

***“What does the Lord require of you?  
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”  
Micah 6:8***

## **Justice and Witness Team Minnesota Conference United Church of Christ**

“This is the day that God has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” – Psalm 118:24  
And this is the time when your Justice and Witness Team invites the members and friends of the Minnesota Conference United Church of Christ to support the Conference Peace Fund through the annual Justice & Witness Peace offering.

We encourage congregations to *choose* the Peace Offering ingathering day that best serves your mission and interests. We suggest the following as appropriate *justice theme days*:

***Observance of Martin Luther King Day***, January 16, 2012 (traditional day);  
***Ecumenical Sunday***, January 22, 2012;  
***Health & Human Service Sunday***, January 29, 2012;  
***First Day of UCC Women’s Week***, February 5, 2012;  
***Racial Justice Sunday***, February 12, 2012;  
***Amistad Sunday***, March 11, 2012;  
***Integrity of Creation Sunday***, April 22, 2012;  
***Immigrant Rights Sunday*** (when scheduled, varies) ***OR Holocaust Remembrance Day***, April 19, 2012;  
***Labor Day Sunday***, September 2, 2012.

*There are a number of other special Peace offering appropriate national and international days, including, for example, Access Sunday/beginning of Disabilities Awareness Week, October 14, 2012; International Human Rights Day, Monday, December 10, 2012.*

We want you to select the day and schedule that works best for your community and its interests!

What is this offering for?

- 25% is for your congregation and its local justice initiatives (tell us how your congregation has used these funds).
- 75% spreads justice throughout the Conference by empowering others with justice and mission grants of up to \$2500 (***YOUR CONGREGATION is Grant eligible: Applications and governing policies are at the Minnesota Conference UCC website:***  
<http://www.uccmn.org/ministrygroups/justicewitness/Wiki%20Pages/Justice%20and%20Witness%20Grants.aspx>

Your support of the Conference Peace offering insures the continued funding of your Justice Witness Team’s Peace Grant program. Peace Grants multiply the power of our justice witness.

Copy-ready promotional materials are available on the Justice and Witness Team of the Conference website (<http://www.uccmn.org/ministrygroups/justicewitness/Wiki%20Pages/Home.aspx>):

1. Bulletin Insert (1/2 page, two sided) with information about recent grants, policies, and grant resources, and the Justice Witness Team.
2. Envelope label template for creating your own Justice Witness offering envelopes (works with Avery brand labels, number 8163).

**We want your questions, comments and suggestions: Contact the JW Team chair, Dwight Wagenius, 612 822-3347; [dwagenius@gmail.com](mailto:dwagenius@gmail.com);**

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