

- **Information**
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- **Training**
- **Connection**



# **CHURCH & SOCIETY**

The United Methodist Church

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Living**FAITH** Seeking**JUSTICE** Pursuing**PEACE**



- **Ecumenical Advocacy Days**
- **Scholarships for Peace  
Seeking Education & Service  
Opportunities**

**“Peace with Justice**  
is a faithful expression of  
*Shalom* in the Bible.”

~2016 Book of Resolutions #6139



# Justice

# Collaborative

**a movement for human rights & dignity**

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a United Methodist led movement for human rights & dignity

  
invitation to  
discipleship

**ENCOUNTER**  
God's call



**RESPOND**  
say yes to learning  
from Jesus

**ENGAGE**  
build beloved  
community  
together

intensive leadership  
development



congregational opportunities  
for local action



# Justice Collaborative 2024 & beyond

## invitation to discipleship

- Beloved Community worship & teaching series
- God's Mission workshop
- The Kitchen Table
- Justice Encounters
- 2024 Confirmation resource
- Be the Bridge



## intensive leadership development

- - Micah Corps
- Beloved Community Fellowship for Racial Justice (2025-26)

## congregational opportunities for local action

- Waves of Justice: Listening Encounter coaching
- DART partnership
- regional networking
- grants
- KHF /KMF partnership





# Listening Encounters

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### What is a Listening Encounter (LE)?

A Listening Encounter is a guided process of community listening that helps prepare a congregation to engage more deeply in their local community, for the sake of justice.

### Who participates in a Listening Encounter?

Churches that feel a desire to engage (or re-engage) with their communities are matched with a trained Great Plains UMC coach. This coach guides a church's LE team of 5-10 people.

### How long does it take?

From the initial match until the final report, this process takes about 6 months.

### How much does it cost?

\$1,500. The Mercy and Justice team can connect churches with grants to reduce cost.