

JIMMY READER

Grant writer for faith-based justice and peace organizations

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Strengths and Skills

- Listening for the story, dreams, and goals of the organization
- Organizing diverse data and information to create strategic proposals
- Engaging effectively with leaders and stakeholders to define and design a project
- Researching options for funders and grants aligning with the organization's goals
- Building working relationships for remote, online work on digital platforms
- Writing quality, compelling grant proposals to generate funding for the mission

Work History

- Grant writer for small nonprofit organization empowering women in a social enterprise business (2007-2025) – generating one million dollars with more than 20 successful grants
- Volunteer leader with that organization, working with others in areas of business plans, budgets, finances, board and leadership training (2007-2025)
- Christian minister working with American Baptist, Presbyterian, United Church of Christ, and United Methodist congregations (1970 – 2025) – including grant writing, church conflict consulting, and intentional interim ministry

Education

- Bachelor of Arts in English, California Baptist College, Riverside CA (1972)
- Master of Divinity, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton NJ (1986)
- Doctor of Ministry, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton NJ (1994)

Community Engagement

- Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America (BPFNA/Bautistas por la Paz) (2003-present)
- Interfaith organizations in Rochester NY (2002-2025)
- Writing and speaking on Christian Nationalism (2004-present) – blog at <https://jimmyreader.substack.com/>