Defense. Secretary of Defense Richard B. Cheney has requested \$4.6 billion for the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) for FY 1990, a 27 percent increase over FY 1989. He wants \$5.4 billion for FY 1991. The United Methodist bishops in 1986 reported on the doubts of many eminent scientists on the feasibility of space-based defense. Now in 1989 these scientists are skeptical of the latest SDI proposal, "Brilliant Pebbles". The bishops also expressed concern for offensive implications of space-based weapons and about the impact on arms reduction negotiations. **SDI should be cut back to only a basic research program that allows no engineering development and no testing or deployment in space. We should ask the Armed Services Committees to keep funding below \$2 billion.**

Anti-satellite weapons. The Pentagon is asking for \$500 million to start developing anti-satellite (ASAT) weapons. Neither the United States nor the Soviet Union should deploy ASATs, for they would threaten the satellites both nations rely on to verify arms control agreements, for communications, and for attack warning. **There should be no funding of ASAT research and development as long as the Soviets are not testing such weapons (which they are not now doing).**

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WHO ARE WRITING DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION LEGISLATION

House Armed Services Committee. Democrats: Aspin (WI), chair, Bennett (FL), Montgomery (MS), Dellums (CA), Schroeder (CO), Byron (MD), Mavroules (MA), Hutto (FL), Skelton (MO), Leath (TX), McCurdy (OK), Foglietta (PA), Dyson (MD), Hertel (MI), Lloyd (TN), Sisisky (VA), Ray (GA), Spratt (SC), McCloskey (IN), Ortiz (TX), Darden (GA), Robinson (AR), Bustamante (TX), Hochbrueckner (NY), Brennan (ME), Pickett (VA), Lancaster (NC), Evans (IL), Bilbray (NV), Tanner (TN), McNulty (NY). Republicans: Dickson (AL), Spence (SC), Stump (AZ), Courter (NJ), Hopkins (KY), Davis (MI), Hunter (CA), Martin (NY), Kasich (OH), Bateman (VA), Blaz (Guam), Ireland (FL), Hansen (UT), Rowland (CT), Weldon (PA), Kyl (AZ), Ravenel (SC), Doman (CA), Hefley (CO), McCrery (LA), Machtley (RI). Underscored are members of Research and Development Subcommittee (Dellums, chair), which will make the initial "mark" on SDI and ASAT authorization.

Senate Armed Services Committee. Democrats: Nunn (GA), chair, Exon (NE), Levin (MI), Kennedy (MA), Bingaman (NM), Dixon (IL), Glenn (OH), Gore (TN), Wirth (CO), Shelby (AL), Byrd (WV).

Republicans: Warner (VA), Thurmond (SC), Cohen (ME), Wilson (CA), McCain (AZ), Wallop (WY), Gorton (WA), Lott (MS), Coats (IN).

METHODISTS UNITED
for Peace with Justice
421 Seward Square, SE
Washington, DC 20003

PEACE/JUSTICE ALERT
No. 4, May 1989

To: Arkansas United Methodists

We urge you to get people to write to Senator Dale Bumpers on the issues of this report. He is an influential member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, which will decide how much money is actually appropriated for strategic weapons and strategic defense after the Defense Authorization Act passes Congress. Now is a good time to be in touch with. Thank him for his past leadership in curtailing excessive military spending. Urge him to provide leadership in this session of Congress to cut back the Strategic Defense Initiative and to block anti-satellite weapons, MX rail garrison, and the Midgetman missile.

To: Arkansas United Methodists

We urge you to get people to write to Senator Dale Bumpers on the issues of this report. He is an influential member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, which will decide how much money is actually appropriated for strategic weapons and strategic defense after the Defense Authorization Act passes Congress. Now is a good time to be in touch with. Thank him for his past leadership in curtailing excessive military spending. Urge him to provide leadership in this session of Congress to cut back the Strategic Defense Initiative and to block anti-satellite weapons, MX rail garrison, and the Midgetman missile.

To: Arkansas United Methodists

We urge you to get people to write to Senator Dale Bumpers on the issues of this report. He is an influential member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, which will decide how much money is actually appropriated for strategic weapons and strategic defense after the Defense Authorization Act passes Congress. Now is a good time to be in touch with. Thank him for his past leadership in curtailing excessive military spending. Urge him to provide leadership in this session of Congress to cut back the Strategic Defense Initiative and to block anti-satellite weapons, MX rail garrison, and the Midgetman missile.

To: Colorado United Methodists

We urge you to give special attention to getting people to write to Senator Timothy Wirth on the issues of this Alert. He is an influential member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, which will be making important decisions in June. Persons in Congresswoman Pat Schroeder's district are encouraged to write her, thanking for her past leadership in cutting out excessive military spending and urging her to continue her leadership as a member of the House Armed Services Committee.

To: Colorado United Methodists

We urge you to give special attention to getting people to write to Senator Timothy Wirth on the issues of this Alert. He is an influential member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, which will be making important decisions in June. Persons in Congresswoman Pat Schroeder's district are encouraged to write her, thanking for her past leadership in cutting out excessive military spending and urging her to continue her leadership as a member of the House Armed Services Committee.

To: Colorado United Methodists

We urge you to give special attention to getting people to write to Senator Timothy Wirth on the issues of this Alert. He is an influential member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, which will be making important decisions in June. Persons in Congresswoman Pat Schroeder's district are encouraged to write her, thanking for her past leadership in cutting out excessive military spending and urging her to continue her leadership as a member of the House Armed Services Committee.

To: Illinois United Methodists

We urge you to give special attention to getting people to write to Senator Alan Dixon on the issues of this Alert. He is an influential member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, which will be making important decisions in June.

To: Illinois United Methodists

We urge you to give special attention to getting people to write to Senator Alan Dixon on the issues of this Alert. He is an influential member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, which will be making important decisions in June.

To: Illinois United Methodists

We urge you to give special attention to getting people to write to Senator Alan Dixon on the issues of this Alert. He is an influential member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, which will be making important decisions in June.

To: Louisiana United Methodists

We urge you to get people to write to Senator J. Bennett Johnston on the issues of this report. He is an influential member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, which will decide how much money is actually appropriated for strategic weapons and strategic defense after the Defense Authorization Act passes Congress. Now is a good time to be in touch with. Thank him for his past leadership in curtailing excessive military spending. Urge him to provide leadership in this session of Congress to cut back the Strategic Defense Initiative and to block anti-satellite weapons, MX rail garrison, and the Midgetman missile.

To: Louisiana United Methodists

We urge you to get people to write to Senator J. Bennett Johnston on the issues of this report. He is an influential member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, which will decide how much money is actually appropriated for strategic weapons and strategic defense after the Defense Authorization Act passes Congress. Now is a good time to be in touch with. Thank him for his past leadership in curtailing excessive military spending. Urge him to provide leadership in this session of Congress to cut back the Strategic Defense Initiative and to block anti-satellite weapons, MX rail garrison, and the Midgetman missile.P

To: Louisiana United Methodists

We urge you to get people to write to Senator J. Bennett Johnston on the issues of this report. He is an influential member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, which will decide how much money is actually appropriated for strategic weapons and strategic defense after the Defense Authorization Act passes Congress. Now is a good time to be in touch with. Thank him for his past leadership in curtailing excessive military spending. Urge him to provide leadership in this session of Congress to cut back the Strategic Defense Initiative and to block anti-satellite weapons, MX rail garrison, and the Midgetman missile.

Special Alert to Maryland
May 1989

6th Congressional District

CONTACT CONGRESSWOMAN BEVERLY BYRON ON SDI FUNDING

On June 12, 1989 the Research and Development Subcommittee of the House Armed Services committee will be start "marking up" the Defense Authorization Act for the 1990 Fiscal Year. An important issue will be the level of authorized funding for the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), sometimes referred to as Star Wars. Secretary of Defense Richard Cheney has asked for \$4.6 billion, a 27 percent increase over this year's funding. Many in Congress believe that this amount is too great for two reasons: (1) the questionable feasibility and desirability of strategic defense and (2) the need to cut out unnecessary spending because of the large federal deficit.

Congresswoman Beverly Byron from Maryland's 6th Congressional District will have an important role to play in making this decision because of her membership on the Research and Development Subcommittee and the full Armed Services Committee. Therefore, we ask you to write to her or call one of her district offices prior to June 12. Also, please get other people to write and

call. Her address is 2430 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515.

Congressman Charles E. Bennett (a Democrat from Florida) and Congressman Thomas J. Ridge (a Republican from Pennsylvania) intend to offer a bipartisan amendment to reduce SDI funding to \$3.0 billion for 1990. Of this total, \$2.7 billion would be authorized for the Defense Department, and \$ 0.3 billion would be authorized for the Department of Energy. The amount in the Research and Development Subcommittee "mark up" would be the \$2.7 billion.

Action to Take

Therefore, we suggest that you request Congresswoman Byron to support the Bennett-Ridge amendment wherever it comes up: in subcommittee, at the full committee, and on the floor of the House of Representatives.

United Methodist Position

In their 1986 report, In Defense of Creation, the United Methodist

bishops raised some disturbing questions about space-based defense. They said:

"We are impressed by the doubts of many eminent scientists. We are concerned about the possible offensive implications. We are worried about the consequences for arms reduction. We are appalled at the probable costs. And we remember once again how often the Scriptures warn us against false hopes for peace and security."

Accordingly, they proposed a ban on space weapons.

The Bennett-Ridge amendment is a step in the right direction because it would slow the pace of SDI and would prevent it from moving into advanced engineering and testing. Congresswoman Byron can help through her vote in favor of the Bennett-Ridge amendment.

To: Nebraska United Methodists

We urge you to give special attention to getting people to write to Senator James Exon on the issues of this Alert. He is an influential member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, which will be making important decisions in June.

To: Nebraska United Methodists

We urge you to give special attention to getting people to write to Senator James Exon on the issues of this Alert. He is an influential member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, which will be making important decisions in June.

To: Nebraska United Methodists

We urge you to give special attention to getting people to write to Senator James Exon on the issues of this Alert. He is an influential member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, which will be making important decisions in June.

To: Wisconsin United Methodists

We urge you to give special attention to getting people from Congressman Les Aspin's district to write to him on the issues of this Alert. As chair of the House Armed Services Committee, he is very influential in determining how much money will be authorized for strategic weapons, anti-satellite weapons, and strategic defense.

To: Wisconsin United Methodists

We urge you to give special attention to getting people from Congressman Les Aspin's district to write to him on the issues of this Alert. As chair of the House Armed Services Committee, he is very influential in determining how much money will be authorized for strategic weapons, anti-satellite weapons, and strategic defense.

To: Wisconsin United Methodists

We urge you to give special attention to getting people from Congressman Les Aspin's district to write to him on the issues of this Alert. As chair of the House Armed Services Committee, he is very influential in determining how much money will be authorized for strategic weapons, anti-satellite weapons, and strategic defense.

Special Alert to West Virginians
May 1989

CONTACT SENATOR ROBERT BYRD ON ALLOCATIONS OF BUDGETED FUNDS

Congress has completed the first phase of the federal budget process by passing the Budget Resolution. In doing so Congress has established spending limits on broad categories, known as functions, such as "national defense", "agriculture", "community and regional development", "education, training, employment, and social services."

The next step is for the Senate and House Appropriations Committees to subdivide the available funds among their subcommittees. Each subcommittee then assigns its allocation to specific programs. This is a crucial stage because programs serving urgent human needs can gain a fair share of available funds or can be allocated inadequate amounts.

As chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Senator Robert Byrd holds a very influential position. Through his leadership the subcommittees handling programs serving urgent human needs can receive adequate allocations. Through his encouragement the subcommittees can allocate a proper share of funds to programs dealing with hunger, homelessness, child care, health services, education, and job training.

Three subcommittees are of particular concern: those which handle Labor-HHS-Education; HUD-Independent Agencies; and Agriculture. They all need significant allocations. Labor-HHS-Education handles a number of programs serving low income persons, including community health, compensatory education, child care, energy assistance, community services and youth training. HUD-Independent Agencies deals with the need for affordable housing for low and moderate income families and with solutions for homelessness. Agriculture needs to have sufficient funds to provide for a needed increase in the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) nutrition program.

Therefore, we ask you to write Senator Byrd, or call one his district offices, or try to see him when he is in West Virginia. Ask him to assure that the budget allocations to subcommittees of the Appropriations Committee provide sufficient funds for human needs programs. Because decisions will soon be made, you should contact him as quickly as possible. His office address is 311 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510.

We would be interested in hearing about what response you get from Senator Byrd. Please write to us at the above address, or call us at the listed number. Thanks for your assistance.

Methodists United for Peace with Justice

421 Seward Square, SE

Washington, DC 20003

(202) 546-5551

Accounts Payable - November 30, 1988

Date

submitted

5-5 Hallman -- General Conference expenses	\$
207.37	
10-31 Hallman -- membership campaign expenses, July-October	
692.02	
11-15 Hallman -- replacement telephones, answering machine	
272.80	
11-30 Hallman -- membership campaign expenses, November	
67.67	
11-30 Hallman -- membership commission $(1/3 \times \$1,087)$	—
<u>362.33</u>	
	\$1,

602.19

Methodists United for Peace with Justice

421 Seward Square, SE

Washington, DC 20003

(202) 546-5551

Accounts Payable - December 31, 1988

Date

submitted

5-5 Hallman -- General Conference expenses	\$
207.37	
10-31 Hallman -- membership campaign expenses, July-October	
692.02	
11-15 Hallman -- replacement telephones, answering machine	
272.80	
11-30 Hallman -- membership campaign expenses, November	
67.67	
12-14 C & P Telephone Co.	
42.04	
12-22 McBride's Printing (Peace Leaf)	
482.07	

12-23 McBride's Printing (envelopes)
98.25

12-31 Hallman -- expenses, December
192.20

12-31 Hallman -- membership commission (1/3 x \$1,762.00) —
587.33

\$2,
641.75

Owed	Hallman
\$2,019.39	

MUFN.02

Methodists United for Peace with Justice

421 Seward Square, SE

Washington, DC 20003

(202) 546-5551

Accounts Payable - February 28, 1989

Date

submitted

5-5 Hallman -- General Conference expenses	\$
207.37	
11-15 Hallman -- replacement telephones, answering machine	
272.80	
12-31 Hallman -- expenses, December 1988	
192.20	
1-31 Hallman -- expenses, January 1989	
590.30	
2-14 C & P Telephone Company	
43.90	
2-28	
Hallman -- expenses, February 1989	

145.02

2-28

Hallman -- membership commission $(1/3 \times \$3,312.00)$
1,104.00

\$2,

555.59

MUFN.03

The Call

The United Methodist bishops in their 1986 pastoral letter, In Defense of Creation, called for greater witness and action for peace and justice.

In response, Methodists United for Peace with Justice formed as a national association of laity and clergy. The name "Methodists United" indicates that we seek membership and participation from individuals, churches, and denominations within the broad Methodist tradition.

You are invited to join.

Initial Activities

After forming in March 1987, we initially focused on these activities:

- o **Nuclear disarmament.** We have supported the end of nuclear weapons testing and US/Soviet nuclear arms reductions, including the treaty to eliminate intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF).
- o **Citizen diplomacy.** We were represented on a Leningrad-to-Moscow international peace march. We have hosted Soviet visitors to the United States.
- o **Within United Methodist Church.** We mobilized support to get the 1988 General Conference to "affirm and support" In Defense of Creation" and to establish Peace with Justice as a special program for the 1989-92 quadrennium. We are working with the official boards for follow-up activities.

Current Activities

We are continuing our support for nuclear arms reduction, including a Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START) between the United States and the Soviet Union and a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.

We intend to maintain contact with Soviet citizens who visit the United States and will cosponsor a tour of the Soviet Union in October 1989 (write us for information).

During the coming year we will be reaching out to other Methodist denominations.

In 1989 we are stepping up our advocacy on public issues.

- o **Star Wars.** An attempt to erect a space-based defense against enemy missiles is futile for scientific reasons, will increase the pace of the arms race, and will waste valuable resources of money and human talent. Therefore, we are pushing for the end of Star Wars initiatives.
- o **Children and youth.** Children and youth living in poverty is a major justice issue. We will support efforts to provide greater economic opportunities for their families and better community services.
- o **Third World.** During the coming months we will be exploring key peace and justice issues related to the Third World and will decide where we might make a contribution.

Publications

Peace Leaf is our newsletter, currently published quarterly. It features information on public issues and ideas for local organizing. Recent issues have dealt with actions of the United Methodist General Conference, Star Wars, Children and Youth, and the Federal Budget.

Peace/Justice Alert focuses on actions citizens can take on specific public issues, especially pending decisions being made in Washington by Congress and the president.

Members of Methodists United receive both publications.

To Join

Membership in Methodists United is open to individuals and organizations (such as local churches; church groups and boards; district and conference units). To join, fill out the form and send it with your check to Methodists United for Peace with Justice, 421 Seward Square, SE, Washington, DC 20003.

Methodists United Fund for Peace with Justice

Methodists United for Peace with Justice is organized as a 501(c)(4) corporation under the Internal Revenue Code so that we can engage in nonpartisan public advocacy. We are currently organizing a parallel (501)(c)(3) corporation called Methodists United Fund for Peace with Justice to conduct educational activities. It will be eligible to receive tax-exempt contributions. Write us for more information.

Please list names of other prospective members on the back.

I want to join Methodists United for Peace with Justice.
Enclosed is my membership contribution of:
 \$15 \$25 \$35 \$50
 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$

Name _____

Street (Route) _____ Apt. # (Box) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone _____

Local church _____

Annual conference _____

Congressional district or representative _____

We want to be an organizational member of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. Enclosed is our membership contribution of:

\$50 \$100 \$250
 \$500 \$1,000 \$

Name of organization _____

Street (Route, Box) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact person _____ Telephone _____

Annual conference _____

Congressional district or representative _____

I recommend the following persons and organizations
(local churches, groups and boards within churches, etc.)
for membership in Methodists United for Peace with
Justice. (Please give names and addresses.)

Steering Committee

Sherman W. Harris, Chairperson
Robert Griffin, Vicechairperson
Howard W. Hallman, Treasurer

Etc.

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF
METHODISTS UNITED FUND FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE**

We, the undersigned natural persons of the age of twenty-one years or more, acting as incorporators of a corporation under the Non-profit Corporation Act (D.C. Code, 1981 edition, Title 29, Chapter 5) adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

- FIRST:** The name of the corporation is Methodists United Fund for Peace with Justice.
- SECOND:** The period of duration is perpetual.
- THIRD:** The corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Among the specific purposes of the corporation are:
- To conduct research and educational activities related to peace with justice policies and programs of the United Methodist Church and other religious denominations within the Methodist tradition.
 - To publish newsletters, reports, other publications, and audio-visual material on peace and justice concerns.
 - To assist local churches and church-related organizations by providing training and technical support for their educational activities.
 - To work cooperatively with other nonpartisan charitable and educational organizations in dealing with peace and justice concerns.
- FOURTH:** The corporation shall have no members.
- FIFTH:** The Board of Directors of the corporation shall be chosen in such manner, for such terms, and under such conditions as shall be provided in the bylaws of the corporation.
- SIXTH:** Provisions for the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation, including provision for distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation, shall be contained in the bylaws of the corporation. In the event of dissolution, such assets shall be distributed exclusively for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

SEVENTH: No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the Third Article hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

EIGHTH: The private property of the members of the Board of Directors and officers of the corporation shall not be subject to the payment of corporate debts to any extent whatsoever.

NINTH: The address of the initial registered office is 421 Seward Square, SE, Washington, DC 20003. The name of its registered agent at that address is Robert A. Griffin.

TENTH: The number of directors constituting the initial board of directors is ten. The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors until the first annual meeting or until their successors are elected and qualified are:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
20009	Ralph L. Clark Robert A. Griffin	4307 N. 39th Street, Arlington, VA 22207 1730 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC
33701	Howard W. Hallman Sherman W. Harris Adrien W. Helm	6508 Wilmett Road, Bethesda, MD 20817 11508 Karen Drive, Potomac, MD 20854 236 17th Avenue, SE, St. Petersburg, FL
33701	Edward G. Helm	236 17th Avenue, SE, St. Petersburg, FL
02138	Jayne E. Mardock	12 Edward Sullivan Road, Cambridge, MA
33480	Eloise Folker Nenon G. Charles Rhoads	P.O. Box 705, Chatham, VA 24531 1647 Anderson Place, Apt. 1, McLean, VA

ELEVENTH: The names and addresses of the incorporators of the corporation are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Sherman W. Harris	11508 Karen Drive, Potomac, MD 20854
Robert A. Griffin 20009	1730 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC
Howard W. Hallman	6508 Wilmett Road, Bethesda, MD 20817

I, _____, a Notary Public, hereby certify that on the ____th day of
_____, 1989, Sherman W. Harris, Robert A. Griffin, and Howard W. Hallman
appeared before me and signed the foregoing document as incorporators, and have averred that the
statements therein contained are true.

BYLAWS OF
METHODISTS UNITED FUND FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE

ARTICLE I
Name

1. The name of the corporation is Methodists United Fund for Peace with Justice, hereinafter referred to as the Fund.

ARTICLE II
Purposes

1. The Fund is organized as a nonprofit organization exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes to carry out activities within the scope of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

2. Within this framework the specific purposes of the Fund are, but not limited, to:

- (a) Conduct research and educational activities related to peace with justice policies and programs of the United Methodist Church and other religious denominations within the Methodist tradition.
- (b) Publish newsletters, reports, other publications, and audio-visual material on peace and justice concerns.
- (c) Assist local churches and church-related organizations by providing training and technical support for their educational activities.
- (d) Work cooperatively with other nonpartisan charitable and educational organizations in dealing with peace and justice concerns.

ARTICLE III
Corporate Offices, Registered Agent

1. The principal office of the Fund shall be located in the District of Columbia at such place as the Board of Directors shall designate. The Fund may maintain additional offices at other places as the Board of Directors determines.

2. At all times the Fund shall maintain a registered office and a registered agent in the District of Columbia, as designated by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV
Board of Directors

1. The affairs of the Fund shall be managed by a Board of Directors, which shall consist of not less than nine and not more than twenty-one directors. The Board shall meet at least four times a years.

2. Members of the Fund's Board of Directors shall be appointed by the chairperson of the Board of Directors of Methodists United for Peace with Justice (MUPJ) from among MUPJ board members, with the consent of MUPJ's Board of Directors. Any vacancy that creates an unexpired term shall be filled in the same manner.

3. Directors shall serve three year, staggered terms, running from September to August and grouped so that the terms of approximately one-third of the directors expire each year. In the initial board selection or at a time of board expansion, new board members may be designated for an initial term of one, two, or three years in order to achieve equal groupings.

4. No person shall serve more than three consecutive three-year terms. However, an initial term of less than three years due to appointment to fill a vacancy or creation of staggered terms shall be permitted in addition to three consecutive three-year terms.

5. The Board of Directors of Methodists United for Peace with Justice may recall for cause any director of the Board of the Fund by a majority vote of all MUPJ directors then in office. Intent to consider such action shall be included in the required notice of the MUPJ board meeting, and the director of the Fund proposed for recall shall be notified at least 14 days before that meeting.

6. All directors of the Fund shall receive at least 14 days notice of regular meetings of the Fund's Board of Directors. A special meeting may be called by the chair or by petition of at least one-third of the directors with a notice of at least seven days.

7. A majority of the directors in office at a time of a meeting of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. All decisions shall be made by a majority vote of directors voting when a quorum is present.

8. The Board of Directors may designate particular categories of business that may be handled by the Executive Committee between board meetings and may require that certain actions of the Executive Committee be reviewed and voted on by the Board at a subsequent meeting.

9. Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting if a written consent is signed by all members of the Board and such written consent is filed with the minutes of the Board of Directors. Such consent may be obtained by letter, telegram, facsimile communication, or computer-based telecommunication.

10. Directors shall receive no compensation for their service on the Board of Directors but may be reimbursed for expenses of attending board meetings. However, any director may receive reasonable compensation for other services rendered to the Fund.

ARTICLE V

Officers

1. The officers of the Board of Directors shall be a chairperson, one or more vice-chairpersons, a secretary, and a treasurer, and other officers, such as an assistant secretary and an assistant treasurer, as determined by the Board.
2. Officers of the Board shall be elected for one year terms at the first meeting of the Board of Directors occurring after September 1 of each year. In the event of a vacancy during a term, the Board shall elect a replacement at its next meeting to fill the unexpired term.
3. Any officer of the Board of Directors may be removed by a vote of the majority of the Board of Directors then in office at a regular or special meeting of the Board, provided that intent to consider such action shall be included in the required notice of the meeting.
4. The chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee and shall perform other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.
5. One of the vice-chairpersons shall perform the duties of the chairperson in the event of the chairperson's absence, disability, resignation, or death. Vice-chairpersons shall perform other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.
6. The secretary shall keep minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee, shall send copies of these minutes, notices of meetings, and other reports to members of the Board of Directors, shall see that reports, statements, and other documents required by law are properly kept and filed, and shall perform other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.
7. The treasurer shall have custody of funds of Methodists United Fund for Peace with Justice and other valuable effects, shall deposit all moneys and other valuable effects in such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors, shall disburse the funds of the Fund in accordance with budgets adopted by the Board of Directors, and shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and expenditures.
8. The assistant secretary, if any, shall perform the duties of the secretary in the event of the secretary's absence, disability, resignation, or death and shall perform other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.
9. The assistant treasurer, if any, shall perform the duties of the treasurer in the event of the treasurer's absence, disability, resignation, or death and shall perform other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.
10. If the Board of Directors establishes any other officers, the Board shall specify the duties and responsibilities of such officers.

ARTICLE VI

Committees

1. There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the officers of the Board of Directors, any additional directors whom the Board may designate, and the executive director of the Fund.

(a) The Executive Committee shall have and may exercise all the rights,

powers , and authori ty of the Board of Directo rs betwee n board meetin gs, subject to restrict ions which the Board may specify .

(b) Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be called by the chairper

son or by petitio n of at least one-thi rd of its membe rs, with require d notice of at

least
seven
days.

(c) A quorum for a meeting of the Executive Committee shall consist of a

majorit
y of its
membe
rs.

All
decisio
ns shall
be
made
by a
majorit
y vote
of
membe
rs of
the
Execut
ive
Comm
ittee
voting
when a
quoru
m is
present

.

(d) The secretary shall promptly provide copies of the minutes of all

Execut
ive
Comm
ittee
meetin
gs to
all
membe
rs of
the
Board

of
Directo
rs.

2. The Board of Directors may establish other committees as it deems appropriate. The chairperson of the Board shall appoint members to such committees, subject to any consent the Board of Directors may require.

ARTICLE VI

Staff and Consultants

1. The Board of Directors is authorized to appoint an executive director to carry out responsibilities determined by the Board and to retain consultants for specific assignments. The Board shall oversee the work of the executive director, shall undertake an annual performance review, and may discharge the executive director for cause in accordance with adopted personnel procedures.

2. The executive director shall be a voting member of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee.

3. The executive director may hire staff and part-time consultants within the framework of budgets adopted by the Board of Directors, shall direct their work, conduct regular performance review, and discharge them for cause in accordance with personnel policies adopted by the Board of Directors.

4. The executive director, other staff, and consultants shall receive reasonable compensation for their work, as determined by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII

Financial Affairs

1. The Board of Directors is authorized to select depositories for the funds of Methodists United Fund for Peace with Justice and to make prudent investments of such funds. The Board shall determine who shall be authorized on behalf of the Fund to sign checks, bills, notes, receipts, acceptances, endorsements, releases, contracts, and other documents. Unless authorized by the Board, no officer, agent, or employee shall have the power or authority to bind the corporation by any contract or agreement, pledge its credit, or render it financially liable for any purpose or any amount.

2. The fiscal year of the Fund shall run from January 1 to December 31.

3. The Board of Directors shall arrange for the keeping of books of accounts of all

financial transactions of the Fund and shall arrange for an annual audit of these accounts.

4. The Board of Directors may require the bonding of the treasurer, any officer, and staff of the Fund in an amount that the Board determines.

ARTICLE VIII Corporate Seal

1. The corporate seal of the Fund shall be circular in form and shall bear the name of the corporation.

ARTICLE IX Dissolution

1. Methodists United Fund for Peace with Justice may be dissolved by the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting of the Board by vote of at least two-thirds of the directors then in office, provided that the proposed motion of dissolution shall be contained in the required notice of the meeting.

2. Assets of the Fund at the time of dissolution shall first be applied to the liquidation of all lawful debts. The Board of Directors shall distribute any remaining assets exclusively to charitable, religious, educational, or scientific organizations for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code as determined by the Board of Directors. In making this determination the Fund's Board shall consult with the Board of Directors of Methodists United for Peace with Justice.

ARTICLE X Amendments

1. These bylaws may be amended or repealed at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors by a majority vote of directors then in office, provided that the proposed amendment or motion to repeal shall be contained in the required notice of the meeting. However, the Board may not amend the method for appointment of Fund board members, as specified in Article IV, unless approved by the Board of Directors of Methodists United for Peace with Justice.

ARTICLE XIV Adoption, Effective Date

1. These bylaws shall become effective immediately upon approval by the interim Board of Directors by a majority vote of directors then in office.

Date of approval:

Certification: _____
Secretary

MUFUND.BYL

August

Conference Council Director:

Formed in February 1987, Methodists United for Peace with Justice (MUPJ) has spent the last 18 months working for "Policies for a Just Peace" and the vision of shalom as defined by the United Methodist Council of Bishops in the pastoral letter and foundation document, In Defense of Creation. We have engaged in citizen diplomacy to help build better US/Soviet relations. We have actively supported President Reagan in his efforts to negotiate nuclear arms reduction, especially the treaty to eliminate intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF). And we joined with other United Methodists to get the 1988 General Conference to affirm and support In Defense of Creation and to make Peace with Justice a special program for the 1989-92 Quadrennium.

We want to build on this beginning by campaigning for other aspects of "Policies for a Just Peace", as defined by our bishops. Of these, we believe that the time is ripe to push for the end of the U.S. Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), or Star Wars, and the Soviet counterpart. This is a crucial issue because current efforts to move nuclear war into space are extremely dangerous and are also a grievous waste of economic resources and human talent. At the same time we intend to bring into sharper focus the practical meaning of shalom (peace, harmony, wholeness) as it applies to social justice issues.

To strengthen our efforts, we want to reach out to other United Methodists who share our concerns. Accordingly, we request you to provide us with the names, addresses, and telephone numbers (if readily available) of certain officers and committees from your annual conference, as listed on the attachment. We intend to send them a complimentary copy of our next newsletter, Peace Leaf, which will concentrate on Star Wars, and to invite them to join with us in our effort to terminate this dangerous and wasteful program.

We would also like to receive a copy of your 1988 conference journal as soon as it is available. If there is a charge, please bill us. If you have any questions, please call me at (301) 897-3668.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman
Consultant

Information Requested by

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

Conference staff
for Peace/Justice
or Church & Society

Name and address Telephone

Chairperson,
Conference Board of
Church & Society*

Chair or Coordinator,
Peace with Justice
Task Force*

* If possible, please attach full membership (with mailing addresses) of
Society and Peace with Justice Task Force.

If there are district chairs or coordinators for these units, please
provide this information.

Conference Board of Church and

District Superintendents

Name and address Telephone

August 15, 1988

To: National Committee

Methodists United for Peace with Justice

From: Sherman Harris, Co-Chair

MUPJ Steering Committee

Methodists United for Peace with Justice (MUPJ) has functioned for about 18 months. Our accomplishments include:

Citizen diplomacy: representation on an international peace march in the Soviet Union and hosting Soviet visitors to the United States.

Nuclear disarmament: support for the INF treaty and pushing for other nuclear arms agreement

Within United Methodist Church: mobilizing delegate support to get the 1988 General Conference to affirm In Defense of Creation and to adopt Peace with Justice as a special program for the 1989-92 quadrennium

Communications: starting the publication of Peace Leaf and publishing a guide for local peace action

To broaden our outreach we have retained Howard Hallman on a commission basis to organize and carry out a membership campaign. Another part of his assignment is to help us create a 501(c)(3) corporation

which will relate closely to our present 501(c)(4) corporation. This has led us to assess how we are organized, how we function, and where we should be headed.

Therefore, we would like your advice on several matters. Would you please read the following exposition and then fill in the enclosed questionnaire to offer your views.

Issues

We believe that we need to focus sharply on a few issues and mobilize our membership on these particular issues. Such issues should be on the cutting edge of public policy and should relate to In Defense of Creation. Our work on these issues should not duplicate what other United Methodist official agencies and unofficial fellowships are doing, but we should work cooperatively on mutual interests.

(a) On the peace side of the equation we propose to continue our concern for nuclear disarmament by giving primary attention to the elimination of Star Wars. As the United Methodist bishops have pointed out, scientists have grave doubts about the feasibility of this strategic defense, there is a great risk of offensive spillover, pursuit of strategic defense harms arms reduction negotiations, and enormous funds would be required.

With President Reagan's forthcoming retirement and a new president taking office, this is the time for a strong push to eliminate the U.S. Star Wars program and to urge the Soviet Union to stop its counterpart work.

We would also work on other nuclear disarmament issues when timely, including US/Soviet arms reduction agreements, halt to nuclear weapons testing, and efforts to achieve conventional disarmament in Europe. We would continue to engage in people-to-people contacts with Soviet citizens as opportunities become available. And we would begin studying Third World matters, looking to a time next year when we would give more attention to particular Third World issues. But ending Star Wars would be our primary peace emphasis.

What do you think of this approach to peace issues?

(b) On the justice side we propose to focus on the needs of children and youth. Of all the needy groups in America, federal programs for children and youth have experienced about the largest budgetary cuts during the last eight years. Yet the needs of children, particularly from poor families, are increasing. Youth employment, especially in racial and ethnic minority communities, remains disturbingly high. Because we are convinced that there can be no peace unless there is justice, we propose to focus in the coming year on children and youth. What are your comments?

(c) We intend to continue to work closely with boards and agencies of the United Methodist Church, to support what they are doing and to serve as an advocate in recommending that they undertake certain kinds of actions. In particular we want to work with the General Board of Church and Society to assure that the intent of the 1988 General Conference to have a special quadrennial program on Peace with Justice is effectively carried out and has sufficient resources. Do you think this is the right emphasis for our work related to the United Methodist Church?

Organization

From the beginning we have wanted to have two closely related corporations, one set up under section 501(c)(4) to engage in public advocacy and lobbying Congress and the Executive Branch directly and through grassroots mobilization and the other created under section 501(c)(3) for educational activities within the Methodist community. The latter could receive tax-exempt contributions while the former would rely primarily upon financial support from the membership. So far Methodists United for Peace with Justice (MUPJ) has been established as a 501(c)(4) organization, and we are now ready to set up a 501(c)(3) corporation. In doing so we need to figure out how the two relate to one another.

C-4 board. On the matter of governance, our tentative thinking is that MUPJ as a C-4 organization should have a fairly larger board, composed of activists from around the

country who are elected by the membership. This board would meet at least twice a year, and an executive committee would function in between board meetings. The present Steering Committee would function as an interim board until we can carry out a nomination and elections process involving the membership. Our goal would be to have an elected board of directors functioning by next spring.

C-3 board. We believe that the C-3 board could be smaller and should be composed of persons who have an interest in and connections for fundraising. To achieve a strong connection between the C-3 and C-4 organizations, the C-4 board, which is accountable to the membership through election, should appoint the C-4 board. And the C-3 board members should be on the C-4 board, perhaps some of them selected at-large.

National Committee. In the process of working through organizational issues, some have suggested that the role of the National Committee needs clarification. Those of you who are now on the National Committee have been helpful in offering your advice and in giving MUPJ legitimacy. Many of you are too busy to add another set of national meetings to your schedule but may be willing to continue to serve in an advisory manner. Therefore, one suggestion is that your group be identified as the National Advisory Committee. We would periodically turn to you for advice, as we are now doing in this communication, and would welcome your comments at any other time.

What are your views on these structural issues?

Name

Some persons have observed that our present name is confusing because the United Methodist General Board of Church and Society has a "peace with justice" special project and that the new special program created by General Conference, at our urging, has the same name. One suggestion is that as we have reversed terms to call ourselves Methodists United (which can also bring in persons from other communions in the Methodist tradition), so also we might reverse the other two terms to be Justice and Peace.

Thus, the C-4 membership corporation would be Methodists United for Justice and Peace. The C-3 corporation, eligible to receive tax-exempt contributions, could be known as the Methodists United Fund for Justice and Peace.

What do you think about these names? Do you have any other suggestion?

In closing we thank you for your moral support. We look forward to receiving your advice on these issues.

August 15, 1988

To: National Committee
Methodists United for Peace with Justice

From: Sherman Harris, Co-Chair
MUPJ Steering Committee

Methodists United for Peace with Justice (MUPJ) has functioned for about 18 months. Our accomplishments include:

Citizen diplomacy: representation on an international peace march in the Soviet Union and hosting Soviet visitors to the United States.

Nuclear disarmament: support for the INF treaty and pushing for other nuclear arms agreement

Within United Methodist Church: mobilizing delegate support to get the 1988 General Conference to affirm In Defense of Creation and to adopt Peace with Justice as a special program for the 1989-92 quadrennium

Communications: starting the publication of Peace Leaf and publishing a guide for local peace action

To broaden our outreach we have retained Howard Hallman on a commission basis to organize and carry out a membership campaign. Another part of his assignment is to help us create a 501(c)(3) corporation which will relate closely to our present 501(c)(4) corporation. This has led us to assess how we are organized, how we function, and where we should be headed.

Therefore, we would like your advice on several matters. Would you please read the following exposition and then fill in the enclosed questionnaire to offer your views.

Issues

We believe that we need to focus sharply on a few issues and mobilize our membership on these particular issues. Such issues should be on the cutting edge of public policy and should relate to In Defense of Creation. Our work on these issues should not duplicate what other United Methodist official agencies and unofficial fellowships are doing, but we should work cooperatively on mutual interests.

(a) On the peace side of the equation we propose to continue our concern for nuclear disarmament by giving primary attention to the elimination of Star Wars. As the United Methodist bishops have pointed out, scientists have grave doubts about the feasibility of this strategic defense, there is a great risk of offensive spillover, pursuit of strategic defense harms arms reduction negotiations, and enormous funds would be required. With President Reagan's forthcoming retirement and a new president taking office, this is the time for a strong push to eliminate the U.S. Star Wars program and to urge the Soviet Union to stop its counterpart work.

We would also work on other nuclear disarmament issues when timely, including US/Soviet arms reduction agreements, halt to nuclear weapons testing, and efforts to achieve conventional disarmament in Europe. We would continue to engage in people-to-people contacts with Soviet citizens as opportunities become available. And we would begin studying Third World matters, looking to a time next year when we would give more attention to particular Third World issues. But ending Star Wars would be our primary peace emphasis.

What do you think of this approach to peace issues?

(b) On the justice side we propose to focus on the needs of children and youth. Of all the needy groups in America, federal programs for children and youth have experienced about the largest budgetary cuts during the last eight years. Yet the needs of children, particularly from poor families, are increasing. Youth employment, especially in racial and ethnic minority communities, remains disturbingly high. Because we are convinced that there can be no peace unless there is justice, we propose to focus in the coming year on children and youth. What are your comments?

(c) We intend to continue to work closely with boards and agencies of the United Methodist Church, to support what they are doing and to serve as an advocate in recommending that they undertake certain kinds of actions. In particular we want to work with the General Board of Church and Society to assure that the intent of the 1988 General Conference to have a special quadrennial program on Peace with Justice is effectively carried out and has sufficient resources. Do you think this is the right emphasis for our work related to the United Methodist Church?

Organization

From the beginning we have wanted to have two closely related corporations, one set up under section 501(c)(4) to engage in public advocacy and lobbying Congress and the Executive Branch directly and through grassroots mobilization and the other created under section 501(c)(3) for educational activities within the Methodist community. The latter could receive tax-exempt contributions while the former would rely primarily upon financial support from the membership. So far Methodists United for Peace with Justice (MUPJ) has been established as a 501(c)(4) organization, and we are now ready to set up a 501(c)(3) corporation. In doing so we need to figure out how the two relate to one another.

C-4 board. On the matter of governance, our tentative thinking is that MUPJ as a C-4 organization should have a fairly larger board, composed of activists from around the country who are elected by the membership. This board would meet at least twice a year, and an executive committee would function in between board meetings. The present Steering Committee would function as an interim board until we can carry out a nomination and elections process involving the membership. Our goal would be to have an elected board of directors functioning by next spring.

C-3 board. We believe that the C-3 board could be smaller and should be composed of persons who have an interest in and connections for fundraising. To achieve a strong connection between the C-3 and C-4 organizations, the C-4 board, which is accountable to the membership through election, should appoint the C-4 board. And the C-3 board members should be on the C-4 board, perhaps some of them selected at-large.

National Committee. In the process of working through organizational issues, some have suggested that the role of the National Committee needs clarification. Those of you who are now on the National Committee have been helpful in offering your advice and in giving MUPJ legitimacy. Many of you are too busy to add another set of national meetings to your schedule but may be willing to continue to serve in an advisory manner. Therefore, one suggestion is that your group be identified as the National Advisory Committee. We would periodically turn to you for advice, as we are now doing in this communication, and would welcome your comments at any other time.

What are your views on these structural issues?

Name

Some persons have observed that our present name is confusing because the United Methodist General Board of Church and Society has a "peace with justice" special project and that the new special program created by General Conference, at our urging, has the same name. One suggestion is that as we have reversed terms to call ourselves Methodists United (which can also bring in persons from other communions in the Methodist tradition), so also we might reverse the other two terms to be Justice and Peace.

Thus, the C-4 membership corporation would be Methodists United for Justice and Peace. The C-3 corporation, eligible to receive tax-exempt contributions, could be known as the Methodists United Fund for Justice and Peace.

What do you think about these names? Do you have any other suggestion?

In closing we thank your for your moral support. We look forward to receiving your advice on these issues.

Methodists United for Peace with Justice

421 Seward Square, SE

Washington, DC 20003

(202) 546-5551

MUPJ Membership Campaign

October -November 1988

50 contributors (10-11 to 12-2)	\$
<u>1,342.00</u>	

42 new

8 renewal

Budget

Printing, mailing	\$1,750
Telephone (long distance)	600
Data base software	<u>150</u>
	\$2,500

Consultant: commission of 1/3 of contributions

Expenses (through 12-2-88)

	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Payable</u>	
	<u>Total</u>		
Printing	\$194.62	\$310.18	\$
	504.80		
Mailing	118.06	340.77	
	458.83		
Envelopes	190.00	--	
	190.00		
Office supplies	--	43.89	
	43.89		
Conference journals	96.50	32.75	
	129.25		
Peace Leaf (extra costs)	200.00	<41.75>	
	<u>158.25</u>		
			\$1,
	485.02		
Consultant's commission		447.33	
	<u>447.33</u>		

Total expenses and obligations \$1,932.35

Net $(\text{contributions} - \text{expenses, obligations})$ <\$590.55>

December 6, 1988

Methodists United for Peace with Justice

421 Seward Square, SE

Washington, DC 20003

(202) 546-5551

MUPJ Membership Campaign

October - December 1988

I. Membership Contributions received

68 contributors (10-11 to 12-31)	\$
<u>1,762.00</u>	

55 new

13 renewal

II. Budget

Printing, mailing	\$1,750
Telephone (long distance)	600
Data base software	<u>150</u>
	\$2,500

Consultant: commission of 1/3 of contributions

III. Expenses (through 12-31-88)

	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Payable</u>	
	<u>Total</u>		
Printing	\$194.62	\$384.81	\$
	579.43		
Mailing	180.02	365.77	
	545.79		
Envelopes	190.00		--
	190.00		
Office supplies	--	43.89	
	43.89		
Conference journals	171.54		
	171.54		
Peace Leaf (extra costs)	200.00	<41.75>	
	<u>158.25</u>		
			\$1,
	688.90		
Consultant's commission		587.33	

587.33

Total expenses and obligations \$2,276.23

Net $(\text{contributions} - \text{expenses, obligations})$ <\$514.23>

MUMEM02

Methodists United for Peace with Justice

421 Seward Square, SE

Washington, DC 20003

(202) 546-5551

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

October 1988 through March 1989

Contributors

	<u>Total</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Renewal</u>	<u>Amount</u>
--	--------------	------------	----------------	---------------

October 1988	8	4	4	\$197.00
--------------	---	---	---	----------

November	38	32	6	861.00
----------	----	----	---	--------

December	23	18	5	731.50
----------	----	----	---	--------

January 1989	29	24	5	765.00
--------------	----	----	---	--------

February	31	29	2	795.00
----------	----	----	---	--------

March	14	14	0	<u>282.00</u>
-------	----	----	---	---------------

Six month total	143	121	22	\$3,631.50
-----------------	-----	-----	----	------------

MUMEM.903

Dr. Edward W. Bauman
Foundry United Methodist Church
1500 16th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20016

Ms. Elinor Bedell
435 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20003

Ms. Betty Bumpers
747 8th Street, SE
Washington, DC 20003

Rev. Motlaletula Chabaku
727 Frank Street
Ashboro, NC 27203

Dr. Emmett Cocke, Jr.
2006 Belle View Blvd
Alexandria, VA

Mr. Robert Edgar
7824 Thor Drive
Annandale, VA 22003

Dr. Arthur Flemming
1201 16th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20016

Dr. Alan Geyer
Wesley Theological Seminary
4500 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20016

Ms. Grace Halsell
2401 Calvert Street, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Ms. Brenda Hardt
4907 Caris
Houston, TX 77091

Rev. Joshua Hutchins, Jr.
Asbury United Methodist Church
928 11th Street, NW
Mr. Spencer Turnipseed

Washington, DC 20001

Bishop Leontine Kelly
316 N. El Camino Real, #112
San Mateo, CA 94401

Dr. W. Astor Kirk
4907 Keir Court
Suitland, MD

Bishop Felton E. May
United Methodist Harrisburg Area
900 S. Arlington Avenue
Harrisburg, PA 17109

Edith Ming

Bishop C.P. Minnick
United Methodist Raleigh Area
P.O. Box 10955
Raleigh, NC 27605

Ms. Eloise Folkers Nenon
P.O. Box 705
Chatham, VA 24531

Ms. Eloise Folkers Nenon
Palm Beach, FL

Mr. Eldon Roe
320 S. Rocky RiverRoad
Berea, OH 44017

Judge Woodrow Seals
P.O. Box 61547
Houston, TX 77208

Rev. Thomas Starnes
United Methodist Baltimore
Conference
5124 Greenwich
Baltimore, MD 21229
606 N. 5th Street

Floria, AL 36442

Bishop John B. Warman
262 Sansbury Road
Friendship, MD 20758

Bishop Joseph Yeakel
United Methodist Washington Area
9226 Colesville Road
Silver Spring, MD 20910

For immediate release

Contact: Sherman Harris
(301) 299-2984
Or: Howard Hallman
(301) 897-3668

To help Methodists focus their attention on crucial policy decisions being made in Washington, D.C., Methodists United for Peace with Justice has commenced publication of **Peace/Justice Alert**. Each **Peace/Justice Alert** will deal with a specific issue and a specific decision to be made by Congress, the President of the United States, or some other public official. Sherman Harris, chairperson of the Methodists United Steering Committee, indicates that the basic purpose is to urge Methodists around the United States to make known their views to appropriate public officials on particular public issues dealing with peace and justice concerns.

The first **Peace/Justice Alert** focuses on the Outer Space Protection Act, a measure intended to prohibit funds for development, testing, production, and deployment of any space-based weapons while encouraging peaceful uses of outer space. This bill was proposed during the last Congress but not enacted. A new version will soon be introduced. Methodists United for Peace with Justice is urging Methodists to ask their senators and representatives to become cosponsors of this legislation.

Methodists United for Peace with Justice formed in 1987 in response to the call of the United Methodist Council of Bishops for laity and clergy to become more active in peacemaking. This call came in the bishops' pastoral letter, *In Defense of Creation*. In this letter and the accompanying foundation document the bishops questioned the desirability of the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), sometimes referred to as Star Wars. In a reflection of this concern, Methodists United has decided to push for the termination of funding of Star Wars by Congress. The Outer Space Protection Act is a measure that can achieve this objective.

In addition to **Peace/Justice Alert**, Methodists United for Peace with Justice publishes **Peace Leaf**, a newsletter containing background information on crucial public issues. The July-September edition of **Peace Leaf** provided a detailed analysis of reasons to terminate development of space-based weapons and other instruments of Star Wars.

Copies of the **Peace/Justice Alert** and the issue of **Peace Leaf** on Star Wars can be obtained from Methodists United for Peace with Justice, 421 Seward Square, SE, Washington, DC 20003.

For immediate release

Contact: Howard Hallman
(301) 897-3668

CUTBACK IN MILITARY SPENDING ADVOCATED

The federal budget should cut back on military spending and should use the savings for programs responding to basic human needs. This recommendation comes from Howard W. Hallman, issues chair of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. This view is offered as an editorial in Peace Leaf, the newsletter of Methodists United.

Hallman insists that this change is necessary to achieve both peace and justice. The rapid rise in military spending in the first half of the 1980s caused a substantial cutback in important domestic programs and produced a staggering deficit. Heaviest losers were programs serving children and youth from poor families. A massive tax cut, which benefited upper-income persons the most, contributed to the deficit. As a result, we have saddled our children and grandchildren with a huge federal debt.

Two principal targets for military cutbacks are the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) and plans to produce new strategic nuclear weapons, according to Hallman. SDI, sometimes known as Star Wars, cannot produce a leakproof shield against incoming missiles but has the potential for extending offensive war into space. It will produce Soviet countermeasures and thereby increase the risk of war. The United Methodist bishops expressed strong doubts about SDI in their 1986 foundation document, *In Defense of Creation*. Cutting SDI from the budget would save money and at the same time enhance national security.

As another budget saving, Hallman calls for a two year moratorium on the production of new strategic weapons. This would prevent the B-2 (stealth) bomber from going into full-scale production at this time, would block rail-garrison basing of the MX missile, and would halt further production of advanced cruise missiles. This two year moratorium could enhance prospects for a US/Soviet Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START), now being negotiated.

Money saved by cutting the military should be reassigned to programs meeting urgent human needs, says Hallman. These include housing for the homeless, affordable housing for low- and moderate-income families, better health care, expanded Head Start, and youth employment.

To cope with the federal deficit, Hallman recommends a tax increase, based upon ability to pay. This can be accomplished by closing tax loopholes left open by the Tax Reform Act of 1986 and by rate increases at the upper level of the federal income tax schedule.

Methodists United for Peace with Justice is a national association of laity and clergy.

Copies of Peace Leaf on the federal budget and more information about this association can be obtained from Methodists United for Peace with Justice, 421 Seward Square, SE, Washington, DC 20003.

For immediate release Contact: Howard Hallman
(301) 897-3668

NO NEW FUNDS FOR STRATEGIC WEAPONS, SAYS METHODISTS UNITED

Congress should not authorize any more funds for strategic nuclear weapons and should not allow development of anti-satellite weapons. Congress should also cutback severely the funds authorized for the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), known as Star Wars. This is the message of Methodists United for Peace with Justice, a national association of laity and clergy. The message is contained in a Peace/Justice Alert sent to United Methodists leaders throughout the United States, urging them to contact members of Congress on this issue.

Methodists United bases opposition to strategic nuclear weapons and strategic defense on the United Methodist bishops 1986 report, In Defense of Creation. The bishops called the doctrine of nuclear deterrence "idolatrous" and advocated reduction and eventual elimination of nuclear weapons by the United States, the Soviet Union, and other possessors. The bishops also maintained that the Strategic Defense Initiative was unwise because placing weapons in space had an offensive potential and could be detrimental to negotiating arms reduction treaties with the Soviet Union.

Secretary of Defense Richard B. Cheney has requested \$4.6 billion for SDI for the 1990 Fiscal Year. This is a 27 percent increase over this year's funding. In contrast, Methodists United advocates that funding be reduce below \$2 billion, to be spent only on basic research with no engineering development and no testing or deployment in space. The Peace/Justice Alert urges United Methodists to convey this message to members of Congress.

Methodists United also asks Congress to disapprove the \$1.2 billion requested by the Pentagon to put 50 ten-warhead MX missiles on rails, to disapprove development of a new mobile missile (called the Midgetman), to cancel development of the B-2 stealth bomber, and to halt funding of additional submarine-based Trident II missiles.

The United States now has 12,510 strategic warheads, and the Soviet Union has almost as many. The two nations have an excellent opportunity to achieve a Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START) to cut the number in half. So why build more strategic weapons? asks Methodists United. Why not give peace a chance?

Methodists United also opposes development of anti-satellite weapons by both the United States and the Soviet Union because satellites serve useful purposes for verifying compliance with arms reduction agreements, for attack warning, and for communications.

%DATE&4*24PM_ @_____

Dear Conference Council Director:

Formed in February 1987, Methodists United for Peace with Justice (MUPJ) has spent the last 18 months working for "Policies for a Just Peace" and the vision of shalom as defined by the United Methodist Council of Bishops in the pastoral letter and foundation document, In Defense of Creation. We have engaged in citizen diplomacy to help build better US/Soviet relations. We have actively supported President Reagan in his efforts to negotiate nuclear arms reduction, especially the treaty to eliminate intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF). And we joined with other United Methodists to get the 1988 General Conference to affirm and support In Defense of Creation and to make Peace with Justice a special program for the 1989-92 Quadrennium.

We want to build on this beginning by campaigning for other aspects of "Policies for a Just Peace", as defined by our bishops. Of these, we believe that the time is ripe to push for the end of the U.S. Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), or Star Wars, and the Soviet counterpart. This is a crucial issue because current efforts to move nuclear war into space are extremely dangerous and are also a grievous waste of economic resources and human talent. At the same time we intend to bring into sharper focus the practical meaning of shalom (peace, harmony, wholeness) as it applies to social justice issues.

To strengthen our efforts, we want to reach out to other United Methodists who share our concerns. Accordingly, we request you to provide us with the names, addresses, and telephone numbers (if readily available) of certain officers and committees from your annual conference, as listed on the attachment. We intend to send them a complimentary copy of our next newsletter, Peace Leaf, which will concentrate on Star Wars, and to invite them to join with us in our effort to terminate this dangerous and wasteful program.

We would also like to receive a copy of your 1988 conference journal as soon as it is available. If there is a charge, please bill us. If you have any questions, please call me at (301) 897-3668.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman
Consultant

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

Name and address Telephone
Conference staff
for Peace/Justice
or Church & Society

Chairperson,
Conference Board of
Church & Society*

Chair or Coordinator,
Peace with Justice
Task Force*

* If possible, please attach full membership (with mailing addresses) of Conference
Board of Church and Society and Peace with Justice Task Force.

If there are district chairs or coordinators for these units, please provide this information.

Name and address Telephone

District Superintendents

%DATE&4*24PM_ @_____

Dear Conference Council Director:

Formed in February 1987, Methodists United for Peace with Justice (MUPJ) has spent the last 18 months working for "Policies for a Just Peace" and the vision of shalom as defined by the United Methodist Council of Bishops in the pastoral letter and foundation document, In Defense of Creation. We have engaged in citizen diplomacy to help build better US/Soviet relations. We have actively supported President Reagan in his efforts to negotiate nuclear arms reduction, especially the treaty to eliminate intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF). And we joined with other United Methodists to get the 1988 General Conference to affirm and support In Defense of Creation and to make Peace with Justice a special program for the 1989-92 Quadrennium.

We want to build on this beginning by campaigning for other aspects of "Policies for a Just Peace", as defined by our bishops. Of these, we believe that the time is ripe to push for the end of the U.S. Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), or Star Wars, and the Soviet counterpart. This is a crucial issue because current efforts to move nuclear war into space are extremely dangerous and are also a grievous waste of economic resources and human talent. At the same time we intend to bring into sharper focus the practical meaning of shalom (peace, harmony, wholeness) as it applies to social justice issues.

To strengthen our efforts, we want to reach out to other United Methodists who share our concerns. Accordingly, we request you to provide us with the names, addresses, and telephone numbers (if readily available) of certain officers and committees from your annual conference, as listed on the attachment. We intend to send them a complimentary copy of our next newsletter, Peace Leaf, which will concentrate on Star Wars, and to invite them to join with us in our effort to terminate this dangerous and wasteful program.

We would also like to receive a copy of your 1988 conference journal as soon as it is available. If there is a charge, please bill us. If you have any questions, please call me at (301) 897-3668.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman
Consultant

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

Name and address Telephone
Conference staff
for Peace/Justice
or Church & Society

Chairperson,
Conference Board of
Church & Society*

Chair or Coordinator,
Peace with Justice
Task Force*

* If possible, please attach full membership (with mailing addresses) of Conference
Board of Church and Society and Peace with Justice Task Force.

If there are district chairs or coordinators for these units, please provide this information.

Name and address Telephone

District Superintendents