Peace with Justice Advocates Mission Group 2024-2025 Focus Issues

- We commit to nonviolence and collaborative peacemaking...and we challenge militarism and organized violence.
- We commit to solidarity and human rights at home and globally... and we challenge authoritarianism, Christian nationalism, and all ideologies of oppression.
- We commit to Palestinian partners and the apartheid-free movement ... and we challenge unfettered U.S. support for Israel.
- We commit to collective liberation and mutual respect...and we challenge Islamophobia, religious, racial and ethnic bigotry.
- We commit to the realm of God as a commonwealth of abundance...and we challenge structural economic injustice.

<u>Peace with Justice Advocates Mission Group</u> <u>Mission Statement</u>

The Peace with Justice Advocates Mission Group, of the NH Conference United Church of Christ is committed to growing into the peace of Christ by:

- Being inwardly contemplative so as to allow God to disarm our hearts and transform us into people of peace and nonviolence.
- Being outwardly active in publicly witnessing/evangelizing/ teaching peace, love, and nonviolence in our churches and in the greater society.
- Being in community with and acting in solidarity with other individuals and groups rooted in peace and nonviolence.

We embrace the nonviolent tradition as our foundation, not because this path makes us one with all Christians but because it is our way of making us one with Christ.

We embrace the path of nonviolence accepting its strengths and limitations, knowing that whether our journey brings success or failure it renders us faithful witnesses of God's intention for all humankind and all creation.

We embrace this work of seeking to define and promote the nonviolent path because there are those in our time who seek to promote and propagate the myth of redemptive violence as the basis of national policy, as an acceptable starting point of human relationships, and as a pillar of their gospel.

We invite others to walk with us on this journey because we meet God on this path embracing us in all our trials and rejoicing and giving us "courage in the struggle for justice and peace."