

Interfaith Workers Justice (IWJ), Chicago, IL

\$10,000

IWJ is a national organization that works to educate, organize and mobilize the religious community in the U.S. on issues and campaigns that will improve wages, benefits and working conditions for workers, especially workers in low-wage jobs. IWJ is working on numerous issues and regional campaigns related to immigrant workers such as organizing worker centers to help workers know their rights or to address wage theft. The grant to IWJ supports its work with immigrant workers.

Interfaith Worker Justice of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona

\$5,000



Interfaith Worker Justice of Arizona works to educate and empower low wage workers on how to protect their rights and improve the condition of their workplace. In Arizona, workers, especially low-wage workers, frequently experience abuse ranging from wage theft to denial of rights in the workplace such as bathroom breaks, water in the hot summer months and racial discrimination. The grant to Interfaith Worker Justice of Arizona supports the development of a worker resource center in Phoenix that can combat these abuses, case by case, and eventually across entire industries.

Wisconsin Council of Churches, Sun Prairie, WI

\$5,000



The Wisconsin Council of Churches (WCC) is a community of Christian denominations that covenant to engage in a common ministry focused on peacemaking, human rights, and social and economic justice for Wisconsin's most vulnerable citizens. WCC has been actively working on getting in-state tuition and driver's license for undocumented immigrants, and prenatal care for undocumented immigrant women. The grant to WCC supports its ongoing advocacy work with and for undocumented immigrants in Wisconsin.

Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, Washington, D.C.

\$4,000

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has long worked against the use of the death penalty, believing that it is ineffective in deterring violent crime, replicates the violence that it purports to stop, and is used disproportionately against people of color, the poor and those are unable to defend themselves adequately. The grant to the Coalition supports its on-going work.

Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP), Washington, D.C.

\$9,000



CMEP is our major vehicle for working with U.S. church partners for a lasting peace in the Middle East. This group works with church partners in the region to provide coordination for responses by member churches to developments in the region.

Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA), Washington, D.C.

\$6,000

WOLA is a broad coalition of church persons and scholars engaged in Latin American Concerns. WOLA is an information source which researches, monitors and documents developments in the region, interprets and disseminates data about Latin America and U.S. policies. WOLA also offers a point of coordination for church groups working to address such issues as the impact upon poor indigenous populations of U.S. military aid to Latin American countries.

The Speer Trust Commission, a mission agency of New Castle Presbytery, administers income from a bequest set aside for mission with people who are poor and oppressed. The grants program is designed to strengthen projects initiated and governed by low-income neighborhood organizations in Delaware and on the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

Speer Trust Commission: Rev. Murphy Ashley, Joan Bestpitch, Rev. Randall T. Clayton, Lorraine Graves, Richard Haden, Rev. D. Carl Mazza, Susan Prior, Robert Schminkey, Cathy Skelley, Rev. Thomas R. Stout, Rev. Michael E. Williams, Gerald Wilson.



Speer, There and Everywhere!

2007 Annual Report

The Speer Trust embodies the Presbyterian connectional system by sending over \$100,000 to address root causes of poverty in the USA and around the world. The 2007 Annual Report will highlight projects Speer funded through the PCUSA National and World Wide ministries divisions. Speer is a crucial partner in a major HIV/AIDS initiative and supported many communities on the continent of Africa where families and especially children are severely impacted. We continue to make a difference across our country and congregations and communities work together to alleviate poverty. Thanks be to God for this amazing gift.

*The Rev. Dr. Jacqueline E. Taylor
Executive Director*

The Open Door Community, Atlanta, Georgia

\$7,500

The Open Door is a community that provides both material and spiritual support for persons who are homeless. This ministry is organized around worship, table fellowship, personal discipline and advocacy for the homeless poor. They have served tens of thousands of homeless sisters and brothers over the years. The grant to the Open Door allows them to provide food, clothing, access to medical care and other necessities, and helps support their efforts in advocating for changes in policies around issues impacting their neighbors who are homeless.

Chester Eastside Ministries, Chester, Pennsylvania

\$10,000

The Chester Eastside Ministries (CEM) is a specialized urban ministry in partnership with the Presbytery of Philadelphia. Its Pastor-Director, the Rev. Bernice Warren, a Presbyterian clergywoman, leads CEM. CEM serves one of the poorest communities and cities in the country. The grant to CEM support its youth outreach programs such as its Cultural Arts program that serves junior and high school youth, its Peace Initiative program that is done in partnership with The Peace in the Street/Peace on Earth organization that addresses conflict resolution and leadership development for junior and senior high youth, and its summer enrichment camp that serves 40 youth, ages 8-10.

Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Los Angeles, CA

\$10,000



The Immanuel Presbyterian Church is located in a Hispanic/Latino/Asian/Asian American neighborhood of Los Angeles. This church is very connected and engaged with its community through community organizing, advocacy and housing development work. Immanuel Church partners with ONE-LA, the largest faith-based community organization in the country in working on affordable housing and immigrant rights issues. Immanuel Church also partners with Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE) in working on local living wage campaigns for hotel workers, custodians and security guards. The grant to Immanuel Church supports its community partnerships.

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