

# United Church of Christ

The Fifteenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ calls upon churches to organize themselves so as to be effective instruments of God's JUST PEACE.

It calls for the development of four key components within local churches:

1. Spiritual development. We call all local churches to the inward journey of spiritual nurture and support of members in the search for a JUST PEACE. We commend the use of the World Peace Prayer of the Benedictine Sisters:

Lead us from death to life,

From falsehood to truth.

Lead us from despair to hope  
from fear to trust.

Lead us from hate to love,  
from war to peace.

Let peace fill our hearts, our  
world, our universe.

2. Education: Knowing there are no easy answers we call all local churches to the inward journey of education that all points of view can be respected, all honest feelings and opinions shared in the search for new answers and directions.
3. Political witness. We call all local churches to search for the politics of a JUST PEACE - a religions as well as a political concept and participation in the political arena is essential.
4. Community Witness: We call all local churches to the outward journey of making their convictions know in the local community through public forums, media, and presence in the public arena.