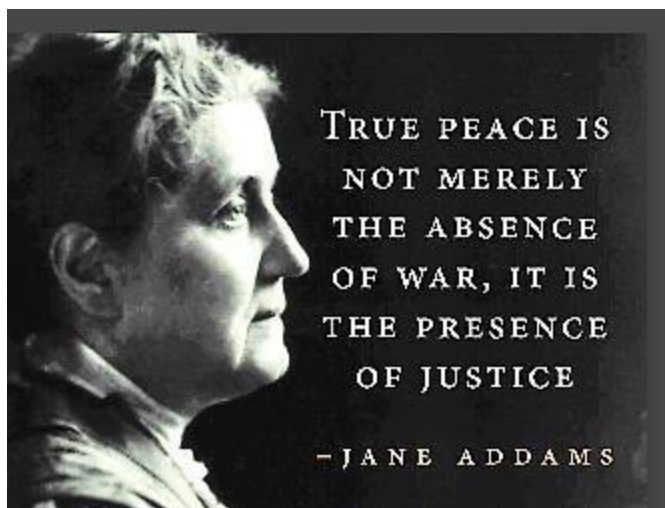


# To whom shall we give in 2019-2020?

In this holiday season, when many of us decide where to make donations for the year, what does it mean to follow the words from Micah: "... to act justly and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"

Surely this calls us not only to provide balm for the wounds of people suffering from injustice but also to change the conditions that create injustice.

**What can we do?** Frances Moore Lappe has said, "We must demonstrate how government can be reclaimed as a vehicle through which we can act on our deepest values..." We should expect our national, state, and local governments to provide stability, security, and safety nets for the poor, the weak, the sick, the needy, the jobless, the handicapped, and the victims of disasters.



Thus, it is our first task to vigorously lobby our government and to strengthen those religious and citizens' organizations that every day monitor, research, and organize to affect government policy. We need to support advocacy organizations that often struggle for funding – groups that are seeking justice and peace by changing the structures of life that are shaped by governments, corporations, and the interests of the rich and the powerful.

## Who can we support to organize this advocacy for policy change?

The Edgewood United Church *Justice and Peace Team* suggests that you consider supporting these organizations that advocate for justice locally, nationally, and globally.

## Racial Justice

### **Michigan Council on Crime and Delinquency (MCCD)**

Promoting equal treatment in a fair, effective, and affordable justice system. <http://miccd.org/>

**United We Dream** – Immigrant youth building a movement for justice <https://unitedwedream.org/>

**Black Alliance for Just Immigration (BAJI)** - Educates and builds campaigns with African American and black immigrant communities to organize and advocate for racial and socio-economic justice in Arkansas, California, Georgia, and New York. <http://www.blackalliance.org/>

### **American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee**

**(ABC)** - Defends the rights of people of Arab descent and promoting their rich cultural heritage. <http://www.adc.org/>

### **National Domestic Workers Alliance (NDWA)** -

Fights for a livable wage for domestic workers: 95% are women, 46% are immigrants, and 23% are below minimum wage. <http://www.domesticworkers.org/>

## State and local justice and peace issues

**Peace Education Center** - Organizing for justice & peace in the Lansing area [www.peaceedcenter.org](http://www.peaceedcenter.org)

**Michigan League for Public Policy** - Action on poverty in Michigan [www.milhs.org](http://www.milhs.org)

**Meta Peace Team (MPT)** - Nonviolent peace-keeping [www.metapeaceteam.org](http://www.metapeaceteam.org)

### **Michigan Immigrant Rights Center**

<https://michiganimmigrant.org/>

**SALUS Center** – "A place in Lansing in which everyone can bring their fullest selves, no matter the combination of their identities."

<http://www.saluscenter.org/>

## **Advocacy on national issues**

- **United Church of Christ Justice and Witness Ministries** - Many justice & peace causes.  
[www.ucc.org/jwm](http://www.ucc.org/jwm) <https://transactions.ucc.org/CampaignForm/UCChrist/donate>  
[designated for Justice & Witness Ministries]
- **Friends Committee for National Legislation (FCNL)** - Effective lobbying on war, nuclear, arms control, Native American and immigration issues disarmament, military spending, environment. [www.fcnl.org](http://www.fcnl.org)
- **Oxfam America Action Fund (OAAF)** - Challenges laws that keep people in poverty, seeks reform for food aid & control of oil, gas, & mining firms on poor people's farmlands. [www.oaaf.org](http://www.oaaf.org) (not tax deductible)

## **International solutions for problems of all humankind and disasters**

**United Nations – Greater Lansing UN Association USA (GLUNA)** <https://gluna.org>

- Advocates to secure US funding for the **UN, UNHCR, UNICEF, UN** peacekeeping, other UN agencies **such as WHO, ILO, FAO, and to ratify UN treaties**  
Join GLUNA, the local chapter for working with refugee and migrant children & the national UN association both for only \$25 (students free) <https://www.gluna.org/>

**For the environment** – **The Sunrise Movement** “Together, we will change this country and this world, sure as the sun rises each morning.” Donate <https://www.sunrisemovement.org/>

**For refugees** – **UN High Commission for Refugees** [www.unhcr.org](http://www.unhcr.org)

**For children** – **UNICEF** [www.unicefusa.org/help/donate](http://www.unicefusa.org/help/donate)

**For human rights globally** – **Amnesty International** [www.amnestyusa.org](http://www.amnestyusa.org)

**For frontline urgent medical care** – **Doctors without Borders** <https://doctorswithoutborders.org>

**For victims of human trafficking** – **The Polaris Project** [www.polarisproject.org/](http://www.polarisproject.org/)

## **Advocacy and charity for sustainable change in the developing world**

- **Via Campesina** - Helps poor peasants to resist land grabs by foreign corporations and to lobby on climate change and peasants' rights.
- **Bread for the World** <http://www.bread.org/make-donation>
- **Church World Service (CWS)** - Advocacy and emergency relief. [www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org)
- **Solar Circle** - Women's capacity-building in Tanzania with solar lamps and ovens and a “green” school. (For details see Judy Martin <[judymartin10@gmail.com](mailto:judymartin10@gmail.com)>) <http://solar-circle.org>
- **Women for Women International** - Helps women entrepreneurs. [www.womenforwomen.org](http://www.womenforwomen.org) <http://viacampesina.org/en/>
- **Technoserve** - Works on global poverty by creating jobs by teaching small businesses to compete in the global market. [www.technoserve.org](http://www.technoserve.org)

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