

# A Proposal to the Ploughshares Fund

## SUMMARY

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**Project title** Influencing Presidential Candidates on Nuclear Weapons Issues

**Amount requested** \$15,000  
**Total project budget** \$15,000  
**Organization's budget** \$25,000 (not counting this project)

### Description of organization

This a project of the **Interfaith Committee for Nuclear Disarmament**, a coalition of 40 denominational offices, national religious associations, and state ecumenical bodies. Work will be carried out by Howard W. Hallman, chair, **Methodists United for Peace with Justice**, a national association of laity and clergy within Methodism that has ecumenical outreach. MUPWJ will be the grantee

### Description of project

This project will equip the faith community to influence presidential candidates on nuclear weapons issues, starting now during the positioning period of the campaign when potential candidates are beginning to line up support and are relatively accessible for direct contact. There will be a Statement of "asks" of what we want the next president to accomplish during his or her term in office. It will be signed nationally by heads of communion and other national religious leaders and presented to candidates by delegations from religious organizations. The Statement will also be signed by religious in key caucus and primary states where we will carry out grassroots efforts to talk with candidates on nuclear weapons issue when they visit the states. During the first phase, for which this proposal requests support, we will initiate efforts in Iowa (first caucus state), New Hampshire (first primary state), and two other states with early caucus or primary. We will also explore possibilities for expanding the scope to encompass a broader array of non-military solutions to global problems in a second phase of the project. This work will be educational and nonpartisan.

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## FULL PROPOSAL

This proposal requests support for the first phase of a project to equip the faith community to influence presidential candidates on nuclear weapons issues. It will also explore possibilities for expanding the scope to encompass a broader array of non-military solutions to global problems.

### Timeliness

This project is timely because the 2008 presidential election has already begun. Political experts identify dozen or so Democrats and a similar number of Republicans who are actively pursuing or are interested in candidacy. Potential candidates are visiting Iowa and New Hampshire where the first presidential caucus and primary election will occur in 2008 and are also appearing in other key states. Even though most of them haven't announced their candidacy, many are forming committees to raise funds. They are writing books and making speeches to lay out their policy positions. In this positioning period we have an opportunity to make our views known while potential candidates are not yet fully committed to policy positions on nuclear weapon and are more readily accessible, especially at the grassroots level, than they will be when the official primary season begins in 2008. We will do this on a non-partisan basis without becoming directly involved in election campaigns. The faith community is well placed for this task because it has members throughout the United States.

### Description of Organizations

Influencing presidential candidates on nuclear weapons issues is a project of the Interfaith Committee for Nuclear Disarmament. The project will be staffed by Howard W. Hallman, chair, Methodists United for Peace with Justice, which will be the grantee.

The Interfaith Committee for Nuclear Disarmament (ICND) is a coalition of approximately 40 denominational offices, national religious associations, and regional ecumenical organizations. It formed in 2000 as successor to the Interfaith Group for the CTBT. It functions by consensus. Participating organizations choose which activities to join and determine what they will do. ICND is non-hierarchical. Howard Hallman was chair from 2000 to 2004 when David Culp of the Friends Committee on National Legislation took over as convener. In a division of responsibility, Culp takes the lead for work on congressional issues, which in 2005 focused on opposition to the bunker buster. Rich Kilmer from the Churches' Center for Theology and Public Policy leads planning for Ecumenical Advocacy Days, aided by a committee of volunteers. Hallman will be the lead person for this project, but many others will take responsibilities for specific tasks. Hallman is also moderator of an ICND-sponsored website, www.zero-nukes.org.

Methodists United for Peace with Justice (MUPWJ) organized in 1987 as a national association of laity and clergy. (See [www.mupwj.org](http://www.mupwj.org).) Stimulation for organizing was the 1986 pastoral letter and foundation document of the United Methodist Council of Bishops, *In Defense of Creation: The Nuclear Crisis and a Just Peace*. Since then the

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quest for global nuclear disarmament has been the major focus. Within the United Methodist Church we lobby for resolutions on nuclear disarmament at quadrennial General Conferences and work with church agencies on this issue. We support the Pan-Methodist movement that involves African American Methodist churches. Within the ecumenical community we organized the Interfaith Group for the CTBT, which evolved into the Interfaith Committee for the Nuclear Disarmament, we provided leadership for the Religious Working Group, Abolition 2000 (1996-98), and we are part of Ecumenical Advocacy Days. We also work closely with civic sector organizations. Over the years we have encouraged grassroots lobbying on nuclear weapons issues and federal budget priorities. Currently we are undertaking a major project on the Theology of War and Peace, which among other matters deals with nonviolent action and other non-military approaches to conflict and violence; we will have a major conference in San Francisco in September 2006 (see <http://www.mupwj.org/theologyofwarandpeace.htm>).

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## Objectives

This project has the following objectives:

(1) (a) Develop a Statement of “asks” on nuclear weapons issues for what we want the next president of the United States to achieve during his or her four-year term and (b) gain endorsement of the Statement by heads of religious communions, other national religious leaders, and religious leaders in key caucus and primary election states.

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(2) Present this Statement along with backup information to potential presidential candidates and ask them to consider supporting these measures.

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(3) Work with grassroots coalitions in key caucus and primary states to have persons from the faith community talk with visiting presidential candidates on these issues and seek their endorsement of recommended measures.

(4) Track candidates’ responses and provide further information as appropriate.

(5) Explore the possibility of broadening the scope of issues to encompass non-military solutions to global conflict and potential conflict.

## Methods

The principal work of this project will be to launch a systematic effort to influence potential presidential candidates on nuclear weapons issues. We have already started this process. Secondly we will explore expanding the scope to encompass non-military solutions to global problems.

### Nuclear Weapons Issues

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1. Adopt a Statement of “asks” on nuclear weapons issues.
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- b) Draft and circulate Statement among denominational staff, representatives of other religious association, and civic sector advisers. In process. Second draft, entitled “Global Elimination of Nuclear Weapons: A Leadership Challenge for the 44<sup>th</sup> U.S President”, is attached. A final version will be adopted at the January 26 meeting of the Interfaith Committee for Nuclear Disarmament.
- c) Seek signatures from heads of communion and other prominent national religious leaders. We expect an interfaith list, including Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox, Jewish, and Muslim.
- d) Post signed Statement on ICND’s website, [www.zero-nukes.org](http://www.zero-nukes.org) and on website of the Churches’ Center for Theology and Public Policy (<http://www.nrdi.org>). Provide linkage on websites of denominations and other religious organizations.
- e) With help from civic sector organizations develop a set of fact sheets to supplement the asks of the Statement.
- f) For further background information update statements from religious organizations on nuclear disarmament and post them on <http://www.zero-nukes.org/religiousstatements1.html>.

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2. Contact potential presidential candidates nationally.

- a) Identify potential presidential candidates. For example, see those listed at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/U.S.\\_presidential\\_election,\\_2008](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/U.S._presidential_election,_2008). Google search reveals similar listings.
- b) Decide which potential candidates to approach first, such as governors with little foreign policy experience.
- c) Form delegations to talk with potential candidates and their staffs. Present statement to them along with backup information and denominational policy statements on nuclear weapons issues.
- d) After visits provide candidates with follow-up information on points raised. Get help from civic sector organizations on technical matters as needed.

3. Develop and implement a process for grassroots contacts with presidential candidates.

- a) Select key states
  - i) Iowa, first caucus state, and New Hampshire, first primary state.
  - ii) Two other states for first phase of project.
- b) In key states link with existing coalition (New Hampshire) or organize a new coalition (Iowa and elsewhere)
  - i) Assemble “how to” material on organizing a coalition and approaching candidates.
  - ii) Help religious leaders form statewide coalitions.
- c) In key states obtain signatures for Statement from state religious leaders.
- d) Encourage activists in key states to contact visiting presidential candidates, present our Statement, attend public meetings where candidates are appearing, seek the candidates’ views on nuclear weapons issues.
- e) Obtain and catalogue feedback on candidates’ responses and provide grassroots activists followup information for candidates.

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4. After several months experience evaluate the process, make appropriate adjustments, and consider expanding into other states in a second phase project.

### Broadening the Focus

~~We recognize that nuclear weapons are part of U.S. foreign policy that is excessively dominated by use and threatened use of military force and is short on non-military solutions to global problems. Although many denominations and other religious organizations have strong interest in peacemaking approaches, the faith community doesn't systematically articulate an alternative foreign policy.~~

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The Interfaith Committee for Nuclear has edged into this field by adding a concern for terrorism to its nuclear disarmament agenda in a track it sponsors at Ecumenical Advocacy Days. This is an annual event that draws 800 to 1,000 activists to Washington every March for advocacy with Congress on a wide range of domestic and foreign policy issues. (See [www.advocacydays.org](http://www.advocacydays.org).)

We are wondering if it would be desirable for ICND to develop for 2007 Advocacy Days ideas on how U.S. foreign policy might greatly expand non-military approaches, such as prevention of deadly conflict, conflict resolution and reconciliation, nonviolent action to achieve freedom and oppose suppression. This could lead to a new set of asks to be presented to presidential candidates in spring, summer, and fall of 2007. It is possible that other tracks of Ecumenical Advocacy Days would want to do likewise. Looking ahead, such asks could be used with congressional candidates in the 2008 election.

Hallman has been developing study material on this subject for MUPWJ's website. Rich Killmer and the Churches Center for Theology and Public Policy has been working on non-military responses to terrorism. Friends Committee on National Legislation has a project on Peaceful Prevention of Deadly Conflict. The global United Methodist Church has bishops in African and the Philippines who have first hand experience in conflict resolution. Other denominations also have considerable knowledge.

As a secondary part of this project, we will begin preliminary exploration of possibilities along these lines.

### **Audience**

This project will have expanding circles of participants. It starts with participants in the Interfaith Committee for Nuclear Disarmament, drawn from denominational offices, national religious associations, and regional ecumenical bodies. It expands to headquarters of denominations and organizations not based in Washington. A much wider circle encompasses state coalitions working on election issues, state and district denominational units, and local religious activists. Ultimately the project is design to reach grassroots activists who will be in touch with presidential candidates visiting their communities.

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## Evaluation

We will evaluate this project by determining whether tasks have been completed, how many organizations and individuals have participated, and how many visits have been made with presidential candidates. Among the questions to answer are the following.

- 1) Has the Statement for presidential candidates been agreed upon?
- 2) How many national religious leaders have signed it? Are they interfaith?
- 3) Which potential candidates have been contacted nationally? Their responses?
- 4) Are state coalitions participating in Iowa, New Hampshire? Which other states?
- 5) How many state religious leaders have signed the Statement?
- 6) Which candidates have grassroots activists contacted? Responses?
- 7) How many grassroots activists have participated?
- 8) What is the outcome of exploring the possibility of a broader focus?

## Current and Past Accomplishments

### Interfaith Committee for Nuclear Disarmament

Since organizing in 2000, the Interfaith Committee for Nuclear Disarmament has accomplished the following

- Articulated criticism of President Bush's Nuclear Posture Review and other policy statements on nuclear weapons.
- At a major Consultation of 33 representatives of denominations, national religious associations, and state ecumenical agencies in December 2003 decided to make opposition to new nuclear weapons our highest priority.
- In 2004 and 2005 mobilized our grassroots networks to oppose the bunker buster with special efforts in key states and congressional districts.
- As the faith community correctly devoted much of its foreign policy energy in opposition to the Iraq War, we kept nuclear weapons alive as an issue of common concern.
- In 2004 started a new track on nuclear disarmament as part of Ecumenical Advocacy Days, adding a concern for terrorism in 2005 and 2006.

### Methodists United for Peace with Justice

Methodists United for Peace with Justice works within Methodism and the wider ecumenical community and cooperates with civic sector organizations on nuclear weapons issues.

- Since 1988 has successfully offer petitions at quadrennial General Conferences to keep up to date the denomination's policy on "Saying No to Nuclear Deterrence".
- Has promoted grassroots lobbying for START agreements, for shifts in federal budget priorities from military to urgent human needs, against missile defense, for the CTBT, support for NPT, opposition to bunker buster and other new nuclear weapons.
- In 2000 worked with Pax Christi USA on a questionnaire to presidential candidates (Bush, Gore, Nader) on nuclear weapons issue. (The low impact of this

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effort is one reason we are interested in this new project that starts earlier and emphasizes grassroots contacts.)

- Have provided leadership for Religious Working Group, Abolition 2000 (1996-98), religious support for Chemical Weapons Convention (1997), Interfaith Group for the CTBT (1997-99), and Interfaith Committee for Nuclear Disarmament (2000-04).

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Born in Pittsburg, Kansas, Howard W. Hallman graduated from the University of Kansas in 1950 with a B.A. (honors in political science). For his master of arts degree at KU (1951), he wrote a thesis entitled *A Study of Gandhi's Techniques of Non-violence as Means of Affecting Political Change*.

*Professional Career.* Hallman began his professional career working for the Bureau of Government Research, University of Kansas. He then spent 13 years engaged in housing

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and community improvement programs in Philadelphia and New Haven, Connecticut. He was associated with the War on Poverty in the 1960s. From 1969 to 1983 he headed the Civic Action Institute, which conducted research, training, and technical assistance on employment training programs, local government decentralization, citizen participation, and neighborhood self-help activities.

In 1973 Hallman was elected to the National Academy of Public Administration. In 1976 he was the principal founder of Neighborhoods, USA, a national association of neighborhood leaders and local officials, now in its 30th year. He has conducted studies and made presentations in Sweden, Canada, Puerto Rico, Yugoslavia, Israel, Japan, and Turkey. He is author of more than 250 publications including nine books, such as *Small and Large Together: Governing the Metropolis*, and *Neighborhoods: Their Place in Urban Life*.

*Peace Activities.* Hallman has been a peace activist since his college days. He was a conscientious objector during the Korean War and performed alternative civilian service. He was chair of the Philadelphia chapter, Fellowship of Reconciliation for two years in the 1950s. He actively opposed the Vietnam War. He has also been continuously involved in civil rights activities.

In 1984 Hallman felt a call to work for nuclear disarmament. In 1986 he obtained many signers for a "Citizens' Declaration for Worldwide Nuclear Disarmament". He was unpaid coordinator of the Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign in Montgomery County, Maryland (1986-89). In 1987 he was a founding member of Methodists United for Peace with Justice and has subsequently served as issues chair, treasurer, executive director, and now chair. From 1996 to 1998 Hallman was co-convenor of the Religious Working Group, Abolition 2000. In the United States he has served as chair successively of an informal group of religious organizations supporting ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention (1997), the Interfaith Group for the CTBT (1997-99), and the Interfaith Committee for Nuclear Disarmament (2000-2004).

*Interfaith Activities.* Hallman has been active in local churches throughout his life, usually serving on the social action committee. At the University of Kansas he was vice-president of the Student Religious Council, served as chair of Religious Emphasis Week, and was awarded the William Allen White Interfaith Fellowship Award. He also chaired the campus Civil Rights Coordinating Council. In Philadelphia he was a member of the Board of Directors, Community Service Department, Philadelphia Council of Churches. In New Haven he was on the board of the Wider City Parish (an inner city ministry). He served as chair of the Interfaith Forum on Peace and Justice of Montgomery County, Maryland (1987-1990). He was member of the Commission on Social and Economic Justice, Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington (1999-2001). He has worked to promote cooperation among denominations in the Methodist family. He is founder and convenor of Friends of Casa, a group of churches supporting the ministry of an inner city United Methodist congregation. His wife is an ordained United Methodist minister.

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**Future Funding**

This grant request to the Ploughshares Fund is for six months of financial support as this project gets underway. We will use the experience of this period to design continuing efforts to influence presidential candidates during the remainder of 2006 and through 2007 into 2008. This will include continuation of our concern for nuclear weapons and also exploration of a broader focus.

Identify key caucus and primary states, such as those with early action or regional importance.

With help from civic sector organizations develop fact sheets on each major point of Statement for use with candidates and their staffs.

Make contacts in first caucus state (Iowa) and first primary state (New Hampshire), work with existing coalition or help form a new one, and encourage them to get state religious leaders to sign statement.

Develop and disperse training material on how to organize a state coalition and how to make contact with candidates.

**March 2008**

Begin contacting potential presidential candidates in Washington and elsewhere and start meeting with them and their staffs.

Encourage religious groups in Iowa and New Hampshire to contact candidates visiting their states and share the Statement or certain elements with them.

Develop a feedback mechanism to track responses. Be prepared to provide state contacts with additional information which they can share with candidates.

**April 2008**

Organize a coalition of religious groups in a third state, or hook up with an existing coalition, and encourage them to contact visiting candidates.

Continue contacting candidates in Washington. As appropriate, form a delegation of heads of communions to make contacts, especially with members of Congress who are announced or potential candidates.

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## Supplemental Information

# Global Elimination of Nuclear Weapons: A Leadership Challenge for the 44<sup>th</sup> U.S President

Second Draft, November 28, 2005

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We the undersigned persons from the faith community believe that the time is long overdue to seek the global elimination of nuclear weapons. The 44<sup>th</sup> president of the United States, who takes office on January 20, 2009, will have an opportunity to provide creative leadership to move decisively in this direction. Therefore, we ask persons who are exploring whether to run for the presidency in 2008 to consider the following ideas.

### Our Concerns

We reaffirm the findings of numerous religious bodies<sup>1</sup> that *nuclear weapons are inherently immoral*. As weapons of mass destruction, their use would kill thousands, possibly millions, of innocent people and would ravage the environment. We also note that respected military leaders have stated that nuclear weapons have no legitimate military utility. Scientists and civilian leaders from around the globe want nuclear weapons eliminated. This goal reflects the highest aspiration of humankind.

We are concerned that people in the United States face *nuclear danger* from two sources:

- nuclear weapons smuggled into the United States by terrorist organizations and
- nuclear attack from afar, particularly from the huge Russian arsenal.

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People elsewhere, especially in the Middle East and Asia, face the risk of regional nuclear war and attack by non-state actors.

Because the danger is global, *solutions must be international*. In both the short- and long-term the United States will gain greater security by joining other nations to (a) eliminate nuclear weapons on a mutual basis with adequate verification and (b) safeguard nuclear bomb material to prevent acquisition by malevolent persons.

### Commitment Requested

We ask candidates for the presidency to make a commitment to work vigorously to reduce nuclear danger and to make substantial progress toward the global elimination of nuclear weapons. We ask the winner in the 2008 presidential election to affirm this commitment in his or her inaugural address.

### Reaffirm support for international approaches.

The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) is an essential instrument for reducing and eventually eliminating nuclear danger. We believe that the next president should:

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<sup>1</sup> For examples, go to <http://www.zero-nukes.org/religiousstatements1.html>.

- Reaffirm U.S. support for the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.
- Work with other nations to strengthen the NPT.
- Support the work of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and seek to expand its authority to inspect and safeguard nuclear facilities around the globe.

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### **Prevent terrorists and hostile states from obtaining nuclear weapons.**

In cooperation with other nations the United States should work vigorously to prevent terrorist organizations and hostile states from obtaining nuclear bomb material and developing nuclear weapons. Specifically:

- Accelerate global nuclear security programs designed to protect vulnerable weapons and materials in the former Soviet Union and elsewhere. Complete this task by the end 2012.
- If not yet achieved by 2008, press for a Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty.
- Formalize the Proliferation Security Initiative.
- Encourage and support international initiatives to curtail nuclear weapon programs of North Korea, Iran, and any other state with nuclear ambitions.

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### **Prevent nuclear attack on the United States from afar.**

Although the Cold War is long over, the United States and Russia retain vast nuclear arsenals with thousands of warheads on hair-trigger alert. The next president should:

- Quickly work out an executive agreement with the Russian president to take all missiles off hair trigger alert, to be achieved within one year with adequate verification.
- Strengthen the Strategic Offensive Reduction Treaty of 2002 by (a) adding verification measures, (b) requiring missiles and warheads taken out of service to be dismantled, and (c) changing the goal to no more than 200 strategic warheads in service by the end of 2012.
- Seek mutual elimination of all tactical nuclear weapons.

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### **Work with other nations to achieve nuclear disarmament.**

The United States should engage other states possessing nuclear weapons in negotiations for their elimination. To lead by example, the United States should:

- Along with other nations maintain the moratorium on testing of nuclear weapons
- Ratify the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT).
- Cease development of new nuclear weapons.
- Reverse the current policy of threatened preemptive use of nuclear weapons.

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To deal with the political and military context of nuclear weapons, the United States should work with other nations to:

- Promote peace processes in the Middle East that seek security for all.
- Encourage peaceful resolution of India-Pakistan rivalry
- Engage in international negotiations to eliminate nuclear danger in Northeast Asia.

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## Conclusion

We recognize that this is an ambitious agenda. But we believe that is achievable through effective presidential leadership and support from the Congress. We in the faith community pledge that we will support this agenda and develop public support for it.

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## Financial Information

### Project Budget

This is a six months budget for the first phase of the project.

#### Personnel

<u>Project director: Howard Hallman 6 months @ \$2,000</u>	<u>\$12,000</u>
<u>Fringe benefits (10%)</u>	<u>1,200</u>

<u>Communications (phone, Internet)</u>	<u>300</u>
<u>Photocopying, printing</u>	<u>1,000</u>
<u>Travel</u>	<u>500</u>

<u>Total</u>	<u>\$15,000</u>
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Grantee will be Methodists United for Peace with Justice, a 501(c)(4) organization or its Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund, a 501(c)(3) entity.

IRS letters are mailed separately.

### Organization's Budget

To be added.

### Other Sources of Funding

This is an application for a discretionary grant from the Ploughshares Fund. As the project gets underway, we may next apply for a larger, longer term grant from Ploughshares. We may also seek support from the Rockefeller Brothers Fund.

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## About MUPWJ

Methodists United for Peace with Justice is a national association of laity and clergy, organized in 1987 to work for nuclear disarmament and other peace and justice concerns.

(1) Within Methodism we engage in grassroots mobilization and seek to influence denominational policy. (2) Working in an interfaith mode, (a) we provide leadership for the Interfaith Committee for Nuclear Disarmament, a U.S. coalition of denominational offices and religious peace fellowships, (b) we participate in global religious coalitions, and (c) we link these activities with civil sector peace organizations. This grant proposal involves our interfaith activities.

Methodists United for Peace with Justice organized in 1987 as a national association of laity and clergy. Stimulation for organizing was the 1986 pastoral letter and foundation document of the United Methodist Council of Bishops, *In Defense of Creation: The Nuclear Crisis and a Just Peace*. Since then the quest for global nuclear disarmament has been our major focus. We work within Methodism, in interfaith activities, and in association with civil sector organizations.

For our network **within Methodism** we publish a quarterly bulletin, *Peace Leaf*, and send out *Peace/Justice Alerts*. We network with peace with justice coordinators in United Methodist conferences around the country. We are involved in efforts to overcome two centuries of racial separation within Methodism. These activities are described more fully on our website, [www.mupwj.org](http://www.mupwj.org). They are financed by membership contributions and small grants

In seeking nuclear disarmament we are **coalition oriented** and work closely with other religious organizations and with civil sector organizations. In 1997 our chair, Howard Hallman, fostered interfaith action in support of Senate ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention. In the summer of that year he organized and served as chair of the Interfaith Group for the CTBT, which mobilized the faith community to support Senate ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. In 2000 this interfaith coalition evolved into the Interfaith Committee for Nuclear Disarmament, which Hallman chairs, to work for a variety of nuclear disarmament objectives. This current project is intended to support and strengthen his continued leadership of the Interfaith Committee for Nuclear Disarmament.

We also work **globally** with religious organizations in other countries and with international religious organizations. This was manifested in 1998 when Hallman, as a co-chair of the Religious Working Group of Abolition 2000, produced a statement signed by international religious leaders that was directed to the 1998 NPT PrepCom meeting. This current project will build upon that experience.

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

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Columbia, MD 21046-2132

Dear Sandy:

We would like to apply for a peace with justice grant of \$1,000. As described in the enclosed application, the project has two parts: (1) education and public policy advocacy for nuclear disarmament and (2) study and dialogue on the theology of war and peace.

We will continue to provide information on nuclear disarmament (including actin alerts) to local churches and activists in the Baltimore/Washington Conference and elsewhere within the United Methodist Church. We are focusing particularly on opposition to funds for development of a new bunker-buster nuclear weapon and to the doctrine of pre-emptive war, including use of nuclear weapons.

We will move ahead with our project on the theology of war and peace. Its purpose is to provide a strong theological foundation for how the church deals with war and promotes peace. The project has four components: (a) posting study material on our website, organized according to the Wesleyan Quadrilateral; (b) organizing study groups in local congregations and on college campuses; (c) creating a web-based forum so that study groups may enter into dialogue; and (d) holding a national conference, scheduled for September 2006 in San Francisco.

We see our work as part of Discipleship Adventures of the Baltimore/ Washington Conference, relating particularly to two steps: Develop (study) and Serve. Our activities also relate to the quadrennial theme of the United Methodist Council of Bishops: "Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World", addressing especially how we as disciples can be peacemakers (Matthew 5: 9, 44-45).

Along with our application for a new peace with justice grant, I am enclosing a report on last year's activities under a previous grant. If you need further information, please let me know.

Shalom,

Howard W. Hallman, Chair



September 22, 2005

To: Peace with Justice Task Force  
Baltimore/Washington United Methodist Conference

From: Howard W. Hallman, Chair

Re: Report of activities under 2004 peace with justice grant

In our long-standing work for nuclear disarmament this year we gave particular attention to blocking funds for a new bunker-buster nuclear weapon. We worked closely with other denominations through the Interfaith Committee for Nuclear Disarmament, which I organized in 2000 and served as chair until mid-2004. Along with allies in the civic sector we succeeded in persuading Congress not to appropriate funds for research and development for this new weapon. Within Methodism we worked with peace with justice coordinators in annual conferences, including Baltimore/Washington, and with the General Board of Church and Society.

During the past year we launched a new project on the Theology of War and Peace in order to help provide greater theological understanding of how Christians approach this vital concern. We created a new web page for this project at <http://www.mupwj.org/theologyofwarandpeace.htm>. We are posting study material organized according to the Wesleyan Quadrilateral: Scripture, Tradition, Reason, Experience. We are encouraging formation of study groups in local churches and on college campuses. A pilot group is underway in my local church, Bethesda UMC in Bethesda. In coming months we will encourage other congregations in the Baltimore/Washington Conference and elsewhere to form similar groups. We are developing a web-based forum so that groups can dialogue with one another. We have started plans for a national conference, scheduled for San Francisco in September 2006.

With best regards,

**Application for A Peace with Justice Grant**  
**Board of Church and Society, California-Nevada Annual Conference,**  
**The United Methodist Church**

**Title: A Project on the Theology of War and Peace**

**Applicant: Methodists United for Peace with Justice**

1. *Provide the Mission Statement for project.*

The purpose of this project is to promote study and dialogue among United Methodists on the theology of war and peace and thereby provide a stronger foundation for responding to armed conflict and militarism with nonviolent alternatives. The project will be rooted in the Wesleyan tradition that combines and integrates person holiness and social holiness, as expressed in the quadrennial theme of the Council of Bishops: "Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World".

2. *Describe the program/project and its goals.*

This project has four components.

(a) Provide study material on the theology of war and peace, organized according to the Wesleyan Quadrilateral: Scripture, Tradition, Reason, and Experience. This material is being posted at <http://www.mupwj.org/theologyofwarandpeace.htm>.

(b) Organize study groups in local churches, on college campus, and elsewhere. Study groups will be organized within the California-Nevada Annual Conference and in other conferences of the global United Methodist Church. They will draw on the study material posted on the website.

(c) Create a web-based forum to promote dialogue between study groups, seminarians, church leaders, and other interested person. This forum will be operative by the end of September 2005.

(d) Hold a conference on the theology of war and peace. It will take place September 28 to October 1, 2006 at Temple United Methodist Church in San Francisco. The pastor, Rev. Schuyler Rhodes, is conference coordinator. Bishop Beverly Shamana will be keynote speaker. The San Francisco United Methodist Mission will be a cosponsor. There will be a pre-conference meeting for youth and college students at the University of San Francisco.

*How will/does the program encourage addressing public policy and advocacy?*

The conference will pursue the Wesleyan practice of holy conferencing, seeking guidance from the Holy Spirit. Therefore, the outcome isn't predetermined. It seems likely, though, that the project will help provide sharper focus on where United Methodists stand on issues of war and peace. This will strengthen advocacy on public policy issues.

3. *Include:*

- a) *Amount of grant requested.* \$1,000 This will be used for website and conference expenses.
- b) *Current project budget and projected budget:* \$25,000
- c) *List all sources of funding and potential funds.*

Annual conference peace with justice grants: \$8,000

So far: Baltimore-Washington, \$1,000; Oregon-Idaho, \$500

Local church study-and-dialogue partners: \$12,000

Just starting; so far: \$900

General Board Church and Society peace with justice grant (2006): \$5,000

4. *List contact person, name, address, telephone number and e-mail address.*

Howard W. Hallman, Chair, Methodists United for Peace with Justice  
1500 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036; 301 896-0013; [hhallman@mupwj.org](mailto:hhallman@mupwj.org)  
Rev. Schuyler Rhodes, Temple United Methodist Church, 1111 Junipero Serra Blvd ,  
San Francisco, CA 94132; 415 586-1444; [pastor@templeumc.org](mailto:pastor@templeumc.org)

5. *Who will be served or reached by the proposed program/project, (gender, age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, etc.)?*

The project will reach out to local United Methodist congregations and college campuses in the United States, Africa, the Philippines, and Europe. Participants in study groups will have broad diversity of gender, age, ethnicity, and sexual orientation. Special effort will be made to achieve youth participation.

6. *How will you publicize the program/project to churches and agencies of the annual conference? And the results?*

An initial announcement of the 2006 conference appeared in the Cal-Nev Instant Connection in August. Information about study groups and the web-based forum will appear there and in the Conference Connection. We will use similar publications in other conferences. We are communicating with conference church and society chairs and peace with justice coordinators and with campus ministers. The project on theology of war and peace is listed as a resource in a document of the United Methodist Council of Bishops.

7. *For local churches. Did you pay Apportionments in the previous year? Was an offering taken for Peace with Justice Sunday? (A negative answer does not automatically disqualify you for a grant.)*

Not applicable. However, at General Conference we have supported Peace with Justice Sunday and the special offering.

8. *For ecumenical based organizations/agencies. Indicate previous and current relationship to The United Methodist Church.*

Methodists United for Peace with Justice is an association of laity and clergy, recognized as an affiliated caucus in the United Methodist Directory. We organized in 1987 in response to *In Defense of Creation* published by the United Methodist Council of Bishops. For further information, go to [www.mupwj.org](http://www.mupwj.org).

**Submit application to: Adrienne Fong, Peace with Justice Coordinator; 750 Presidio Avenue, #207; San Francisco, CA 94115. E-mail: [afong@jps.net](mailto:afong@jps.net)**

## Changes to home page and membership page

(Paste-up sent by mail)

A. Go to <http://www.mupwj.org>

1. Change first paragraph as follows:

We are a *membership association* of laity and clergy drawn primarily from the United Methodist Church, but we welcome participation from other Methodist denominations.

2. Add a new second paragraph as follows:

In our *educational activities* we encourage study of the theology of war and peace and practical ways to achieve peace with justice.

3. Keep the next items as they are.

4. On the right side consolidate the second two boxes as follows:

Become a Member  
Send a Contribution  
To become a member  
of Methodists United  
for Peace with Justice  
and/or make a tax  
deductible contribution.  
**click here**

first two lines shaded in blue

This goes to <http://www.mupwj.org/membership1.htm>

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Membership in Methodists United for Peace with Justice is open to individuals and organizations which accept our purpose and goals. Members receive *Peace Leaf*, our information bulletin, and occasional *Peace/Justice Alerts* by e-mail or regular mail. Members may also participate in the web-based Forum on the Theology of War and Peace. Your support helps finance our advocacy and educational activities.

Membership payments go to our Action Fund and are not tax deductible. However, you may make an additional tax-deductible contribution to our Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund, a 501(c)(3) entity.

2. Move the "Register by Mail" box to the left and change the text, as follows:

To join and/or make a tax-deductible contribution by mail, click on the **continue** button, fill out the membership form, and send it with your dues and extra contribution to MUPWJ.

[This goes to <http://www.mupwj.org/print-membership.pdf>. See below for changes to this page.]

3. Add a new box on the right, as follows:

REGISTER ON-LINE

This line shaded in blue

You may become a member  
of Methodists United for  
Peace with Justice  
and make a tax-deductible  
contribution through use  
of a credit card.

► CONTINUE

[This will go to new page you will create for Click and Pledge. See separate instructions.]

C. Go to <http://www.mupwj.org/print-membership.pdf>

You designed this page originally. I don't have a copy that I can edit. I am mailing a marked up copy with the changes I want.

D. Go to <http://www.mupwj.org/contribution.htm>

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# Methodists United for Peace with Justice

## Become a Member, Make a Tax-deductible Contribution On-line

To Methodists United for Peace with Justice  
1500 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20036

		Tax deductible
<b>Membership Dues</b>	<b>\$</b>	
Individual	\$25	
Student, fixed income	\$15	
Organization	\$50	
<b>Contribution to Education Fund*</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>

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\* Tax-deductible contribution to Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund, a 501(c)(3) entity.

continue



Hi Lynn,

I'm ready to have you set up Click and Pledge for on-line donations. The linkage is from <http://www.mupwj.org/membership1.htm>, the on-line donation box.

The contact for help from Click and Pledge support is Paula Gofton at 1-866-999-2542. She is there from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. She walked me through the system and will be available to you. Meanwhile, let me share what I have learned.

### **Demonstration**

For Click and Pledge go to <http://www.clickandpledge.com/> If you want a demonstration, go to Charities and Nonprofits and click "learn more". Under Payment and Dues Solution, click "learn more". Test the system by visiting demo page.

On the first page of the demo we will have a different format, modeled after our payment by mail form, such as:

Membership dues (not tax deductible)		Special contribution to tax deductible Peace/Justice Education Fund	
Individual membership	\$25 ____	Donation	\$ ____
Student, fixed income	\$15 ____		
Organization	\$50 ____	Total payment	\$ ____

We will want to show how much is tax deductible.

We won't use the terms and conditions.

Put in a trial amount and continue. The billing information on next page is okay for us.

### **Logging in**

On their home page we are "Manage your on-line payment/donation system."

log in  
tax ID 530259979  
user ID mupwj  
password wesley33

### **Setting up**

Logging in goes to a summary page that lists:  
Products and Services, which we will use later for conference registration.

Donations & Pledges, which we will use now for membership dues and donations.

Under settings I have set up the Profile. There will be no mission statement. I haven't yet written a check out message. I did write a receipt message but may change it later. We will have no terms and conditions.

Codes for setting up on our web page are provided at  
<http://www.clickandpledge.com/Products/Payment/code.asp?ID=10788>

That's what I've learned so far.

Good luck,  
Howard

## Setting up Click and Pledge

	Amount [\$]	Tax deductible [\$]
<b>Membership</b> (not tax deductible)		
Individual (\$25)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Student, fixed income (\$15)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Organization (\$50)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Peace/Justice Education Fund</b>		
Tax deductible contribution	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Total: \$</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Note: Amount of tax deductible contribution should show up in the tax deductible column. As example, see demonstration on Click and Pledge site.

The message to us should show these categories.

Thank you for choosing ClickandPledge.com



Dear Howard:

Thank you for choosing ClickandPledge. Your application for the online payment system for Methodists United for Peace with Justice is approved.

Please keep this email for future reference since it contains important information regarding your account.

To start accepting payments/donations online you need to follow the steps listed below:

#### How to login:


1. Login to the management system
  - Visit [ClickandPledge.com](http://ClickandPledge.com)- click on Account Login.
  - Click on- [Manage your Online Payment/Donation System](#)
  - Login Information:
    - **Employer ID/Tax ID: 530259979**
    - **UserID: MEHBBX6CE**
    - **Password: H33224B2R**
  - Click on Settings/Profile & change your UserID & Password immediately.
2. To add the payment link to your site: Click on **Settings/Code:** Copy and paste the code needed for linking to the payment system. The code will provide a link where the donors can click and make a payment. [[See manual](#)]
3. We encourage you to sign-up for the Linked email group. The group allows for exchange of ideas and posting of questions regarding the system. To sign up for the email group simply:
  - Login to the Payment System's Administrative System
  - Click on Support (Far right hand side)
  - Add your name, email address, and choose Subscribe from the pull down menu.
  - Allow 24 hours for processing of your request.
  - You may subscribe as many of your organization's staff to the list. Please note that the list is open to ClickandPledge clients only.
4. If you want to send the instructions to your web developer without having to send your UserID, Password or EIN then you can simply

#### How to get help:

1. **Online Manual:** An up-to-date manual of the entire payment system can help you get started quickly and setup the many features of the payment system.
2. **Online support:** The live support icon on our site shows if our support staff are online. Clicking on the icon allows you to chat with one of our support personnel in real-time.
3. **Email support:** Support email questions are answered within the hour during business hours. It is recommended that you try using the support forum between 6:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m. EST.
4. **FAQ:** Questions and answers are constantly added to our Frequently Asked Questions section of our site. Please visit the site and review some of the posted Q & A's.
5. **Linked:** Open to ClickandPledge clients the group provides an open discussion list among our users. You can subscribe by clicking on Support in the administrative system and adding your name and email address to the list.

send him/her the following link: [Web Developer Link](#)

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Draft letter for Bishop Schol  
From Howard W. Hallman, Methodists United for Peace with Justice  
301 896-0013 hhallman@mupwj.org

[Date]

Peace with Justice Grant Program  
General Board of Church and Society  
The United Methodist Building  
100 Maryland Avenue, NE  
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Friends:

I would like to offer my support for the request of Methodists United for Peace with Justice (MUPWJ) for a Peace with Justice Grant of \$5,000 in partial support of a project on The Theology of War and Peace. Although this project will reach out to the global United Methodist Church, the organization has its headquarters in the Baltimore/Washington Conference. Our Conference Board of Christian Presence in God's World has already given \$1,000 for this project from our peace with justice funds because it will be a valuable resource for our conference.

This project on The Theology of War and Peace is very timely. Last summer the United Methodist Council of Bishops published a study guide, *In Search of Security*. Bishops are encouraging congregations to study this document. MUPWJ's project is also promoting this study guide and is providing an opportunity for local congregations to enter into web-based dialogue on their conclusions regarding *In Search of Security*.

This new project on The Theology of War and Peace will take this another step by encouraging local congregations, campus organizations, and other entities to use the Wesleyan Quadrilateral to study vital issues of war and peace. MUPWJ's website is providing study groups with background material on scripture, Christian tradition, theological perspectives, and experience with alternatives to war. Web-based dialogue will lead to a national conference in 2006.

This process will be useful to the Council of Bishops as we continue to develop our ideas on issues of war and peace. The project will provide valuable insights to general boards, annual conferences, and delegates to the 2008 General Conference where these issues will inevitably be on the docket. Gaining a greater understanding of underlying theology will help us in formulating policy resolutions and moving into action.

For these reasons I urge you to respond positively to MUPWJ's grant request.

Yours for peace with justice,

Bishop John R. Schol

## **E-mail lists for Methodists United for Peace with Justice**

### **From the 2005 United Methodist Directory**

Active bishops

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Cross check with <http://archives.umc.org/interior.asp?ptid=1&mid=5873>

Active in United States, Africa, Europe, Philippines

GBCS board members

25

Conference offices

122

### Publications

UM News Service

179

Newscope

181

Conference publications

183

Jurisdictional publications

195

### **Other**

Conference peace with justice coordinators

Conference church and society chairs

## Methodists United for Peace with Justice Financial Statement, 2004

### **Income**

Membership contributions	\$ 1,390.00
Grants	<u>1,540.00</u>
Total	\$ 2,940.00

### **Expenditures**

Office expenses	\$ 465.66
Communications (telephone, Internet, web services)	1,265.83
Meetings and conferences	543.69
Peace Leaf (newsletter, two issues)	653.22
Transportation	<u>74.15</u>
Total	\$ 3,002.55

### **2005 Budget\***

### **Income**

Membership	\$ 3,000.00
Grants	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 5,000.00

### **Expenditures**

Office expenses	\$ 1,000.00
Communications	2,000.00
Printing	500.00
Equipment	500.00
Meetings and conferences	500.00
Transportation	<u>500.00</u>
Total	\$ 5,000.00

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\* Not including Project on the Theology of War and Peace



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**Methodists United for Peace with Justice**  
**Membership Dues and Contributions to Education Fund**

**Individual**

I would like to  join Methodists United for Peace with Justice  
 renew my membership

**Organization**

We would like to  join Methodists United for Peace with Justice  
 renew our membership

Name:

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

E-mail address:

**For organizations**

Contact person (address, phone, e-mail information if different than organization)

**Dues schedule:**

Individual membership  \$25

Student, fixed income person  \$15

Organization  \$50

Make your check payable to *Methodists United for Peace with Justice*  
(Dues are not tax deductible.)

**Special Contributions**

I  We could like to make a tax deductible contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
to MUPWJ Education Fund (a 501 (c)(3) entity).

Make your checks payable to *Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund* .

Mail this form with your check(s) to:

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Shalom,

Howard W. Hallman  
Chair

May 1, 2005

Dear Board of Directors:

Our treasurer, Phil Miller, reports that our general fund balance is now \$97.43 and the education fund balance is \$212.22. That's barely enough for June communication bills. Plus I have several hundred dollars of reimbursement requests to submit for our e-mail and web accounts charged to my credit card, plus some bills for supplies and photocopying.

I haven't done a good job in the past year of billing members for membership renewal, not even board members. I would remind you, therefore, that your annual dues payment of \$25 or more is now due. Even though MUPWJ owes me money, I will contribute \$50 in cash for my dues. Please join me with what you consider appropriate, the minimum or more. Among other things paying dues is required to be a member in good standing to serve on the Board of Directors.

In our Theology of War and Peace project I expect that local churches will become study-and-dialogue partners and contribute \$100 or more each. But I don't expect many until fall. So we need income now. Perhaps you can get your local church or conference to make a contribution. (I've done that.)

Also, I can report that the UM General Board of Church and Society turned down our request for a \$5,000 P/J grant.

We've always survived, sometimes barely. With your help we will pull through this time.

Thanks,

Howard W. Hallman, Chair

February 15, 2005

A.J. Muste Memorial Institute  
339 Lafayette Street  
New York, NY 10012

Dear Friends:

We would like to apply for a \$2,000 grant in partial support of a project on the Theology of War and Peace. The purpose of the project is to promote study and dialogue among United Methodists globally in order to provide a stronger foundation for responding to armed conflict and militarism with nonviolent alternatives. This should lead to more effective mobilization for public policy advocacy on these issues.

Methodists United for Peace with Justice is a nonprofit advocacy organization that works within Methodism. We organized originally in response to the United Methodist bishops' 1986 call for prayer and action for nuclear disarmament. That has been our continuing issue. We have also opposed the Persian Gulf and Iraq Wars and have worked on federal budget priorities as a justice issue.

This project will have four components: (1) posting articles and linkages on the theology of war and peace on our website, (2) forming local study groups not only in the United States but also in Africa, the Philippines, and Europe where the global United Methodist Church has members, (3) encouraging web-based dialogue between these groups, and (4) holding a national conference in 2006. We expect the outcome to be better informed and better organized responses to militarism and war-oriented policies of the U.S. government.

If you need further information about our request, please let me know.

With best regards,

Howard W. Hallman  
Chair

**A Grant Request to the A.J. Muste Memorial Institute  
from Methodists United for Peace with Justice  
1500 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

**Project title.** Theology of War and Peace

**Purpose.** The purpose of this project is to promote study and dialogue among United Methodists globally on the theology of war and peace and thereby to provide a stronger foundation for responding to armed conflict and militarism with nonviolent alternatives.

**Background.** Although the United Methodist Church isn't pacifist like Quakers and Mennonites, it has a long peace tradition. Church leadership, for example, opposed the Persian Gulf War and the Iraq War. However, many laity and some clergy, too, lack depth of understanding of the biblical and theological foundations for peace. At a time when U.S. foreign policy seeks global military dominance and expresses a willingness to take preemptive military action, there is a need to engage in theological reflection on where the United Methodist Church stands on war. This project offers a four-part process for achieving this purpose.

**Wesleyan Quadrilateral.** Methodist tradition has a tool known as the Wesleyan Quadrilateral that provides a basis for studying and gaining greater understanding of Christian faith. It encompasses *Scripture, Tradition, Reason, and Experience*. In this project we will use the Quadrilateral as a tool for studying the theology of war and peace. For this purpose we have created a new section on our website: <http://www.mupwj.org/theologyofWarAndPeace.htm>. We have started to post articles and web-linkages for use by local study groups and as background for a conference that we will hold in 2006. The web outline is presented on the next page.

**Study Groups.** We are encouraging the *formation of study groups* on the theology of war and peace in local congregations, campus organizations, seminaries, and other places. In addition to material on our website, study groups can use the UM bishops study guide, *In Search of Security*. We will reach out to the global United Methodist Church: in the United States, Africa, Asia, and Europe. For outreach we are working through United Methodist networks, such as the General Board of Church and Society, conference peace with justice coordinators, church and society chairs, UN advocates; General Board of Global Ministries and its Women's Division; college and youth ministries; Council of Bishops.

**Web-based Dialogue.** To extend the dialogue we are inviting study groups to engage in *web-based discussion* by (i) posting on our website their conclusions on *In Search of Security* and the theology of war and peace and (ii) responding to the views of others. Individuals will be welcome to join this dialogue. This will be an open-ended discussion.

**Conference.** We will invite representatives of study groups and other interested persons to come together in a conference in 2006. Organized along the lines of the Quadrilateral, this gathering will convene in the Wesleyan tradition of holy conferencing. It will not to be a legislative event. There will be no resolutions, no pronouncements. We will seek to put aside partisan baggage and engage in prayerful dialogue under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The Rev. Schuyler



Rhodes, pastor, Temple UMC in San Francisco will be conference coordinator. That city is a possible site for the conference.

**Follow-up.** Because we await the guidance of the Holy Spirit on where this process will lead us, we do not have a specific follow-up plan. However, we hope that this project will help provide sharper focus on where United Methodists stand on issues of war and peace. This will have implication for boards, agencies, the Council of Bishop, and the General Conference.

## **Website Outline for Theology of War and Peace**

### **I. Wesleyan Quadrilateral**

Introduction to explain Quadrilateral

#### **A. Scripture: Biblical Perspective**

1. Old Testament
2. New Testament

#### **B. Tradition: Christian History**

1. Early Christianity (pacifism)
2. Roman Catholic (just war)
3. Crusades (holy war)
4. Orthodox
5. Methodism

#### **C. Reason: Theological Perspectives**

1. Pacifism
2. Just War
3. Armageddon
4. Liberation Theology
5. Just Peace

#### **D. Experience: Alternatives to War**

1. Nonviolent Action
2. 20<sup>th</sup> Century Prophets and Theologians \*
3. Diplomacy and International Law

### **II. Study and Dialogue**

#### **A. Study Groups**

1. In Search of Security (a study guide of United Methodist Council of Bishops)
2. Theology of War and Peace (using website material from the Quadrilateral)

#### **B. Web-based Dialogue**

1. In Search of Security
2. Biblical Perspectives
3. Theological Perspectives
4. Peaceful Alternatives to War

### **III. National Conference**

\* 20<sup>th</sup> Century Prophets and Theologians will include such persons as Walter Rauschenbusch, Mohandas K. Gandhi, Muriel Lester, Dorothy Day, A.J. Muste, Martin Niemoeller, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Andre Trocme, Reinhold Niebuhr, Martin Luther King, Jr., Archbishop Oscar Romero, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Daniel and Philip Berrigan.

## **Project Follow Through**

This is an open-ended project in the sense that the outcome will be determined by participants in web-based dialogue and the conference in 2006. We hope that there will be a creative synthesis of various strands of past and current theology of war and peace. This will provide a foundation for future action and help build a broader coalition for action.

One outcome could be a book or set of training material on peace and nonviolence. This would build upon material developed for the website. This could then feed into educational activities in local congregations, leading toward stronger advocacy.

Another outcome could be a process leading to a strong commitment by the 2008 United Methodist General Conference, the denomination's official governing body, on matters of global peace and justice. Legislation will be shaped by petitions adopted by annual conferences in June 2007 and by recommendations of general boards and agencies in 2007. Our conference in 2006 will be timely for this process.

Anticipating the need for broad support for future action, we are seeking wide participation in the study and dialogue process. This will include local congregations, campus organizations, seminaries, annual conference leaders, bishops, general boards and agencies, racial and ethnic caucuses. The United Methodist Church is global in scope. Beyond the United States the United Methodist has significant membership in Africa, the Philippines, and Europe. Our project will reach out to the global church. We will also pursue our commitment to foster stronger relationships with other denominations in the Methodist family, including African Methodist Episcopal Church, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, and Christian Methodist Episcopal Church.

## **Coalition Building**

In the course of this project we will give attention to coalition-building with other peace organizations. Already we are working with the Fellowship of Reconciliation in the development of website material. Our web pages will provide linkages with such organizations as Nonviolence International, the Albert Einstein Institution, Christian Peacemakers, Every Church a Peace Church, Pax Christi, and religious peace fellowships. Howard Hallman, project director, will build upon his contacts in denominational circles through his service as chair, Interfaith Committee for Nuclear Disarmament (2000-2004).

## **Project Director**

Howard W. Hallman, chair, Methodists United for Peace with Justice, will be project director. He became a pacifist as a college sophomore at the University of Kansas in 1947 when he disenrolled from the Naval Officer Reserve Training Corps. His master's thesis was on Gandhi's nonviolent movement. Hallman became a conscientious objector when the draft was reinstated in the late 1940s and performed alternative civilian service during the Korean War. In the mid-fifties he was chair of the Philadelphia FOR and knew A.J. Muste.

His professional career has encompassed working for urban improvements in Philadelphia (1952-58) and New Haven (1959-65). Moving to Washington, D.C. in 1965, he was involved in the War on Poverty. In 1969 he organized the Civic Action Institute, which provided training and technical assistance to local governments on citizen participation in community development and to neighborhood organizations in self-help activities.

Hallman renewed his participation in the peace movement in the 1980s. He was a founder of Methodists United for Peace with Justice in 1987. During the 1990s he helped develop interfaith coalitions to work for support of the Chemical Weapons Convention and the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. In 2000 he organized the Interfaith Committee for Nuclear Disarmament and served as chair until September 2004.

Hallman manages two websites: [www.mupwj.org](http://www.mupwj.org) for Methodists United for Peace with Justice and [www.zero-nukes.org](http://www.zero-nukes.org) for the Interfaith Committee for Nuclear Disarmament. A fuller vita is available at <http://www.zero-nukes.org/howardhallman.htm>

## **Methodists United for Peace with Justice**

Methodists United for Peace with Justice is a national association of laity and clergy that works unofficially within the United Methodist Church and seeks relationships with other denominations in the Methodist family. It is organized as a 501(c)(4) and also has a 501(c)(3) entity, the Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund.

We function primarily through voluntary activities carried out by members of our Board of Directors, who work from their homes rather than at a central office. Tasks include administration, treasurer, newsletter editor, conference coordinator, public advocacy, Pan-Methodist relationships. In this project the chair will be compensated part-time for service as project director, particularly for developing website material and coordinating web-based dialogue.

The **Board of Directors** consists of Howard W. Hallman, chair; Rev. Phil Wilson, vice chair; Phillip H. Miller, treasurer; Camille Anders, Rev. Joy E. Arthur, Joyce Georgieff, Sherman W. Harris, Rev. James Hipkins, James Hudson, Rev. Schuyler Rhodes, and Donald C. Whitmore.

Members of the **National Advisory Committee** include Richard Deats, Rev. Dr. Robert Edgar, Dr. Alan Geyer, Brenda Hardt, Bishop Felton E. May, Rev. Dean Snyder, Bishop Joseph Strague, Bishop Timothy W. Whitaker, Bishop C. Dale White, Carol Windrum, and Rev. Dr. J. Philip Wogaman.

## PROJECT BUDGET

### Expenditures

#### Operation of interactive website

Project coordinator (Howard W. Hallman) 18 months @ \$1,000	\$18,000
Webmaster (Marie Kayser) 18 months @ \$500	9,000

#### Conference

Publicity	2,000
Facilities and equipment	2,000
Speakers' travel	<u>3,000</u>

Total	\$34,000
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### Income

Peace with Justice grant, GBCS (applied for)	\$ 5,000
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Peace with Justice grant, Baltimore/Washington Conference (received)	1,000
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Other grants	4,000
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Study-and-Dialogue Partners	<u>24,000</u>
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Total	\$34,000
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February 2005

Methodists United for Peace with Justice has status as a 501(c)(4) organization. It has an entity known as Methodists United Peace/Justice Education which has 501(c)(3) status. Either entity could receive the grant from the A.J. Muste Memorial Institute.

**Methodists United for Peace with Justice  
Financial Statement, 2004**

**Income**

Membership contributions	\$ 1,540.00
Grants	<u>1,400.00</u>
Total	\$ 2,940.00

**Expenditures**

Office expenses	\$ 465.66
Communications (telephone, Internet, web services)	1,265.83
Meetings and conferences	543.69
Peace Leaf (newsletter, two issues)	653.22
Transportation	<u>74.15</u>
Total	\$ 3,002.55

**2005 Budget\***

**Income**

Membership	\$ 3,000.00
Grants	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 5,000.00

**Expenditures**

Office expenses	\$ 1,000.00
Communications	2,000.00
Printing	500.00
Equipment	500.00
Meetings and conferences	500.00
Transportation	<u>500.00</u>
Total	\$ 5,000.00

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\* Not including Project on the Theology of War and Peace

## MUSTE INSTITUTE GRANT REQUEST ONE-PAGE SUMMARY

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

**Address:** 1500 16<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W.      **City/State/Zip:** Washington, DC 20036

**Phone:** 301 896-0013      **Fax:** none

**Email:** mupwj@mupj.org      **Website:** www.mupwj.org

**Fiscal sponsor (if any):** none

**Contact person/title:** Howard W. Hallman, Chair

**day phone:** \* 301 896-0013      **evening phone:** 301 897-3668

**fax:** none      **email:** \* hhallman@mupwj.org

*(Note: Please use asterisks to indicate which if these is the best way to reach the contact person)*

**Amount requested:** \$2,000      *(maximum grant is \$2,000)*

**Project name:** Theology of War and Peace

**Project timeline:** November 2004 to October 2006

**Project's targeted community:** United Methodists globally (local congregations, campus organizations, general boards and agencies, bishops, seminarians)

**Type of project (check one or more):**      *organizing/activism*       *education*      *media*

*other (specify):* study and dialogue to provide a strong foundation for future action

### **Summary of project/request:**

At a time when U.S. foreign policy seeks global military dominance and expresses a willingness to take preemptive military action, there is a need for religious organizations to speak out more vigorously for nonviolence and other peaceful alternatives to war. Within the United Methodist Church bishops and other church leaders have strongly opposed the Iraq War, but many laity and some clergy, too, lack depth of understanding of the biblical and theological foundations for peace. This project seeks to broaden and deepen knowledge and commitment on peace issues through a four-part process. (1) **Posting of study material** on the website of Methodists United for Peace with Justice at <http://www.mupwj.org/theologyofWarAndPeace.htm>. (2) **Formation of study groups** in local congregations, campus organizations, seminaries, and other places. (3) **Web-based dialogue** between these study groups. (4) **A national conference** in 2006. This will set the stage for follow-up through more effective mobilization of United Methodists for public policy advocacy on issues of global peace and justice.

**Total project expense budget:** \$34,000      **Line item(s) for which grant is requested:**

Website and web-based dialogue

**Other funding sources for project:** United Methodist General Board of Church and Society, UM annual conferences, contributions from participating local churches.

**Organization mission:** Engage in education and advocacy on such issues as nuclear abolition, regional wars (Persian Gulf, Iraq), militarism, federal budget priorities. Reach out to United Methodist congregations, annual conferences, and general boards. Lobby in Washington. Foster cooperation with other denominations in the Methodist family (AME, AMEZ, CME).

**ACTUAL organizational revenue & expense totals for the fiscal year ending 12/31/04**

**Revenue:** \$2,940.00

**Expenses:** \$3,002.55

**Prior Muste Institute grants** (*specify amount, month/year and project name*): None

GENERAL BOARD OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY  
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PEACE WITH JUSTICE PROGRAM  
APPLICATION: 2005-2008

FOR OFFICE USE  
Date received:  
Log number:

- Submitted by: Methodists United for Peace with Justice  
An association of laity and clergy that is recognized as a United  
Methodist caucus in the United Methodist Directory
1. Title of project: Theology of War and Peace
2. Project address: Methodists United for Peace with Justice  
1500 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20036  
E-address: mupwj@mupwj.org  
Website: www.mupwj.org
3. Name and address of fiscal agent: Same
4. Director of project: Howard W. Hallman, Chair
5. Address of director: Methodists United for Peace with Justice  
1500 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20036  
Phone: 301 896-0013  
E-address: hhallman@mupwj.org
6. Name of Treasurer: Phillip H. Miller, Treasurer  
Methodists United for Peace with Justice  
1500 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20036
7. A one-page project description is presented on page 4.
8. How will this program be evaluated? By determining whether objectives are achieved.
- Objective 1: Provide website material on the theology of war and peace.  
Evaluation: (a) Whether this is accomplished.  
(b) User survey of utility of this material.
- Objective 2: Obtain at least 100 study-and-dialogue partners (congregations, etc.)  
Evaluation: (a) Whether number is obtained; geographic distribution, including  
extent of representation from central conferences.  
(b) Survey of partners on value of project.
- Objective 3: Host web-based dialogue between study groups  
Evaluation: (a) Volume of exchange  
(b) User survey of utility



Objective 4: Hold a national conference on the theology of war and peace

Evaluation: (a) Whether conference is held.

(b) Participants evaluation at end of conference.

9. Amount requested: \$5,000

10. The budget is presented on page 3.

11. Has this program/project received funding from PWJ previously?

This a new project that has not previously received PWJ funding. However, in 2002 Methodists United for Peace with Justice received a \$5,000 PWJ grant for our work with the Interfaith Committee for Nuclear Disarmament.

12. How did you come to know about the Peace with Justice Grant?

We are a long-time supporter of the Peace with Justice offering and therefore know about PWJ grants.

13. Consultation with Annual Conference.

This is a project for the global United Methodist Church and not for a single Annual Conference. However, we are requesting a letter of support from Bishop John Schol, resident bishop of the Baltimore/Washington Conference where our headquarters is located. We note that the B/W Conference is supporting this project through a \$1,000 conference peace with justice grant. Relevant conference personnel are as follows:

Baltimore/Washington Conference, United Methodist Church  
7178 Columbia Gateway Drive  
Columbia, MD 21046-2132  
(800) 492-2525 or(410) 309-3450; Fax: (410) 309-9430

The Rev. David Argo, Washington-Columbia District Superintendent  
Ext. 493 adavidargo@yahoo.com

The Rev. David Simpson, Council Director and Director, Connectional Ministries  
Ext. 435 dsimpson@bwcumc.org

Sandy Ferguson, Associate Council Director for Board of Christian Presence in God's World  
Ext. 431 sferguson@bwcumc.org

Bishop John R. Schol  
100 Maryland Avenue, NE,  
Suite 510, Washington, DC, 20002-5611.  
(202) 546-3110 or  
at the Baltimore-Washington Conference Center in Columbia, MD:  
(800) 492-2525 or (410) 309-3450.  
E-mail: jschol@bwcumc.org.

## PROJECT BUDGET

### Expenditures

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Webmaster (Marie Kayser) 12 months @ \$500	6,000
<u>Conference</u>	
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### Income

Peace with Justice grant, GBCS	\$ 5,000
Peace with Justice grant, Baltimore/Washington Conference	1,000
Other grants	1,000
Study-and-Dialogue Partners	<u>18,000</u>
Total	\$25,000

January 2005

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

**Project title.** Theology of War and Peace

**Purpose.** The purpose of this project is to promote study and dialogue among United Methodists globally on the theology of war and peace and thereby to provide a stronger foundation for responding to armed conflict and militarism with nonviolent alternatives.

**Background.** One of the more valid critiques of our United Methodist community is that we do not take the time to “do theology.” We are great at legislation. We issue resolutions that could pave a new freeway across the land. But we do not sit down, as a people, and prayerfully consider where we are being called by God to stand, move, and have our being. Today as we experience introduction of permanent warfare into our national life, it is incumbent upon us to engage in theological reflection on where the United Methodist Church stands on war. This project offers a four-part process for achieving this purpose.

**Wesleyan Quadrilateral.** Methodist tradition has a tool known as the Wesleyan Quadrilateral that provides a basis for studying and gaining greater understanding of Christian faith. It encompasses *Scripture, Tradition, Reason, and Experience*. In this project we will use the Quadrilateral as a tool for studying the theology of war and peace. For this purpose we have created a new section on our website: <http://www.mupwj.org/theologyofWarAndPeace.htm>. We have started to post articles and web-linkages for use by local study groups and as background for a conference that we will hold in 2006. The website tells more about this project.

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January 31, 2005

Peace with Justice Grant Program  
General Board of Church and Society  
The United Methodist Building  
100 Maryland Avenue, NE  
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Friends:

We would like to apply for a Peace with Justice Grant of \$5,000 in partial support of a project on The Theology of War and Peace. The original and ten copies of our application are enclosed.

The purpose of this project is to promote study and dialogue among United Methodists globally on the theology of war and peace. This will provide a stronger foundation for education and action among United Methodists on ways to respond to armed conflict and militarism with nonviolent alternatives.

This project will have four components:

- (1) Provide website material on the theology of war and peace.
- (2) Obtain at least 100 study-and-dialogue partners (congregations, etc.)
- (3) Host web-based dialogue between study groups
- (4) Hold a national conference on the theology of war and peace

Methodists United for Peace with Justice is a national association of laity and clergy. It is recognized as a caucus of the United Methodist Church in the United Methodist Directory.

If you need further information, please get in touch with me.

Shalom,

Howard W. Hallman  
Chair

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### 1. Individual membership

Methodists United for Peace with Justice is a membership association of laity and clergy. We invite you to become a member or renew your membership. Annual dues for individual membership are \$25. Because we are a 501(c)(4) organization, your dues payment is not tax deductible. However, you may make a tax deductible contribution to our Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund, a 501(c)(3) entity.

Thank you for your support.

### 2. Student/fixed income membership

Methodists United for Peace with Justice is a membership association of laity and clergy. We invite you to become a member or renew your membership. Annual dues for students and fixed income persons are \$15. Because we are a 501(c)(4) organization, your dues payment is not tax deductible. However, you may make a tax deductible contribution to our Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund, a 501(c)(3) entity.

Thank you for your support.

### 3. Organizational membership

Methodists United for Peace with Justice is a membership association of laity and clergy. We have both individual and organizational membership. Annual dues for an organization is a minimum of \$50. We invite you to contribute more than that if you are able.

If you have a contact person with a different address than your organization, please e-mail this information to [mupwj@mupwj.org](mailto:mupwj@mupwj.org).

Thank you for your support.

### 4. Education Fund

Methodists United for Peace with Justice has a separate unit known as the Methodists United Peace/Justice Education Fund. It is a 501(c)(3) entity. Your contributions to the Education Fund are therefore tax deductible.

We welcome your tax deductible contribution in addition to your payment of annual membership dues.

# **Saying No to Nuclear Deterrence**

*As amended by 2004 United Methodist General Conference*

In 1986, the United Methodist Council of Bishops, after nearly two years of prayerful and penitent study, adopted a pastoral letter and foundation document entitled *In Defense of Creation: The Nuclear Crisis and a Just Peace*.

The bishops' statement was deeply rooted in biblical faith. They wrote:

At the heart of the Old Testament is the testimony of shalom, that marvelous Hebrew word that means peace. But the peace that is shalom is not negative or one dimensional. It is much more than the absence of war. Shalom is positive peace: harmony, wholeness, health, and well-being in all human relationships. It is the natural state of humanity as birthed by God. It is harmony between humanity and all of God's good creation. All of creation is interrelated. Every creature, every element, every force of nature participates in the whole of creation. If any person is denied shalom, all are thereby diminished....

New Testament faith presupposes a radical break with 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 a message of hope about God's plan and purpose for human destiny. It is a redemptive vision that refuses to wallow in doom.

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 conclude that nuclear deterrence is a position that cannot receive the church's blessing."

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

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 reduction, to the eventual goal of a mutual and verifiable dismantling all nuclear armaments.

In 1988, the United Methodist General Conference affirmed and supported the statements of the Council of Bishops contained in *In Defense of Creation*. Four years later, in a resolution entitled "Nuclear Disarmament: The Zero Option," the 1992 General Conference stated that "now is the time to exercise the zero option: to eliminate all nuclear weapons throughout the globe," and the conference offered a series of concrete actions for achieving this goal.

## *Our Commitment*

We reaffirm the finding that nuclear weapons, whether used or threatened, are grossly evil and morally wrong. As an instrument of mass destruction, nuclear weapons slaughter the innocent and ravage the environment. When used as instruments of deterrence, nuclear weapons hold

innocent people hostage for political and military purposes. Therefore, the doctrine of nuclear deterrence is morally corrupt and spiritually bankrupt

In contrast to the goal of total nuclear disarmament, policy of the United States government has moved in the opposite direction in recent years. A series of policy documents --"Nuclear Posture Review" (January 2002), "National Security Strategy" (September 2002), "National Security Presidential Directive 17" (September 2002), and "National Strategy to Combat Weapons of Mass Destruction" (December 2002) -- have called for the development of new nuclear weapons, preparation for renewal of nuclear testing, targeting non-nuclear states with nuclear weapons, and using nuclear weapons in response to biological and chemical weapons. Policy statements have asserted the right to take unilateral, pre-emptive action, including the use of nuclear weapons, against emerging threats by states and terrorist groups before they are fully formed.

These policies undermine the intent of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and increase the risk that nuclear weapons will actually be used. We deplore these dangerous and retrogressive policies.

Therefore, we reaffirm the goal of total abolition of all nuclear weapons throughout Earth and space.

#### *Recommended Actions*

Because we unequivocally reject the use or threatened use of nuclear weapons, we call upon all possessors of nuclear weapons to carry out the following actions as soon as possible:

1. renounce unconditionally the use of nuclear weapons for deterrence and war-fighting purposes;
2. pledge never to use nuclear weapons against any adversary under any circumstance;
3. immediately take all nuclear weapons off alert by separating warheads from delivery vehicles and by other means;
4. embark upon a program to systematically dismantle all nuclear warheads and delivery vehicles as soon as possible with adequate safeguards and verification, carried out under multilateral treaties and through reciprocal national initiatives;
5. ratify and implement the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty;
6. cease all research, development, testing, production, and deployment of new nuclear weapons and refrain from modernizing the existing nuclear arsenal;
7. halt all efforts to develop and deploy strategic antimissile defense systems because they are illusory, unnecessary, and wasteful;
8. respect the requirements of nuclear weapon-free zones where they exist;
9. enter into a multilateral process to develop, adopt, and carry out a nuclear weapons convention that outlaws and abolishes all nuclear weapons under strict and effective international control;
10. develop and implement a system for control of all fissile material with international accounting, monitoring, and safeguards.

We call upon all nations that do not possess nuclear weapons to:

- (1) cease all efforts to develop these instruments of mass destruction and their delivery systems;

- (2) ratify and carry out the provisions of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty;
- (3) adhere to all provisions of the Non-Proliferation Treaty; and
- (4) respect the requirements of nuclear weapon-free zones and extend this approach to other nations and continents.

### *Implementation*

To promote the achievement of goals and objectives specified in this resolution:

1. We ask the Council of Bishops to transmit a copy of the resolution to the heads of states of all nations possessing nuclear weapons.
2. We ask the General Board of Church and Society to publicize the resolution with appropriate governmental officials, legislators, the media, and the general public.
3. 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.
4. We request that the General Board of Church and Society prepare an annual "report card" to be included with Peace With Justice Sunday materials in relation to: a) countries that possess nuclear weapons and their compliance with the recommended actions in this resolution, and b) countries that do not possess nuclear weapons and their compliance with the recommended actions in this resolution.

### *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.

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# Project on Theology of War and Peace

## Networking within the United Methodist Church

Methodists United for Peace with Justice has initiated a project on the Theology of War and Peace to stimulate discussion on this topic within the global United Methodist Church. As a recognized caucus of the United Methodist Church, we seek to work closely with official boards and agencies and with other caucuses. This is a report on some of our initial networking.

*General Board of Church and Society.* As the project was getting underway last October, we shared information about it with Bishop Beverly Shamana, board president, and Jim Winkler, general secretary. Subsequently Mr. Winkler has provided guidance on how to reach central conference leadership. Mark Harrison, the board's peace with justice coordinator, provided us an opportunity to make a presentation at a March gathering of conference peace with justice coordinators network. We will keep in touch with them through their list serve and will also reach out to conference church and society chairs. Other GBCS staff who are helping us include Neal Christie, assistant general secretary for education and leadership formation, Gretchen Hakola, assistant general secretary for communications, and Liberato Bautista, assistant general secretary, United Nations Office, who will send out information through his UN advocacy network.

*General Board of Global Ministries.* David Wildman, executive secretary/human rights and racial justice, is helping us connect with GBGM and its networks. He has offered use of the Board's translation services for articles from and for central conference contacts. We are also in touch with Mia Adjali, executive secretary/global concerns, in the Women's Division.

*General Board of Discipleship.* We have conferred with Lillian Smith, associate general secretary for young peoples ministry. She has sent information about the project to their Advocacy Table for the purpose of finding ways for youth participation in the project.

*General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.* We have provided project information to Luther Felder, assistant general secretary for campus ministry, who has forwarded it to his campus ministries network.

*Council of Bishops.* Howard Hallman, our chair, has met twice with Bishop Roy Sano, executive secretary, to tell him about the project and let him know of our intent to complement the bishops' study, "In Search of Security". At his suggestion we are providing information about the project to Bishop Timothy Whitaker, who chairs the task force of the Council of Bishops that deals with this subject.

*Central Conferences.* We are developing an outreach plan for the central conferences. We will ask bishops and other leaders in Africa, the Philippines, and Europe to write articles about their first hand experience with conflict resolution and nonviolent action. We will also work through the bishops to encourage local study groups within the central conferences.

*Schools of Theology.* We have sent the deans of thirteen United Methodist schools of theology a list of nine topics for which we are seeking articles for our website. We asked them to circulate the list among their faculty.

*Racial and Ethnic Caucuses.* We have contacted the executive directors of six United Methodist racial/ethnic caucuses to invite their members to participate in the project by writing articles and organizing local study groups.