

Storrs Congregational Church, United Church of Christ
Statement of Commitment to Become a Just Peace Church

REMEMBERING that we are commanded to love God with all our being (Dt. 6:5), and to love our neighbors as ourselves (Lv. 19:18); and

REMEMBERING that in 1985 the United Church of Christ laid the groundwork for churches to become Just Peace churches; that is, congregations of the United Church of Christ that boldly commit themselves to nonviolent means of righting unjust systems, and to deep exploration of the intersections of peace and justice; and

KNOWING that all humanity needs and deserves just and fair access to air, water, food, housing, employment and health care, and knowing that too many are denied access to life's necessities, and are denied access to legal redress; and

BELIEVING that we are called into the church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, we as a church and as individual people of faith **commit** ourselves to **giving** time, talents and dollars to

the ministry of advocacy to change unjust policies and systems; and
to ministries creating

abundance where there is scarcity,
justice where there is injustice,
cooperation and peace where there is confrontation and conflict,
restoration and healing of our common home, the earth; and

KNOWING that it is in God, that we live and breathe and have our being (Acts 17:18); we will be faithful in those practices which maintain and enhance our spiritual health, including spending time in fellowship with other disciples, in the study of scripture, and in prayer especially offering our Lord's Prayer with keen awareness of the phrase, "thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth;" and

KNOWING that we cannot do such work alone, we will seek many avenues of human collaboration and cooperation.

After prayerful consideration, we, the members of Storrs Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, gathered in meeting on this the 28th day of Jan. 2018, therefore adopt this statement and thus commit ourselves to being and growing as a Just Peace Church.