

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE JUSTICE AND WITNESS TEAM

The Justice and Witness Team has been exploring a new paradigm to discern where our gifts can be focused. Besides promoting and allocating grants from the Peace Fund, what is our purpose? A key question has been: What is the JWT called to do apart from and alongside the Open and Affirming Team, the Immigration Team, the Racial Justice Team, and the Global Ministries Team? Using the three-legged stool approach, the JWT decided that 1) movement building, 2) spiritual and relational development, and 3) practical applications would be our foundation. We've been sharing information with local churches and the Conference through the COMMArty about ISAIAH events, the Gun Violence Sabbath, and MN Interfaith Power and Light. We will be presenting a workshop at AM17 about the new creation justice web page on ucc.org.

JWT Mission: We seek to build a conference filled with churches and individuals who are empowered and equipped to live out God's vision of peace and justice.

JWT Vision: We will equip, resource, encourage local congregations to implement peace and justice Conference and General Synod resolutions.