

Peace and Justice Ministries

Greenwood Community of Christ

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Our Mission:

We are dedicated to sharing the peace of Jesus Christ within ourselves, our families, our congregation, our community and our world.

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We are Called to...

Listen to the Words of Counsel:

Selections from Doctrine & Covenants 163

3 a. You are called to create pathways in the world for peace in Christ to be relationally and culturally incarnate. The hope of Zion is realized when the vision of Christ is embodied in communities of generosity, justice, and peacefulness.

b. Above all else, strive to be faithful to Christ's vision of the peaceable Kingdom of God on earth. Courageously challenge cultural, political, and religious trends that are contrary to the reconciling and restoring purposes of God. Pursue peace.

c. There are subtle, yet powerful, influences in the world, some even claiming to represent Christ, that seek to divide people and nations to accomplish their destructive aims. That which seeks to harden one human heart against another by constructing walls of fear and prejudice is not of God. Be especially alert to these influences, lest they divide you or divert you from the mission to which you are called.

4 a. God, the Eternal Creator, weeps for the poor, displaced, mistreated, and diseased of the world because of their unnecessary suffering. Such conditions are not God's will. Open your ears to hear the pleading of mothers and fathers in all nations who desperately seek a future of hope for their children. Do not turn away from them. For in their welfare resides your welfare.

b. The earth, lovingly created as an environment for life to flourish, shudders in distress because creation's natural and living systems are becoming exhausted from carrying the burden of human greed and conflict. Humankind must awaken from its illusion of independence and unrestrained consumption without lasting consequences.

Embody justice and proclaim peace.

Find ways to help the poor.

The best way to help others improve their lives is by helping them find ways to solve their own problems. Outreach International has successfully used this approach with Participatory Human Development (PHD) programs. This strategy can be used in your community to help the poor or underprivileged lead more abundant lives.

And the Lord called his people, Zion, because they were of one heart and one mind, and dwelt in justice and peace; and there were no poor among them.—Genesis 7:23 Inspired Version

Support neighborhood transformation and justice projects.

As you live your life in a Christ-centered worshiping, covenanting, and fellowshiping community, you see the world through spiritual eyes—aware of the inequality and injustice experienced by others who may live in your neighborhood. Informed by the prophetic tradition found within our three books of scripture, it is natural for you to seek ways to express the worth of all persons and the sacredness of all creation as you partner with others in neighborhood transformation and justice projects. Discover ways you and your congregation can have a "Temple vision" that pursues

Discover ways you and your congregation can have a "Temple vision" that pursues peace, challenges injustice, and facilitates reconciliation and healing of the spirit of all.

Become a people of the Temple—those who see violence but proclaim peace, who feel conflict yet extend the hand of reconciliation, who encounter broken spirits and find pathways for healing. Fulfill the purposes of the Temple by making its ministries manifest in your hearts. —Doctrine and Covenants 161:2a, b.

Seek peaceful solutions.

With your brothers and sisters in Christ from many races, nations, and cultures, seek together the good of all. Embraced by Christ's love, follow him, take up the cross, and work to end economic injustice, racism, and violent conflict. The gifts of peace, justice, reconciliation, and healing of the spirit are for people living in all nations. These gifts are human rights given by God, who loves all people. Peaceful solutions include finding ways to live simply so the earth's environment might be passed on and entrusted to our children and grandchildren.

*And blessed are all the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God.—Matthew 5:11
Inspired Version*

Create Diverse Communities.

Strengthen family relationships.

As Christ's disciple, you are called to strengthen family ties through mutual respect and the building of healthy relationships. Support is available through church and other good resources to empower your family to tackle any difficulties with courage, love, and skill. Families in all their diverse forms are the foundation for strong communities.

Family ministry includes helping parents bring up children with faith in God, healthy values, and a strong sense of self-worth so that when they have families of their own they can form long-lasting, happy relationships and develop disciples for Jesus Christ.

*Do not neglect the smallest among you, for even the least of these are treasures in God's sight. Receive the giftedness and energy of children and youth, listening to understand their questions and their wisdom. Respond to their need to be loved and nurtured as they grow. Be mindful of the changing of life's seasons, of the passage from the springtime of childhood and youth to the winter years of life. Embrace the blessing of your many differences. Be tender and caring. Be reminded once again that the gifts of all are necessary in order that divine purposes may be accomplished.—
Doctrine and Covenants 161:4a, b*



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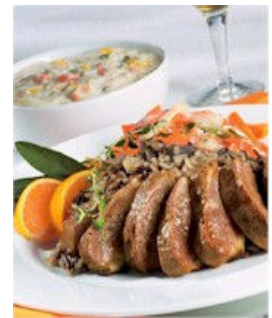
Inter-Faith Food & Clothing Collection

On the first Sunday of each month we collect donations of non-perishable food items and gently used clothing to be donated to Inter-Faith Community Services.



House of Hope Meal

On the fourth Tuesday of each month we prepare and deliver a meal for thirty residents living in a shelter for battered women and children. It can be as simple as pizza and salad or if you love to cook and have a gift in the kitchen then prepare a gourmet meal!



Charitable Quilters

On the third Tuesday of every month at 6 pm a group gets together to make beautiful quilts that are donated to charity. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Quilts benefit: babies in shelters, Alzheimer's patients, sick children and many more.



Futures: Scholarship Program for Girls in Honduras

Join us each year for a traditional Honduran breakfast, slideshow and informational session on this wonderful program. Learn more about the culture and find out how you can change the future of a young girl by helping her to get an education.



A Night of Storytelling to Benefit Bibliotheca de Leonardo

Children gather to try foods from different lands, listen to stories of cultural intrigue and folktales from around the world. They read silently, in groups, with a partner, make book bags, book marks and journals. All monies raised go to a library box program in Honduras.



Pack to School

Would you like to make a difference in the life of a child? You can by outfitting them for the first day of school with new clothes, shoes and school supplies. It makes a HUGE difference to their self-esteem as they start the new



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Thanksgiving Baskets

Collect food that will be used for Thanksgiving Baskets for families and seniors who would otherwise not be able to celebrate the holiday. Items needed: juice, coffee, French fried onions, cream of mushroom soup, stuffing, yams, cranberry sauce, cookies or candy, marshmallows, etc. Money, or "Turkey Bucks," is always needed. "Turkey Bucks" are used to purchase turkeys, fresh produce and items that we do not get enough of donated. Leading up to Thanksgiving some volunteer opportunities are available for sorting and packing the boxes. Volunteer shifts are on a first sign-up basis.

Adopt-a-Family or Senior for the December Holidays

Share the warmth of the Holiday Season with those who otherwise would not have anything. You get information on who's in your family, their names, ages, gift request and clothing size. We ask for a new article of clothing for each child, a new toy or gift, a little something for the parents and a gift certificate for the holiday meal. That is our minimum requirement for our sponsors, but many sponsors go above and beyond that and our families are thrilled!! For our seniors we ask for a box of food for them since many of them cannot make it to the grocery store as well as a gift.



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Holly Ingham is heading up the environmental justice projects for the congregation. She is advocating for a recycling bin that could be used for the waste produced by congregational events as well as by individuals that do not have recycling at home. We will keep you posted on her progress and on new projects that she takes on. Way to go Holly!