

Then the Lord said, "Look, I am setting a plumb line among my people Israel; I will spare them no longer."  
(Amos 7:8)

# MFSA NCC—The Plumb Line

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## Social Justice in a time of Pandemic

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The North Carolina Annual Conference chapter of the Methodist Federation for Social Action, like so many other organizations, is learning how to live in the virtual world. We have had conference calls and just recently have started using Zoom to communicate with each other.

It was with a heavy heart that we had to cancel the Gayle Felton Love Thy Neighbor Lunch. But given the circumstances, there was no way we could gather safely. The lunch often felt like a family reunion where people could gather safely and be united in the cause for a more just church and society.

However the work for justice has continued in this time of pandemic. Who among us would have imagined a month ago the changes that have taken place. Black and white and yellow and brown hands have joined together to call for a more just criminal justice system and for greater accountability for law enforcement. The pandemic itself has laid bare the digital divide, the need for truly universal healthcare system, and

the need for better compensation for all those serving in the front lines of the pandemic and a stronger social safety net.

MFSA NCC has been discussing how we can best address those issues and what we have come up with is a series of conversations called the Jack Crum Conversations on Prophetic Ministry. This is continuation of the Jack Crum Conferences but it will be online. Look for more news coming later.

I cannot but help think that all the saints that have gone before us—Jack Crum, Bill Wells, Ralph Fleming, and Sam Brown are looking down and smiling at what has happened over the last few years and even the last few months. Let us continue moving forward remembering what Micah 6:8 said

"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.  
And what does the LORD require of you?  
To act justly and to love mercy  
and to walk humbly[a] with your God."



## **Prayer for Justice**

Grant us, Lord God, a vision of your world as your love would have it:  
a world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor;  
a world where the riches of creation are shared, and everyone can enjoy them;  
a world where different races and cultures live in harmony and mutual respect;  
a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love.  
Give us the inspiration and courage to build it, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- Author Unknown

## **Moving forward**

**Henry Jarrett, President MFSA NCC**

The North Carolina Annual Conference chapter of the Methodist Federation for Social Action has been blessed for many years financially and with good leadership. Part of the financial blessing has come from both membership dues and also from Kay Crum who has been generous benefactor/sponsor for MFSA NCC. However, it is membership that really drives the organization. Without the support of members we really could not do what we do.

We missed an opportunity for a membership drive this year because of the lack of a lunch. Attached to this newsletter is a membership form. Membership is \$60 a year and \$25 for students. There is sustaining member rate of \$100. You can also set your own rate.

You can pay online at [www.mfsancc.org](http://www.mfsancc.org) or make a check out to MFSA NC and mail it to MFSA NCC PO Box 18311 Raleigh NC 27619.

Also we are need of folks to help continue the good leadership we have had in the chapter. Both our secretary and treasurer are ready to move on. We are looking for a replacement for both or would even be willing to combine the two positions. And we also welcome any additions to the board. If you interested you contact Henry Jarrett at 919-606-5674 or [mfsancc@gmail.com](mailto:mfsancc@gmail.com).

# Methodist Federation for Social Action North Carolina Annual Conference chapter Membership Form

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Membership is \$60 a year and \$25 for students. There is also a sustaining membership of \$100. You can also set your own rate. Eighty percent of membership dues go to the national Methodist Federation for Social Action office and the twenty percent goes to the chapter. You can pay your dues online at <https://www.mfsancc.org/get-involved.html>

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