

**PC(USA) Peace & Global Witness Special Offering:**  
**Blessed are the Peacemakers**  
***Introducing the 2016 Presbytery of Genesee Valley Designees***

What you've known as the Peacemaking Offering has been transformed into the Peace & Global Witness Offering. This Special Offering has a greater global reach, more significant impact, and brings peace to people through Christ. The Peace & Global Witness Offering is received during the [Season of Peace](#), which ends on World Communion Sunday. Each year, 25% of collected funds are given to Presbyteries for local ministries of peace and reconciliation. This year, the Mission & Advocacy Committee has selected two worthy organizations: *Christians Witnessing for Palestine* and *Light the Way Campaign for Gun Violence Reduction/ Prevention*. We encourage our PGV local congregations to consider designating their own 25% portion to one or both of these

**Christians Witnessing for Palestine (CW4P)** is an unincorporated group of Christians from several Rochester area churches, formed in 2011. Members of CW4P are people who are searching to do something to further a just resolution to Israel's occupation of Palestine - its blockade, separation wall, economic hardship, and insecurity. They are Christians working toward a better world for all. Their mission statement is:

*As Christians Witnessing for Palestine, we seek a just peace for the people of Palestine wherever they may be. We are guided by Christian principles calling for care and compassion for the oppressed, concern for universal human rights, and respect for international law. We educate our community, advocate for public policy change, and pray for all.*

CW4P attempts to accomplish its mission by bringing speakers, promoting advocacy actions, and through its Witness Palestine Film Festival at the Little Theatre each fall.

Donations to: Downtown Presbyterian Church (with "CW4P" on memo line)  
121 N. Fitzhugh Street, Rochester, NY 14614

**Light the Way Campaign for Gun Violence Reduction/Prevention** arose as a community-based response to gun violence after the massacre of young people outside the Boys and Girls Club of Rochester, Genesee Street, in mid-2015. Led by Mrs. Lentori Johnson, the mother of one of the teen victims of that mass shooting, the Campaign works to end gun violence in Greater Rochester, and to preserve the lives of young people in urban neighborhoods, and elsewhere, due to gun violence and its contributing factors. Housed at the Downtown Presbyterian Church, in the Offices of the United Christian Leadership Ministries, the Campaign works closely with the Rochester Brady Campaign, The Interfaith Alliance of Rochester, and the Greater Rochester Community of Churches/Faith in Action Network.

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