Greetings and blessings to you.

We are glad you have reviewed the material on our Peace and Justice Network page on the website of Grand Canyon Presbytery. If you are interested in becoming part of our Network, please write to me to share a little information about yourself and your interests, involvement in peace and justice ministry and issues, congregation in which you are involved, and other things you believe would help introduce you to our Network. Here I’ll share some information about our Network meetings and activities.

We normally meet once a month, alternating between in-person/Zoom meetings one month and only online with Zoom the next. Each year we invite and host a week-long visit of an International Peacemaker, arranged through the Peacemaking Office of the PCUSA. Also, each year we solicit nominations of persons to receive the George Brooks Award, about which you can read in the section for Ongoing Programs on our page. Our Network manages modest grant funds for hunger-related programs and projects, with funds derived from the Cents-Ability offerings taken up by some congregations and at Presbytery meetings. We ask each member to share responsibilities for writing articles for publication in the Presbytery Efocus, finding articles that could be shared on subjects of peace and justice and the church’s involvement in those areas, and providing links for people to explore issues more deeply. These are also placed on our web page, thus building a library of resources which people can use in study of peace and justice issues. We also lead workshops on peace and justice issues.

Thank you again for your interest. I look forward to hearing from you and possibly welcoming you to participation with the Peace and Justice Network.

Grace and peace,

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