



September 8, 2019

What is “Just Peace Sunday” ?

September 15th

The Just Peace Church vision is a hallmark of United Church of Christ theological identity. For 30 years, the Just Peace Church pronouncement has inspired a grassroots movement of UCC congregations committed to corporately naming and boldly proclaiming a public identity as a justice-doing, peace-seeking church. The Just Peace pronouncement articulated the UCC position on war and peace distinct from other approaches such as crusade, pacifism, or “just war.” Grounded in UCC polity and covenantal theology, the position focuses attention on alleviating systemic injustice of all types using non-violence and calls us to offer the message, grounded in the hope of reconciliation in Jesus, that “Peace is possible.”

Justice and Witness Ministries is committed to a revitalized Just Peace Church movement and to empowering and resourcing congregations to create a stronger justice and peace witness. Now is the time to rekindle our commitment to Just Peace and make visible our longstanding witness to this approach. To do so, we will be working to update the list of Just Peace Churches in the UCC and will keep this site up to date with educational resources.



Does your church consider itself to be a Just Peace congregation? What is your church doing to live out its calling to be a Just Peace church? What does it mean to be a Just Peace Church in times like these? I hope you will take the time to update your church’s information on our site and offer your responses to these questions. Your energy and voice is needed to reinvigorate and shape the direction of our collective movement.

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- Breaking Guns (Shane Claiborne and Mike Martin) 40:04
- What Can We Do to Help People at the Border?
- From Organized Religion to Organizing Religion (Brian McLaren) 7:09
- Let’s Talk About Preaching Social Justice (Rev. Jacqui Lewis) 35:24
- Pride Month & the Church (Church Talk) 5:08

Church Hacks

- Conflict & Change (Rev. Molly Baskette) 13:23
- Pub Theology 1010 (Rev. Bryan Berghoef) 44:10
- Leadership Growing (Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers) 14:17
- Creativity, the Church, our World and Center Form (Katheryn and John Heinz) 49:34

Piloting Church

- Decide you Want to Fly (Cameron Trimble) 19:08



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