

To whom shall we give in 2020-2021?

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?"

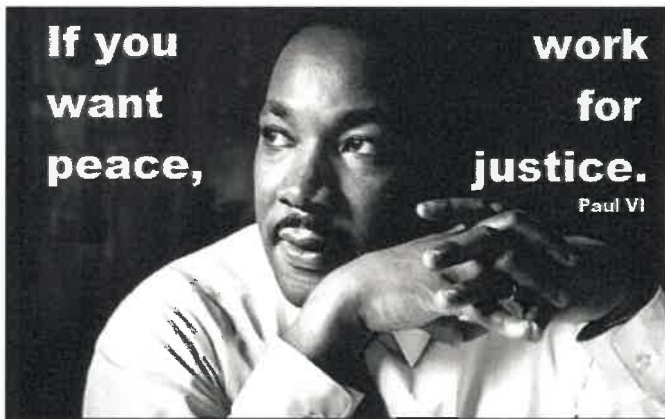
Surely this calls us not only to provide balm for the wounds of people suffering from injustice but also to change the conditions that create the injustice.

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 should we fund to support this advocacy for policy change?

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



❖ Racial Justice

- **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/>

- **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/>

❖ Advocacy on state and local justice and peace issues

- **Peace Education Center** - Organizing and mobilizing for justice and peace globally in the Lansing area - www.peacecenter.org

- **Michigan League for Public Policy** - Lobbies for action on poverty in Michigan www.milhs.org

- **Meta Peace Team (MPT)** - Mobilizing nonviolent peace-keeping action teams. www.metapeaceteam.org

- **Michigan Immigrant Rights Center (MIRC)** - A legal resource center for Michigan's immigrant communities, working so immigrant communities experience equity and belonging in Michigan. <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/>

- **Michigan Council on Crime and Delinquency (MCCD)** Promoting equal treatment in a fair, effective, and affordable justice system. <http://miccd.org>

❖ Advocacy on national and global issues

- **Justice and Witness Ministries, United Church of Christ** - Funds advocacy for justice & peace causes incl. LGBTQ and sexuality issues, environment and climate change, racism, global peace, militarism, etc. www.ucc.org/jwm <https://transactions.ucc.org/CampaignForm/UCChrist/donate> [designate: for Justice & Witness Ministries]
- **Friends Committee for National Legislation (FCNL)** – Effective nationwide lobbying on war, nuclear, military spending, arms and nuclear control, disarmament, Native American and immigration issues, and the environment. 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 lands. www.oaaf.org (not tax deductible)

❖ Advocacy for international solutions for humanity's crises and disasters



- **United Nations - Greater Lansing UN Association USA (GLUNA)** - Advocates to secure US funding for the UN, UN Peacekeeping, UNHCR, UNICEF, WHO, ILO, FAO, and other UN agencies and to ratify UN treaties. Join **GLUNA**, the local chapter, for only \$25 (students free) for working to support refugees, migrant children, and the national UN Association - <https://www.gluna.org/>
- **UN High Commission for Refugees** - Lobbies governments to accept refugees and serves the 60+ million refugees and displaced persons in the world in 2020) www.unhcr.org
- **UN Children's Fund (UNICEF)** - Immunizes one-third of world's children; mobilizes governments to accept refugees, and protect children and youth in disasters with shelter, food, and education www.unicefusa.org/help/donate
- **US Campaign for Palestinian Rights** - Resources and advocacy for Justice for Palestine <https://uscpr.org>
- **FOSNA: Friends of Sabeel North America** – Christians seeking justice and peace in the Holy Land through non-violent advocacy and education www.fosna.org.
- **Sunrise Movement** - For the environment "Together, we will change this country and this world, sure as the sun rises each morning." Donate <https://www.sunrisemovement.org>
- **Amnesty International** - Lobbying governments globally for human rights) www.amnestyusa.org
- **Doctors without Borders** - Mobilizing for frontline urgent medical care <https://doctorswithoutborders.org>
- **Polaris Project** - For Victims of human trafficking www.polarisproject.org

❖ Advocacy and charity for sustainable change in the developing world

- **Via Campesina** - Helping poor peasants to resist land grabs by foreign corporations and to lobby on climate change and peasants' rights. <http://viacampesina.org/en>
- **Bread for the World** - Lobbies Congress on global food policy to feed the hungry. <https://tinyurl.com/y3xro7ut>
- **Church World Service (CWS)** - Advocacy and emergency relief in disasters. www.churchworldservice.org
- **Solar Circle** - Women's capacity-building in Tanzania with solar lamps and ovens and building a "green" school. (For details see Judy Martin <judymartin10@gmail.com>) <http://solar-circle.org>
- **Women for Women International** - Helping women entrepreneurs grow & expand. www.womenforwomen.org
- **Technoserve** - Creating jobs by teaching small businesses to compete in the global market. www.technoserve.org



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