

PEACEMAKING COMMITTEE
GUIDELINES FOR REVIEWING GRANT REQUESTS

INTRODUCTION:

These guidelines contain the principles by which the Peacemaking Committee reviews and decides grant requests. They are designed to guide committee members in their deliberations, but they are not intended to dictate decisions. For good and sufficient reasons, the committee may find it advisable on occasion to make an exception because of an emergency or extenuating circumstances. However, the exception should be acknowledged as such.

MISSION STATEMENT:

We do peacemaking because God has given to the church the ministry of reconciliation. Through Christ Jesus, the world is reconciled to God, and all humanity is offered God's peace.¹ The Peacemaking Committee seeks to promote peacemaking through the Presbytery's ministry and through churches in the Presbytery.

REVISION OF OPERATING GUIDELINES:

Policies will be reviewed annually by the committee, and changes will be noted with the month and year of revision.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

Applications will be in writing, preferably on the "Financial Aid Request Form."

Applicants should have active and ongoing involvement with peacemaking through Presbytery of Chicago committee or through churches of Presbytery of Chicago.

Applicants openly discuss their Christian foundation and beliefs as part of their ministry for which they seek support.

Applicant must be forward looking and creative in their plans to share with congregations of the Presbytery their ministry as it relates to peacemaking.

The funding request must fall within at least one of the following eight elements of the Commitment

¹. Commitment to Peacemaking PC(USA) from 203rd General Assembly, 1991.

to Peacemaking:

Worship
Prayer and Bible Study
Peacemaking in Families and in the Congregation
Community Ministries
Study and Response to Global Issues
Global Security
Making Peace with the Earth
Receiving the Peacemaking Offering; and

Must also address at least one of the goals of the committee (e.g. Foster a safer environment for Chicago's children, etc.).

DESIGNATION OF SUPPORT AMOUNT:

Grants will be reviewed against above stated guiding principles, and if the committee's review indicates that all are strongly met, support may be authorized, pending availability of funding. The level of support will be determined each year by the committee based upon funding available, and will be divided into two tiers:

1. The higher level of support will be authorized for those individuals and organizations which work directly with the Peacemaking Committee in sponsoring Pre-Presbytery events, writing for Peace Press, hosting briefings open to all Presbytery Churches, etc.

2. The lower level of support will be authorized for those individuals and organizations that met the guidelines but do not meet 1. above. Examples where level 2 support would be appropriate would be for those attending a conference but feedback is to local church or organization rather than entire Presbytery event, or for those who are exploring a call but do not have an active ministry in the Presbytery.

Follow-up:

Individuals who receive grants must maintain communications with the committee, reporting how the activity for which they received a grant enhanced and supported their ministry, and how they related it to peacemaking efforts in the Presbytery.