

First Congregational UCC
1101 17th Avenue South
Fargo, North Dakota 58103
North Dakota Conference
404 members - 61, 308 in city

**A Resolution from the
Social Action Committee
of
First Congregational
United Church of Christ
in Fargo, ND**

As a congregation of the Church of Jesus Christ, we recognize that God is calling us to be about the work of bringing justice and making peace in our world, in our community and in ourselves. Confessing that this call challenges our individual and corporate lives, we covenant among ourselves and with God, to seek the ways of Justice and Peace, so as to make a difference in our lives and the lives all who experience injustice and violence in our community, nation and the world, and to reach out to those people and to understand those problems and issues which are often overlooked. Specifically, we covenant ourselves as a Just Peace Congregation to journey in the following five areas:

Spiritual Witness

- To make Peace and Justice a living part of the corporate worship of the congregation throughout the year. To include inclusive language, prayers for peace and justice and keep the whole body of believers apprised of the issues concerning this topic in scriptural material, as well as in our day to day existence.
- To seek in our daily congregational life to act as a people centered in justice and peace as expressions of God's love.
- to reaffirm this covenant in a worship service each year.

Education and Theology

- To have a unit each year in church school focusing on Just Peace concerns.
- To develop special justice/peace themes during church seasons
- To sponsor gatherings at which the issues of justice and peace may be the topic or part of the topic of the gathering.

Stewardship of Resources

- Promote and support UCC offerings funding justice and peace ministries, for example Just Peace Offering (25% to be used in local congregation), Neighbors in Need, and One Great Hour of Sharing.
- To consider personal and corporate expenditures in light of the vision of a just peace. (e.g. purchases from whom? balance between self-enriching and justice)

Community Witness

- To encourage and seek ways for our members to volunteer their time in programs of justice and peacemaking (food pantries, shelters for homeless).
- To seek understanding of the interrelation of global and local issues of injustice.

Advocacy

- To participate in interdenominational and interfaith projects that address justice and peace issue.
- To encourage our members to write elected representatives expressing their concern for specific legislation on justice and peace.

In order to fulfill this covenant, we will continue to support the work of our congregation's Social Action Committee and the Association's Just Peace Committee and the Conference's Mission and Witness Commission.

This we covenant to do, in our effort to be faithful to God's call in Jesus Christ to seek the ways of justice and peace as a congregation.

By vote of the Annual Meeting of First Congregational United Church of Christ of Fargo, North Dakota.