SPECIAL SUNDAY

"Rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you."
—2 Corinthians 13:11, NIV

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For several years, the Leadership Team of the Alaska Conference of The United Methodist Church has awarded conference Peace with Justice funds to the Alaska Innocence Project, an Alaska-based nonprofit corporation that provides legal, educational and charitable services to identify and exonerate individuals who have been wrongfully convicted in the state of Alaska, and to provide educational opportunities that foster a culture that champions the defense of the innocent.

The leadership team recognizes that there is a tremendous legal and criminal justice system in this country, but that it is far from perfect. Sometimes innocent people are punished for crimes they did not commit. It has been shown that indigenous persons and persons of color are wrongfully incarcerated at disproportionally higher rates, and so partnering with the Alaska Innocence Project allows Alaskan United Methodists to continue their anti-racism work and live into their Wesleyan heritage by being in ministry with those who are imprisoned.

While the Innocence Project operates on a fairly meager budget, the fact remains that criminal justice proceedings cost money. From staffing, to the process of discovery, to hiring expert witnesses to provide testimony, bringing justice to the innocent can only happen through generous partnerships like this.

One of denomination's six Special Sundays, Peace with Justice Sunday is a faithful expression of shalom in the Bible. It calls the church to strengthen its capacity to advocate publicly in communities and nations throughout the world. The offering is administered by the General Board of Church and Society and benefits peace with justice ministries in the annual conferences and around the world. Half of our gifts stay with local ministries in this conference and half support the work of Church and Society globally.

HOW TO GIVE:
Write a check to your local church and write "Peace with Justice" in the memo line. To give online or set up monthly giving, go to **UMC.org/SSGive**.

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