



**Mennonite  
Church  
USA**

Peace and Justice  
Support Network

## Spread the Peace grant guidelines

### Purpose

To encourage congregations and area conferences to “spread the peace” in and beyond the Mennonite community, the Peace and Justice Support Network of Mennonite Church USA has small start-up grants available.

### Criteria

Funds will be given to those projects meeting the following criteria and as funding allows:

- To Mennonite congregations or area conferences for projects based in the United States.
- For church initiatives.
- For witness, reaching out, sharing the peace of Christ.
- For NEW projects or a NEW initiative of a current project. If a project is preexisting, a sustained expansion must be clarified.
- For projects beginning after November 30, 2011.
- To recipients who will raise local matching funds from individual donors and other organizations, both within and outside the congregation or area conference, to demonstrate local ownership and commitment.
- To recipients who have not received a grant in the last five years.

Grants of up to \$1,000 are given as Peace and Justice Support Network funding allows. Our goal is to distribute \$3,000 annually.

Applications will be accepted from June 1 through September 1. Please do not submit an application before that time. Applications are due September 1, 2011. Your application should be no more than five pages (applicant information page, narrative responses to questions, and project budget).

Decisions will be made at the fall Peace and Justice Support Network meeting. Funds will be distributed in December 2011. Recipients are expected to provide a report on the project.

### Send application:

**E-mail:** [Peace@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:Peace@MennoniteMission.net)

**Mail:** Andre Gingerich Stoner, PO Box 1245, Elkhart, IN. 46515-1245

**Fax:** (316) 283-0454

**For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.**

— *Ephesians 2:14-18*



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## Application for Spread the Peace grant

**Date of application** (due September 1, 2011) \_\_\_\_\_

**Church or area conference sponsoring project** \_\_\_\_\_

Church or area conference contact \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Project contact person** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### **Please answer the questions below.**

Please address each question, using no more than three pages for this narrative.

1. What is the project title?
2. What issues does the project address?
3. What is/are the main objective(s) of the project?
4. PJSN provides start-up funds. If this is a new initiative of a current project, how will this change or enhance the project?
5. What is your overall vision? What is your dream for this project in five years?
6. What assets will your congregation or area conference bring to this project?
7. How does this project relate to the witness of your congregation or area conference?
8. What is the total project budget? Attach a budget using the attached format.
9. How do you plan to raise matching funds?
10. What other information should we know about the project?

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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## Budget for Spread the Peace grant

**Spread the Peace grant amount requested**

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**Project resources:**

Source(s) of matching funds (at least \$2 for every \$1 requested):

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Individual contributions

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Congregation's contribution

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Area conference contribution \_\_\_\_\_

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**Total project resources**

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**Project costs:**

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**Total project expenses**

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