

The United Methodist Church

Northern Illinois Annual Conference

The Urban Strategy Summit

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A COVENANT WITH CHICAGO

O Chicago, Chicago! As United Methodists, we make a covenant with you on this day to do the things that make for your peace: To rise up, stand in the gap, live out our faith, and put legs to our prayers.

We commit to be good stewards of all the resources & opportunities entrusted to us as a United Methodist Church! We will share, utilize, and invest these resources to seize every opportunity to do all the good we can.

In pursuit of your Peace, Chicago, we commit to expand our capacity as a Church, and work collaboratively with other partners within and beyond our communities!

By our commitment today we say:

**No more apathy!
No more low expectations!
No more isolation!
No more fear!
No more despair!
No more violence!**

By our commitment today we say:

**Yes to Collaboration!
Yes to Community Focus!
Yes to best practices to promote restorative justice!
Yes to best practices to promote food security!
Yes to best practices to promote community safety!
Yes to best practices to promote excellent public education for all the children of Chicago!**

May our No be No and Yes be Yes!

Together we'll put legs to our prayers and we'll mobilize, organize, strategize and work collaboratively with one another and with all who seek to promote the peace of the City.

May the covenant we make today be ratified by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.