

## **UMC Social Justice: Peace with Justice Sunday and Annual Conference Offering**

This year our May special offering will be split between two UMC ministries: **Peace with Justice Sunday** and **Annual Conference offering for Tongan Relief**.

**Peace with Justice Sunday** is one of the six churchwide special Sundays of the United Methodist Church. Your gift on Peace with Justice Sunday enables The United Methodist Church to have a voice in advocating for peace and justice through a broad spectrum of local and global programs. Some examples of past programs that received grants from UMC Peace with Justice include: Freedom School in Ohio which provides a literacy program for children; the New Americans Project in South Dakota which helps refugees become self-sufficient; and a Home for Girls justice program in the Philippines. You can read more about Peace with Justice Sunday here:

<https://www.umc.org/en/content/book-of-resolutions-peace-with-justice-sunday-and-special-offering>

The other half of May's special offering will go to the **California-Nevada Annual Conference Offering** which will be dedicated to the **Tongan Relief** work. Our Western Jurisdiction College of Bishops is calling all our United Methodist Church Conferences to work together to respond to the needs of our beloved brothers and sisters in Tonga as they face recovery after the recent earthquake and tsunami natural disasters.

A jurisdictional disaster recovery assistance plan is being developed in close consultation with the Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga. Let our love be generous.