

**Methodists United
For Peace with Justice
1500 16th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036**

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April 2, 1997

Methodists United for Peace with Justice
1500 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036

Meeting of Board of Directors
Washington, DC
April 4 and 5, 1997

Agenda

Friday, April 4

At Capitol Hill United Methodist Church, 421 Seward Square, SE

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| 12:00 noon | Lunch, table fellowship |
| 12:45 p.m. | Worship |
| 1:00 | Program Review as Committee of the Whole
Issues
Chemical Weapons Convention
Nuclear Abolition
United Nations (2:00)
Code of Conduct (arms trade)
Federal budget priorities
Other
Peace Leaf
Finances, membership
Treasurer's report (informal)
Membership recruitment
Conference contributions
Foundations
Other |
| 4:30 | Recess |
| Reconvene at Methodist Building, 100 Maryland Avenue, NE
with annual conference peace with justice coordinators | |
| 5:30 | Dinner |
| 6:30 | Presentation by MUPJ
About Methodists United
Chemical Weapons Convention
Nuclear Abolition |
| 8:00 | Adjourn |

Saturday, April 5

At Methodist Building, Conference Room 4

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| 9:30 a.m. | Worship |
| 9:45 | Visioning as Committee of the Whole
Concerns
Outreach
Youth, young adults
United Methodist conferences
Other Methodist denominations
Other
Ways and means
Board membership, National Advisory Committee |
| 12:00 noon | Lunch |
| 1:00 p.m. | Worship |
| 1:15 | Business meeting
Election of new board members
Minutes of previous meeting
Treasurer's report
Report of current program activities
Break
Election of officers
Future activities
Fundraising, membership recruitment
Other
Schedule next meeting |
| 4:00 | Adjourn |

**Holy Boldness Training
for a Community Assets Approach
to Planning and Action**

**A Proposal Offered to
Washington Area Holy Boldness Task Force
Baltimore-Washington United Methodist Conference**

Holy Boldness, the urban ministry initiative of the Baltimore-Washington United Methodist Conference, is an attitude as much as a program. The fundamental attitude is that we are all children of God, all loved by God. Divisions of poverty and wealth, race and class, location of residence and life style fade away in God's presence.

As United Methodist Bishop Clay F. Lee stated eloquently last December in another context, "In the sight of God, there are no inferior people." Speaking to Appalachian Assembly VIII, he declared. "Instead of a region where people sometimes are described as 'inferior and dependent', Appalachia is a unique and beautiful part of God's creation." The same can be said for the inner city of our nation's capitol, outlying areas of the Washington metropolitan area with low-income projects, and, yes, middle-class neighborhoods where some live in quiet despair and affluent areas where residents may have great wealth but not necessarily true fulfillment.

This basic attitude of love and respect for all persons opens windows of opportunities in communities where Holy Boldness will function. It sets a tone that every individual, every community has positive assets that can contribute to improving their quality of life and finding solutions to problems confronting them.

Training Proposal

Training for a community assets approach to planning and action should therefore become an essential part of Holy Boldness.

An excellent resource for this approach is available in *Building Communities from the Inside Out: A Path Toward Finding and Mobilizing a Community's Assets*, a publication of the Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University. This manual, workbooks, and a six-module training video are the product of many years of practical, tested experience by John P. Kretzmann, John L McKight, and their colleagues at the Institute.

The thrust of their work is summarized in an outline of "Five Steps Toward Whole Community Mobilization" (p.345).

- Mapping completely the capacities and assets of individuals, citizens' associations and local institutions.
- Building relationships among local assets for mutually beneficial problem-solving within the community.

- Mobilizing the community's assets fully for economic development and information sharing purposes.
- Convening as broadly representative a group as possible for the purposes of building a community vision and plan.
- Leveraging activities, investments and resources from outside the community to support asset-based, locally-defined development.

To carry forward training on this approach, the Institute for Policy Research has established a subsidiary Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) Institute with 23 adjunct faculty plus Drs. Kretzmann and Knight to conduct training around the country. This faculty is listed on the attached flyer.

It is proposed that the Baltimore-Washington Conference retain the ABCD Institute to conduct a one day, introductory workshop on Asset-Based Community Development for present and potential participants in the Hold Boldness initiative in the Washington metropolitan area. This would include residents of areas chosen for program concentration, clergy, lay volunteers, conference staff, and other program workers. A Saturday might be the best day in order to draw volunteers who work full-time during the week.

A selected number of persons participating in the introductory workshop should be chosen to receive further training in this approach. They would then become trainers of community residents, local congregations, and others in asset-based community planning and action.

Other Training Opportunities

In addition to training for the community assets approach, the Holy Boldness Task Force might consider sponsoring or otherwise encouraging further kinds of training activities, such as:

- Visioning and Action Planning (including intensive, short-term efforts)
- Basic Community Organizing
- Program Specific Training for Volunteers

Some training of this sort is presently be available through organizations now functioning in the Washington metropolitan area. These resources should be identified and utilized.

These ideas were developed by Howard W. Hallman in consultation with Sherman W. Harris.

June 20, 1997

Methodists United for Peace with Justice

Annual Budget for Basic Operations

Communications	\$1,800
Printing	2,000
Office expenses	600
Travel	1,600
Special events	<u>2,000</u>
TOTAL	\$8,000

Methodists United for Peace with Justice

Methodists United for Peace with Justice organized in 1987 as a national association of laity and clergy. Stimulation for organizing was the 1986 pastoral letter and foundation document of the United Methodist Council of Bishops, *In Defense of Creation: The Nuclear Crisis and a Just Peace*. This document offered a theological basis for saying “no” to nuclear deterrence, and it set forth policy recommendations for moving toward nuclear disarmament. It also called for greater witness and action for peace and justice. We organized in response to this call.

Issue Focus

From the beginning nuclear abolition has been our central focus. Initially we worked for better US-Soviet relations in the waning days of the Cold War, particularly through citizen exchanges, and we have a continuing interest in US-Russian relationships. In 1990-91 we opposed U.S. participation in the Gulf War. We support measures to curtail international arms trade and to eliminate land mines throughout the globe. As a linkage of peace and justice concerns, we favor shifts in federal budget priorities to reduce military spending and increase spending to meet urgent human and community needs. We support the United Nations and other international organizations that can peaceably resolve international conflict.

To achieve nuclear abolition we favor a dual track approach that (i) advocates far-reaching global initiatives, such as a Nuclear Abolition Convention, and (ii) simultaneously works for incremental steps, such as the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT), Strategic Arms Limitation Treaties (START I, II, III), zero alert for nuclear weapons, nuclear free zones, and termination of nuclear weapons research and development activities. Earlier this year we helped develop grassroots support for Senate ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC), important both in its own right and as a precursor of the CTBT. We are presently engaged in a grassroots campaign for ratification of the CTBT. At the same time we are part of a broader project mobilizing world religious leaders to urge the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty Preparatory Committee to set up a means for the beginning of negotiations for a Nuclear Weapons Convention.

Work within Methodism

As our name “Methodists United” indicates, we seek participation from the entire Methodist family, including African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion, Christian Methodist Episcopal, Free Methodist, United Methodist, and Wesleyan Churches. Most of our members are United Methodists, but other Methodist denominations are represented on our board of directors and national advisory committee. As an incorporated, nonprofit association, we are not an official part of any Methodist denomination but have a cooperative relationship with denominational agencies.

Recognizing the importance the quadrennial United Methodist General Conference (the denomination’s official governing body), we put on Peace with Justice Breakfasts at the 1988, 1992, and 1996 gatherings and lobbied for resolutions on nuclear abolition and other peace

issues. We are in regular contact with bishops and peace and justice leaders in the 66 annual conferences, the denomination's main geographic unit. To reach out to the entire Methodist family, we have held a Gathering on Peace and Justice that brought together persons from the six Methodist denominations. During the past year we have sought ways to draw AME, AMEZ, and CME leaders into work for nuclear abolition.

Modes of Operation

Education. We provide information on national policy issues and pending legislation to people around the country who are active in local churches, Methodist district and conference organizations, and on college campuses. We use a network approach, seeking to reach bishops and conference leaders who have responsibility for reaching out to many more people. We publish *Peace Leaf*, a quarterly bulletin, and occasional *Peace/Justice Alerts*. We also join in joint postal card alerts, such as those that 20/20 Vision initiates.

Public policy advocacy. In Washington, D.C. we engage in public policy advocacy directed toward Congress and the federal executive. We do this on our own and also as signers of joint letters to Congress, the president, and other executive officials. We provide timely information on legislative issues to grassroots Methodists and urge them to contact their elected representatives and participate in call-in days.

Coalitions. We constantly work through coalitions of like-minded agencies, including the Monday Lobby of peace and disarmament organizations, the Abolition 2000 network, working groups on the CWC (now completed) and the CTBT, and the Citizens Budget Campaign. We are one of the leaders in establishing a Religious Working Group for Nuclear Abolition as part of the Abolition 2000 network. We constantly try to serve as a bridge between religious organizations and secular peace organizations.

Religious networks. In Washington we work closely with various Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish denominational offices and peace fellowships, and we also reach out to key staff persons at denominational headquarters if located elsewhere. From time to time we have circulated sign-on letters to heads of religious communion.

Legal Status

Methodists United for Peace with Justice is a nonprofit corporation, established under laws and regulations of the District of Columbia. The corporation has status as a 501(c)(4) organization under the Internal Revenue Code. We have established the Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund, which the Internal Revenue Service has recognized as a 501(c)(3) organization and a public foundation under section 509(a)(1). IRS letters are attached.

December 1997

**Methodists United for Peace with Justice
1500 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036**

**Meeting of Board of Directors
February 27, 1998**

AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Worship
3. Treasurer's report
4. Review of program activities
 - a. Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT)
 - b. Nuclear Abolition
 - i. Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee
 - ii. Stockpile stewardship
 - iii. Other
 - c. Other issues
 - i. Iraq
 - ii. UN funding
 - iii. Military spending
 - iv. Other
5. *Peace Leaf*
6. Concerns of youths and young adults
7. Relationships with Methodist bodies
 - a. UM General Board of Church and Society
 - b. UM conference peace with justice coordinators
 - c. UM Council of Bishops
 - d. National Youth Ministry Organization
 - e. Methodist Student Movement
 - f. Other Methodist denominations
8. Future of Methodists United for Peace with Justice
 - a. Membership and finance
 - b. Structure
9. Election
 - a. Board directors
 - b. Officers
10. Other matters

Grant from Ploughshares Fund

Budget

	Requested	Granted
Personnel		
Hallman 60 days @\$200	\$12,000	
45 days @\$200		\$ 9,000
Fringe benefits (15%)	<u>1,800</u>	<u>1,350</u>
	13,800	10,350
Communications	2,400	1,800
Printing	1,200	900
Office expenses	600	450
Travel	<u>2,000</u>	<u>1,500</u>
	6,200	4,650
TOTAL	\$20,000	\$15,000

PEACE/JUSTICE ALERT

Methodists United for Peace with Justice

1500 16th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036 Phone/fax: 301 896-0013 E-mail: mupj@igc.org

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Appointed to no fixed term

1. Scott Manning
2. Ben Trammell

February 1998

The Call

The United Methodist Council of Bishops in their 1986 pastoral letter, *In Defense of Creation: The Nuclear Crisis and a Just Peace*, called for greater witness and action for peace and justice. In response, Methodists United for Peace with Justice formed in 1987 as a national association of laity and clergy.

As our name "Methodists United" indicates, we seek the participation of all the Methodist family in the United States: African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion, Christian Methodist Episcopal, Free Methodist, United Methodist, and Wesleyan Churches. However, we are not part of any Methodist denomination.

From our beginning, nuclear disarmament has been a major focus of our work. This was when the Soviet Union still existed and when U.S.-Soviet relations reflected cold war animosity. Therefore, for several years we participated in citizen exchanges as a way to foster better understanding and cooperation. We also advocated public policies for mutual cutbacks in the nuclear arsenal.

As the cold war came to an end, we examined federal budget priorities and concluded that it was both possible and desirable to shift funds from military spending to programs that meet urgent human and community needs in the United States and in developing nations. Accordingly, "Swords into Plowshares" has been a major theme of our work in the 1990s. We perceive this as a dual concern for peace and justice.

Current Agenda

Nuclear abolition. In 1998 our primary focus is upon the global abolition of nuclear weapons. To achieve this goal we work in two ways. First, we join with other citizen groups in pressing states possessing nuclear weapons to make a commitment for their total elimination. Second, we work for achievement of intermediate steps toward that goal.

We favor ratification and implementation of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. We support the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty with univer-

sal membership. We advocate taking all missiles off hair-trigger alert and separating warheads from delivery vehicles. We support Strategic Arms Reduction Treaties (START II, III) between the United States and Russia, but we believe that a broader, multilateral Nuclear Weapons Convention should be negotiated and implement to outlaw and abolish all nuclear weapons on Earth.

Other issues. We also give attention to other peace and justice issues, including:

- ❖ Curtailment of the arms trade, elimination of land mines, and regional disarmament.
- ❖ Support for the United Nations and other international institutions for resolving conflict and peace-keeping.
- ❖ Shifts in federal budget priorities away from the military to human and community needs and economic conversion.
- ❖ Efforts to meet the needs of children and youth achieve economic security for all.

Modes of Operation

Methodists United for Peace with Justice is based in Washington, D.C. We function in three modes:

Education. We provide information on current issues to persons around the country through our own publications and distribution of material produced by other organizations. We make information available to denominational publications for their use. We are steadily increasing our use of electronic media as a means of information dissemination.

Public policy advocacy. In Washington, D.C. we engaged in public policy advocacy directed toward Congress and the federal executive. We provide timely information on legislative issues to grassroots Methodists and to Methodist district and conference units. We work in coalition with like-minded organizations in the United States, and we a part of the global Abolition 2000 network.

Ecclesial. We foster collaboration on peace and justice among people in the Methodist family, and we work cooperatively with official denomina-

tional units. We provide suggested draft resolutions through our contacts within Methodist annual conferences, and we make our own proposals to general conferences. We also work with other denominations and religious peace fellowships.

Publications

Peace Leaf is our quarterly educational bulletin. It features background information on public issues and ideas for local action. From time to time we send out a **Peace/Justice Alert** on actions citizens can take on specific public issues, especially on pending decisions being made in Washington by Congress and the President. Members of Methodists United for Peace with Justice receive all of these publications.

Organization and Finance

Methodists United for Peace with Justice is organized as a 501(c)(4) corporation under the Internal Revenue Code so that we may engage in lobbying activities on public issues. To help finance our educational activities, we have established the Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund, which can receive tax-deductible contributions under section 501(c)(3).

We are funded by membership dues and special donations, contributions from church bodies, foundation grants, and activity fees.

To Join

Membership in Methodists United for Peace with Justice is open individuals and organizations. To join, fill out the form and send it with your check to:

Methodists United for Peace with Justice
1500 16th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036

Membership Form

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

or

We want to be an organizational member of Methodists United for Peace with Justice.

Enclosed is our membership contribution of:
\$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$ _____

Name of individual or organization

Street (Route) Apt. # (Box)

City State Zip

If organization, contact person:

Telephone () _____

Fax: () _____

E-mail address:

Please make membership payable to:
Methodists United for Peace with Justice

Special Contribution to Education Fund

I (we) want to make a tax-exempt contribution for educational activities in an amount of:
\$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$ _____

Please make special contribution payable to:
Methodists United Peace/Education Fund

Working to Abolish Nuclear Weapons

by Howard W. Hallman, Chair
Methodists United for Peace with Justice

"We reaffirm the goal of total abolition of all nuclear weapons throughout Earth and space." Thus said the 1996 General Conference of the United Methodist Church in a resolution entitled "Nuclear Abolition: Saying No to Nuclear Deterrence". This reflects a continuous concern of the United Methodist Church since 1986 when the Council of Bishops issued its pathfinding report, *In Defense of Creation*.

This concern seems even more pertinent today after India and Pakistan conducted their nuclear weapons test, thereby spreading the nuclear arms race to South Asia. Moreover, nearly ten years after the end of the Cold War the United States and Russia retain thousands of intercontinental missiles on hair-trigger alert.

What can be done about this? Several things, says Methodists United for Peace with Justice. We are a national association of laity and clergy based in Washington, D.C. We are active in the Baltimore-Washington conference where our work is supported by a conference peace with justice grant.

Persistence is essential in the pursuit of nuclear abolition. This long-range goal is contained in the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), which went into effect in 1970 and was renewed in 1995. Under this treaty the established nuclear weapons states -- United States, Russia, United Kingdom, China, and France -- made a commitment to nuclear disarmament, a promise they have yet to fulfill

This spring I represented Methodists United for Peace with Justice as an observer at the annual session of the NPT Preparatory Committee, a body getting ready for the year 2000 NPT Review Conference. We joined other non-governmental organizations to press the nuclear weapon states to take seriously their treaty commitment and enter into multilateral negotiations for nuclear disarmament. Unfortunately the United States and other nuclear weapon states blocked serious discussion of this issue. So we have a challenge to get our own government more committed to the elimination of nuclear weapons.

The United States has signed the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT), an agreement that prohibits all nuclear test explosions. We are now working with other religious groups and peace organizations to build grassroots support for Senate ratification of the CTBT. India and Pakistan haven't signed yet the treaty. If the United States is to be in a sound position to press India and Pakistan to become a treaty signatory, it is essential that the U.S. Senate ratify the CTBT as soon as possible.

Another intermediate step recommended by Methodists United for Peace with Justice is to de-alert the global nuclear arsenal so that missiles are no longer kept on hair-trigger alert. This can be done by techniques ranging from removing guidance systems to complete separation of warheads from delivery vehicles. De-alerting is recommended by a number of retired

generals and admirals and by scientists and civilian national security experts as a means of preventing accidental launch. The United Methodist General Conference endorsed this approach in 1992 and reaffirmed the position in 1996.

Ultimately there should be a nuclear weapons convention that outlaws and abolishes all nuclear weapons on Earth. This would be similar to conventions on biological and chemical weapons. Methodists United for Peace with Justice has joined with other citizen organizations to create the global Abolition 2000 network to work for fulfillment of this goal.

In carrying out our work, we publish a quarterly information bulletin, *Peace Leaf*. We also send out *Peace/Justice Alerts* on key issues coming before Congress and the federal executive. At the moment we are urging citizens to contact their senators to have them support the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. The treaty is now bottled up by Senator Jesse Helms, chair of the Senate Foreign Relations, so we ask that senators be encouraged to press for committee hearings and a vote by the entire Senate as soon as possible.

If you need further information on the CTBT and other issues related to nuclear abolition, please contact me at Methodists United for Peace with Justice, 1500 16th Street, NW, Washington, D.C.; phone/fax: 301 896-0013; e-mail: mupj@igc.org. If you want membership information, I'll be happy to send it to you.

March 17, 1997

To: Board of Directors

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Our April meeting of the Board of Directors will start at 12 noon at Capitol Hill United Methodist Church, 421 Seward Square, NE, Washington, DC . Please use the tower entrance by the church office. We will start with lunch and table fellowship, followed by worship, and an afternoon of business, working as committee of the whole. We will move to the Methodist Building for dinner and an evening discussion on nuclear abolition with conference peace with justice coordinators, who will be in town for a two and a half day session. Saturday morning we will convene at 9:30, probably at the Methodist Building. After lunch we will be joined by several peace with justice coordinators, who have been invited to serve on our Board. The Saturday afternoon session will include election of officers. We expect to adjourn by 4:00 p.m.

I am pleased to report that we have received a \$10,000 grant from the Samuel Rubin Foundation of New York in support of my work on nuclear abolition. This implements a decision made by the Board at its October 1995 meeting in Atlanta, which authorized seeking funds for this purpose. Staff of the W.Alton Jones Foundation, which turned us down a year ago, has encouraged us to submit a new proposal. Emphasis is upon the work I am doing to mobilize the religious community in the United States to work together for nuclear abolition.

Previously I have reported how I recruited representatives from 16 religious organizations to participate in a Citizens Signing Ceremony at the Hard Rock Café in New York on September 24, the day heads of states were signing the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. That's where I met the president of the Rubin Foundation, who was impressed by the strength of religious participation. From November into January I encouraged heads of religious communions to write to President Clinton, urging him to make global elimination of nuclear weapons a major focus of his second term. Several attachments illustrate this work. In the meantime I have been working with David Gracie of the American Friends Service Committee and Clayton Ramey of the Fellowship of Reconciliation to form a Religious Working Group for Nuclear Abolition. We had an initial meeting in Philadelphia on February 14, agreeing to develop joint material for religious observances and to set up a "list serve" computer network as a means of keeping in touch. With the grant from the Rubin Foundation I have agreed to facilitate this network.

Meanwhile, I am working hard with a broad coalition to build grassroots support for Senate ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC). You have received an action alert, developed by 20/20 Vision, which we have cooperated in distributing. In particular we are working closely with the UM General Board of Church and Society. We hope that ratification of the CWC will set the stage for ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. I will give you a full report on this work at the Board meeting.

With best regards,

Background of Efforts to Mobilize U.S. Religious Community for Nuclear Abolition

A Report by Howard W. Hallman, Chair Methodists United for Peace with Justice

When nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) created Abolition 2000 during the Non-Proliferation Review and Extension Conference in the spring of 1995, I decided it was timely to get the religious community in the United States more fully involved in this movement. This was a natural interest for Methodists United for Peace with Justice because nuclear disarmament has been our central focus since we organized in 1987.

My explorations revealed that while most major denominations have policy statements calling for the elimination of nuclear weapons, very few had staff working on this issue at that time. When the U.S. Abolition Network held a series of organizational meetings in the fall and winter of 1995-96, religious representation was modest: mostly from American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR), Pax Christi USA, a couple of local religious coalitions, and myself, but none from any denominational office. To increase participation, I explored the possibility of creating a formal Religious Task Force for Nuclear Abolition involving nationally known religious leaders and designated denominational representatives, but after a while determined that this was infeasible.

To gain a stronger commitment from denominational leaders, I used the Citizen's Pledge on Nuclear Abolition, developed by the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation and already signed by Nobel Laureate. The results are shown in Attachment A. This effort gave me a number of good contacts at denomination headquarters and opened doors for contacts with staff working on peace issues. This added to contacts I already had in Washington, D.C. through my participation in the Monday Lobby of peace organizations.

When the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) came before the United Nations General Assembly in September 1996, a number of NGOs decided to have a Citizens Signing Ceremony, parallel with heads-of-state signing the treaty, to emphasize the need for further steps beyond the CTBT. To gain participation from the religious community, I faxed a request to more than 20 heads of communion, requesting their representation at the ceremony. I then followed up with telephone calls. As shown in Attachment B, representatives from 18 religious organizations participated in the September 24 ceremony at the Hard Rock Café in New York City. Many of them came from denominational offices associated with the United Nations, and this opened another set of contacts for me.

As the presidential election campaign was drawing to a close, I started promoting the idea that those favoring nuclear abolition should communicate with the president-elect, urging him to make nuclear disarmament a major focus of the next four years. After the election I moved on two tracks. The first was to seek signers of a letter to President Clinton from peace organizations and religious peace fellowships; 27 signed the letter, shown in Attachment C. Knowing that heads of communion rarely sign on to letters circulated among non-religious organizations, I

invited them to write individual letters to President Clinton and offered to collect them and submit them as a package. This produced 13 letters, including one from the National Council of Churches with 16 heads of communion as co-signers, collected in Attachment D.

By then I had developed a close working relationship within the abolition movement with David Gracie of AFSC and Clayton Ramey of the FOR. The three of us invited religious representatives to a meeting in Washington in April 1996 to explore common interests. This led to production of worship and celebratory material for use in local observances when the CTBT was signed. Gracie took the leadership in carrying out this project. Next Gracie, Ramey, and I met in Philadelphia in November to explore the possibility of establishing a Religious Working Group for Nuclear Abolition, something we had talked about in phone conversations for several months. We decided to call an organizing meeting for February 14, 1997 in Philadelphia. Meanwhile, Ramey agreed to adapt the CTBT signing material for use in religious observances during the weekend preceding the presidential inauguration.

About 20 persons participated in the February 14 meeting. Others who could not attend sent word that they would be interested in participating in a Religious Working Group. We decided material for to move in two direction. First, we would continue our interest in common worship material with focus on autumn and spring. For instance, in October many local churches observe Worldwide Communion, Peace with Justice Week, and harvest-related festivals. In spring there can be opportunities for planting sunflowers, which is become an important symbol of the nuclear abolition movement, and other renewal observances. Second, we decided to create a communications network through Internet, fax, mail, and telephone communications. I agreed to take responsibility for setting up a "list-serve" e-mail system, supplemental to the abolition-caucus list-serve of Abolition 2000. Gracie is exploring whether the AFSC home page can be a place for further information dissemination.

Meanwhile, in Washington many religious organizations are working together to build public support for Senate ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) and then the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. I have been playing a role as catalyst along with James Matlack, AFSC representative in Washington, who chairs a military foreign policy task force of denominational representatives. We have now had two meetings on this subject to help strengthen and coordinate grassroots education and action, as indicated in Attachment E and are working closely together between meetings. I have joined the Poison Gas Task Force and the CTB Working Group, units set up by the Coalition to Reduce Nuclear Danger. Informally I am playing a role as liaison to the religious community.

These various connections have placed Methodists United for Peace with Justice and myself in a central role in efforts to mobilize the U.S. religious community to work together for nuclear abolition.

March 20, 1997

May 1, 1997

Mr. William E. Hoehn, III
W. Alton Jones Foundation
232 East High Street
Charlottesville, VA 22902-5178

Dear Bill:

I'm glad we had an opportunity to talk yesterday when you were in Washington. As follow up, let me summarize our priorities for the next year in working for nuclear disarmament. They are offered in order of volume of time they will consume.

- **Grassroots education and mobilization:** Develop a strong grassroots religious network in support of Senate ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. This will build upon positive experience in working for the Chemical Weapons Convention. As elaborated in an attached statement, this may take shape as a formal religious coalition for the CTBT, or it may be less highly structured, relying instead upon thoroughgoing network connections within the religious community. This will depend upon the desires of key participants. After the CTBT is ratified, this grassroots network will be available to work on other aspects of nuclear disarmament.
- **Building a communications network:** Establish a ListServe for the Religious Working Group for Nuclear Abolition. This will set in motion a means of communication supplemental to other networks and will open new channels for getting the word out to grassroots activists and area units of religious denominations on a variety of issues. It will enable people in the religious community to communicate with one another laterally without going through chains of command. It will provide possibilities for serendipitous effects.
- **Influencing presidential decisions:** Maintain persistent, friendly contact with President Clinton to encourage him take bolder steps toward nuclear disarmament, such as zero alert, a faster pace of deep cuts in strategic weapons, U.S. preparation for negotiations on global elimination of nuclear arms. In his second inaugural address the president spoke of a future where our children will sleep free from the threat of nuclear weapons. We will encourage him to set the course for this objective before the completion of his second term in office.

Mr. William E. Hoehn, III
May 1, 1997
Page two.

One of our self-defined missions is to build bridges between religious organizations and other peace organizations, which too often go their separate ways. We recognize that different elements of the nuclear abolition movement have strengths to offer, so we stay in touch with the internationalists in New York, the policy-focused organizations in Washington, those in the West concerned about weapons laboratories and test sites, and others scattered elsewhere. Sometimes we play a contrarian role, urging “utopians” to pay more attention to current decision-making processes and encouraging “realists” to make more far-reaching demands on policy makers.

I am enclosing several pages on how the religious community is organized. This can supplement your notes on the subject.

We hope that the W. Alton Jones Foundation will look favorable upon our grant request. We can assure you that we will use the funds creatively and purposefully.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman

Sandy Ferguson
Peace with Justice Task Force
Baltimore-Washington Conference
9720 Patuxent Woods Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, MD 21046

Dear Sandy:

We would like to apply for a grant of \$500 in support of educational and mobilizing activities within the Baltimore-Washington Conference on crucial peace and justice issues that are coming before Congress and the federal executive. We will serve the Conference, local churches, and peace with justice advocates by providing timely information through *Peace Leaf*, our quarterly newsletter, and periodic action alerts (samples of both are attached), which we will make available to members of the Peace with Justice Task Force, other conference leaders you designated, and local activists. We also be available to lead workshops and participate in educational forums.

Our work supports three goals of the Peace with Justice Work Area.

Goal A. We assist United Methodists in understanding that they can bring a Christ-centered approach into public policy-making and can affect decisions that advance the Kingdom of God.

Goal B. We are helping to lead the way in the post-Cold War era to the global abolition of nuclear and chemical weapons, eradication of land mines, restrictions on arms trade, and general disarmament.

Goal C. We support policies that shift resources from excessive military spending to greater commitment to human and community needs.

The enclosed application describes the activities for which we seek support. If you need further information, please let me know.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman, Chair
Board of Directors

Howard W. Hallman
6508 Wilmett Road
Bethesda, MD 20817

March 28, 1997

Mr. Phillip Miller
5122 Cliffhaven Drive
Annandale, VA 22003

Dear Phil:

Now that we have the check from the Rubin Foundation, I suggest that we keep track of expenditures paid by the grant with the categories of the grant budget, shown in the attachment.. I will indicate the categories when I submit requests for payment.

To start with , here is a bill for our e-mail service, which meets the purpose of the grant. I held the current bill, due April 1, until the grant money arrived. It is a communications expense.

During March I have worked eight days on nuclear abolition activities @ \$200/day. I request a payment of \$1,600 from Rubin funds. I am keeping time records and can provide you with copies if you want me to.

I look forward to seeing you at the Board meeting next week. I assume that you will have a financial report. We could use 20 copies.

With best regards

Howard W. Hallman
6508 Wilmett Road
Bethesda, MD 20817
Phone: 301 897-3668 Fax: 301 896-0013
E-mail: mupj@igc.apc.org

April 23, 1997

Mr. Phillip H. Miller
5122 Cliffhaven Drive
Annandale, VA 22003

Dear Phil:

Please pay the following fills from the Rubin grant in the Education Fund:

\$27.50 to Institute for Global Communications for monthly e-mail service.

\$50.00 to Institute for Global Communications for start-up fee for list-serve for
Religious Working Group for Nuclear Abolition

\$50.00 to Peace Action Education Fund for 50 copies of Road Map to Nuclear Abolition.

Thanks,

April 24, 1997

Ms. Jennifer Vasiloff, Executive Director
Coalition on Human Needs
1000 Wisconsin Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20007

Dear Jennifer:

Although we fully support the goals of the Coalition on Human Needs, we aren't able to work on the major issues addressed by the Coalition. Our main focus is Nuclear Abolition and its components.

Therefore, please remove our name from your mailing list.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman
Chair

May 1, 1997

Mr. William E. Hoehn, III
W. Alton Jones Foundation
232 East High Street
Charlottesville, VA 22902-5178

Dear Bill:

I'm glad we had an opportunity to talk yesterday when you were in Washington. As follow up, I would like to summarize our priorities for the next year or two in working for nuclear disarmament and to supply you with other information.

Our top priorities are threefold:

- **Network building:** Establish a ListServe for the Religious Working Group for Nuclear Abolition. This will set in motion a means of communication supplemental to other networks and will open new channels for getting the word out to grassroots activities and area units. It will enable people in the religious community to communicate with one another freely with the possibility of serendipitous effects.
- **Grassroots mobilization:** Focus upon developing a strong grassroots, religious network in support of Senate ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. This will build upon positive experience in working for the Chemical Weapons Convention. It may take the form of a somewhat formal religious coalition for the CTBT, or it may consist of thoroughgoing network connections without being highly organized. This will depend upon the desires of key participants.
- **Influencing presidential decisions:** Maintain persistent, friendly contact with President Clinton to encourage him take bolder steps toward nuclear disarmament, such as zero alert, a faster pace of deep cuts in strategic weapons, U.S. preparation for negotiations on global elimination of nuclear arms.

May 9, 1997

Ms. Angela Gay Kinkead
National Youth Ministry Organization
P.O. Box 840
Nashville, TN 37202

Dear Angela:

We have had a second board meeting with representation from the National Youth Ministry Organization. A year ago Jonathan Randolph participated, this time Ben Trammel came. Both of them contributed to board discussion and provided useful insights for other board members.

As we discussed prior to the board meeting, the last minute change from Jon to Ben required booking a roundtrip flight from Houston at standard rates rather than taking advantage of lower fares through longer booking. The fare was \$786. We are wondering if you would be able to help us pay some of the cost. As a low-budget operation, we would greatly appreciate such assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman
Chair

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	Rebecca	Asedillio	54 Stevenson Lane	Balti more	Md	21212-1240
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	Elaine	Weidemann	2730B S. Shore Drive	Milw aukee	WI	53207
Rev.	Nancy	Weingartne r	112 S. Cherry Street, Box 235	Cherr y Valle y	IL	61016

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6508 Wilmett Road
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May 22, 1997

Mr. Phillip H. Miller
5122 Cliffhaven Drive
Annandale, VA 22003

Dear Phil:

I have two check requests. First I seek reimbursement for expenses entailed in the final months of 1996, totaling \$184.52. I believe that the Education Fund has a sufficient balance to pay this amount. The breakdown is as follows:

Photocopy	\$ 13.53
Postage	96.00
Supplies	13.99
Transportation	<u>61.00</u>
TOTAL	\$184.52

Receipts are attached.

Second, I request a check to Postmaster for \$64.00 to purchase stamps. This will be used for mailings related to nuclear abolition and can therefore be charged to the Rubin account in the Education Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard W. Hallman

May 23, 1997

«Title» «FirstName» «LastName»
«Address1»
«City», «State» «PostalCode»

Dear «FirstName»:

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Cordially yours,

Howard W. Hallman, Chair

May 23, 1997

Ms. Brenda Arley
10 Lincoln Avenue
Glen Falls, NY 12801

Dear Brenda:

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May 23, 1997

Rebecca Asedillio
54 Stevenson Lane
Baltimore, Md 21212-1240

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Betty Baker
410 W. Jackson
Bellevue, MI 49201

Dear Betty:

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May 23, 1997

Rev. Marianne Bird
2780 Crockett Springs Road
Shawsville, VA 24162

Dear Marianne:

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Richard Brown-Whale
142 S. 30th Street, #2
Camp Hill, PA 17011

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May 23, 1997

William Cull
700 Balearic Road
Hot Springs Village, AR 71909

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May 23, 1997

Adrienne Fong
750 Presidio Avenue, #207
San Francisco, CA 94115

Dear Adrienne:

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Rev. Harlene Harden
11211 S. St. Lawrence Avenue
Chicago, IL 60628

Dear Harlene:

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May 23, 1997

Brenda Hardt
179 Camilla Court
Bellville, TX 77418

Dear Brenda:

I was glad to meet you in person at the Peace with Justice Coordinators Meeting in Washington. Since then the U.S. Senate has ratified the Chemical Weapons Convention. The grassroots activity that you and many others carried out was a significant factor in this action.

Now we are gearing up to push for ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. We expect President Clinton to submit it to the Senate this summer. The Senate is likely to conduct hearings in the fall with floor action coming in early 1998.

As we look ahead to the CTBT ratification campaign, we want to build up grassroots support in Texas in order to persuade Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison to vote for the treaty. Apparently she gave careful consideration to the arguments for and against the Chemical Weapons Convention before voting against it. Perhaps a vigorous grassroots campaign in Texas would bring her to a favorable vote for the CTBT.

In Washington we work closely with the U.S. Catholic Conference, which is in touch with dioceses in Texas. During the CWC campaign I made contact with Phil Strickland of the Texas Christian Life Commission (Southern Baptist). He told me that metropolitan councils of churches may provide useful contacts. And we have names of persons in the several United Methodist conferences.

Beyond that I would greatly appreciate your advice on how to build up grassroots support within the religious community in Texas for the CTBT. Please give me a call or write me with your ideas.

Cordially yours,

Howard W. Hallman, Chair

May 23, 1997

Rev. Richard Heacock, Jr.
3012 Riverview Drive
Fairbanks, AK 99709-4735

Dear Dick:

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James Hudson
1320 Long Acre Drive
Macon, GA 31201

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Rev. Robert Hughes
27207 68th Avenue SE
Mercer Island, WA 98040

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Bill and Clara Lou Humphrey
9390- W. First Avenue
Lakewood, CO 80226-1007

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Doug Jewett
2425 Wood Valley Drive
Morrow, GA 30260

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Janet Lawrence
7318 Ridge Road
Lexington, NC 27295

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Alma Manney
4637 N. Hiawassee Road
Orlando, FL 32818

Dear Alma:

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Young Ok Park
2212 Ridge Avenue
Evanston, IL 60201

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Rev. Ken Peterson
Box 446
O'Donnell, TX 79351

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Ann Price
120 North Broadway
Nyack, NY 10960

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Marion Provost
5046 PreEmption Road
North Rose, NY 14516

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Rev. Schuyler Rhodes
133 West 4th Street
New York, NY 10012

Dear Schuyler:

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Rev. Bruce Spangler
4622 St. Elmo Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 31409

Dear Bruce:

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Elaine Weidemann
2730B S. Shore Drive
Milwaukee, WI 53207

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Rev. Nancy Weingartner
112 S. Cherry Street, Box 235
Cherry Valley, IL 61016

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Methodists United for Peace with Justice
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June 2, 1997

To: Nancy Drake
Office of Bishop May

Fax: 202 546-3186

No. of pages: 2

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: Books to order

Dear Nancy:

Last week at the Holy Boldness Task Force meeting Bishop May asked me get in touch with you and request that you order fifteen copies of a book entitled *Building Communities from the Inside Out* for use by task force members. An order form is attached along with information about price and address.

If you need further information, please call me at 301 896-0013.

Sincerely,

June 12, 1997

D.C. Department of Finance and Revenue
300 Indiana Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Friends:

We have moved and therefore request a new certificate of exemption from D.C. sales and use taxes showing the new address. A copy of our present tax exempt certificate is attached.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Howard W. Hallman
6508 Wilmett Road
Bethesda, MD 20817
Phone: 301 897-3668 Fax: 301 896-0013
E-mail: mupj@igc.apc.org

June 16, 1997

Mr. Phillip H. Miller
5122 Cliffhaven Drive
Annandale, VA 22003

Dear Phil:

I submitting herewith a request for reimbursement of \$421.18 for expenses I entailed for Methodists United for Peace with Justice from January 10 to April 5, 1997. You can charge it to whichever fund you think appropriate.

This catches me up except for airplane fares for our two youth members: \$50 to change Morie's ticket from last fall and \$786 for Ben's ticket from Houston. I have requested National Youth Ministries Organization to pay part of the latter and am waiting to hear.

Enclosed is the bill from IGC for our internet service, which can be charged against the Rubin grant. I'm surprised there is a balance due, for I thought we paid them in May for our service in April. What do your records show?

We've had a pretty good run of contributions from the Peace Leaf coupon. But we need to do some more fundraising.

With best regards,

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June 23, 1997

To: Washington Area Holy Boldness Task Force

Re: Training Proposal

In preparation for our meeting on June 26, I am sending you a proposal for training for a community assets approach to planning and action.

I look forward to our discussion on Thursday evening.

With best regards,

Title	FirstName	LastName	Company	Address1	City	State	PostalCode
Bishop	Felton E.	May	United Methodist Conference Center	9720 Patuxent Woods Drive, #100	Columbia	MD	21046-1526
Rev.	Donald	Stewart	United Methodist Conference Center	9720 Patuxent Woods Drive, #100	Columbia	MD	21046-1526
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	Kevin	Anderson		529 6th Street, SE	Washington	DC	20003
	Regina	Barton		10915 Spyglass Hill	Mitchellville	MD	20721
Dr.	Louis	Schockley		6804 Calverton Drive	Hyattsville	MD	20872-1013
Rev.	Ronald L.	Coillier		12919 Indian Head Highway	Fort Washington	MD	29744
	Sandra	Cross		13801 Martin Road	Bran dywine	MD	20613
	Alex	Faison		12600 Martin Road	Bran dywine	MD	20613
	Myra Maureen	Frazier		4028 Jumper Hill Lane	Ellicott City	MD	21042
Rev. Dr.	Thomas L.	Brunkow	Concord-St.	5910 Goldsboro	Bethesda	MD	20817

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Rev.	Marcus	Matthews	United Methodist Conference Center	9720 Patuxent Woods Drive, #100	Columbia	MD	221046- 1526
Ms.	Sandy	Ferguson	United Methodist Conference Center	9720 Patuxent Woods Drive, #100	Columbia	MD	21046- 1526
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June 27, 1997

Bishop Felton E. May
United Methodist Conference Center
9720 Patuxent Woods Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, MD 21046-1526

Dear Bishop May:

The other evening at the Holy Boldness Task Force there seemed to be a consensus that the community assets approach to planning and action is worth pursuing. We talked about the possibility of a one-day training workshop, such as on a Saturday, for participants from Holy Boldness communities and supportive churches.

With that encouragement I have had another conversation with the program coordinator at the Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) Institute in Evanston. Previously she had supplied me with vita on several of their adjunct faculty. Today she faxed me two more. They encourage us to choose who we want and make our own contact. We pay that person a consulting fee plus expenses. ABCD Institute charges no fee.

Would you like to move ahead? If so, you (or whoever else makes such decisions) need to pick a date, perhaps a Saturday in September, October, or November. Then we need to select a consultant-trainer, sign him/her up, and work out a program

Enclosed are four vitae for your review. Rev. Damon Lynch, III in Cincinnati has strong credentials but apparently is very busy these days. I know Michael Bennett, an African American living in Chicago, and I think very highly of him. Richard Townsell, also in Chicago, comes out of a tough background and now is an active churchman. Mike Green is involved in church-based activities in Denver. Because of travel expenses, I suggest one of the Midwest persons. It may be hard to get Rev. Lynch, so we might choose between Bennett and Townsell. I know that Bennett would do a good job, and I accept the ABCD Institute's validation of Townsell. I am willing to make contact with the person of your choice and find out what kind of fee he would require. The ABCD coordinator says it might range from \$500 to \$1,000 plus expense, but we can negotiate within our budget.

I will be out of town from June 28 to July 5. I'll be here on July 7, 8, and 9 and then go away again until July 26. If you're in town July 7-9, I would like to talk with you about this. I'll give you a call on the 7th.

With best regards,

September 3, 1997

To: Board of Directors

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: Activity Report

As a new program year commences the week of Labor Day, it is a good time to provide you a report of activities and ask your approval of a particular action.

Request for approval. The latter relates to a request from the Fellowship of Reconciliation to have Methodists United for Peace with Justice (a) endorse a Call for a National Interfaith Fast for Sanity, planned for the Sabbath weekend of October 24-26 and (2) sign an ad to be printed in the New York Times that weekend on An Interfaith Call to Restore Sanity and Compassion to the National Agenda. Documents on each are enclosed. My understanding is that there is no financial obligation other than our own expense in publicizing the fast. I favor endorsement and signing but would like your approval. Please let me know your views by returning the enclosed form in the stamped envelope, or via phone, fax, or e-mail.

CTBT. During the past three months my main work on nuclear disarmament has related to the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT). In June I obtained signers from the religious community for the enclosed letter to President Clinton, urging him to swiftly send the CTBT to the Senate and promising to develop grassroots support for ratification. I have been helping develop a grassroots campaign, targeted especially on senators considered swing votes. My contribution has been to bring the religious community together with peace organizations in a unified campaign. At the moment it appears that Clinton will submit the treaty to the Senate in October, committee hearings will occur after the first of the year with floor action in late spring or early summer. You will hear more about this campaign in months ahead.

Nuclear abolition. I have started writing periodic letters to President Clinton on the 20th of the month, reminding him that he has "x" months left in office to set the course for global elimination of nuclear weapons. Two are attached.

Some of the organizations in the Abolition 2000 network are opposing subcritical tests in Nevada and other elements of the nuclear stockpile stewardship program. I have signed a couple of letters opposing subcritical

tests, but we lack the time and resources to undertake grassroots education and mobilization on this issue.

I am beginning to explore ways that the U.S. abolition movement can put more pressure on the Clinton Administration to take a more positive approach to opportunities to work for nuclear disarmament through the UN Conference on Disarmament and the Preparatory Commission of the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty Review Conference.

For the Religious Working Group on Nuclear Abolition I am in the process of setting up a listserv supplemental to the abolition-caucus listserv. As soon as I have all the bugs worked out, I'll offer board members on e-mail an opportunity to subscribe. After I have mastered this listserv, I'll explore how Methodists United for Peace with Justice can set up its own home page, something we've talked about at the last two board meetings. When I do, I'll turn to board members with expertise for advice.

Finances. Our treasury continues to operate with modest funds. We have enough on hand to pay for the next PeaceLeaf. I am still owed \$400 for part of Ben Trammel's plane ticket to our board meeting, but we did get \$250 from the National Youth Ministries Organization for part of cost. There is enough left from the Rubin grant to support my nuclear abolition work into October. We have a grant request pending with the Ploughshares Fund for CTBT work; their board will decide toward the end of September. The board of the W. Alton Jones Foundation will take a further look at our request for a grant at their November board meeting. Meanwhile, contributions and fundraising by board members will be most welcome.

Next board meeting. We have decided to have board meetings only once a year because of the cost of travel. My feeling is that we should have our spring meeting a month before or after the Interfaith-Impact Legislative Briefing and the annual meeting of UM peace with justice coordinators. This spring there was too much piled together. I would be interested in your views on this matter so that we can set the date by October.

With best regards,

Should Methodists United for Peace with Justice endorse the Call for a National Interfaith Fast for Sanity, developed by the Fellowship of Reconciliation?

_____ yes _____ no

Should we sign the New York Times ad for An Interfaith Call to Restore Sanity and Compassion to the National Agenda?

_____ yes _____ no

Signed _____ Date _____

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September 17, 1997

Dear UM Conference Peace with Justice Leader:

Nearly a year ago on September 24, 1998 President Clinton signed the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT). After considerable delay he is about to submit the treaty to the U.S. Senate for ratification. Some hearings on the treaty will take place this fall, others after the first of the year. Hopefully the treaty will reach the Senate floor by late spring.

We expect a long struggle to achieve Senate ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. To be successful we need to get a strong grassroots campaign in operation this fall and to sustain our efforts until the Senate acts favorably. To this end a coalition of religious and secular peace organizations have joined together to mount a grassroots campaign. Both Methodists United for Peace with Justice and the United Methodist General Board of Church and Society are part of this campaign.

An initial effort is underway to send out postcards in 24 states to encourage grassroots activists to communicate with one or both of their senators in support of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. Altogether these states have 34 senators who are considered swing votes for treaty ratification. Some of these senators are likely supporters who need to take leadership roles. Some voted for the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) last spring and need to be encouraged to support the CTBT. Some voted against the CWC but should be asked to vote in favor of the CTBT.

Enclosed is sample text of the postcard. Its message will be tailored for each state. On the back is the list of senators and a postcard order form. We ask you to order a supply of postcards and send them out to peace activists in your state. You may send your order to me (rather than 20/20 Vision) at the above address, by phone or fax at 301 896-0013, or by e-mail at mujp@igc.apc.org. Deadline for orders is Friday, September 26. As soon as the postcards are printed, I will send yours to you in bulk. If you have any questions, please call me.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman, Chair
Board of Directors

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September 30, 1997

To: Jim Hipkins

Fax: 423 428-2104

No. of pages: 7

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: Mailing list

Dear Jim:

Here is an updated list of MUPJ paid members and the list of our National Advisory Committee. There are several members of the Board of Directors who have not paid, but they should be included for the PeaceLeaf mailing. Also UM conference peace with justice coordinators and chairs of church and society. I believe you have a list from last spring. I'm trying to get an updated list from Robin Ringle, but use what you have if I don't get it to you in time for the PeaceLeaf mailing.

I can send the MUPJ and National Advisory Committee lists e-mail if that would relieve you of keying in all the names and addresses.

With best regards,

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October 1, 1997

To: Mr. William E. Hoehn, III
W. Alton Jones Foundation

Fax: 804 295-1648

No. of pages: 8

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: Supplemental Report for Grant Request

Dear Bill:

As your Board of Trustees prepares to take a second look at our request for a grant to help mobilize the religious community in support of nuclear disarmament, I would like to bring you up to date on our work and to describe some of the activities we would undertake with this grant.

CTBT

After U.S. Senate ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC), for which we helped develop grassroots support, we turned our attention to the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT). This led to several activities.

In order to nail down support for the CTBT in the religious community, I got representatives of 17 religious organizations to be co-signers of the attached letter of June 20 to President Clinton that (i) urged him to promptly send the treaty to the Senate and (ii) promising to develop grassroots support for the treaty.

From the outset I have wanted the religious community to be integrated into the broad CTBT ratification campaign rather than being separately engaged. Therefore, after consultation with several religious organizations and peace organizations that participate in the Monday Lobby, I arranged for a meeting on June 26 to explore how all of us can work together to build grassroots support. This was a successful venture, so a second meeting was held September 4. A third meeting is scheduled for October 15, and we will continue to meet periodically throughout the ratification campaign. I am serving as convener and moderator of these meetings.

This effort has succeeded in developing an integrated grassroots campaign with participation so far of 22 religious organizations and 15 peace organizations. Several of the peace organizations are taking the lead in developing particular aspects of the campaign. For example, PSR is compiling a directory that shows which key states various organizations will work in. 20/20 Vision has developed a postcard for common use. Plutonium Challenge is providing leadership to plan and carry out two regional training workshops for grassroots contacts. The Disarmament Clearinghouse is setting up a list/serve. Each lead organization is directly in touch with the

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religious organizations, whose representatives they have met at our meetings. Thus, we have created sets of horizontal relationships.

My role has been to serve as a catalyst and facilitator, building bridges between the two segments. This suits the situation much better than attempting to be a coordinator, which would be impractical. Much more workable is the somewhat decentralized but still integrated campaign we have developed. As a result, we are achieving much broader and deeper participation of the religious community than in previous arms control and disarmament efforts.

Religious Working Group

Another activity is the Religious Working Group for Nuclear Abolition, which I serve as co-convenor along with David Gracie of the American Friends Service Committee and Clayton Ramey of the Fellowship of Reconciliation. It is part of the Abolition 2000 movement. I have undertaken two tasks for the Religious Working Group.

First, I have set up a list/serve through the Institute for Global Communications, which runs Peacenet. Focus is upon subscribers drawn from the religious community in the United States and abroad to consider matters of particular interest to this community. This list/serve, "abolition-religious", will supplement the broader list/serve, "abolition-caucus", of Abolition 2000.

Second, I am exploring whether it would be possible to put together a forum of world religious leaders in Geneva at the time of next session of the UN Conference on Disarmament and/or the next meeting of the NPT Preparatory Committee. The purpose would be to have these leaders make the moral case for nuclear disarmament and to call upon political leaders to move expeditiously in this direction. I am starting with a contact at the World Council of Churches and have been offered ideas on how to bring in Roman Catholic leaders from the Vatican. If these two bodies show a willingness to participate, I will then reach beyond the Christian community to other faiths.

Focus on the President

A third activity is to communicate regularly with President Clinton (channeled through his national security staff and shared with a contact on Mrs. Clinton's staff), urging him to give more attention to the goal of his second inaugural address to have a land of new promise where "our children will sleep free from the threat of nuclear, chemical or biological weapons." I am writing him in behalf of Methodists United for Peace with Justice on the 20th of the month, reminding him that he has "X" months remaining in office to set the course for this goal.

In May I posted a note on the Abolition 2000 list/serve, urging others to do likewise. Currently I'm circulating to Monday Lobby participants and the Abolition 2000 network a sign-on letter to President Clinton, asking that the United States support measures committed to negotiations for

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nuclear disarmament when they come up at the United Nations General Assembly, the UN Conference on Disarmament, and the NPT Preparatory Committee.

Looking Ahead

A grant from the W. Alton Jones Foundation would enable us to further develop the activities described and carry out related ventures.

As the CTBT ratification campaign continues, the positive relationships developed so far will need to be nurtured. Furthermore, we will make a serious effort to broaden religious participation to bring in Black denominations (especially from the Baptist and Methodist families), Evangelical Christians, Orthodox Christians, and Muslims (the latter two particularly in states with concentrations).

Then we should keep this broad coalition intact for work on other aspects of nuclear disarmament, such as support for START III, de-alerting and dismantling nuclear weapons, halt of further weapons research and development beyond necessary safeguards, and eventually a nuclear weapons convention. Religious denominations deal with numerous peace and justice issues and need to be continually mobilized for work on nuclear disarmament.

I would also hope to spend a modest amount of time, including some travel, to further develop the effort to bring together global religious leaders in support of nuclear disarmament.

Finances

We reaffirm our request to the W. Alton Jones Foundation for a three-year grant of \$105,000, to be spent at a rate of \$35,000 a year.

For most of our existence since forming in 1987, Methodists United for Peace with Justice has operated as a voluntary organization without paid staff. Presently the operating budget (attached) for our basic operations within Methodism totals \$8,000. Major expenditures are printing and mailing of *Peace/Leaf* (our quarterly bulletin) and occasional *Peace/Justice Alerts*, communications (phone, fax, e-mail), and travel expenses for youth representatives on our Board of Directors. My work in performing duties as chair of the Board is unpaid and will continue to be so.

It is my work beyond Methodism in mobilizing the broader religious community for which we seek foundation funding. The first financial support of this kind came earlier this year in a \$10,000 grant from the Samuel Rubin Foundation. Now mostly expended, we used this grant (a) to build upon experience with the Chemical Weapons Convention campaign and lay the foundations for the CTBT campaign, as described above, and (b) to undertake activities related to the Religious Working Group for Nuclear Abolition, especially setting up the list/serve.

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We have pending a request with the Ploughshares Fund for a grant of \$20,000 primarily for work on the CTBT campaign, including mobilization of the religious community and for increasing our work among United Methodists and reaching out to the Black Methodist denominations. If received, this grant would cover CTBT-related activities undertaken between October 1997 to March 1998 or thereabouts. A grant from the W. Alton Jones Foundation would support activities other than the CTBT campaign while the Ploughshares grant is running, such as work on other disarmament issues and our outreach to global religious leaders, and then would pick up on the CTBT campaign if uncompleted and subsequent efforts to keep intact integrated involvement of the religious community on other nuclear disarmament issues as they arise.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman, Chair
Board of Directors
Methodists United for Peace with Justice

October 2, 1997

Dear Senator:

Now that President Clinton has submitted the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty to the Senate, we urge you to support prompt hearings on this important measure and to vote for the resolution of ratification when it comes before the Senate.

United Methodists have long supported a complete end to nuclear weapons testing throughout the globe. For instance, in the mid-1980s the United Methodist Council of Bishops conducted an 18-month study of the nuclear arms race. In their 1986 pastoral letter and foundation document, entitled *In Defense of Creation*, the bishops stated: "We support the completion at long last of a treaty banning all nuclear weapons testing." They added, "Such a treaty, perhaps more than any other step, would vindicate and strengthen the Non-Proliferation Treaty and thus help to curb the spread of nuclear weapons."

The 1992 quadrennial General Conference, which has authority to speak for the entire United Methodist Church, stated: "We call upon all nuclear weapons states immediately to cease production of nuclear weapons material; halt all testing of nuclear warheads; stop assemblage of new warheads." The 1996 General Conference reaffirmed this position, noting that "The time to test nuclear weapons is past."

Therefore, we will be grateful if you will lend your support to ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.

With best regards,

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October 21, 1997

To: Mr. William E. Hoehn, III
W. Alton Jones Foundation

Fax: 804 295-1648

No. of pages: 1

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Dear Bill:

Here is an update on our activities as you make final preparations for your Board of Trustees meeting.

On CTBT mobilization we had a successful meeting on October 15 when we went through key states one-by-one and got commitments from a dozen religious organizations to undertake grassroots education and mobilization in specific states. We will bring another ten religious organizations into this arrangement.

The Ploughshares Fund put off our request for support of CTBT-related activities until their January board meeting. We have the framework established, as indicated above, and will do our more intensive work after the first of the year.

I have started to get involved in the Deep Cuts Working Group of the Coalition to Reduce Nuclear Dangers. I want to get more thoroughly into such issues as de-alerting and START III and reach out to other religious organizations with pertinent information. A grant from the W. Alton Jones Foundation would help make this possible.

We are moving ahead to bring world religious leaders to Geneva toward the end of April 1998 when the next session of the NPT Preparatory Commission convenes. I have received an indication of cooperation from the staff of the World Council of Churches. Pax Christi USA is working through Pax Christi International to gain Catholic participation. The Quaker office in Geneva is willing to help with logistics. We will also involve other faiths. The intent is to bring into focus the existing commitment of world religious organizations to the elimination of nuclear weapons. As this occurs, we will encourage religious leaders in the United States to urge President Clinton to undertake more concrete and far-reaching steps toward this goal. We would be able to step up this kind of mobilization under a W. Alton Jones Foundation grant.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman, Chair

October 22, 1997

To: Board of Directors

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: Board meeting announcement, activity report

Next board meeting. The Board of Directors will meet on Friday and Saturday, February 27 and 28, 1998 at Foundry United Methodist Church in Washington, D.C. The board meeting will run from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 27 and from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 28. Please put these dates on your calendar. I'll send more information about the board meeting later.

CTBT. Much of my work for MUPJ the past two months has focused upon the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT), which President Clinton sent to the Senate for ratification on September 22. We have succeeded in bringing together 22 religious organizations and about a dozen peace organizations in a coordinated grassroots campaign in support of ratification. I am presiding over periodic meetings of representatives from these two sets of organizations. Many others, especially from the peace organizations, are working hard to develop the campaign. We are concentrating on 24 key states with senators considered swing votes for ratification. I have been working closely with Robin Ringler of the United Methodist General Board of Church and Society to get UM conference peace with justice coordinators into the grassroots campaign. Committee hearings have started on aspects of the CTBT. More hearings will occur in 1998 with a floor vote expected by late spring or early summer.

Nuclear abolition. Part of the quest for nuclear abolition occurs in international bodies. By and large the United States plays a restraining role in this arena by blocking or voting against efforts to start negotiations of a nuclear weapons convention analogous to chemical and biological weapons conventions. Most U.S. peace organizations, including MUPJ, haven't given much attention to this arena. So that we can at least record our views with President Clinton, I developed and gained signatures for the enclosed letter on this subject.

NPT PrepCom. Of particular significance on the international scene is the next meeting of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Preparatory Committee meeting, scheduled for Geneva from April 27 to May 8, 1998. This is an annual meeting that prepares the way for the next NPT Review Conference in 2000. At the last PrepCom meeting in New York in the spring of 1997 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) were present to lobby delegates to take more decisive action toward nuclear disarmament. They plan to be a presence in Geneva next spring, particularly to push for creation of a working group to start developing a nuclear weapons convention. (Some NGOs have already drafted a model treaty.) I am working through the Religious Working Group for Nuclear Abolition, of which I am a co-convenor, to bring world leaders to Geneva at that time to make the religious and moral case for nuclear abolition and urge the delegates to move ahead toward that objective. For this purpose I am in touch with staff of the World Council of Churches in Geneva and a couple of Geneva-based persons who might

help with logistics. I am working with Pax Christi USA staff to gain Catholic participation, if possible a representative of the Vatican. We will also reach out to leaders from other faiths.

List/serve. I now have operative an e-mail list/serve for the Religious Working Group for Nuclear Abolition. Its purpose is to serve as a vehicle for communication for that segment of the nuclear abolition movement. If you want to be part of it, send a message to <majordomo@igc.org> with these words in the body text of the message: subscribe abolition-religious.

Finances. We have spent most of the money from the Rubin Foundation grant, which has supported my CTBT activities, creation of the list/serve, and beginning work on the NPT PrepCom project. The Ploughshares Fund put off our request for a grant for CTBT activities until their January board meeting. The W. Alton Jones Foundation, which put us off in May, will take up our proposal again in early November at their Board of Trustees meeting. I am planning to seek another Rubin Foundation grant, especially for getting world religious leaders to the NPT PrepCom in Geneva. Some money dribbles in for MUPJ membership, a couple of our board members obtain annual contributions from their UM conferences, but we could benefit from more board members helping to recruit MUPJ members and obtain conference contributions.

With best regards,

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October 27, 1997

Mr. Phillip H. Miller
5122 Cliffhaven Drive
Annandale, VA 22003

Dear Phil:

If my record is correct, we have a balance of \$616.90 in the Rubin Foundation account, prior to paying the IGC bill I left at Foundry for you.

I would like to use up this account by requesting a payment of \$600 for three days work on nuclear abolition during October 1997.

Because the IGC bill is \$21.50 you will have to split it between the Rubin grant and other funds in the Education Fund. I assume this is feasible.

Enclosed is the monthly phone bill.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Hallman
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October 31, 1997

Mr. Phillip H. Miller
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Dear Phil:

My records weren't up-to-date on the Rubin grant, for I omitted the last payments to Jahn's Printing and MCI. On the other hand, you calculated my daily rate at \$100 rather than \$200 in making a payment for consulting services. Therefore, I return the \$300 check to you. Counting this amount, the remaining balance in the Rubin account is 553.73.

Just to round things out, could you pay me for three days @ \$200 = \$600? You could charge \$553.73 from the remainder in the Rubin grant and charge the remaining \$44.27 to the Education fund.

I've applied to the Rubin Foundation for another \$10,000 and have said that the first grant has been totally expended.

I still have an outstanding amount of \$400 due for reimbursement on Ben Trammel's plane ticket. Have we paid for the latest Peace Leaf? Would it put us too close to edge (as we often are) to pay this remaining \$400 at this time? If so, I'll still wait.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman

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November 7, 1997

To: Joanna Baker

Fax: 202 543-5994

No. of pages: 2

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: Coolfont

Dear Joanna:

Coolfont is the annual retreat of the Monday Lobby, usually held at the Coolfont Resort near Berkeley Springs, West Virginia. It consists of round table discussion on various topics, lots of informal conversation, and recreation. Attached is an application form. If you would like to see a sample program from a previous year or get more detailed information, I suggest that you contact Suzy Kerr at the Council for a Livable World, Room 409 in your building, telephone 2020 543-4100.

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November 7, 1997

To: Mr. William E. Hoehn, III

Fax: 804 295-1648

No. of pages: 2

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Dear Bill:

Attached is a copy of a communication I received yesterday from Dwain Epps, Coordinator for International Affairs of the World Council of Churches in Geneva. It relates to our proposal to have world religious leaders address delegates at the next meeting of NPT Preparatory Committee, scheduled for April 27 to May 8, 1998 in Geneva. You can see that this is a very positive response.

We are seeking an opportunity for a number of world religious leaders, perhaps six to eight, address delegates at a plenary session on the first day of the PrepCom meeting. This would be followed in the evening with a reception for delegates and religious leaders at the Ecumenical Center, located near the UN facility in Geneva.

To gain Catholic participation, Dave Robinson of Pax Christi USA is in the process of approaching Cardinal Danneels, who is president of Pax Christi International, about his participation or possibly gaining participation of Cardinal Etchegary, head of the Pontifical Commission for Peace and Justice at the Vatican.

Through other channels we are working with a coalition of NGOs to open the PrepCom to NGO presentations in plenary sessions, including our proposal for world religious leaders.

In this manner we hope to rally the support of the world religious community to press for substantial progress toward nuclear disarmament.

With best regards,

January 13, 1998

To: Board of Directors

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

The Board of Directors of Methodists United Methodist Church will meet on Friday and Saturday, February 27 and 28, 1998 at Foundry United Methodist Church, 1500 16th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. The Friday session will run from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and the Saturday session will run from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The agenda will encompass such items as the following:

- A full review of the work I am doing for nuclear abolition, including the grassroots campaign for ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.
- Other issues of public policy of interest to Methodists United.
- Peace Leaf, including content and distribution list.
- Membership.
- Finances
- Annual election of officers..

Please let me know whether or not you plan to attend. If you need host housing, let me know and we'll make suitable arrangements..

I hope to see you on February 27 and 28.

Shalom,

January 13, 1998

Ms. Angela Gay Kinkead
National Youth Ministry Organization
P.O. Box 840
Nashville, TN 37202

Dear Angela:

I am sending you a copy of the announcement of our board meeting on February 27 and 28, 1998. If you are able to find a representative of the National Youth Ministry Organization who can participate, please share this announcement with that person. Let me know who it is so that I can provide additional background information. We will be able to take care of host housing and meals if you can help with transportation costs.

If you have any questions, please call me.

Shalom,

Howard W. Hallman

January 13, 1998

Mr. Harold V. Hartley, III
Division of Higher Education
P.O. Box 871
Nashville, TN 37202

Dear Hal:

I am sending you a copy of the announcement of our board meeting on February 27 and 28, 1998. If you are able to find a representative of the Methodist Student Movement who can participate, please share this announcement with that person. Let me know who it is so that I can provide additional background information. We will be able to take care of host housing and meals if you can help with transportation costs.

If you have any questions, please call me.

Shalom,

Howard W. Hallman

February 16, 1998

Dear Member:

It is time for us to ask you to renew your annual financial support of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. Your contribution helps supports our advocacy efforts in Washington, D.C. for the abolition of nuclear weapons and other important peace and justice issues. It also enables us to publish *Peace Leaf* four times of year and to send out other information to grassroots activists.

At the moment we are in the middle of the campaign to achieve Senate ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT), a long-sought objective of the peace movement. We have been serving as a catalyst to mobilize the religious community, both denominational offices and peace fellowships, and to link it with the broader CTBT ratification campaign. We are particularly focusing attention on 28 states with one or more senators considered to be swing votes.

On a broader front we are part of the international citizens movement known as Abolition 2000. As a co-convenor of the Religious Working Group on Nuclear Abolition, I am in the process of getting the world religious community to focus on the upcoming session of the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty Preparatory Committee (NPT PrepCom), which will meet in Geneva from April 27 to May 8. Abolition 2000 is urging the PrepCom to establish a working committee to start drafting a nuclear weapons convention that would eliminate nuclear weapons throughout the world. I am helping draft a statement to PrepCom delegates from world religious leaders. The Religious Working Group is organizing a reception in Geneva so that delegates can meet with and hear from these religious leaders. We have commitments from world Protestant and Catholic leaders and are seeking participation of persons from other faiths.

In Washington Methodists United for Peace with Justice participates in the Monday Lobby, a coalition of peace organizations, which orchestrates lobbying of Congress and the Clinton administration on issues of nuclear disarmament, arms trade, military spending, and UN financing. We continue to work closely with the United Methodist General Board of Church and Society.

Your financial support helps pay our expenses for telephone, fax, e-mail, office supplies, printing, and mailing. Basic dues are \$15, but many of our members contribute more. Your check for annual dues should be payable to "Methodists United for Peace with Justice" and is a non-tax deductible contribution.

In addition, this year we are seeking special contributions to the Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund to help pay travel costs in connection with NPT PrepCom activities. This will entail two trips to Geneva this spring. The first is to help plan PrepCom activities of non-governmental organizations and mobilize NGO support in their home countries prior to the session. The second trip will allow me to represent Methodists United in Geneva during the two-week PrepCom session where I will help stage the religious leaders reception and an ecumenical worship service. I will also be part of Abolition 2000 efforts to convince delegates to set up the working group to draft a nuclear weapons convention.

This is an extraordinary opportunity for Methodists United for Peace with Justice to exercise our influence at a crucial moment in the quest for nuclear abolition. Thus, a special, tax-deductible contribution to "MUPJ Education Fund" from you, your local church, or some other organization would be most welcome.

With your continued support we will remain steadfast in our work on peace and justice issues.

Shalom,

Howard W. Hallman, Chair
Board of Directors

June 22, 1998

Char Hipkins
348 Reed School House Road
Sevierville, TN 37862

Dear Char:

I have edited your draft of our board minutes and am returning them to you. Would you please send them out to board members? I'm enclosing a fresh board list and terms of office, which you might also enclose with the minutes.

Thanks for handling this.

Shalom,

June 25, 1998

Sandy Ferguson
Baltimore-Washington UM Conference
9720 Patuxent Woods Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, MD 21046

Dear Sandy:

We would like to apply for a one-year grant of \$500 from the Peace with Justice Task Force for activities to be conducted in the Baltimore-Washington Conference. One set of activities relates to work in fulfillment of the resolution on "Nuclear Abolition", adopted by the 1996 General Conference. A second set of activities deals with the Holy Boldness urban ministries as I draw upon knowledge gained through our national network to assist in the unfolding of this vital, new program. Our activities are further detailed in the enclosed application.

In awarding us a previous grant you indicated that we should either file a program report or provide an article for *Connection*. I have chosen the second option and am providing an article entitled "Working to Abolish Nuclear Weapons."

If you need further information on our application, please let me know.

Shalom,

Howard W. Hallman, Chair

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July 14, 1998

Phillip H. Miller
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Annandale, VA 22003

Dear Phil:

I have obtained a \$1,000 grant from the Ploughshares Fund to cover some of my expenses in attending the NPT Preparatory Committee meeting in Geneva. It is actually a personal contribution from the president and executive director of Ploughshares.

Will you please sign the grant agreements, send one to Ploughshares with our IRS letter, and return the other to me. Stamped envelopes are enclosed.

When the check comes, it should go in the Education Fund.

Shalom,

July 14, 1998

Ms. Sally Lilienthal, President
Ploughshares Fund
Fort Mason Center
San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Sally:

We are grateful to the Ploughshares Fund for the \$1,000 grant for expenses related to my participation in the NPT Preparatory Committee meeting in Geneva.

A signed copy of the grant agreement is enclosed. The check should be made payable to Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund, which is our 501(c)(3) entity.

Shalom,

Howard W. Hallman, Chair