

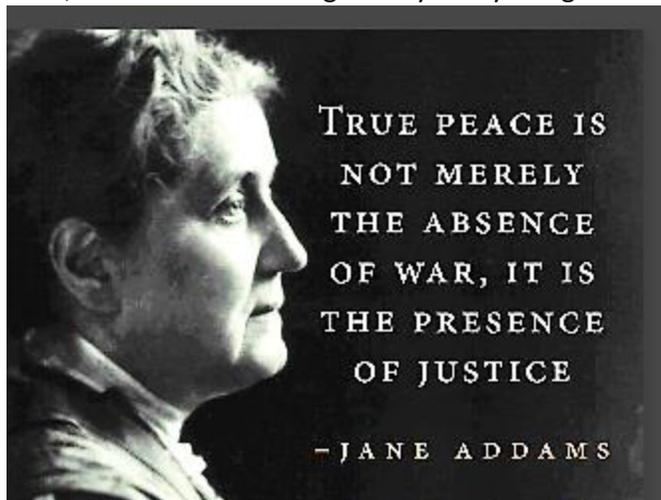
To whom shall we give in 2018-2019?

In this holiday season, when many of us decide where to make donations for the year, what does it mean to follow the words from Micah: "... to act justly and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"

Surely this calls us not only to provide balm for the wounds of people suffering from injustice but also to change the conditions that create injustice.

What can we do? Frances Moore Lappe has said, "We must demonstrate how government can be reclaimed as a vehicle through which we can act on our deepest values..." We should expect our national, state, and local governments to provide stability, security, and safety nets for the poor, the weak, the sick, the needy, the jobless, the handicapped, and the victims of disasters.

Thus, our first task is to vigorously lobby our government and to strengthen those religious and citizens'



organizations that every day monitor, research, and organize to affect government policy. We need to support advocacy organizations that often struggle for funding – groups that are seeking justice and peace by changing the structures of life that are shaped by governments, corporations, and the interests of the rich and the powerful.

Who can we support to organize this advocacy for policy change?

The Edgewood United Church *Justice and Peace Task Force* suggests that you consider supporting these organizations that advocate for justice locally, nationally, and globally.

Racial Justice

Michigan Council on Crime and Delinquency (MCCD)

Promoting equal treatment in a fair, effective, and affordable justice system. <http://miccd.org/>

United We Dream – Immigrant youth building a movement for justice <https://unitedwedream.org/>

Black Alliance for Just Immigration (BAJI) - Educates and builds campaigns with African American and black immigrant communities to organize and advocate for racial and socio-economic justice in Arkansas, California, Georgia, and New York. <http://www.blackalliance.org/>

State and local justice and peace issues

Peace Education Center - Lansing area Organizing for justice & peace. www.peacecenter.org

Michigan League for Public Policy - Action on poverty in Michigan. www.milhs.org

American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee

(ABC) - Defends the rights of people of Arab descent and promoting their rich cultural heritage. <http://www.adc.org/>

National Domestic Workers Alliance (NDWA) - Fights for a livable wage for domestic workers: 95% women, 46% immigrants, and 23% are below minimum wage.

<http://www.domesticworkers.org/>

Michigan Immigrant Rights Center

<https://michiganimmigrant.org/>

SALUS Center - A place in Lansing in which everyone can bring their fullest selves, no matter the combination of their identities.

<http://www.saluscenter.org/>

Meta Peace Team (MPT) - Nonviolent peace-keeping.
www.metapeaceteam.org

Farmworker Legal Services of Michigan (FLS) -
www.farmworkerlaw.org

Advocacy on national issues

United Church of Christ Justice and Witness Ministries -
Many justice & peace causes. www.ucc.org/jwm
<https://transactions.ucc.org/CampaignForm/UCChrist/donate> [designated for J&WM]

Friends Committee for National Legislation (FCNL) -
Effective lobbying on war, nuclear, arms control,
Native American and immigration issues
disarmament, military spending, environment.
www.fcnl.org

Oxfam America Action Fund (OAAF) - Challenges
laws that keep people in poverty, seeks reform for
food aid & control of oil, gas, & mining firms on
poor people's farmlands. www.oaaf.org (not tax
deductible)

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) – Defending the
individual rights and liberties in the US law and
Constitution for *Dreamers*, Muslims, Planned
Parenthood, transgender people, etc. www.aclu.org

Climate Justice Alliance (CJA) – Supporting ca. 35+
community-based frontline organizations,
including Detroit, to forge the *Our Power
Campaign*. www.ourpowercampaign.org/

Sunrise Movement – Young people mobilizing for a
job guarantee program to modernize our
economy and stop climate change.
<https://www.sunrisemovement.org/>

Move to Amend (MTA) - Lobbies to reject *Citizens
United* Supreme Court decision that “corporations
are citizens.” <https://movetoamend.org/>

International solutions for problems of all humankind and disasters

**JUSTICE, PEACE
AND ECOLOGY**



United Nations
agencies, such as
[UNHCR](http://www.unhcr.org), [UNICEF](http://www.unicef.org),
[WHO](http://www.who.int), [ILO](http://www.ilo.org), [FAO](http://www.fao.org) -
working with refugee
and migrant children
from Syria, Africa, and
the world:
www.unhcr.org

www.unicefusa.org/help/donate

Greater Lansing-UN Association-USA (GLUNA) -
Advocates to secure US funding for the UN, UN
peacekeeping, and other UN Agencies, ratifying
UN treaties. Join GLUNA, the local chapter of the
national UN Association for only an initial \$25 at
<http://www.gluna.org/>.

Polaris Project - Serves victims of human trafficking
and slavery. www.polarisproject.org

Amnesty International - Monitors and lobbies for
human rights for all. www.amnestyusa.org

Doctors without Borders – Frontline medical care in 60
countries. <https://donate.doctorswithoutborders.org>

Advocacy and charity for sustainable change in the developing world

Bread for the World - Advocating in Congress for people in the U.S. and abroad to feed their families and to move
out of poverty. <http://www.bread.org/make-donation>

Church World Service (CWS) - Advocacy and emergency relief. www.churchworldservice.org

Solar Circle - Women's capacity-building in Tanzania with solar lamps and ovens and a “green” school. (For details
see Judy Martin <judymartin10@gmail.com>.) <http://solar-circle.org>

Women for Women International - Helps women entrepreneurs. www.womenforwomen.org

Via Campesina - Helps poor peasants to resist land grabs by foreign corporations and to lobby on climate change
and peasant rights. <http://viacampesina.org/en/>

Technoserve - Works to end global poverty by creating jobs by teaching small business owners how to compete in
the global market. www.technoserve.org

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