

## Rev. Ronald M. Fassett

November 10, 1932 – November 1, 2008

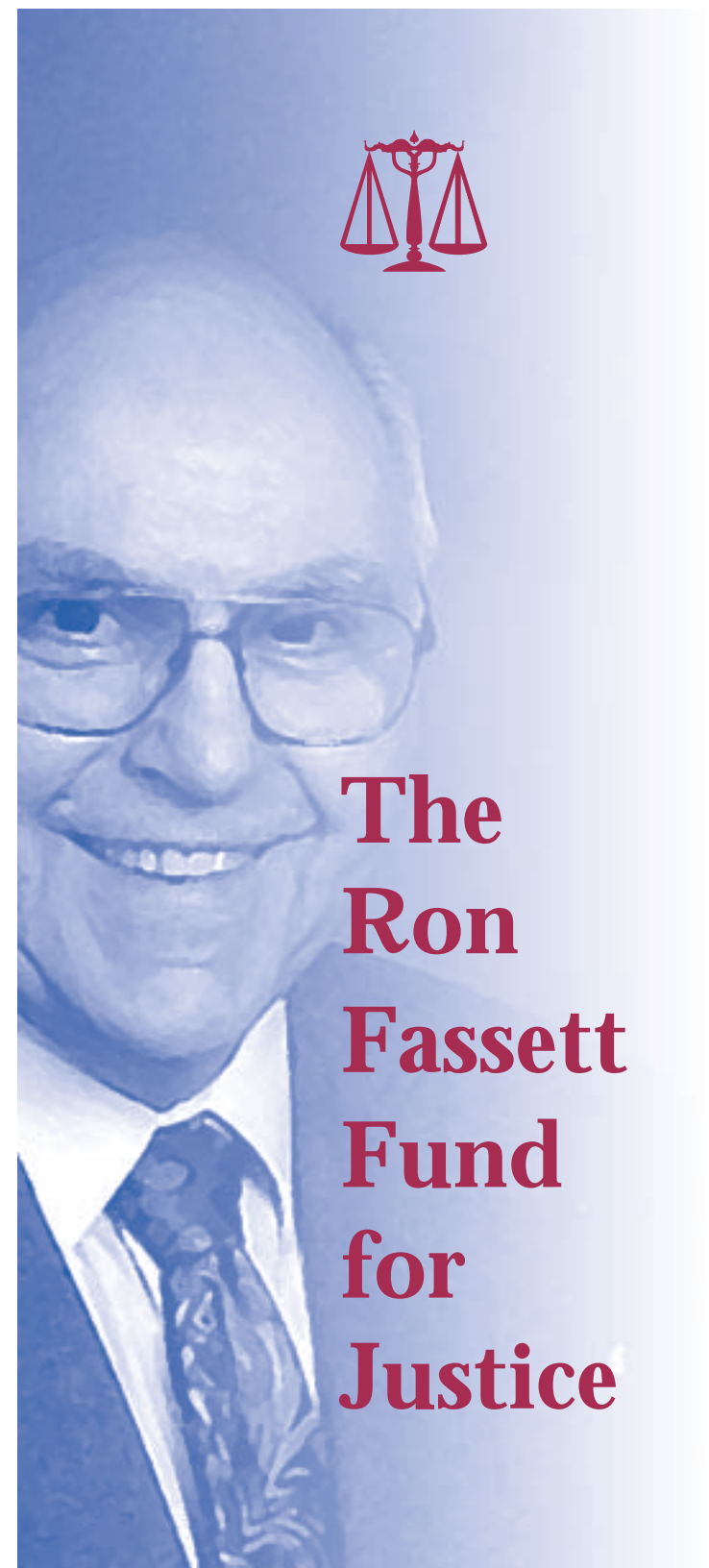
Throughout his life, Ron was passionate about peace and justice issues. He risked arrest and personal danger while demonstrating against racism and war involvement. He served in a “night ministry,” offering God’s love and mercy to people of the street. As director



of United Methodist Metropolitan Ministry (1983-94), he chaired a building committee for the first Habitat for Humanity house built by Grand Rapids United Methodists, and was instrumental in

developing three new ethnic congregations in Grand Rapids: Hispanic, Vietnamese and Native American. Ron was active in both NECM and SECOM – inner city outreach ministries to the poor and destitute – and started Grand Rapids Area Service Project (GRASP), which provides repairs for low-income homeowners.

Ron was active in related organizations, including The Institute for Global Education, the Methodist Federation for Social Action, the Grand Rapids Peace and Justice Community, the Grand Rapids Area Center for Ecumenism, the United Methodist Community House, Dwelling Place, and he chaired and served on many West Michigan Conference committees. He was presented with the 1989 Distinguished Alumni award by Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary and was honored by the West Michigan Conference Board of Church and Society as the 2008 Peacemaker of the Year.



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The Ron Fassett Fund for Justice was established in 2009 as a way of honoring the legacy of Ron Fassett and his passion for justice.

## PURPOSE

The purpose of The Ron Fassett Fund for Justice is to encourage justice for all people.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

Churches, agencies and individuals are encouraged to make a tax-deductible contribution to the fund by using the form provided. Checks may be made payable to the West Michigan Conference Treasurer and sent in care of Metro Ministry  
227 E. Fulton St.  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503.  
For additional information about the fund, contact Susan Hansen, Executive Director of Metro Ministry, at (616) 245-6512.

## APPLICATIONS

Applications for grants from this fund will be accepted after January 1, 2010. Applications are available on the Metro Ministry website ([www.grmetroministry.org](http://www.grmetroministry.org)) or at the Metro office, 207 E. Fulton St., Suite 3102, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

## A Commitment to Justice

Ron's passion for justice is reflected in the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church:

We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, to the rule of justice and law among nations, and to individual freedom for all people of the world.

—From the United Methodist Social Creed

We support the basic rights of all persons to equal access to housing, education, communication, employment, medical care, legal redress for grievances, and physical protection. We deplore acts of hate or violence against groups or persons based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religious affiliation, or economic status.

—UM Social Principles, III. The Social Community

The fund will be available for justice-related:

- education/training opportunities
- resources
- ministries

in accordance with our Social Principles.

This generation must find viable answers to these and related questions if humanity is to continue on this earth. We commit ourselves as a Church to the achievement of a world community that is a fellowship of persons who honestly love one another. We pledge ourselves to seek the meaning of the gospel in all issues that divide people and threaten the growth of world community.

—UM Social Principles, VI. The World Community



## The Ron Fassett Fund for Justice

I (we) would like to make this contribution to the Ron Fassett Fund for Justice:

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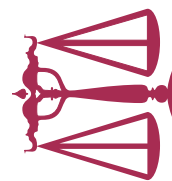
Please make check payable to West Michigan Conference Treasurer

Mail to: The Ron Fassett Fund for Justice, c/o Metro Ministry,

227 E. Fulton St., Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Enclosed is my gift for the Ron Fassett Fund for Justice:

- \$25  
 \$50  
 \$100  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_



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- one-time gift  
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 Contact me about other giving opportunities for this fund