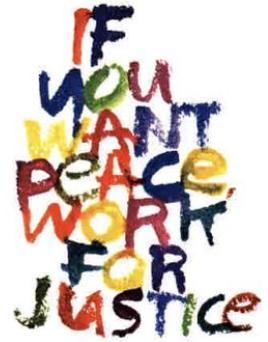


The Edgewood Justice and Peace Team

The *Justice and Peace Team* meets regularly to continue the church's 60 year tradition of working for social justice and peace, following the commitments of Edgewood's *Just Peace Covenant*.

The Team collaborates with other faith communities and human rights groups working on these issues locally and across the state and nation. Our focus is on advocacy for change in the laws and regulations that permit injustice and inequality. The Team chair is David Wiley, 332-0333 (wiley@msu.edu).



Current Working Groups organized within the Team are:

Immigration - focuses on (1) just, humane, and comprehensive immigration policy reform; (2) self-education, leading to responsive action as needed locally and nationally to challenge injustice and advocate for the dignity and rights of all immigrants. (3) cooperating with others in the Lansing area in protection and services of the undocumented. Contact: Carolyn Ojala, 351-5980 (ojalac@sbcglobal.net), or Ada Kidd 351-7519, Beth and Al Cafagna 351-6480, Stephe Gasteyer (gasteyer@msu.edu), or Chris Root 332-0333 (rootc@msu.edu)

Prison Concerns - (1) follows developments in criminal justice, from arrest to reentry of prisoners, (2) supports organizations and actions that reduce crime and recidivism, (3) assists prisoners in re-entry, and (4) seeks legislative changes to reduce incarceration. Has joined a coalition of individuals and organizations that is active in these areas. Contact: Frank Dennis, 332-5181 (fgdennis@msu.edu).

Demilitarization and support the United Nations - seeks to (1) reduce the militarization of our nation and its foreign policy, and the world, as well as the almost \$1 trillion annual U.S. military budget, (2) strengthen the UN and the U.S. commitment to UN peace-keeping and development activities with more financial support to encourage global peace and to improve human lives. Contacts: David Wiley 332-0333, (wiley@msu.edu) Frank Dennis, 332-5181 (fgdennis@msu.edu). and Jim Anderson (anders90@msu.edu).

Facilitating sustainability in the developing world—concentrates on those non-governmental agencies (NGOs) that train and advise local entrepreneurs and farmers so that they improve their market reach—sometimes even to the global level. The working group urges Edgewood folk to donate to such organizations and to write U.S. government representatives to support foreign aid for these programs. Contact: Carol Myers-Scotton, 333-0334, (cmsbingwa@gmail.com).

Other Concerns: The Team also engages other issues as they arise, such as the Michigan Emergency Manager Law and the water crises in Flint and Detroit. We sponsor sales of fair trade coffee other products and UNICEF cards and gifts. We recommend individual giving to organizations that advocate for justice and peace. The Edgewood Green Team deals with environmental justice issues, and the Open and Affirming Team focuses on LGBTQ concerns. (Other Edgewood committees deal with hunger, and global mission issues, as well as campaigns for Bread for the World, Heifer Project, Crop Walk, etc.). The J&P Team works with the **all-Edgewood Racial Justice Task Force** to redress racial injustice and islamophobia. Contacts from the J&P Team are: Ada Kidd, 351-7510, (adkidds@gmail.com) and Chris Root 332-0333 (rootc@msu.edu).

See the Team recommendations for individual giving for justice and peace:

[To whom shall we give in 2017-2018?](#)