

Presbytery of Shenandoah

Guidelines for Distributing the Peacemaking Offering

Jesus reminds us that, *Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.*
(Matthew 5:9).

Peacemaking is a central declaration of the gospel.

Through Jesus Christ, God restores our relationship and grants us the gift of grace. We experience God's grace as peace. God's peace restores, sustains, and heals. In response to this good news, Christians go into the world to proclaim and become part of God's peace-giving as peacemakers.

Peacemaking is our calling as Christians, today, as in every age.

And the way we make peace, especially in a violent and conflict-ridden world, is not by eliminating all conflicts but by learning to address them through peaceful means; namely, through dialogue, education, and knowledge.

The PC(USA) *Commitment to Peacemaking* suggests eight areas for peacemaking ministry:

- Worship
- Prayer and Bible Study
- Peacemaking in Families and Congregations
- Community Ministries
- Study and Response to global issues
- Global security
- Making peace with the earth
- Receiving the Peacemaking Offering

Requests for peacemaking funds

1. Should be grounded in one or more of the above areas.
2. Should be endorsed by the Church Session
3. Should address peacemaking issues through dialogue, education, and knowledge.
4. Funding is intended for development or one-time costs, not for ongoing operational expenses.
5. Applications for the Presbytery of Shenandoah Peacemaking Funds are to be made to the Funds Administration Committee.

**PRESBYTERY OF SHENANDOAH
APPLICATION FOR PEACEMAKING FUNDS**

I. IDENTIFICATION OF CONGREGATION AND PROJECT

Church Name:

Address:

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Contact Person from Congregation:

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Project Name:

Total Amount

Requested: _____

Is this the first time you have requested PEACEMAKING funds for this project?

yes no

II. CRITERIA (please use a separate sheet to respond to these questions)

1. Describe the project/program for which you are seeking a grant, highlighting its local/regional/ national or international impact.
2. State how this project/program meets the Shenandoah Presbytery's guidelines for peacemaking funds and/or the Presbyterian Church (USA).

III. REQUIREMENTS (please use a separate sheet to respond to these questions)

1. Provide a statement of expected project outcomes.
2. Attach a copy of the proposed or current budget for this project.
3. What is the congregation's financial and/or in-kind obligation for this project?
4. What portion of the total project budget does this grant request represent?

IV. ENDORSEMENT

This project has been endorsed by the Session
of: _____

Signed: Moderator or Clerk of Session: _____

Date of Endorsement _____

V. MAIL TO:

Presbytery of Shenandoah
1111 North Main St
Harrisonburg, VA 22802
Attn: Funds Administration