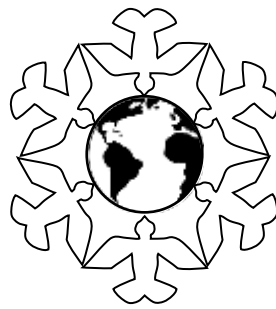




The Greatest Teaching

Jesus teaches that the greatest commandments are, first to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind; and second to love your neighbor as yourself (Luke 10:27). He then adds that loving only your neighbor is not enough. We are to love our enemies as well (Matthew 5:43-45a). These teachings are at the core of Jesus' message and ministry. We are called to do as he did. To strive to be perfect as Jesus was perfect. That is to, in the manor of our living, be the hands and feet of Jesus in the world. We have a powerful message to share with a needy world. It is a message of salvation, of covenant relationship with Christ, of oneness with all the people God created. It is a message of peace.



Northern Ohio Peace Task Team

The Northern Ohio District **Peace Task Team** is responsible for working with the District Peace and Conciliation Advocate to plan peace education programming in the District. The Team works with pastors, congregations, and the District youth to help support the peace of Jesus. The Task Team helps teach Biblical peace principles, listening skills, conflict resolution skills, and offers support to those who are oppressed by the many forms of violence that are common in our society. The Task Team also provides support for those who are called to seek nonviolent alternative ways to serve if our nation imposes a military draft.

In addition, the Task Team is responsible for the Peace Auction at District Conference which is the primary funding source for the District's Peace Endowment. The endowment is intended to fund Biblical peace education efforts in the district including the stipend for a District Peace and Conciliation Advocate.

Multiply Your Talents!



In Matthew 25:14-30 we have the Parable of the Talents. Jesus tells of a master who went on a long trip. Before leaving, he entrusted three servants with his property. While he was gone, he expected them to protect and use it well. Two of the servants doubled the money they had been entrusted with. They were praised and rewarded with responsibility for more. The third, fearfully buried his portion, returning to

the master, upon his return, exactly what he had been given. The third servant's fear kept him from also earning the praise of the master who took from him the small amount he had been entrusted with.

The Peace Task Team is challenging you to multiply your talents to help support peace education in the Northern Ohio District.

The world is a very violent place right now. Many people cannot see any options for solving their problems that do not include verbal abuse or physical abuse using guns or other weapons. As followers of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, we are called to offer another way of living!

In 1982 the District Peace Task Team established a Peace Endowment Fund to support peace education efforts in the District. The fund is used to help people learn the way of peaceful living Jesus taught.

Here is how Multiply Your Talents Works:

- **Sign up** with Peace Task Team Member Diane Pollock (440-937-6711, pollockspeacefulplace@juno.com)
- **You may request** \$10.00 seed money or provide your own \$10.00 seed money.
- Between the time you sign up, and the 2021 District Conference, use that \$10.00 of '**seed money**' to make more money.



Here are some ideas:

- ✓ Some people buy supplies to bake cookies or other food items to sell. Others buy supplies to make craft items – from blankets to baskets to pottery to sell.
 - ✓ Some add additional money of their own to the \$10.00, if needed, to get enough supplies for their project.
 - ✓ Some get needed supplies to provide services for a donation.
 - ✓ Be creative! Come up with your own ideas for multiplying your talents!
- **Bring the money** you have earned/multiplied to District Conference in 2021 where we will celebrate the increase!