

ARE CITIES OF PEACE IMPORTANT?

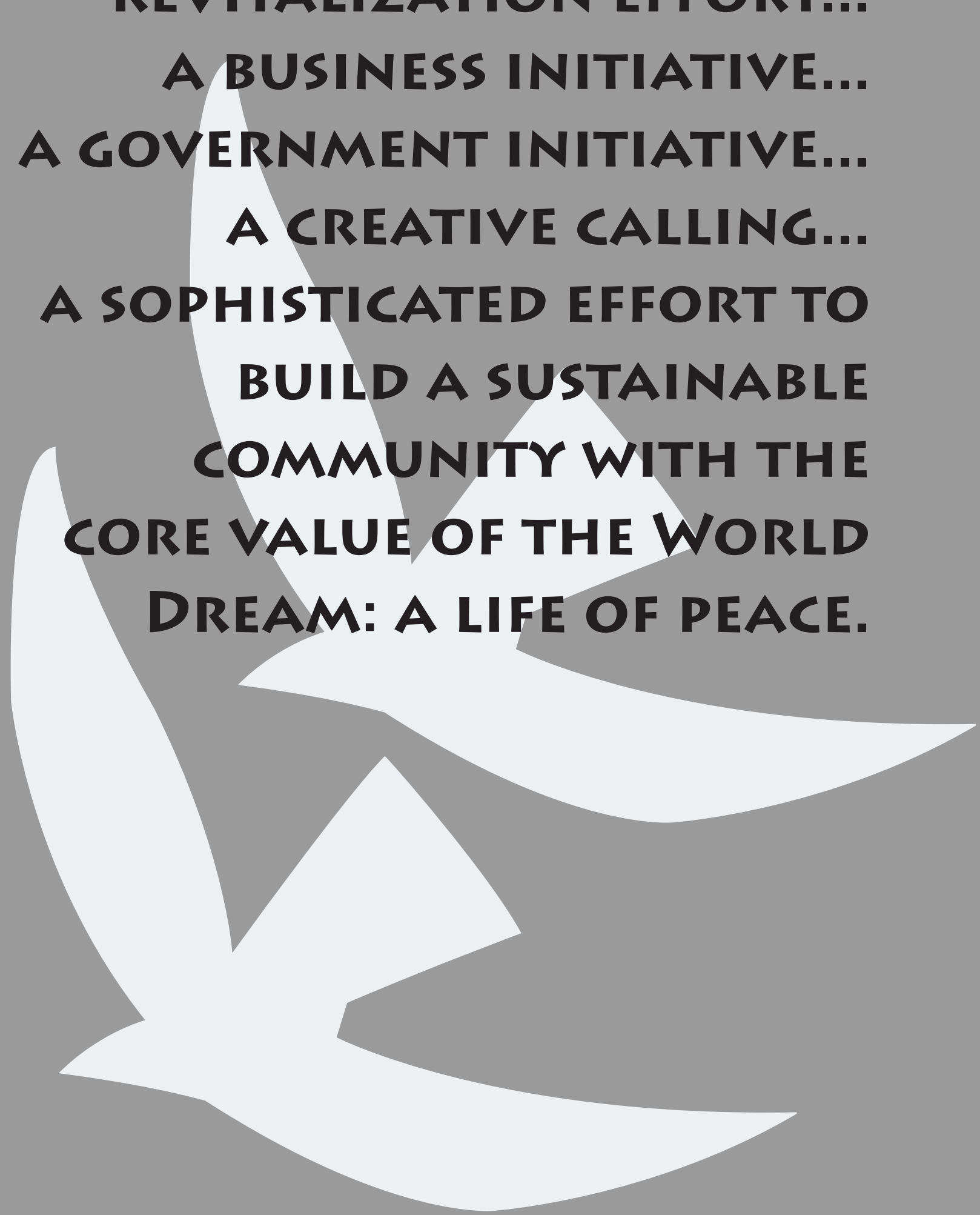
MANY CITIES AROUND THE WORLD ARE EXPERIENCING UNPRECEDENTED ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DECLINE. COMMUNITIES ARE RESPONDING WITH A MULTITUDE OF PRIVATE AND PUBLIC INITIATIVES, YET THIS POSITIVE ENERGY CAN BE SPLINTERED AND DISSIPATE BEFORE MAKING LONG-TERM PROGRESS.

THE FACTS ARE INDISPUTABLE: IN 2005, STATISTICS SHOWED AN AVERAGE OF 16 U.S. CHILDREN WERE MURDERED EACH DAY. WOMEN IN AMERICA WERE VICTIMS OF NEARLY 200,000 INCIDENTS OF RAPE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT. IN 2007, WORLDWIDE TERRORIST INCIDENTS CAUSED THE DEATHS OF 22,000 PEOPLE. IN THE 20TH CENTURY, WORLDWIDE CONFLICTS BROKE HISTORICAL RECORDS WITH ESTIMATES OF MORE THAN 167 MILLION POLITICALLY MOTIVATED DEATHS.*



“The most important question in the world is, ‘Why is the child crying?’”
~Alice Walker, writer

THE CITIES OF PEACE INITIATIVE IS A CALL TO COMMUNITY ACTION...
A PROMISE...
A NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION EFFORT...
A BUSINESS INITIATIVE...
A GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE...
A CREATIVE CALLING...
A SOPHISTICATED EFFORT TO BUILD A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY WITH THE CORE VALUE OF THE WORLD DREAM: A LIFE OF PEACE.



“THE JOURNEY OF A THOUSAND LEAGUES BEGINS WITH A SINGLE STEP. SO WE MUST NEVER NEGLECT ANY WORK OF PEACE WITHIN OUR REACH, HOWEVER SMALL.” ~ADLAI E. STEVENSON, AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS

WHAT DO PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD DESIRE?
• SAFETY
• PROSPERITY
• QUALITY OF LIFE
ISN'T IT TIME TO THINK OF OUR WORLD AS A GLOBAL NEIGHBORHOOD. WHY NOT A NEIGHBORHOOD IN PEACE?

EACH DAY, BILLIONS OF PEOPLE WORK IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS TO CREATE SAFETY, PROSPERITY, AND HIGHER QUALITY OF LIFE. STUDENTS DEMANDING AN EDUCATION; MOTHERS NOT SETTLING FOR ANYTHING LESS THAN A SECURE ENVIRONMENT TO RAISE THEIR CHILDREN; MEN VOLUNTEERING AT THEIR HOUSE OF PRAYER.

