



TWO-STEP PEACE DAY ACTIVATION PLAN

The United Nations has given us a special and powerful gift with International Day of Peace. Each year, communities all over the world leverage Peace Day to create conversations, host vigils, educate through workshops and lectures, and do practical on-the-ground actions to build a more peaceful world.

Many communities take two very empowering steps further.

1. PEACE DAY PROCLAMATION: Each city council officially Proclaims many days to recognize community events or achievements. Peace Day celebration is a unifying initiative and should be Proclaimed as important.

2. PEACE CITY PROCLAMATION: A grassroots or civic organization can officially establish their community as an International City of Peace with a very simple but profound process.

Step #1 is an easy process. A sample Proclamation is attached.

Step #2 is also easy to do. A group creates a vision, mission, and objectives for year-round peace building unique to their community requirements. International Cities of Peace encourages peacemakers to reach out to others in their towns, villages, and cities with the understanding that only through unity is peace possible. Broadly defining peace as safety, prosperity, and quality of life, International Cities of Peace initiatives engage each and every person and group in their community. From educators and artists to civic leaders and security personnel, everyone can overcome the walls that divide us and find common ground in the consensus values of peace.

Each year, each International City of Peace engages the community by having a Feast for Peace or community potluck where everyone is invited to sit down together and plan for the future.

One thing is certain. Peace Day is a gift that is ours to use. This September 21st can be a defining milestone for peace in your city and in the world. Use this Peace Day to establish your community as a working, functioning, empowered city of peace and join the global movement.

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We all have the right to peace. Let's take advantage of that right and together, we can change the world.