



**International**<sup>®</sup>  
**Cities of Peace**

Synopsis

## **By the Numbers**

International Cities of Peace is an Association of cities, towns, and communities that by history, proclamation, and/or grassroots peace building are self-defining as official cities of peace.

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# One Vision

**To foster peace as a consensus value  
in cities of peace around the world.**

Cities of Peace, Inc. is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization with **Special Consultative Status** with the U.N. NGO council, ECOSOC.

Hundreds of members of our Global Leadership Council are creating an all-inclusive, non-polarizing network of citizens **working “in situ”** to bring peace to their communities.

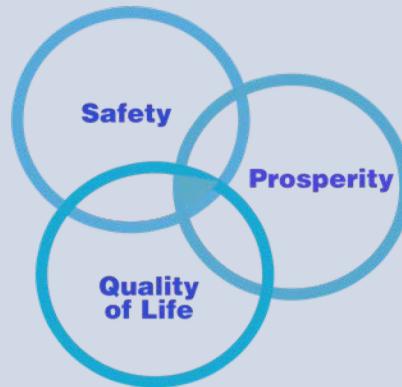


**Cities such as Sedona, Arizona and Urbana, Ohio have built extensive organizations with a portfolio of strategies, including workshops, gardens, and collaborations with arts and government.**

## Three Values

International Cities of Peace® defines peace as the global consensus values of **Safety, Prosperity, and Quality of Life.**

This expansive definition creates a bridge to citizens from every part of society and in all parts of the world.



**The Consensus Values of Peace are about Freedom**

**Safety:** Freedom from risk of injury, danger or loss

**Prosperity:** Freedom to achieve a good standard of living

**Quality of Life:** Freedom to enjoy health and happiness

## Four Programs

Four focus areas for International Cities of Peace expand the global network as well as provide engagement and educational opportunities.

1. **The Global Network** is an association of cities that have created initiatives to self-declare their communities as working toward a culture of peace.
2. **The Global Family Program** is a city-to-city collaboration, like Sister Cities, for two-way communication, education and support.
3. **The Global Action Program** promotes dialogue and collaboration between smaller groups around the world, including classrooms and adult networking.
4. **Leadership Skills Development** courses provide free resources for continuing education on entrepreneurial and conflict resolution skills.



**A peace pole planting at the library in Durl esti, Moldova, just one of hundreds of initiatives that foster a peace culture in the next generation.**

## Six Continents

In 2018, the International Cities of Peace network will exceed 200 Cities of Peace in every region of the globe -- Asia, Africa, Europe, North and South America, and Oceania.



The association offers as a guideline the **UNESCO Culture of Peace** resolution, which includes eight tenets that provide a path forward for human rights, democracy, women's equality, education, and other essential ingredients to create a city of peace initiative.

## Twelve Accomplishments



1. **A vibrant network of cities of peace** in 48 countries to date, with over 90% being initiated as a result of the platform presented by ICP.
2. **Collaborative partnerships** by each initiative have created a deeper relationship between grassroots organizing and government support through participatory programs as well as proclamations and resolutions.
3. **A sustainable organization** with business fundamentals in place, International Cities of Peace is a tax exempt nonprofit corporation with 501(c)3 tax exemption for donors.
4. **Case studies for each City of Peace** provide educational and resource-rich examples of how other cities of peace are creating safety, prosperity, and quality of life in their communities.
5. **An Advisory Council** of over 200 global leaders offers the organization ideas, support, and connections to peace resources around the world.
6. **The Global Family Program**, a city-to-city, two-way communication and support collaboration, offers cities of peace a means of expanding their impact to the wider global community.



7. **The Two Red Bead, One Human Heart™** pilot program for the Global Family Project provided support for fifty abused women and their families in Bujumbura, Burundi.
8. **Peace Cities Team** participation for the International Day of Peace linked ICP and the NGO IDP Committee at the United Nations. The **Global Feast for Peace** has extended celebration to everyone on earth regardless of circumstances.
9. **The Golden Rule Institute** is a service of ICP, providing research, resources, and a bibliography for this common ethic of humanity.
10. **A signature-based Letter of Intent**, based on the UNESCO Culture of Peace, provides a progressive means of committing to diversity and progress toward a community culture of peace.
11. **The Leadership Skills Program** provides resource-scarce leaders around the globe with free educational opportunities for no charge and with a certificate of completion.
12. **A Global Alliance Program** gathers partners and joint ventures from for mutual promotion and joint partnerships in peacemaking.

# Fifteen Opportunities



- 1. Scalable Potential:** International Cities of Peace has created a substantial global peace network, yet the unlimited opportunity for initiating and forming new city of peace initiatives has long-term strategic implications for local, regional and global peacebuilding.
- 2. Intentional Action:** The vision of citizens self-defining their community as a city of peace is the differentiation that makes the organization have a great incentive to deliver a positive impact.
- 3. Community-wide Collaboration:** Coordination between grassroots organizations and the local government ensures peacebuilding has potential to become structural.
- 4. Inclusiveness:** Peacemaking is open to every citizen and community as a result of expansive definition of peace as safety, prosperity, and quality of life as consensus values of peace.
- 5. Associative Nature:** The organization forms partnerships, alliances, and joint ventures for collaborative peacemaking.
- 6. Sustainability:** As an association, minimal resources are required to ensure long-term continuity of the operation and growth.



7. **Seedbeds of innovation:** New ideas and new ways to implement successful programs are highlighted in case studies.
8. **Two-Way Communication:** City-to-city collaborations provide group-to-group and person-to-person grassroots support.
9. **Global Community:** The city of peace idea is ancient and has revived potential for creating a stronger international community.
10. **Engagement of All Sectors:** The organization recognizes that there are many paths to peace and includes all citizens.
11. **The UN Sustainable Development Goals:** The U.N. 17 goals provides a pathway for working for more just communities.
12. **Emphasis on Nonviolence:** Steering clear of violent action provides a workable boundary for what constitutes peacemaking.
13. **Educational Platforms:** Each locality is encouraged to match learning programs to on-the-ground work for long-term impact.
14. **Peace Legacy:** Documenting and cherishing the peacemaking history of a community is important as each city comes onboard.
15. **Urban Renewal:** The growing urban experience fosters higher quality of life for both original and emigrant populations.

## Hundreds of Affiliates

A **scalable model** enables organic, sustainable growth. International Cities of Peace is a path toward local impact and global community.



Some of the most troubled areas of the world, such as Benghazi, Libya, have formed a City of Peace initiative in recognition that only the citizens of a community can solve the local problems with violence.

## Alliance Partners

The cities of peace movement has gained the trust and respect of **diverse constituencies**, including those in the arts, civic, wellness, environmental, business, entertainment, service, safety and security, academic, and faith-based sectors.

Whether joint ventures, general alliances, partnerships, or co-sponsorships, the **coordination between organizations** with compatible missions is building an interlinked network of peace.

## Measurable Potential

International Cities of Peace is at a crossroads where the success of the organic growth model can be accelerated by increasing the sophistication and efficiency of the central organization.



**The association has many programs that foster unity and bridge building between many faiths and ways to find peace, including the Global Feast for Peace for the U.N.'s annual Peace Day celebration.**

There is **high potential** for initiating hundreds, indeed, thousands of city of peace initiatives focused on self-defining their communities as working toward creating a culture of peace.

The initial growth has been through donations by a few individuals. Most of the work has been volunteer and in-kind offerings. With the ten-year anniversary of the organization approaching, a concerted effort to develop mutually beneficial relationships with granting partners is essential for maximizing opportunities. ICP is new technology that matches many missions and goals of global funders.

# Ensuring Success

Six ways to be a part of the solution represented by International Cities of Peace:

1. **Increase the global network** of towns and communities that have established Cities of Peace.
2. **Encourage a new generation of leaders** to work “in situ” to find solutions to local challenges.
3. **Provide resources and ideas** for building a culture of peace through nonviolent action.
4. **Establish a practical approach** to peace building at the forefront of a non-political, non-polarizing peace movement.
5. **Document success stories** and the legacy of current and historical peace-building in each community.
6. **Promote a culture of peace** in thousands of localities that contributes exponentially to a world dream of peace.



**Around the world, Asia to Africa, Europe to the Americas, initiatives are forming with the intention of fostering a culture of peace.**

# 1000 Ways To Make A Difference

YEAR 2025 Goal: 1000 Cities of Peace!

1. **Donate to expand the City of Peace Network:** Funds are needed to revise the website, grow social networking, deliver certificates and banners, as well as to invest in group video and call-in services in order to keep enthusiasm and encourage collaboration.
2. **Give to the Global Family Program:** Like the Sister Cities organization, this program provides a peace-city-to-peace-city support system, resulting in critical funds for fledgling leaders. We need funds for the website, social media, and implementation.
3. **Crowd-fund the Global Action Program:** Free Leadership Skills Development for leaders. Funds are needed for building peace education and entrepreneurial programs for at-risk communities.



[www.internationalcitiesofpeace.org/donate](http://www.internationalcitiesofpeace.org/donate)

## A Critical Moment

The potential for the City of Peace movement to change the world is one of the brightest opportunities of the historical merging of technology and consciousness.

**Thank you for your support.**



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