

## NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT: THE ZERO OPTION

### A Resolution of the General Conference of the United Methodist Adopted on May 15, 1992

#### Saying "No" to Nuclear Deterrence

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New Testament faith presupposes a radical break between the follies, or much so-called conventional wisdom about power and security, on the one hand, and the transcendent wisdom of *shalom*, on the other. Ultimately, New Testament faith is message of hope about God's plan and purpose for human destiny. It is a redemptive vision that refuses to wallow in doom.<sup>2</sup>

Based upon this faith the bishops in their pastoral letter stated unequivocally that:

we say a clear and unconditional *No* to nuclear war and to any use of nuclear weapons. We

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*conclude that nuclear deterrence is a position that cannot receive the church's blessing.<sup>3</sup>*

*The implication is clear. If nuclear weapons cannot be legitimately used for either deterrence or warfighting, no nation should possess them. Accordingly, in the foundation document the bishops indicated:*

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*We support the earliest possible negotiation of phased but rapid reduction of nuclear arsenals, while calling upon all other nuclear-weapon states to agree to parallel arms reductions, to the eventual goal of a mutual and verifiable dismantling of all nuclear armaments.<sup>4</sup>*

## **The World Today**

*Since 1986 remarkable events have occurred. The Cold War between the United States and the Soviet Union has ended. The Berlin wall has fallen. Eastern Europe is free from Soviet control. The Warsaw Pact has gone out of existence. The Soviet Union itself has dissolved. Most of the independent republics of the former USSR are committed to democracy and a free-market economy. Together they form a weak confederation, the Commonwealth of Independent States (C.I.S). This transition holds great promise but also has many uncertainties and potential instability.*

*The Cold War was the primary reason that the global nuclear arsenal grew to enormous size. The United States and the Soviet Union developed their fleets of strategic bombers, intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs), and submarine-launched ballistic missiles (SLBMs) to hold each other hostage under a doctrine of mutual assured destruction. The first theater nuclear weapons were deployed in Europe because of Cold War confrontation between the two blocs. Great Britain, France, and China became nuclear nations as a byproduct of the Cold War.*

***With the Cold War ended, now is the time to exercise the zero option: to eliminate all nuclear weapons throughout the globe.** That means reducing to zero the supply of all types of nuclear weapons held by all possessors. It means a halt to all testing and weapons production. It means preventing all non-possessor nations from acquiring nuclear weapons.*

*A promising start on the journey has occurred through the initiative taken by U.S. President George Bush on September 21, 1991 to commence the withdrawal of nuclear weapons and the response of Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev on October 5. Since then President Bush and Russian President Boris Yeltsin have offered further proposals to reduce the nuclear arsenal. We welcome these initiatives. They constitute a good beginning. But much more should be done promptly. Therefore, we call for further steps of nuclear arms reduction.*

## **Strategic Nuclear Weapons: Zero**

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<sup>4</sup> *Op. cit.*, p. 76.

Approximately one half of the global nuclear arsenal is composed of strategic weapons designed to attack the adversary's homeland from afar. They can be launched from land, sea, and air. In spite of entering a new era of cooperation, the United States and the Commonwealth of Independent States continue to target one another with these highly lethal weapons. From the perspective of both nations these strategic weapons are the *only* danger of foreign attack. Accordingly:

- We recommend that the United States and the Commonwealth of Independent States immediately and concurrently deactivate their entire land- and sea-based strategic arsenal. They should:
  - Bring all strategic submarines into port, remove their missiles, and take off the warheads.
  - Open all ICBM silos, take out the missiles, place them on the ground, and remove the warheads.
- We hope that Great Britain, France, and China will understand the necessity to immediately deactivate their strategic arsenal: land-, air-, and sea-based.
- After deactivation is accomplished, the United States and the Commonwealth of Independent States should work out a schedule for dismantling all strategic nuclear weapons and delivery vehicles and destroying their warheads. Great Britain, France, and China should join this schedule. The process should be implemented in an agreed and verified sequence that is balanced so that at no stage could any nation gain an advantage.

#### **Tactical Nuclear Weapons: Zero**

The other half of the global nuclear arsenal is composed of tactical nuclear weapons with relatively short range and intended for combat use on land, at sea, and in the air.

- We praise President Bush's decision to eliminate the United States' entire worldwide inventory of nuclear artillery shells and short-range ballistic missile warheads. Based in Europe and South Korea, and perhaps elsewhere, they have no military utility because their use would have devastating effects on the countries they are intended to defend. With the Soviet army leaving Central and Eastern Europe, there is no adversary possessing theater nuclear weapons. Likewise in Korea the U.S. tactical nuclear force was arrayed against an adversary not possessing this type of weapon.
- We support the withdrawal of all U.S. tactical nuclear weapons from surface ships and attack submarines and from land-based naval aircraft. We urge that all of the warheads be dismantled and destroyed, not leaving any in storage for future use.
- We also call for elimination of all U.S. nuclear bombs and missiles carried on tactical aircraft, a

significant omission from President Bush's proposal. In Europe U.S. tactical aircraft have no adversaries to target with nuclear weapons because of the dissolution of the Warsaw Pact, the freeing of Eastern Europe, and the achievement of independence by the republics of the former Soviet Union and their commitment to democracy and a free-market economy. Moreover, there are no other legitimate targets for U.S. tactical nuclear bombs and air-launched missiles anywhere else on Earth.

- We praise commitment made by former Soviet President Gorbachev to eliminate the entire Soviet inventory of nuclear artillery, nuclear warheads for short-range ballistic missiles, and nuclear land mines. They have no military utility in international warfare, and their elimination will prevent their use in any future conflict within and between the republics of the Commonwealth of Independent States.
- We support the withdrawal of all Soviet tactical nuclear weapons from surface ships and multi-purpose submarines and the removal of all nuclear warheads from anti-aircraft missiles. We urge that all of these missiles and warheads be dismantled and destroyed, not leaving any in storage for future use.
- All nations possessing tactical nuclear weapons should eliminate them in an agreed and verified sequence that is balanced so that at no stage could any nation gain an advantage.

#### **Testing and Production: Zero**

With a commitment to move to global nuclear disarmament -- the zero option, there is no further need to develop, test, and produce new nuclear warheads and delivery vehicles. Therefore:

- We call upon all nuclear weapon states immediately to:
  - Cease production of nuclear weapons material.
  - Halt all testing of nuclear warheads.
  - Stop assemblage of new warheads.
- We also call upon all nuclear weapon states to discontinue the manufacture of new missiles, bombers, and strategic submarines.
- We recommend the closure of all nuclear weapons production facilities, except as they might be used to disassemble nuclear warheads and convert nuclear material to non-weapon use.
- We recommend a program to assist workers, companies, and communities engaged in producing nuclear weapons and delivery vehicles to convert to non-military activities.

### **Nonproliferation: Universal**

*It is essential that no other nation acquire nuclear weapons and delivery capacity while the current possessors are eliminating their nuclear arsenal. Accordingly:*

- *We call upon all nations to become signatories the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) and to abide by its provisions.*
- *We call for strengthening provisions of the Non-proliferation Treaty and for vigorous enforcement.*
- *We call for an international system to prevent the development, production, and deployment of ballistic missiles that can be used to attack an adversary's homeland and for the destruction of all such missiles now in existence.*

### **Strategic Defense: Unnecessary**

*By moving promptly and resolutely to complete strategic disarmament and by achieving a diligent nonproliferation regime to block the spread of nuclear weapons and ballistic missiles, no system of strategic defense will be required. The zero option provides necessary homeland security.*

*Therefore:*

- *We call for the United States and the Commonwealth of Independent States to disband all efforts of develop and deploy a strategic defense system.*
- *We call upon the Commonwealth of Independent States to dismantle its existing ground-based strategic defense.*

*We believe that the danger of any new nation developing nuclear weapons and ICBM delivery capacity can be handled through an effective international nonproliferation regime. A strategic defense network is not needed for that purpose.*

### **Conclusion**

*We fervently believe that these recommendations will greatly enhance global security by eliminating the possibility of nuclear war. Furthermore, the resources of human talent, production capacity, and money released can become available to deal with urgent human problems around the globe. The zero option provides great hope for global peace and prosperity.*

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A REQUEST FOR A PEACE WITH JUSTICE GRANT

*submitted by*

METHODISTS UNITED FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE

*to*

UNITED METHODIST GENERAL BOARD OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY

*We request a Peace with Justice Grant of \$2,500 to help strengthen our outreach to youth and young adults.*

*Methodists United for Peace with Justice formed in 1987 in response to the call from the United Methodist Council of Bishops for greater witness and action for peace and justice. They made this call in their foundation document and pastoral letter, *In Defense of Creation: The Nuclear Crisis and a Just Peace*.*

*Throughout our life we have worked diligently for nuclear disarmament. In our early days when the Cold War was still going on, we were involved in citizen exchanges with people from the Soviet Union. We have worked for shifts in federal budget priorities away from excessive military spending to greater concern for human and community needs. We have supported measures for economic conversion, curtailing conventional arms trade, and strengthening international institutions.*

*Although the founders of our organization were all United Methodists, we have fostered participation of persons from other Methodist denominations through service on our Board of Directors and National*

Advisory Committee. We have held one Gathering of the Methodist Family for Peace and Justice. We realize that we still need to do much more in this direction, but we have made a start.

For outreach we publish a quarterly bulletin, *Peace Leaf*, and send out *Peace/Justice Alerts* on legislative issues. These publications go to our members, bishops in the Methodist family, and peace with justice leaders in United Methodist conferences.

When our Board of Directors met in March 1995, we assessed our work and concluded that we should undertake greater outreach to youth and young adults in the Methodist family. As a beginning we invited Sarah Cadle, a mission intern of the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministry, to join the Board of Directors, and to write an article for *Peace Leaf*. A second mission intern has provided us an article for the next issue of *Peace Leaf*.

We are sending this forthcoming issue of *Peace Leaf* to all campus ministers related to the United Methodist Church (including ecumenical ministries), through a mailing list provided by the United Methodist General Board of Higher Education. A cover letter by Rev. Risher Brabham, a member of our Board and campus minister at Winthrop University in South Carolina, will offer all campus ministers a one-year free subscription to *Peace Leaf*.

As a second part of our reassessment, our Board of Directors decided to pay greater heed to ethnic conflict abroad, which is now the greatest disturber of world peace. To that end board members conducted a consultative session in Washington in conjunction with our March board meeting. We are holding our October board meeting in Atlanta so that we

can confer with persons from the Carter Center and the Martin Luther King Center. The spring issue of *Peace Leaf* highlighted the role of the United Nations in international dispute resolution and peacekeeping. Future issues will contain other articles on this topic.

### **Project Activities**

The Peace with Justice Grant we are requesting will be used for the following activities during the coming year:

- Expand *Peace Leaf* to include more articles written by young adults and youth.
- Send *Peace Leaf* and *Peace/Justice Alerts* to campus ministries.
- Initiate similar outreach to youth ministries, starting with United Methodist conferences.
- Explore ways to reach young adults and youth in other Methodist denominations.
- Add several young adults to our Board of Directors and pay their travel expenses (ordinarily board members pay their own expenses).
- If appropriate, pay travel expenses of board members representing racial and ethnic minorities within the United Methodist Church and other denominations of the Methodist family.

### **Relationship to Criteria for Peace with Justice Grants**

This project will relate to the goals of the Peace with Justice Grants as

follows:

*Goal A.* As we take up issues of ethnic conflict, we will be dealing with one of the gravest issues in the rapidly changing world order. Outreach to youth and young adults through the grant activities will help this new generation of leaders gain greater understanding of Christian responses.

*Goal B.* Our continuing commitment to nuclear disarmament, halting conventional arms trade, and economic conversion will contribute to reducing the influence of militarism in American society.

*Goal C.* Our interest in redirecting federal budget priorities is essentially a concern for economic justice. As we begin to deal with ethnic conflict abroad, we will be looking at underlying causes of injustice.

*Goal D.* Although we are not involved in administration of the United Methodist Peace with Justice program, our publications are a resource to conference peace with justice coordinators.

August 31, 1995

## PROJECT BUDGET

<i>Expansion of Peace Leaf</i>	\$ 750
<i>Special mailings to youth and young adults</i>	250
<i>Travel expenses of young adult, minority board members</i>	<u>1,500</u>
TOTAL	\$2,500

*This grant will supplement the annual budget of Methodists United for Peace with Justice, which is as follows:*

<i>Administration</i>	\$1,350
<i>Telephone</i>	\$ 500
<i>Office and board expenses</i>	500
<i>Fax</i>	350
<i>Publications (printing, postage)</i>	2,600

<i>Peace Leaf - 4 issues @ \$500</i>	<i>2,000</i>	
<i>Peace/Justice Alerts - 4 @ \$150</i>	<i>600</i>	
<i>Membership Recruitment</i>		<i>550</i>
<i>Brochure</i>	<i>400</i>	
<i>Mailings</i>	<i>150</i>	
<i>Reserve</i>		<i>500</i>
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<i>TOTAL</i>		<i>\$5,000</i>

*Income is derived from membership contributions.*

*Adopted by Board of Directors, March 25, 1995*

## *Suggested changes in draft resolution on "Nuclear Abolition"*

*Revision of a paragraph on page 3, as follows:*

*Yet remaining is a large portion of the huge nuclear arsenal accumulated by the United States, the Soviet Union, Great Britain, France, and China to apply the pernicious doctrine of mutually assured destruction. Moreover, Israel has developed a stockpile of nuclear weapons, India has attained capability to produce nuclear weapons, and Pakistan is seeking to do likewise. Elsewhere other nations, such as North Korea, Iran, Iraq, and Libya, seem interested in acquiring nuclear weapons.*

*At top of page 4, remove the following phrase:*

*"and are considering negotiations of START III."*

*Change in first full paragraph on page four, as follows:*

*"and committing signatories possessing nuclear weapons to "systematic and progressive efforts to reduce nuclear weapons globally, with the ultimate goal of eliminating those weapons."*

*Modification in wording of some of the initiatives beginning on page 4, as follows:*

- *A global Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty with zero threshold should be agreed upon, honored, and enforced. [placed first on list]*
- *As a prelude to further reductions, all possessor nations should immediately and concurrently move to zero alert by deactivating*

*their entire strategic arsenal through removal of warheads or other vital components from delivery vehicles with safe storage under international inspection.*

- *All fissionable material removed from nuclear weapons should be carefully safeguarded with continuous international inspection.*

*After the clause on NPT (page 5), add:*

- *All weapon-usable radioactive materials and nuclear facilities in all nations should be subject to international, accounting, monitoring, and safeguards.*

*Eliminate the following clause on page 6.*

- *Serious efforts should be made to stimulate the development of sustainable, renewable, and environmentally friendly energy sources to replace nuclear energy, thereby eliminating a potential source of fissionable material.*

*Offered by Howard W. Hallman*

*September 27, 1995*

*Methodist United for Peace with Justice  
Meeting of Board of Directors  
Cannon Chapel, Emory University  
Atlanta, Georgia  
October 13-14, 1995*

**AGENDA**

*Friday, October 13*

*8:30 a.m. Continental breakfast in Lounge, Cannon Chapel*

*9:00 Worship*

*9:15 Opening business  
Adopt agenda  
Minutes of last meeting  
Volunteering to take minutes*

*Finance*

*Treasurer's report  
Review of budget  
Fundraising  
Membership recruitment (initial discussion)*

*Peace Leaf*

*Progress report  
Circulation  
Future issues (initial discussion)*

*Disarmament*

*General conference resolution  
Nuclear abolition campaign  
Other disarmament issues  
Chemical, biological, land mines, code of contact for  
conventional arms sales*

*11:30 Break for lunch at Houston Mill House*

*1:15 p.m. Carter Center  
Tour of center  
Meet with Kirk Wolcott*

3:30 Visit King Center

Dinner On own

7:00 Lounge, Cannon Chapel  
Video: "Children of the A-Bomb"

*Saturday, October 14*

8:30 a.m. Continental breakfast in Lounge, Cannon Chapel

9:00 Worship

9:15 Dealing with ethnic conflict  
Reflections on Friday's visits  
Future course for MUPJ

United Methodist General Conference  
Peace with Justice Breakfast?  
Other matters

Expanding MUPJ  
Young adults, youth  
United Methodist peace with justice network  
Other Methodist denominations  
Board of directors  
Bylaws amendment  
Adding members  
1996 election

Peace Leaf  
Future issues  
Expanding circulation

Other business

Next meeting  
Date  
Place

Closing worship

12:30      *Adjournment*

Lunch      *On own*

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*A Resolution Submitted to the  
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## *Nuclear Abolition*

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In 1988 the United Methodist General Conference affirmed and supported the statements of the Council of Bishops contained in *In Defense of Creation*.<sup>6</sup> Four years later, in a resolution entitled "Nuclear Disarmament: The Zero Option", the 1992 General Conference, stated that "now is the time

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<sup>4</sup> *Op. cit.*, p. 92.

<sup>5</sup> *Op. cit.*, p. 76.

<sup>6</sup> *Book of Resolutions [to be completed]*

to exercise the zero option: to eliminate all nuclear weapons throughout the globe"<sup>7</sup> and offered a series of concrete actions for achieving this goal.

### *Goals and Objectives*

We reaffirm the goal of total abolition of all nuclear weapons throughout Earth and space. This can occur by achieving the following objectives:

- Complete elimination of all nuclear weapons by all possessors.
- Complete elimination of all delivery vehicles by all possessors.
- Termination of all development, production, and testing of nuclear weapons by all nations and by all individuals and groups with nuclear ambition.
- Prevention of all non-possessors from developing and otherwise acquiring nuclear weapons and their delivery vehicles.

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<sup>7</sup> *The Book of Resolutions of the United Methodist Church, 1992. p. 601.*

*These objectives should be achieved as soon as possible through a combination of international treaties and reciprocal national initiatives, carried out with adequate verification.*

### ***Progress and Prospects***

*The Cold War between the United States and the Soviet Union, which dominated world politics for more than four decades, has ended. The Berlin wall has fallen. Eastern Europe is free from Soviet control. The Warsaw Pact has gone out of existence. The Soviet Union itself has dissolved. Most of the independent republics of the former USSR are committed to democracy and a free-market economy.*

*Yet remaining is a large portion of the huge nuclear arsenal accumulated by the United States, the Soviet Union, Great Britain, France, and China to apply the pernicious doctrine of mutually assured destruction. Moreover, Israel has developed a stockpile of nuclear weapons, India has attained capability to produce nuclear weapons, and Pakistan is seeking to do likewise.*

Elsewhere other nations, such as North Korea, Iran, Iraq, and Libya, seem interested in acquiring nuclear weapons.

On the positive side the United States and the Soviet Union before its collapse agreed to eliminate all intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF) and to commence curtailment of long-range forces through provisions of the first Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START I). Subsequently the United States and Russia have entered into START II to achieve further reductions.

Belarus, Ukraine, and Kazakhstan have endorsed START II and committed themselves to eliminate all nuclear weapons left on their territories when the Soviet Union disbanded.

International treaties have created nuclear-weapon-free zones in South American, South Pacific, Antarctica, Seabed, and Outer Space. In 1995 the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) was extended indefinitely, committing signatories not in possession of nuclear weapons to refrain from acquiring them and committing signatories possessing nuclear weapons to "systematic

*and progressive efforts to reduce nuclear weapons globally, with the ultimate goal of eliminating those weapons." And efforts are underway by the possessor nations to negotiate, adopt, and carry out a Comprehensive Test Ban (CTB) Treaty.*

*These are worthy efforts in the right direction. However, they are not proceeding far enough or fast enough toward the goal of nuclear abolition.*

### ***Further Initiatives Required***

*As means of moving much more rapidly toward nuclear abolition, we recommend that the following initiatives be undertaken:*

- *A global Comprehensive Test Ban should be agreed upon, honored, and enforced.*
- *All nations possessing nuclear weapons should make an unconditional pledge of no first use.*
- *All nuclear-weapon-free zones should be respected and further zones established.*

- *START II should be fully carried out as quickly as possible.*
- *As a prelude to further reductions, all possessor nations should immediately and concurrently move to zero alert by deactivating their entire strategic arsenal through removal of warheads or other vital components from delivery vehicles with safe storage under international inspection.*
- *As a companion measure, all possessor nations should withdraw all tactical nuclear weapons from active deployment and store them safely under international inspection.*
- *As rapidly as possible, all deactivated strategic and tactical nuclear weapons and all delivery vehicles should be dismantled under international inspection in an agreed sequence that is balanced so that at no stage could any nation gain an advantage.*
- *All fissionable material removed from nuclear weapons should be carefully safeguarded with continuous international inspection.*

- *All nations capability of producing nuclear weapons should immediately cease all production of fissionable material, testing of nuclear warheads, and manufacture of all delivery vehicles, including missiles, bombers, submarines, surface ships, and all other means of delivery.*
- *All nuclear weapons production facilities should be closed, except as they might be used to disassemble nuclear warheads and convert nuclear material to non-weapon use.*
- *All nations on Earth should become signatories of the Non-Proliferation Treaty and faithfully observe its requirements. To assure universal compliance the Treaty should be vigorously enforced with adequate financial and technical support to detect and halt covert nuclear activities.*
- *All weapon-usable radioactive materials and nuclear facilities in all nations should be subject to international, accounting, monitoring,*

*and safeguards.*

- *An international system should be instituted to prevent the development, production, and deployment of ballistic missiles capable of attacking an adversary's homeland. All existing ballistic missiles with such capability should be eliminated.*
  
- *All efforts to develop and deploy strategic anti-missile defense systems should be terminated as illusory, unnecessary, and wasteful.*

### *Leadership for Study and Action*

*We call upon the Council of Bishops and the General Board of Church and Society to provide leadership, guidance, and educational material to United Methodists, congregations, and conferences in order to assist them in understanding and working for the goal and objectives of nuclear abolition.*

### *Conclusion*

*We fervently believe that these recommendations will greatly enhance global security by eliminating the possibility of nuclear war. Furthermore,*

*the resources of human talent, production capacity, and money released can become available to deal with urgent human problems around the globe.*

*Nuclear abolition provides great hope for global peace and prosperity.*

*Adopted by Board of Directors, Methodists United for Peace with Justice on October 14, 1995 and submitted to the United Methodist General Conference, scheduled to meet April 16-26, 1996 in Denver, Colorado.*

**A PETITION TO UNITED METHODIST GENERAL CONFERENCE**

from  
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**A Proposal for  
Curriculum on Nonviolent Action and Peaceful Conflict Resolution**

Whereas we take as our chief guide for living and acting in the faith Jesus Christ, who said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God", and who also said, "Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also";

Whereas we also have been instructed by Paul, who wrote, "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good";

Whereas living out these teachings is difficult in the many situations where we find ourselves, and we need the opportunity of instruction;

Whereas we have been given the leadership of the Council of Bishops in the document entitled *In Defense of Creation: The Nuclear Crisis and a Just Peace*, in which the bishops wrote, "If any person is denied shalom, all are thereby diminished;

Whereas we have received additional leadership from the General Board of

*Church and Society in its Peace with Justice Program to employ Jesus' teachings and Paul's writings in living lives of faithfulness in difficult situations;*

*Whereas the United Methodist Church has many opportunities for education, including Church School, Vacation Bible School, Bible study groups, and many others;*

*Therefore we request the General Board of Discipleship, with cooperation from the General Board of Church and Society, to develop and publish during the 1996-2000 quadrennium curriculum material focusing on nonviolent action and peaceful conflict resolution for use by children, youth, and adults.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Howard W. Hallman, Chair  
Board of Directors*

*This petition was developed by the Rev. Bruce K. Edwards, an elder in the Missouri East Annual Conference, and reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors, Methodists United for Peace with Justice. All scripture selections are from the NSRV: Matthew 5:10, Matthew 5:39, Romans 12:21.*

*[December 14, 1995]*

**METHODISTS UNITED FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE**

*Meeting of Board of Directors  
Foundry United Methodist Church  
Washington, D.C.  
March 1 and 2, 1996*

**AGENDA**

**Friday, March 1**

*9:00 a.m. Gathering*

*9:15      Worship - John Mecartney*

*9:30      Election of board members*

*Opening business*

*Adopt agenda*

*Minutes of last meeting*

*Volunteering to take minutes*

*Treasurer's report - Phillip Miller*

*Nuclear Abolition Campaign - Howard Hallman*

*United Methodist General Conference*

*Peace with Justice Breakfast*

*Resolutions*

- 11:30      *Children's issues*  
              *Anna Rhee, United Methodist Women's Division*  
              *Bishops' Initiative*
- 12:00 noon    *Lunch*  
              *Guest speaker: Duane Shank, Cry for Renewal*
- 1:00 p.m.    *Reflections*  
              *Children's issues*  
              *Cry for Renewal*
- 2:30         *U.S. Institute of Peace*  
              *1550 M Street, NW, 7th Floor*  
              *David Little, Sr., Scholar in Residence, Religion & Ethics*
- 4:00         *Reflections*  
              *Visits to Peace Institute and Carter Center (October 1995)*  
              *and previous discussion on resolving ethnic conflict*
- 5:30         *Adjourn*
- Dinner       *On own*

*Saturday, March 2*

*9:00 a.m. Gathering*

*9:15      Worship - Sarah Cadle, Morrie Griffin, Jonathan Randolph*

*9:30      Election of officers*

*Peace Leaf - Charlotte and Jim Hipkins*

*Progress report*

*Circulation*

*Future issues*

*Outreach*

*Youth, young adults*

*United Methodist Peace with Justice Coordinators*

*Other*

*Recapitulation of priorities*

*12:00 noon    Closing worship - Sherman Harris*

*Adjourn*

*Lunch with Foundry Peace Mission*

**METHODISTS UNITED**  
**for Peace with Justice**

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2. Jonathan Randolph

March 1, 1996

## *Peace Leaf*

*Methodists United for Peace with Justice publishes Peace Leaf, an educational bulletin, four times a year. It features discussion of public issues and ideas for local activities in behalf of peace and justice. Editors are Jim and Charlotte Hipkins, who are based in Sevierville, Tennessee.*

*Peace Leaf is sent to all members of Methodists United for Peace with Justice. It is also available in bulk for distribution by conference peace with justice task forces and other organizations. We can send a supply of copies in bulk four times a year to organizations for their own distribution. Or we can mail Peace Leaf directly to recipients if provided a suitable mailing list. Our minimum charge is \$100/year for up to 100 copies, four issues a year. Additional copies are prorated at \$100/year per 100 copies, four times a year.*

*To make arrangements, please write us at the above address or call Jim Hipkins, editor, at 423 428-2104.*

*March 1996*

# METHODISTS UNITED

## for Peace with Justice

1500 16th Street, NW  
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Draft

Proposed Amendment to Petition #21049-CS-R561-U  
1996 United Methodist General Conference

### *1. Disarmament*

Make changes as follows, beginning with "We support disarmament initiatives...."

~~We support disarmament initiatives that go beyond compliance with international treaties. In particular we ask that the nuclear powers dismantle nuclear stockpiles to show good faith to the non-nuclear participants of the extended Non-Proliferation Treaty.~~ Therefore, we support full implementation of Article VI of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) of 1968, extended in 1995, calling for "negotiations in good faith on effective measures relating to cessation of the nuclear arms race at an early date and to nuclear disarmament, and on a treaty on general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control." We call upon all nations to carry out the intent of this article as expeditiously as possible.

~~We have rejected possession of nuclear weapons as a permanent basis for securing and maintaining peace. Possession can no longer be tolerated as a~~

~~permanent basis for securing and maintaining peace.~~ We affirm the prophetic ~~position~~ vision of our bishops who said in their 1986 statement *In Defense of Creation*: "We say a clear and unconditional No to nuclear war and to any use of nuclear weapons. We conclude that nuclear deterrence is a position that cannot receive the Church's blessing." Accordingly, we call upon all nations to renounce the policy of nuclear deterrence. We demand that all nations possessing nuclear weapons make an unconditional pledge of no first use.

We support the total abolition of all nuclear weapons on Earth, including dismantlement of all nuclear warheads and destruction of all delivery vehicles. As a step in this direction, we call for immediate termination of all development, production, and testing of nuclear weapons and the prevention of all non-possessors from developing and acquiring nuclear weapons and delivery vehicles.

Clearly ~~the~~ time to test nuclear weapons is past. ~~The Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty must include a prohibition on all tests that release radiation.~~ Therefore, we support a global Comprehensive Test Ban (CTB) Treaty with zero threshold. ~~We condemn those nations that continue to conduct such tests. Their actions show they are not responsible members of the world community. We ask that measures such~~ To put pressure upon nations that continue to conduct tests, we favor such measures as embargoes, boycotts, or other peaceful actions. ~~pressures be universally against nations that continue to test.~~ We consider such measures also appropriate to put pressure on nations with nuclear weapon ambition which remain outside the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

(over)

To immediately enhance security from nuclear attack, we advocate zero alert for all strategic weapons of all possessors, achieved by removing warheads or other vital components from delivery vehicles with safe storage under international inspection.

We support strategic arms reduction treaties between the United States and the Russian Federation to substantially reduce their supply of strategic nuclear warheads. We call for participation of other nuclear weapons states in treaty negotiations for nuclear arms reduction. To achieve total nuclear abolition, we advocate a nuclear weapons abolition convention applicable to all nations on Earth.

~~At the same time nations must provide for more secure control of weapons grade nuclear materials. It is clear deterrence comes from international controls on materials from which bombs are made. As the world moves toward nuclear abolition, all weapon-usable radioactive material and nuclear facilities in all nations should be subject to international accounting, monitoring, and safeguards.~~

We support the concept of nuclear-free zones where governments or peoples in a specific region band together to bar nuclear weapons from the area either by treaty or declaration.

We oppose efforts to develop and deploy strategic anti-missile defense systems, for they are illusory, unnecessary, and wasteful. Furthermore, we favor elimination of all existing missiles capable of attacking an adversary's homeland and prevention of further development, production, and deployment of such weapons.

World public opinion justly condemns the use or threat of chemical or biological weapons. Governments must renounce use of these particularly inhumane weapons as part of their national policy. We support

*establishment of a verification and control system for the Biological Weapons Convention and full implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention.*

*Beyond these efforts to abolish weapons of mass destruction -- nuclear, biological, and chemical -- we favor and support measures that move expeditiously toward the goal of conventional disarmament under strict and effective international control. As a step in that direction, we advocate efforts to sharply curtail the international arms trade. We condemn the tendency to view arms production and sales as a means of job creation and private profits. We support measures of economic conversion from military production to social useful enterprises.*

*Then continue as in Petition #21049 as written:*

*We support treaty efforts to ban....*

*For questions or comments, contact Howard W. Hallman, Chair, Methodists United for Peace with Justice, 1500 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036.*

*Phone/fax: 301 620-0232*

*March 12, 1996*

*Methodists United for Peace with Justice  
cordially invites you to attend a*

*Peace with Justice Breakfast*

*Wednesday morning, April 17, 1996  
Downtown Denver Holiday Inn  
(one block from the Colorado Convention Center)*

*Featured participants will include:*

*Bishop Kenneth L. Carder  
Bishop Charles Wesley Jordan  
Bishop Hae-Jong Kim  
Bishop Ruediger R. Minor  
Bishop Sharon Zimmerman Rader*

*The program will run from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m., with breakfast buffet opening at 6:30. There will be an opportunity for brief questions and comments from the floor. Adjournment will occur promptly at 8:00 a.m. so that delegates may get to the opening of the morning session of General Conference on time.*

*The cost of the Peace with Justice Breakfast is \$10. To reserve a place, please complete and return the reply form to arrive in Washington, D.C. no later than Friday, April 12, 1996.*

*For further information, contact Howard W. Hallman, voice/fax: 301  
620-0232*

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To: *Methodists United for Peace with Justice*  
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Please reserve \_\_\_\_ place(s) @ \$10 for me at the Peace with Justice  
Breakfast on Wednesday, April 17, 1996 at the Holiday Inn in Denver,  
Colorado.

Enclosed is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_.

Make check payable to *Methodists United for Peace with Justice*

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Proposed Amendment to Petition #21049-CS-R561-U  
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Modify the language of the section on "Disarmament" of Petition #21049, as follows:

*1. Disarmament*

*First three paragraphs of Petition #21049, O.K. as amended, including deletion of third paragraph of old resolution.*

*Modify and divide ¶4 of Petition #21049, as follows:*

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*Add a new paragraph, as follows:*

We support the total abolition of all nuclear weapons on Earth, including dismantlement of all nuclear warheads and destruction of all delivery vehicles. As a step in this direction, we call for immediate termination of all development, production, and testing of nuclear weapons and the prevention of all non-possessors from developing and acquiring nuclear weapons and delivery vehicles.

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*Add two new paragraphs, as follows:*

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We support strategic arms reduction treaties between the United States and the Russian Federation to substantially reduce their supply of strategic nuclear warheads. We call for participation of other nuclear weapons states in treaty negotiations for nuclear arms reduction. To achieve total nuclear abolition, we advocate a nuclear weapons abolition convention applicable to all nations on Earth.

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~~weapons grade nuclear materials. It is clear deterrence comes from international controls on materials from which bombs are made.~~ As the world moves toward nuclear abolition, all weapon-usable radioactive material and nuclear facilities in all nations should be subject to international accounting, monitoring, and safeguards.

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World public opinion justly condemns the use or threat of chemical or biological weapons. Governments must renounce use of these particularly inhumane weapons as part of their national policy. We support establishment of a verification and control system for the Biological Weapons Convention and full implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

*Add a new paragraph, as follows:*

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*Last four paragraphs of Petition #21049 are O.K. as written:*

*We support treaty efforts to ban....*

*We are also concerned about....*

*We affirm peoples' movements....*

*The goal of world disarmament....*

*For further information on the proposed changes in Petition #21049, contact Howard W. Hallman, Chair, Methodists United for Peace with Justice, who is attending General Conference and meetings of the Church and Society Legislative Committee as an observer. He is staying at the Adams Mark Hotel.*

*April 9, 1996*

GENERAL CONFERENCE PEACE WITH JUSTICE BREAKFAST  
April 17, 1996

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*PEACE WITH JUSTICE BREAKFAST  
United Methodist General Conference  
April 17, 1996*

*Downtown Holiday Inn  
1450 Glenarm Place, Denver, Colorado*

*Sponsored by Methodists United for Peace with Justice*

*6:30 a.m. Breakfast buffet opens*

*Guests say own grace before eating*

*7:00 Program begins.*

*Presiding: Howard W. Hallman, chair*

*Methodists United for Peace with Justice*

*Invocation: Bishop Hae-Jong Kim*

*Acknowledgement of special guests: Sherman W. Harris  
former chair, Methodists United for Peace with Justice*

*Speakers addressing public policy issues (five minutes each)*

*Bishop Sharon Zimmerman Rader*

*Issues related to families, children, women; Bishops' Children  
Initiative; Children's Sabbath; Stand for Children event*

*Bishop Charles Wesley Jordan*

*Concerns of inner city, Shalom Zones, Drug Initiative;*

*matters of racial justice; Bishops' African Initiative*

*Bishop Kenneth L. Carder*

*Peace issues, including nuclear abolition, United Nations,  
other global concerns; Peace with Justice Sunday*

*Bishop Ruediger R. Minor*

*Peace and justice issues from perspective of emerging  
democracies in Central and Eastern Europe and elsewhere*

*Questions and comments from floor*

*Benediction: Bishop Hae-Jong Kim*

*8:00 Adjournment*

A REQUEST FOR A PEACE WITH JUSTICE GRANT

submitted by

METHODISTS UNITED FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE

to

UNITED METHODIST GENERAL BOARD OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY

We request a Peace with Justice Grant of \$2,500 to continue our outreach to youth and young adults. This effort will build upon initiatives of the past eighteen months to reach out to campus ministries, to add youth and young adult members to our Board of Directors, and in other ways to make with connections youth and young adults.

Methodists United for Peace with Justice formed in 1987 in response to the call from the United Methodist Council of Bishops for greater witness and action for peace and justice. They made this call in their foundation document and pastoral letter, *In Defense of Creation: The Nuclear Crisis and a Just Peace*.

Although the founders of our organization were all United Methodists, we have fostered participation of persons from other Methodist denominations through service on our Board of Directors and National Advisory Committee. We have held one Gathering of the Methodist Family for Peace and Justice. We are continuing our outreach in this direction.

We publish a quarterly bulletin, *Peace Leaf*, and send out occasional

*Peace/Justice Alerts* on legislative issues. These publications go to our members, bishops in the Methodist family, peace with justice leaders in United Methodist conferences, campus ministers, and other interest persons.

Our current issue concerns include nuclear abolition, reduction of military spending, increase federal budget support for programs meeting urgent human and community needs, economic conversion, nonviolent conflict resolution, halting the arms trade, support for the United Nations, and human rights.

We work cooperatively with various Methodist agencies and have a particularly close relationship with staff of the United Methodist General Board of Church and Society and the United Nations Office, Women's Division, United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries. For the third time we sponsored a Peace with Justice Breakfast at the United Methodist General Conference, featuring five bishops.

Previously we have had campus ministers on our Board, Rev. Mary Council Austin when she was director of Wesley Foundation, Howard University, and Rev. Risher Brabham, chaplain, Winthrop College in South Carolina. They have completed their terms of service, and we are in the process of seeking one or more campus ministers to serve on the Board.

### **Project Activities**

During the past year we have begun greater outreach to youth and young adults in three ways.

We have added three persons to our Board of Directors: Sarah Cadle, a

student at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. and a former mission intern in Central America; Morie Griffin a student at the University of Montana, nominated by the Steering Committee of the United Methodist Student Forum; and Jonathan Randolph from Mississippi, a representative of the United Methodist Youth Ministry Organization.

We have expanded *Peace Leaf* to include articles written by young adults and youth.

We are sending *Peace Leaf* to United Methodist and ecumenical campus ministers serving Methodists, using a list supplied by the Campus Ministry unit of United Methodist General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

Last year we received a Peace with Justice Grant of \$2,000 from the General Board of Church and Society to help support these activities. It was used to pay travel expenses of youth and young adult representatives to meetings of our Board of Director (ordinarily board members pay their own expenses) and to send the expanded *Peace Leaf* to campus ministers.

This year we are requesting a grant of \$2,500 to sustain the momentum and further expand our outreach to youth and young adults. We will use this grant to pay travel expenses of youth and young adult board members, continue sending *Peace Leaf* to campus ministers, and explore ways we can involve youth and young adults from other Methodist denominations.

### **Relationship to Criteria for Peace with Justice Grants**

This project will relate to the goals of the Peace with Justice Grants as follows:

*Goal A. Our outreach to youth and young adults will help this new generation of leaders gain greater understanding of the rapidly changing world order and how Christians can best respond.*

*Goal B. Our continuing commitment to nuclear abolition, halting conventional arms trade, and economic conversion will contribute to reducing the influence of militarism in American society.*

*Goal C. Our interest in redirecting federal budget priorities and economic conversion stems from our concern for economic justice.*

*Goal D. Although we are not involved in administration of the United Methodist Peace with Justice program, our publications are a resource to conference peace with justice coordinators. Furthermore, we work cooperatively with the peace with justice program director of the General Board of Church and Society.*

*August 29, 1996*

## PROJECT BUDGET

Travel expenses of youth and young adult board members	\$1,500
Expanded <i>Peace Leaf</i> mailed to campus ministers	800
Special mailings to youth and young adults	200
	_____
TOTAL	\$2,500

## 1996 BUDGET

(Not including project budget)

Administration	\$1,320
Telephone, fax	\$ 720
Office and board expenses	600
Publications	3,000
<i>Peace Leaf</i> 4 issues @ \$600	2,400
<i>Peace/Justice Alerts</i>	600

Travel		1,500
General Conference	1,200	
Other	300	
Reserve		180
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TOTAL		\$6,000

*Income is derived from membership contributions.*

You are invited to participate in a workshop on

## **WORKING FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE IN YOUR CONGREGATION**

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Saturday, October 12, 1996

The Methodist Building  
100 Maryland Avenue, NE  
Washington, D.C.

\$10/person  
(includes lunch and materials)

**Workshop Leaders**  
**Rev. Carol Windrum and Tim Fickenscher**

Carol and Tim are a wife-and-husband team who are traveling around the United States on a Peace with Justice National Mission Tour. Carol is an ordained United Methodist Minister who has served the Nebraska Conference as Director of Peace with Justice Ministries since 1983. Tim taught elementary school for eight years and since the fall of 1991 has served as Director of Youth and Family Ministries at First United Methodist Church in Omaha.

### **WORKSHOP AGENDA**

Opening worship

Drawing on biblical foundations for justice and peace

Sharing your experience in your church

Issues you are dealing with....Your successes....Problems you are

*encountering*

*Ideas for strengthening your peace with justice ministry*

*Tested program techniques....Dealing with controversial issues*

*....Broadening the base of participation....Establishing ties with*

*Christian education ministry....Sustaining long term*

*commitment*

*Exploring how congregations can work together on common*

*concerns*

*Please return registration form to the sponsor of this event: Methodists United for Peace with Justice, 1500 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036. For further information contact Howard W. Hallman, phone/fax: 301 896-0013.*

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*Please reserve \_\_\_ place(s) at the workshop on "Working for Peace with Justice in Your Congregation" @ \$10/person.*

*Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_. (Make checks to Methodists United for Peace with Justice)*

*Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_*

*Address \_\_\_\_\_*

*Local church \_\_\_\_\_*

*Relationships between Methodists United for Peace with Justice  
and United Methodist Peace with Justice Program*

*Observations and Suggestions by  
Howard W. Hallman*

*The Peace with Justice Program of the United Methodist Church and Methodists United for Peace with Justice have numerous shared interests but also distinct missions. This memorandum analyzes the relationships between these two entities and offers suggestions for cooperative activities in the coming months.*

*The Peace with Justice Program was first authorized by the 1984 United Methodist General Conference (or was it 1980?). Annual conferences began setting up peace with justice task forces, and the General Board of Church and Society (GBCS) appointed a peace with justice program director to work with them.*

*Methodists United for Peace with Justice (MUPJ) formed in 1987 in response to the United Methodist Council of Bishops' pastoral letter and foundation document, *In Defense of Creation: The Nuclear Crisis and a Just Peace*. The founders chose the name "Methodists United" to reflect a desire in working with persons from a full range of theological orientation, with various racial and ethnic groups within Methodism, and with all denominations of the Methodist family.*

*The initial focus of MUPJ was nuclear disarmament and improved relations between the United States and the Soviet Union. Later federal budget priorities became a major concern. There was also an interest in*

supporting the official United Methodist Peace with Justice Program. To that end at the 1988 United Methodist General Conference MUPJ sponsored a resolution that enhanced the official status of the Peace with Justice Program.

During the past eight years MUPJ has included United Methodist annual conference peace with justice coordinators on its mailing list to receive *Peace Leaf*, its quarterly bulletin, and *Peace/Justice Alerts* on legislative issues. Some of the conferences have made a financial contribution to MUPJ so that these two publications can go to Peace with Justice Task Forces members and in some instances to wider mailing lists. A number of peace with justice coordinators have served on MUPJ's board of directors.

Particularly during the last five years MUPJ has worked closely with the GBCS's peace with justice program director. Material from MUPJ has been included in GBCS peace with justice mailings. In 1995 the General Board gave a grant to MUPJ to enable it to pay expenses of youth and young adult representatives to the MUPJ board of directors. At the 1992 and 1988 General Conferences MUPJ supported GBCS legislation on the Peace with Justice Program and Peace with Justice Sunday. The GBCS peace with justice program director attends meetings of the MUPJ board of directors, and MUPJ representatives participate as observers at meetings of the General Board of Church and Society.

Although they work together, these two entities have distinct missions. The Peace with Justice Program receives policy guidance directly from the General Board of Church and Society, gives peace with justice grants with the approval of a Board committee, relates through official channels to other United Methodist boards and councils, and provides a regular flow of information to annual conferences, especially to peace with justice task forces

and coordinators. The Peace with Justice Program deals with the wide range of issues encompassed by the General Board. Conference peace with justice task forces have their own issue priorities and receive information from several GBCS units and from other United Methodist agencies.

Methodists United for Peace with Justice has concentrated foremost on nuclear disarmament (now defined as nuclear abolition) and next most on federal budget priorities, particularly the need to transfer resources from military spending to human and community needs. MUPJ was active on peace issues that arose during the Gulf War. It has a continuing interest in the United Nations and other international approaches in conflict resolution. *Peace Leaf* has provided a forum for discussing needs of children and a variety of other issues.

MUPJ regularly supplies information to United Methodist conference peace with justice coordinators. It also communicates directly with United Methodist bishops, with conference council directors, and with people in local churches. MUPJ tries to stay in touch with leaders of racial and ethnic caucuses within the United Methodist Church. It also reaches out to other denominations in the Methodist family and has gained representation from them on its board of directors and national advisory committee. In 1992 MUPJ staged a Gathering of the Methodist Family on the theme "What Does Justice Require?" and gained participation of persons from the African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion, Christian Methodist Episcopal, Free Methodist, United Methodist, and Wesleyan Churches. Several staff members of the United Methodist General Board of Church and Society participated in the gathering.

Since 1990 MUPJ's board of directors has met twice a year, spring and fall. The spring meeting has customarily been held in Washington, D.C. on a

Friday and Saturday either just before or just after the annual Legislative Briefing of Interfaith/Impact, scheduled so that board members who choose can attend both and economize on travel expenses. The fall meeting has sometimes been in Washington and sometimes elsewhere, including Kirkwood, Missouri at the time of the Methodist family gathering and Atlanta. The October 1996 board meeting was scheduled in New York but canceled because an insufficient number of directors were planning to attend. A major factor was the higher cost of going to and staying in New York.

In 1996 the Peace with Justice Program brought together a number of conference peace with justice coordinators for 2½ days of consultation in Washington following the annual Legislative Briefing of Interfaith/Impact, thus allowing participants to attend both with one travel bill. The MUPJ board of directors in 1996 met in Washington just prior to the Legislative Briefing. Several from MUPJ participated in the peace with justice coordinators consultation.

The Peace with Justice Program plans another consultation for conference peace with justice coordinators following the 1997 Legislative Briefing, scheduled for April 5 to 9. The MUPJ Board of Directors, if it follows its customary pattern, will want to hold its 1997 spring meeting just before or after the Legislative Briefing.

Because some of MUPJ's board members are also conference peace with justice coordinators, it would be desirable to coordinate these two sets of meetings and to avoid competition for the time of persons involved with both entities, who may not be able to attend meetings both before and after the Legislative Briefing.

With this in mind, I would like to offer several suggestions, expressed as questions for consideration.

(1) Could the MUPJ 1997 spring board meeting be held after the Legislative Briefing and interspersed with the program for the peace with justice coordinators? Possible times include Thursday morning and during one or more meals, such as Thursday evening and Saturday breakfast.

(2) Would it be possible for MUPJ directors to participate in the GBCS consultation? If this included directors from other Methodist denominations, it would help build bridges at a time when four Methodist denominations are considering ways to draw closer together. Or would this dilute the purpose of the consultation? Furthermore, what are the cost implications and who would pay for adding additional persons to the consultation?

(3) Since the peace with justice consultation is likely to become an annual event, could this pattern be followed in subsequent years?

(4) If this is to be a continuing pattern, could more conference peace with justice coordinators become members of the MUPJ Board of Directors? This would strengthen the ties between these two closely related enterprises. For instance, there could be three peace with justice coordinators from each of the five United Methodist jurisdictions, serving staggered three year terms, for a total of 15. They would join directors elected at large and others drawn from other denominations of the Methodist family.

(5) If more peace with justice coordinators were added to the MUPJ Board of Directors and others from the extended Methodist family to make a larger board, would it not be more realistic to have only one board meeting a year because of travel expenses? An executive committee could function throughout the year, conferring at least quarterly through conference calls, more frequently through internet, and from time to time polling all directors

*on specific matters.*

*This approach would build upon already established relationships between MUPJ and conference peace with justice coordinators. The Peace with Justice Program would continue to pursue its multi-issue agenda and have the advantages of an official program of the United Methodist Church. MUPJ would continue concentrating on nuclear abolition, which is its specialty, but could also deal with a limited number of additional issues as determined by its Board of Directors. MUPJ would retain its flexibility in cutting across bureaucratic channels in reaching out to United Methodists and would continue building ties with other Methodist denominations.*

*October 29, 1996*

METHODISTS UNITED FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE

421 Seward Square, SE  
Washington, DC 20003

December 16, 1993

Rev. Bud Ruggia  
P.O. Box 267  
Godley, TX 76044

Dear Bud:

I've checked with national offices of six Methodist-family denominations and four United Methodist ethnic/racial caucuses on events scheduled for the first two weekends in November 1994. For the most part these dates are open, but there are a few events scheduled for that time. In weighing these conflicts Sherman Harris and I believe that November 4-6 would be the preferred time for the 1994 Gathering of the Methodist Family on Peace and Justice in Texas. If you, Sylvester Key, and others in Texas concur, we encourage you to go ahead and line up conference space for those dates.

In the course of making contacts to clear dates, I asked for suggestions on who might be asked to serve on a planning committee in Texas. You can follow through as you consider appropriate. German Acevedo-Delgado, executive director of MARCHA, suggests:

Rev. Noe Gonzales	214 871-2862 (o)
3274 Saint Croix	214 243-8199 (h)
Dallas, TX 75229	

Rev. Peter Sun, executive director of National Federation of Asian American United Methodists suggests:

Rev. Won Kie Kim 214 231-0057 (o)  
Mission Director of Korean Ministries 214 690-1524 (h)  
United Methodist South Central Jurisdiction  
1200 W. Shore Drive  
Richardson, TX 75080  
and/or

Rev. Bon Woong Koo 817 526-3993 (o)  
St. Luke United Methodist Church 817 526-0239 (h)  
102 E. Church Avenue  
Killien, TX 76541

*I'm working on a possibility from the Native American International Caucus and will let you know when I have a suggestion. Sylvester is a member of Black Methodists for Church Renewal and knows other members, so that caucus is covered.*

*For your background I'm enclosing my reflections on the Gathering we had in Kirkwood and the planning for it. This experience may be helpful in planning the Gathering to be held in Texas.*

*With best wishes for the Christmas season,*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
Issues Chair*

*cc. Sylvester Key, Sherman Harris*

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January 11, 1994

Dr. Earle L. Wilson  
The Wesleyan Church  
P.O. Box 50434  
Indianapolis, IN 46250

Dear Dr. Wilson:

We were in touch with you last fall as we planned a Gathering of the Methodist Family on "Let Justice Really Roll!", which was held in Kirkwood, Missouri on November 12-14, 1993. Through a chain of contacts you initiated we were pleased to have Rev. Kenneth Satcher, St. Peters Wesleyan Church in St. Peters, Missouri, participate as a celebrant in the closing communion service. About 60 persons from five denominations descending from John Wesley participated in the Gathering. The final program is enclosed.

We have now accepted an invitation from some Methodist leaders in Texas to hold another Gathering on peace and justice there. It will take place from November 11-13, 1994 at a site near the Dallas-Ft. Worth International Airport and at one or more churches in that vicinity

The Texans are now organizing a local planning committee and want to involve persons from all major denominations in the Methodist family and Wesleyan tradition. Therefore, we would appreciate your suggestion of one or more persons from the Wesleyan Church in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area who could be invited to be part of this planning committee.

If you have any questions about this request, please get in touch with me.

*With best regards,*

*Howard W. Hallman*

*Issues Chair*

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January 11, 1994

Bishop Gerald E. Bates  
World Ministries Center  
P.O. Box 535002  
Indianapolis, IN 4625e

Dear Bishop Bates:

We were in touch with you last fall as we planned a Gathering of the Methodist Family on "Let Justice Really Roll!", which was held in Kirkwood, Missouri on November 12-14, 1993. Through a chain of contacts you initiated we were pleased to have Rev. Kenny Martin, Lighthouse Free Methodist Church in St. Louis, Missouri, participate in a forum on denominational perspectives and serve as a celebrant in the closing communion service. About 60 persons from five denominations descending from John Wesley participated in the Gathering. The final program is enclosed.

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*If you have any questions about this request, please get in touch with me.*

*With best regards,*

*Howard W. Hallman  
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**METHODISTS UNITED FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE**

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

February 7, 1994

Rev. Bud Ruggia  
First United Methodist Church  
P.O. Box 267  
Godley, TX 76044

Dear Bud:

I appreciate receiving a copy of your January 20, 1994 memorandum to Bishop Joe Wilson. It's clear that you have a firm grasp on what has to be done to organize a national gathering of the Methodist family on peace and justice issues in Texas mid-cities area. I would like to respond to several points in your memo.

I agree it would be desirable to add a theological dimension to the Gathering. The kind of session you propose for Friday morning seems appropriate, not only for Texas pastors but also for persons coming from other states. There could something for laity, too, either with pastors or separate.

You emphasize justice issues. That's fine, but we should also deal with peace issues. The two are interconnected. Methodists United for Peace with Justice is committed to working on both simultaneously.

Perhaps it would be useful to conduct a national survey of prospective

participants and denominational leaders to ask for their issue priorities. It could be fairly open-ended and go to UM peace with justice conference coordinators and to bishops in the other denominations (since we lack an equivalent set of conference contacts). This is something we might do from Washington in a mailing just after your February 19 meeting so that we would have results back by the time the MUPJ board meets on March 17-19. It would be a way of beginning to publicize the Gathering and to create a sense that planning is an open process.

I wouldn't quarrel with your evaluation of the 1993 Gathering except for its tone. I think it would be more constructive to say that MUPJ initiated a kind of Gathering of the Methodist Family that had never been held before. The second Gathering can build upon this experience, especially by adding a theological perspective, establishing close ties with the church community in the vicinity of the Gathering, and seeking broader participation of ethnic minorities.

You are off 20 years in your characterization of the MUPJ board, at least some us. John Mecartney, Jim Hipkins, and I are '40 liberals; Sherman Harris got his start in the '50s, especially on civil rights concerns. We have sustained our commitment over many years, and we are still taking initiatives that go beyond what the traditional church and its bureaucracy are willing to undertake. We very much welcome you younger folks joining with us and providing fresh leadership on today's and tomorrow's issues. We need each other.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman

*Issues Chair*

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March 21, 1994

Rev. Bud Ruggia  
First United Methodist Church  
P.O. Box 267  
Godley, TX 76044

Dear Bud:

*I feel that we had a productive three days at the Gathering committee meeting and the board meeting, in spite of some hectic moments on Friday. Saturday was much calmer. The board member who was most disruptive on Friday arrived at mid-morning on Saturday and was more conciliatory.*

*It was the sense of the Board that I should serve as primary liaison with you on the 1994 Gathering. To make it easier, I've created a macro for "Bud" in my computer!*

*In board discussion lots of ideas are thrown out that are useful and acceptable in planning events like the Gathering, but some things are the opinion of one person and don't necessarily reflect a consensus. In that regard I believe that it is appropriate to go ahead with the plan for the "homiletics" session to have a response panel and questions from the floor written on 3x5 cards, to be sorted and asked by the moderator at her or his discretion. On Saturday morning the opening worship can be used to provide renewed focus for the Gathering; it could include a "sermon" if appropriate. We should continue to*

*the plan to have workshops during the second half of the morning.*

*For the luncheon speaker on Saturday, I am skeptical about obtaining a "celebrity", unless somebody in Texas has some personal connections. Last year we tried and failed to get celebrity speakers and wasted a lot of time in getting turned down. If not a turn-down, you risk a "I'll let you know in October" response and are stuck. I think we would be better off to use our speakers' spots to strengthen our ties within the Methodist family, especially since there are some tremendous AME, AMEZ, and CME speakers and also UMC ethnics.*

*Last year we worked hard to achieve a racial and gender balance for speakers, panelists, and moderators. I assume that you will do the same.*

*We will communicate more on these matters. For now I want to offer guidance for differentiating between board decisions and comments of individual members.*

*With best regards,*

*Howard W. Hallman, Chair  
Board of Directors*

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April 19, 1994

Rev. Bud Ruggia  
First United Methodist Church  
P.O. Box 267  
Godley, TX 76044

Dear Bud:

I want to share with you a communication I sent to United Methodist conference peace with justice coordinators. Among other things I alerted them to the 1994 Gathering and asked them to indicate the issues they would want to be considered. I'll share the results as they come in.

How are things going? Has your local committee met? Do you have some kind of time line with milestones? For example, it might be desirable to start lining up speakers for plenary sessions and worship in the next six weeks. But before that can happen we will need an understanding of the focus for these sessions. It would be desirable to have most of the workshop leaders lined up by the end of July, but this could be completed by September. Let me know how we can help at this end.

I'm still trying to get in touch with AME, AMEZ, and CME bishops nationally. It's slow going. I hope your Texas contacts are progressing.

As a possible integrating theme, I have been thinking about "community" --

*the church community, local communities that are loving and supportive, a national community that is caring and just, a world community that solves its problems without violence. This is just one person's idea. We look to the Texas committee to work out integrating ideas.*

*With best regards,*

*Howard W. Hallman, Chair  
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**METHODISTS UNITED FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE**

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July 28, 1994

Rev. Bud Ruggia  
First United Methodist Church  
P.O. Box 267  
Godley, TX 76044

Dear Bud:

I want to share information and discuss four topics: bishops, peace workshops, publicity, and finance.

### **Bishops**

Enclosed are lists of bishops from other Methodist denominations.

- The AMEZ list is current. Bishop Joseph Johnson serves Texas.
- The CME listing is from the Yearbook of American & Canadian Churches, 1994. I'm trying to get a current list from CME headquarters in order to verify this list and update if necessary. As far as I know, the bishop in your area is Bishop C.D. Coleman, Sr. in Dallas.
- The AME list is from September 1993. Since then Bishop Frederick C. James, listed as ecumenical officer (p, 4) has moved to the second district and uses the 11th Street, N.W. address in D.C.. Bishop H. Hartford Brookins has become ecumenical office, but I don't have his address Bishop John R. Bryant in Dallas handles Texas.
- The Free Methodist list is from the Yearbook of Churches. The three

active bishops for the United States are Bishop Gerald E. Bates, Bishop David M. Foster, and Bishop Richard D. Snyder (I have verified this). All three use the Indianapolis mailing address, but Bishop Foster has an office in California and Bishop Snyder has an office in New York. Bishop Foster serves Texas.

- The Wesleyan Church list is also from the Yearbook of Churches and is correct. The top officials are known as general superintendents, not bishops. All three have offices in Indianapolis. General Superintendent H.C. Wilson handles Texas.

Our best scenario is for bishops to contact bishops. Thus, Bishop Joe Wilson might be willing to contact the regional AME, AMEZ, and CME bishops to seek their cooperation, co-sponsorship, and possible communion leadership at the Gathering. Likewise the Free Methodist bishop and the Wesleyan general superintendent, though that might be second priority. Then these bishops together, or separately in each denomination, might write their fellow bishops, telling them about the Gathering, and inviting each of them to have each conference under their leadership send delegates to the Gathering, perhaps at least one clergy, one layperson.

But if this goes beyond what Bishop Wilson has the time or interest in doing, I am willing to take on some this outreach.

On the opening and closing communion services, it might be appropriate to have bishops (general superintendent) as celebrants for the opening and clergy in that role for the closing, and between them have all six denominations represented. But this is mainly for you to determine and work out.

Rev. Bud Ruggia

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### **Peace Workshops**

For workshops on peace and international affairs, I am working on a three-session series on what the United States and the international community should do about civil wars, ethnic conflict, and suppression within various nations that take many human lives (such as in Bosnia, Somalia, Rwanda, and Haiti). These would be brain-storming sessions, assisted by several resource persons, with an attempt to formulate a group consensus (or at least lay out alternatives) by the end of the third session. Jim Hipkins has agreed to serve as moderator. John Mecartney will be a resource person to bring in ideas about non-violent defense. I asked Alan Geyer of Wesley Seminary to participate (he tends toward a "just war" approach), but he cannot. He suggests Joe Allen of Perkins Seminary. Do you know him? Would he be all right? If so, shall I contact him, or do you want to? I will talk with World Federalists in Washington to identify somebody in the Ft. Worth-Dallas area who is knowledgeable about roles for the UN (preferably a woman to obtain gender diversity). I will also try to find an African American, perhaps some one knowledgeable about Haiti and Africa.

I am gathering suggestions for workshop leaders for three sessions on Africa. Mary Council Austin from our board suggests Mrs. Cecelia Bryant, wife of AME Bishop Bryant. She is on the executive committee of Trans Africa. I'm going to talk with retired AMEZ Bishop Hoggard, who is said to be knowledgeable about Africa. I want to talk with you about topics and resource persons, especially in your area.

These two series would be going on each time the Gathering has concurrent

workshops. If there is room for a third workshop on peace issues (there may not be), I would suggest three topics: (1) nuclear disarmament, including CTB and NPT; (2) international arms trade; and (3) economic conversion. These have been core issues of MUPJ, but if there is room for only two workshops on peace, I would give preference to the two sets discussed above.

If you wanted to wait and see what kind of attendance we are having, I think it would be possible to find persons to lead such workshops fairly late, such as around mid-October, or even to have some leaders (especially in the Ft. Worth-Dallas area) standing by, with the understanding that final decision depends upon advance registration.

An alternative would be to have videos and handout information available on these topics for attendees to view and gather between sessions.

### **Publicity**

I've talked with Jim Hipkins about producing a one-page flyer with the material you are sending him. He'll have his typesetter/printer work on it. I suggested an order of 500 copies beyond what he might use with *Peace Leaf*. What do you think?

We can send this flyer out as an advance mailing to key people, such as bishops, UM conference peace with justice coordinators. Our board members can make their own mailings.

Rev. Bud Ruggia

July 28, 1994

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Then we need a more complete announcement with names of leadership, hotel reservation and Gathering registration forms. This should be available for mailing as early in September as possible. Last year's announcement is enclosed.

Are you in a position to prepare this? Or should we have Jim work with his typesetter and printer again?

For Gathering registration it would be preferable for forms and checks to be sent to Texas rather than Washington, D.C. Do you have someone who could handle this task?

### **Finance**

Do you need any funds for up-front expenses? Will you have any bills to submit before the Gathering? Our treasury isn't overflowing, but we probably can cover such costs as they occur.

As you know, there's still a lot to be done in preparation, but I think we're doing all right. I greatly appreciate all that you are doing.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman

President

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*August 25, 1994*

*To: Peace with Justice Coordinators,  
United Methodist Conferences*

*The 1994 Gathering of the Methodist Family on peace and justice issues will take place on November 11-13, 1994 in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. It is sponsored by Methodists United for Peace with Justice and persons from different branches of the Methodist family in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.*

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*It's an event you won't want to miss. I look forward to seeing you there in November.*

*With best regards,*

*Howard W. Hallman, Chair  
Board of Directors*

August 30, 1994

To: Church and Society Chairs  
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*Howard W. Hallman, Chair  
Board of Directors*

September 6, 1994

Rev. Dr. Kermit J. DeGraffenreidt  
Department of Overseas Missions  
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church  
475 Riverside Drive, Room 1935  
New York, NY 10115

Dear Dr. DeGraffenreidt:

As I indicated on the phone, Methodists United for Peace with Justice is sponsoring a Gathering of the Methodist Family on peace and justice issues, to be held in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex on November 11-13, 1994. The purpose is to bring together persons from the several Methodist denominations who have peace and justice concerns so that we can learn from one another. This year's theme is "Together We Can Make a Difference!"

As part of the Gathering, we are having a series of three workshops on "Africa: Present Reality and Future Possibility." The purpose is to examine the present situation in Africa and explore ways in which the religious community can help shape a positive future for its people. Knowing that the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church is quite active on the African continent, we would like to have one or more persons from your denomination help provide workshop leadership. Perhaps someone from your office could participate, or maybe you could suggest somebody else who we could invite.

As the enclosed schedule indicates, workshop sessions will be held on Friday afternoon, November 11 and Saturday morning, November 12 at Harvey

*Hotel - DFW Airport. The host committee in Texas would confer with your representative to determine in which session his or her participation might contribute the most.*

*Methodists United for Peace with Justice is a national association of laity and clergy. We are not part of any official denomination, but we seek to work closely with all branches of the Methodist family. If you or your associates have any questions regarding my request, please call me at (301) 620-0232.*

*With best regards,*

*Howard W. Hallman, Chair  
Board of Directors*

September 22, 1994

Rev. Bud Ruggia  
First United Methodist Church  
P.O. Box 267  
Godley, TX 76044

Dear Bud:

As I get ready to leave for a week in Turkey for USIA's Speakers Program, I can report the following persons as resource persons for the workshop series on "Civil War and Ethnic Conflict."

Rev. James Hipkins, Editor, Peace Leaf, moderator

Steve Dimoff, Director, Washington Office, United Nations  
Association

Rev. John Mecartney, Nonviolent Action Institute, Detroit

You were going to ask Joe Allen at Perkins Seminary. We could work in another one or two persons, such as a women, an African American. I've asked around and am still trying. If you know someone in your area, you could add them.

I haven't heard anything from the AMEZ Overseas Mission Office regarding a resource person on Africa. I left a message this week but my call wasn't returned.

I'll be back the evening of October 3 and will wait until Wednesday the 5th to

*try to reach you, so you can get your sermon done and I can get a little rest!*

*With best regards,*

*Howard W. Hallman, Chair  
Board of Directors*

Update on  
A GATHERING OF THE METHODIST FAMILY

*"Together We Can Make a Difference"*

Dallas-Forth Worth Metroplex  
November 11-13, 1994

*Advanced registration for the Gathering is extended to Friday, November 4. Hotel reservations at conference rate are now being accepted on a space available basis. If the conference hotel is full, the Gathering registrar will make an effort find accommodations at comparable rate at a nearby hotel. A reservation form is found in the Gathering flyer or call Rev. Bud Ruggia at (817) 389-2267.*

**Worship**

*The Gathering will feature three worship services, including opening and closing communion services. Worship experiences will be multicultural and multiethnic, with participants from the African American, Hispanic, Tongalese (Polynesian), and Anglo communities.*

**Workshops**

- **Breaking the Cycle of Urban Violence.** *A hard look at the root causes of urban violence and ways in which the religious community can intervene positively and effectively. Workshop leader: Dianne Smiley, Executive Director, Southside Area Ministries. Other participants: Brenda Weir, Director, Metropolitan Board of Mission, and Sarah Wilkie, Director, Wesley-Rankin Community Center.*
  
- **Civil War and Ethnic Conflict.** *A three-part workshop seeking policy options for the United States and the United Nations in places like Bosnia, Somalia, Rwanda, and Haiti. Moderator: Jim Hipkins, Co-editor, Peace Leaf. Other participants: John Mecartney, Director, Non-violent Action Center, Detroit, and Steve Dimoff, Director of Washington Office, United Nations Association.*
  
- **Africa: Present Reality and Future Possibility.** *An examination of the present situation in Africa, and ways in which the religious community can help shape a positive future for its people. Workshop leader: Bud Ruggia, Former Foreign Service Officer in the Bureau of African Affairs, lecturer and writer on African issues.*
  
- **NAFTA: Promise and Reality.** *An assessment of the North American Free Trade Agreement and its effect on the southeastern United States, particularly its impact on the ethnic and minority communities. Leadership: Representatives from MARCHA and the North Texas Council of*

*Governments.*

■ *Swords into Plowshares.* *The downsizing of the defense establishment and its effect on the Dallas-Fort Worth Area. Leader: Ed McLaughlin, Vice President, Plans and Programs for the North Texas Commission.*

■ *The Non-Violent Option.* *Conflict resolution without a "loser". Leadership: The Youth and Violence Team of the Central Texas Annual Conference.*

### **Sponsorship**

*The Gathering has been planned by a host committee in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. National sponsor is Methodists United for Peace with Justice.*

*October 21, 1994*

*To: Peace with Justice Coordinators,  
United Methodist Conferences*

*Plans are now complete for the 1994 Gathering of the Methodist Family on peace and justice issues. It will take place on November 11-13, 1994 in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. Persons active in all the Methodist denominations in the United States are invited. The theme is "Together We Can Make a Difference."*

*As the enclosed "Update" indicates, we have arranged for an outstanding set of workshop leaders. We are also preparing for three worship experiences that will be multicultural and multiethnic.*

*There is still time to register for the Gathering. Hotel reservations at the conference rate are now being accepted on a space available basis, but if the conference hotel is full, we will help find accommodations at a comparable rate at a nearby hotel.*

*If you are unable to attend, perhaps you can find someone else to represent your conference at this Gathering.*

*You can send in the Gathering registration and hotel reservation forms in the enclosed flyer, or call Rev. Bud Ruggia, the Gathering coordinator, at (817) 389-2267. If you have further questions, call him, or you can get in touch with me at (301) 620-0232.*

*With best regards,*

*Howard W. Hallman, Chair  
Board of Directors*

October 27, 1994

Mr. Steve Dimoff, Executive Director  
Washington Office, UN Association  
1010 Vermont Avenue, NW, #904  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Dimoff:

We are looking forward to your participation in workshop sessions on "Civil War and Ethnic Conflict" at the Gathering of the Methodist Family, taking place on Friday, November 11, 1994 at the Harvey Hotel near the DFW Airport. As you requested, we will be able to provide transportation for you from downtown Dallas and return. Please let me know where you will be.

The purpose of a set of three workshops on this topic is to explore policy options for the United States and the United Nations in places like Bosnia, Somalia, Rwanda, and Haiti. By Saturday morning we hope to come up with a consensus of what policies our organizations should advocate and support.

The two sessions on Friday afternoon will run from 2:45 to 5:30 p.m. Moderator will be Rev. Jim Hipkins, who is editor of our newsletter, *Peace Leaf*. Other resource persons will include John Mecartney, director of the Non-violent Action Center in Detroit, and a seminary professor (not yet confirmed). The sessions will emphasize dialogue rather than a set of formal presentations by panelists. However, we would expect you at appropriate moments to describe current and prospective roles of the United Nations in dealing with civil wars and ethnic conflict. If you have brief policy statements or explanatory material available, perhaps you could bring 20-25

*copies for distribution.*

*If you have questions, please call me. We greatly appreciate your willingness to participate in this Gathering.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Howard W. Hallman, Chair  
Board of Directors*

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### **FEDERAL BUDGET PRIORITIES TO BE DETERMINED IN APRIL AND MAY**

The battle over the federal budget is heating up in Washington. During April and May Congress will make crucial decisions on budget priorities. Therefore, you may want to meet with members of Congress when they return home during their spring break (April 7-17). Contacts should continue until the final budget is adopted.

A preliminary skirmish is already underway over a proposal to enact rescissions of the current budget for the 1995 Fiscal Year. The House of Representatives has voted a \$17.1 billion reduction, all in domestic programs and none in defense. The Senate is considering cuts of a similar magnitude, all but a tiny amount in domestic programs. Differences will be resolved in a conference committee.

In May Congress will vote on a Budget Resolution that establishes the federal budget for the 1996 Fiscal Year. This is a crucially important determination of national priorities.

#### **Put Defense Cuts on the Table**

Our view is that nothing should be left off the table in budget discussion. In particular the defense budget should be considered as a place to make budgetary reductions. You may want to convey this message to your

representative and senators.

As we pointed out in the last edition of *Peace Leaf*, the defense budget is formulated on the assumption that U.S. military forces must be prepared to fight simultaneously two regional wars without any allied support, one on the Korean peninsula and the other in the Middle East. Well-respected defense experts outside the Pentagon argue that this is an extremely unlikely scenario. Moreover, the Pentagon is maintaining 100,000 troops in Europe long after the demise of the Soviet Union. Billions of dollars could be saved by scaling back the military budget to a more honest assessment of threats to national security.

Beyond overall strategic considerations, substantial savings could be achieved by cutting out a host of programs designed for the Cold War but of little value in today's global situation. Attached is list of 12 such programs targeted for reductions or termination by a coalition of arms control and peace organizations. This document also lists some programs suggested for augmentation, especially focused on coping with the aftermath of the Cold War. We do not necessarily endorse all these items, but you can use them as illustrations of changes in military spending when you talk with members of Congress. The most important message is that Congress should put military spending on the table when considering budget reductions.

## *Continue Support for United Nations Peacekeeping*

*As part of the budgetary and appropriations process, support is needed for continuation of United States participation in and funding for United Nations peacekeeping operations. The House of Representatives has already passed a bill, H.R. 7, that would sharply curtail U.S. contributions to U.N. peacekeeping missions. A similar bill, S. 5, is pending in the Senate.*

*In 1994 U.S. payments for U.N. peacekeeping activities were equivalent to less than one percent of the national defense budget. Cooperation with the United Nations allows the United States to share the risks and costs of maintaining global stability. Americans participate in only a handful of U.N. peacekeeping missions, and the United States ranks 24th on the list of nations that contribute personnel to U.N. operations. U.N. peacekeeping is a well-developed form of burden sharing and contributes to reduction of armed violence, protection of human rights, and promotion of democratic values. It deserves support.*

## *Don't Make the Poor Pay for Budget Reductions*

*Even though the balanced budget amendment to the Constitution failed passage in the Senate, Republican leaders are working on a seven-year budget plan that would achieve a balanced budget in 2002. By far their largest proposed cuts are in programs meeting the needs of poor people.*

*During the past 50 years we Americans have determined that no one in our country should go without food and without income. We have done this by making every needy person eligible for several kinds of federally supported assistance. This is referred to as an "entitlement".*

*In reversal of this policy the Republican majority in the House of*

Representative is seeking to end entitlements for food and financial assistance and to turn operations over to the states through consolidated block grants with reduced funding. If the states run out of money -- by using funds for other purposes or due to increased demand during a recession -- their state legislatures will have to make special appropriations or Congress will have to make emergency appropriations. Otherwise, some recipients will be cut off the roll. This puts hundreds of thousands of needy persons at risk.

Although welfare reform is needed, especially to provide greater employment opportunities, we believe that food and financial assistance should remain an entitlement with adequate funding. If you agree, tell your representative and senators.

### **Forego Tax Cuts, or At Least Make Them Fair**

With a balanced budget in seven years as a goal, it seems unwise to make substantial tax cuts as the House Republicans are proposing. The more taxes are reduced the greater spending cuts will have to be if a balanced budget is to be achieved. This would result in even greater pressure to reduce funds for education, housing, food, and other human and community needs. Therefore, it would be better to put off consideration of tax cuts at this time.

But if tax cuts are to occur, the main beneficiaries should be low- and middle-income persons and families. Tax reductions that benefit mainly the wealthy go against the principle of social equity.