

USES OF THE PEACEMAKING OFFERING BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY COUNCIL MINISTRIES IN 2008

The General Assembly Council of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) receives 50 percent of the Peacemaking Offering. The Presbyterian Peacemaking Program uses most of this portion of the offering. The Presbyterian United Nations Office and the Presbyterian Washington Office each receive a small portion of the offering. Guided by *Peacemaking: The Believers' Calling*, General Assembly mandates, and the 2007-08 General Assembly Council Mission Work Plan, the Peacemaking Program and the other programs provide resources, events, and programs to assist the church as it responds to the gospel call to "seek peace and pursue it." In 2008, \$1,230,920 is budgeted to be spent by General Assembly Council ministries. Your generous gifts to the Peacemaking Offering will be used in 2008 to:

EVANGELISM AND WITNESS

\$193,807

- Facilitate the International Peacemakers Program, which brings church leaders with experience in addressing poverty from other countries to the United States to share the peacemaking concerns of their churches. There will be 13 peacemakers from 12 countries. Each peacemaker will make between four and six visits in late September and early October. \$138,094
- Create a bulletin insert about Presbyterian/Reformed congregations in Iraq. The insert encourages prayer with our brothers and sisters in Christ in Iraq and with all impacted by the war. \$12,450
- Relate to mission personnel whose ministries involve peacemaking. \$9,615
- Support Mission Networks that relate to regions where peacemaking is a prime concern. \$13,080
- Encourage multicultural congregations through a presence at the Multicultural Conference and a consultation with Eric Law. \$20,568

JUSTICE AND COMPASSION

\$238,964

- Lead a February/March 2008 travel study seminar to South Africa and Malawi that emphasized responses to the HIV/AIDS pandemic. \$53,379
- In November, lead a travel study seminar to Ethiopia looking at interfaith relations. \$27,457
- Provide and identify resources that address the situation in the Sudan, the Philippines, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Colombia, Israel/Palestine, Iraq, Iran, and other places in need of peace and justice around the world. \$19,720
- Help Presbyterians address issues related to nuclear weapons, just immigration policies, landmines, and more. \$16,991
- Identify resources for Torture Awareness Month. Support No2Torture, a grass-roots advocacy program working to end the practice of torture by government agencies. Participate in the National Religious Campaign Against Torture. \$7,227
- Enable the Presbyterian United Nations Office to provide seminars and other educational events for Presbyterians and participate in the U.N. community of non-governmental organizations. \$53,831
- Provide leadership at the Presbyterian Camps and Conference Centers Association Conference and the Conservation Eco-Stewards training. \$8,171
- Produce the *Washington Report to Presbyterians*. \$15,201
- Provide a speaker on gun violence for Ecumenical Advocacy Days. \$7,576
- Help organize the *Gun Violence and Gospel Values* colloquium at Stony Point. \$9,815
- Help lead the Week for Peace, Global Justice and Creation at Ghost Ranch. \$7,970
- Itinerate a workshop leader on the Christian roots of nonviolence. \$6,186
- Create a study resource on *Long Time Gone*, a book by a former child soldier in Sierra Leone. \$5,440



2008 Peacemaking Offering
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
Sunday, October 5
Break the Bread of New Creation

SPIRITUALITY AND DISCIPLESHIP**\$134,851**

- Create *Guidelines for Communal Discernment*, a resource for congregations and governing bodies. \$16,521
- Provide training in using communal discernment processes as a complement to parliamentary procedure at the Peacemaking Conference and in the Synod of Trinity in October. \$13,171
- Facilitate the Interfaith Listening Program that will bring a Christian and a Muslim from Pakistan. The team will visit six presbyteries September 26 – October 20, 2008. \$31,029
- Provide worship resources for days that address peace and justice concerns, including a worship service for Human Rights Day. \$10,399
- Create *Spiritual Nurture for Peacemakers*, a weekly Web-based resource providing prayers on peace and justice issues. \$5,648
- Assist with the reentry event for Young Adult Volunteers returning from a year of service. \$7,599
- Lead a retreat for young adults exploring their call to peacemaking and ways to support them as they respond. \$31,460
- Create the 2008 Advent Devotions, *Proclaiming the Good News of Peace*. \$12,304
- Create the *Biblical Witness to Peacemaking: 2008-2009*, an online daily lectionary. \$6,720

LEADERSHIP AND VOCATION**\$465,023**

- Hold “Sowing Mustard Seeds,” an intergenerational conference on poverty. Participants learned skills for working to overcome poverty in their homes and around the world. \$136,201
 - Plan the 2009 Peacemaking Conference as part of the Big Tent event. \$49,542
 - Create a resource for congregations to use to reaffirm the *Commitment to Peacemaking* and to shape peacemaking ministries. \$15,958
 - Create the study resource *To Strengthen Christ’s Body: Tools for Talking about Tough Issues*. This resource is provided in the Peacemaking Offering packet. \$27,974
 - Provide training, networking, consultation and support for presbytery chair/enablers, including an event at the 2008 Peacemaking conference. \$74,454
 - Produce *Peace Notes*, a quarterly newsletter. \$54,768
 - Lead workshops at the Hispanic/Latino Presbyterian Men’s Conference and the ARMSS Conference; preach and teach in at least 14 presbyteries. \$47,769
 - Hold a celebration of the 25th anniversary of the *Commitment to Peacemaking*, resource committees, and participate in the pre-assembly antiracism training at the 218th General Assembly (2008). \$58,357

**PEACEMAKING OFFERING****\$139,660**

- Create resources for congregations to promote and interpret the Peacemaking Offering

SHARED MISSION SUPPORT**\$58,615****TOTAL****\$1,230,920**

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