



Presbyterian Peacemaking Program *Uses of the Peace & Global Witness Offering Funds by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

The Peace and Global Witness Offering, formerly known as the Peacemaking Offering, was established in 1980 by action of the General Assembly to fulfill the peacemaking work and witness of the whole church at its local, regional, national and global levels. Congregations and mid-councils retain 50% of the offering for peacemaking ministries of their own determination. Expressions and examples of those ministries are many and varied.

The remaining 50% of the Peace and Global Witness Offering funds the peacemaking ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency and covers the costs of the offering. The Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, currently with three full-time staff members, is the office that is funded by the Offering. Consistent with the policies, directives and initiatives of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA), the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program advocates for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

The program provides online and printed resources and awareness-building opportunities for the whole church, resourcing congregations and mid-councils on a wide-range of peacemaking topics and concerns. We also provide online and in-person trainings, seminars and leader development events that equip and strengthen Presbyterians for their peacemaking work. From peacemaking in the household, to working alongside local community groups, to accompanying and supporting global partners, the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program is focused on strengthening the Presbyterian Church (USA) to address the peacemaking issues of our day.

PROGRAMMATIC WORK

Examples of our programmatic work in 2022 and 2023 include:

[Season of Peace](#) – Each year we provide new and continuing resources to help congregations focus on and deepen their pursuit of peace. Items include a daily devotional, peace cards for children and families, Bible and book studies for adults, children’s curriculum, a coloring poster and peace fair.

[International Peacemakers](#) - Since 1983, we have worked with partner denominations and organizations around the world to bring individuals with peacemaking expertise to the U.S. for a month each fall to meet with congregations, mid-councils and institutions at their invitation.

Travel Study Seminars – Every year we offer domestic and international seminars for Presbyterians to visit partners, learn in context and return to share their experiences. Each seminar has a unique emphasis and addresses a particular peacemaking focus.

Mosaic of Peace Conference in Israel and Palestine – Every two years we lead a peacemaking conference to the Holy Land for Presbyterians to visit the region, see the contemporary context and meet with those working for peace. The next conference will be held in March 2024.

A Matter of Faith: A Presby Podcast - In each episode of this weekly podcast, our hosts give thoughtful responses to questions submitted by listeners on issues of faith, social justice and church life. The podcast also highlights relevant policies, resources and guests from around the PC(USA).

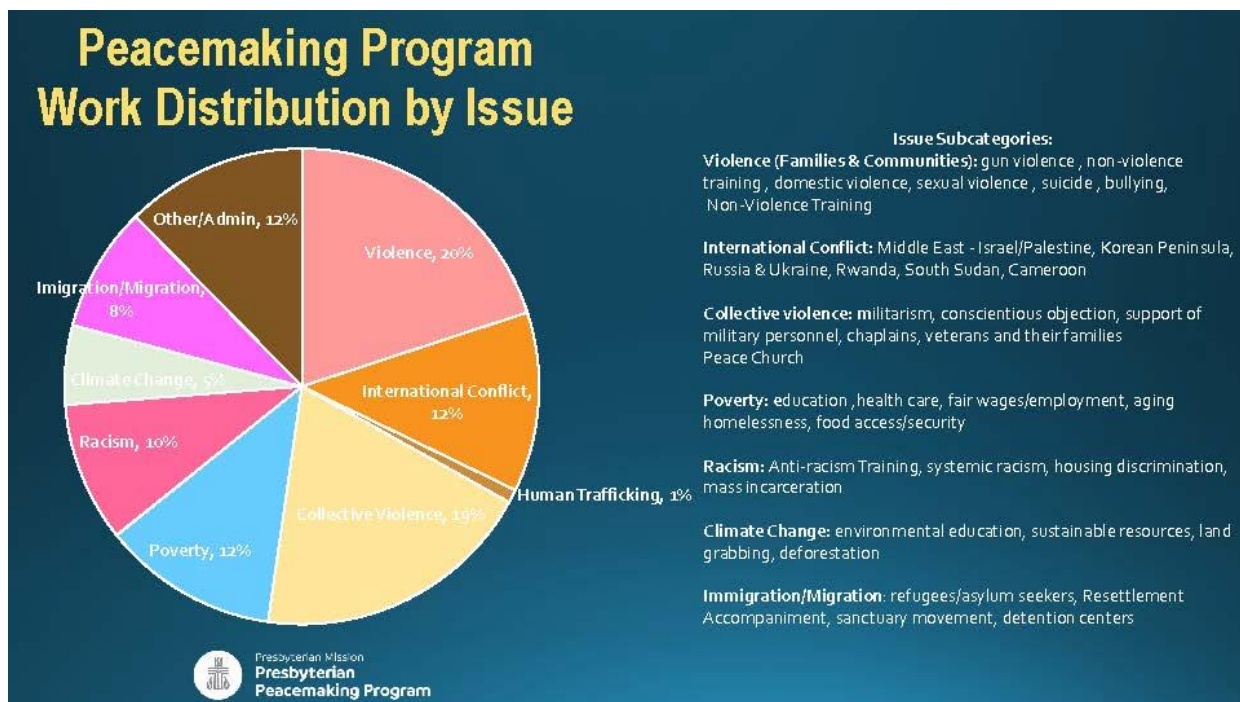
The Decade to End Gun Violence – The 225th General Assembly (2022) approved this 10-year initiative to focus the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s work on preventing and responding to gun violence prevention. An initial effort, overseen by the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, offers grants to mid-councils for their gun violence efforts.

Standing Our Holy Ground Webinar Series: A Comprehensive Look at Gun Violence and What the Faith Community Can Do About It - This collection of over a dozen recorded webinars addresses multiple perspectives of the gun violence epidemic and provides suggestions for congregational engagement and action.

Connecting the Dots Webinar Series – This ongoing series examines militarism from a variety of intersectional perspectives through the lens of the Christian faith.

THE ISSUES WE ADDRESS AND HOW WE ADDRESS THEM:

The following charts illustrates the various issues that our program addresses and the modalities that we use in our work in a typical year:



Peacemaking Program Work Distribution by Modality



GRANTS TO PARTNERS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Through generous gifts to the Peace and Global Offering and the Presbyterian Giving Catalog, in 2023 and 2024 we are able to offer grants to partners and organizations as a part of our 40th celebration of the Commitment to Peacemaking. Some of the recipients include:

- A Place to Sleep (UNITED STATES)
- Applied Research Institute of Jerusalem (ISRAEL/PALESTINE)
- Asia Pacific Mission for Migrants (HONG KONG)
- CAMBU (PUERTO RICO, UNITED STATES)
- Good Bread for Good People (UKRAINE)
- Heeding God's Call Against Gun Violence (UNITED STATES)
- Iglesia Reformada Calvinista de El Salvador (EL SALVADOR)
- Lesvos Solidarity (GREECE)
- Native American Church Fund (UNITED STATES)
- Pacific Council of Churches (PACIFIC ISLANDS)
- Peace and Justice Roundtable (CAMEROON)
- Reconcile (SOUTH SUDAN)
- Regional Ecumenical Council of the Cordilleras (PHILIPPINES)
- Sandy Hook Promise (UNITED STATES)
- Tewa Women United (UNITED STATES)
- Tuvalu Climate Action Network (PACIFIC ISLANDS)
- Women's Alliance of Vieques (PUERTO RICO, UNITED STATES)



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