

Peace & Justice Job Opening

*Activating, Encouraging, Educating,
Mobilizing → Making a difference...*

Every major faith tradition in the U.S. has a Peace Fellowship: to help inform, organize, and support members for **effective action** on peace and justice concerns. One of the **most active**, Lutheran Peace Fellowship (LPF), is seeking to **hire a National Coordinator** (a paid staff position). This key leader is broadly responsible for working with our members to develop and implement our projects and outreach, leadership development and volunteer involvement.

The ideal Coordinator has a **passion** to challenge violence, inequality, climate change, etc., and a **commitment** to nonviolence. He or she is able to work with other members to plan and implement peace education, advocacy, and outreach activities. That means activities that move us toward our **vision** and **goals**, and are **grounded** in the Biblical vision of **Shalom**: peace with justice, community, wholeness.... In short, **this is a dream job** for someone who cares deeply about expanding and strengthening our **effectiveness** in confronting conflict and injustice.

LPF National Coordinator **responsibilities and skill areas** involve **working with others** to:

- ◆ **build awareness** of peace & justice concerns, ethical grounding, and effective responses;
- ◆ **develop** engaging youth and adult forums, resources, advocacy, social media, outreach...
- ◆ **encourage** and **support** member activity, engaging others in their church and beyond...
- ◆ **work to strengthen** LPF membership, financial support, outreach, leadership, impact...
- ◆ **spot and respond to** problems and conflicts, challenges and opportunities....

Note: Our new coordinator will likely need to **develop** skills in one or more of these task areas (most people do). Core LPF members can help with useful **experience** and **assistance**.

To apply for this position, send a **letter** and **resume** summarizing your experience, skills and interest, as well as contact information for 3 or 4 **references** (by 1-14-21 if you can). We plan to **interview** candidates soon after, with the hope of **welcoming** & orienting a new National Coordinator by spring 2021. We can help a new hire move to Seattle which has experienced **volunteers & leaders**, supportive **congregations & groups**, great **resource & office materials**... Or we can consider, if appropriate, moving the office to where he or she lives. This position offers a modest salary, which can be increased with additional grants and fundraising.

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LPF's IMPACT: *Educational Materials* – 1000s of churches and schools have benefited from our highly participatory **forum** and **workshop activities**. *Issue Savvy* – LPF leaders **testified before** or **consulted with** over 10 legislative committees and government agencies, and were **interviewed** on dozens of news and talk shows – NPR's "**All things Considered**" to **NBC-TV News**. *The Chemical Weapons Treaty* – we played a key role in **gaining Senate approval**. *The UN Decade for Peace* – we inspired 140 ELCA congregations, 31 synods and churchwide to endorse our call to join in the **largest peace education effort** in UN history sparking a huge amount of activity; our Coordinator served as the **US delegate** to planning meetings in India....