

## **UMC Ministries: 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**

### **Peace with Justice Sunday**

An offering is taken on this Special Sunday to support programs and ministries to educate, equip and mobilize actions in support of identified Economic, Health, and Gender Justice Priorities.

According to their website, the collection is divided into two main ministries:

- **50%** of the donations collected on Peace with Justice Sunday remain in the Annual Conference to develop and strengthen social justice ministries within the local conference.
- **50%** of the donations fund national and international peacemaking ministries and grants. They work with the World Council of Churches, interfaith and ecumenical bodies, and secular organizations for social justice policies and programs that seek the wholeness of peace for all of God's people.

One of the wonderful aspects of The United Methodist Church is that we can do so much more together than we ever could do on our own. UMC generosity provides funding to strengthen and foster just, equitable and durable solutions to the root causes of conflict. Let our Davis church be a part of that!

### **California-Nevada Annual Conference Offering.**

Each year our conference dedicates funds donated by churches in the conference to a cause they have determined critically needs our support. This year, after "prayer, research and consultation about the partnership between the California-Nevada and the West Angola Conferences" it was determined that the offering will establish a scholarship fund at Africa University for young people from our West Angola Conference. As the Bishop says, "It is a joy to support young people from West Angola through this connectional partnership with Africa University."

On the California-Nevada Conference website it says, "Our hope is that, as we are guided by the vision of **Following Jesus, Thriving in Community, and Healing the World**, a visible movement of healing will arise from within our conference and that our future testimonies will declare that God is still at work in us and through us, and that God, "is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine" (Ephesians 3:20). With God, all things are possible...even the healing of the world.

**Please support our connection to the greater United Methodist Church by giving generously to these two UMC ministries.**