



# International Affairs

Our Faith Our Vote: Issue Education Resource

## Where Does the UCC Stand on International Affairs?

The United Church of Christ has a long history of working towards Just Peace. Upon our Just Peace Pronouncement in 1985, we became the first Just Peace denomination in the United States. This resolution and others pertaining to Just Peace can be found on the UCC Resolutions webpage.

Additionally, the United Church of Christ recognizes the intersectional nature of Just Peace in relation to international/ global justice advocacy opportunities. The United Church of Christ has passed many resolutions over the years that pertain to international Human Rights, immigration push factors, human trafficking, U.S. militarism and weapons sales, economic justice and other issues that are both broad and that which speak to specific countries and contexts. Through Global Ministries, our partnership with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), we have around 250 partners in 90 countries. These partnerships are deep and some span decades or even centuries and are rooted in values of mutuality and accompaniment. You can learn more about specific partners, countries, and advocacy opportunities, like the Third Thursday Alerts for Israel/Palestine, on [the Global Ministries website](#).

## Prayer

*God of All, Creator of the Universe. We come to you with heavy hearts. Please fill us with love and hope. Guide us in the actions you would have us take to ensure equity and care for all your children around the world. Touch the hearts of our policy makers that they be called to care for your children, their neighbors, as themselves. Sustain us as we work to follow your example and care for your people justly. Amen.*

## Want to learn more?

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## Questions for Candidates

- Do you support using taxpayer dollars to fund U.S. military endeavors against God's children in other nations?
- How do you see the U.S.' role in the global community?
- What international partnerships would you prioritize if elected?
- How would you work to lessen U.S. military conflicts abroad?

## Take Additional Action

- Write to your elected officials today on any number of international issues found on the DC office's [Justice and Peace Action Network](#).
- Learn more about our international partners and support their work on the [Global Ministries website](#).