



Presbytery of Eastern Virginia
Peacemaking Grant

The PEVA Peacemaking Ministry Team inspires, equips and mobilizes PEVA congregations and members to work for peace and social and environmental justice.

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.

Grant Information:

- The grant is funded with PEVA's share of the annual Peacemaking and Global Witness Offering. (PEVA's share varies each year depending on offering receipts.)
- The grant provides for a single year grant of up to \$1,000
- The grant is intended for development or continuation costs to support projects/programs that promote peacemaking.
- Applications for grants will be considered in March, July, and November.

Grant Criteria:

- The proposed project/program embodies the mission of the PEVA Peacemaking Ministry Team. (As stated above in bold print).
- Completion of the grant application form and returning it to PEVA with adequate time for consideration
- Endorsement of the application by local Session
- Willingness to share your experiences in the project/program with the Presbytery within six months after receiving the grant

This is an opportunity to "think outside the box" to become involved in attaining the goals of social justice and peace.



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Ideas of projects that might qualify for the Peacemaking Grant:

- Fund a youth group to travel to various churches in the Presbytery to present an "anti-bullying" program.
- Provide start-up funds for a church to operate a small Fair-Trade Store.
- Provide funds for a church to hold a "Peacemaking Conference" featuring guest speakers, hands on activities, and worship.
- Provide funding to offset the cost of travel to a seminar on conflict in the Middle East sponsored by the Presbyterian Office at the United Nations in New York.
- The ideas are endless. The Peacemaking Grant is to help you realize your goal of creating a program/project that will educate, inform and motivate others to become involved in Peacemaking efforts. Further ideas can be found at <https://pcusa.org/about-pcusa/agencies-entities/interim-unified-agency/ministry-areas/office-public-witness> or <https://pcusa.org/about-pcusa/agencies-entities/interim-unified-agency/ministry-areas/public-witness/gun-violence>
- If you are seeking funds for your hunger ministry, direct food relief and community hunger outreach project PEVA's Hunger Committee has grants available (*Nickel -A Meal Grant & Church Community Hunger Grant*) at <https://www.pcusa-peva.org/grants>



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GRANT APPLICATION

Grant applicant's information:

Name: _____

Address: Street: _____ City: _____

State ____ Zip _____

Home phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

PEVA Church: _____

Peacemaking project/program information:

Project/program name: _____

Project/program location: _____

Start date: _____ End date: _____

Partner and project information: (Can attach additional description as needed.)

Please list the names and addresses of individuals, congregations, organizations that will be partnering with you.



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If this project is an expansion or continuation of an existing effort, please give a brief history/timeline of activities and accomplishments.

In what way is this project/program in keeping with the mission of the PEVA Peacemaking Ministry Team?



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Please describe the expected peacemaking outcomes and/ or goals for the participant(s) and the recipients of your efforts.

Total amount requested _____
(No more than \$1,000)

Signatures:

PC (USA) Church Session

Church name: _____ Date reviewed: _____

Clerk of Session name: _____ Signature: _____

Applicant:

Applicant's name: _____ Signature: _____

Complete form and return to
jessica@pcusa-peva.org or Rrodrigues@pcusa-peva.org



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Post project/program evaluation questions:

The PEVA Peacemaking Ministry Team would like to hear from you regarding your experience. Please submit your answers to these questions no later than six months after receiving the grant to jessica@pcusa-peva.org or Rrodrigues@pcusa-peva.org

1. In what ways has your understanding of peacemaking changed and grown through this work and how will that growth influence you as you go forward?
2. If you were to take this to a next step, what would it look like?
3. How did you or will you share your project and learning with your home church, your community and your presbytery? (Be creative!)