



## An Invitation to Establish your Community as an International Cities of Peace

**Dear Colleague in Peace,**

International Cities of Peace is a not-for-profit association dedicated to helping establish, promote, and connect Cities of Peace around the world. Members of a Leadership Council of Liaisons from Cities of Peace organizations around the globe are building an inclusive, non-polarizing network of citizens working to foster a more peaceful culture in their local communities.

**VISION:** To encourage the establishment of Cities of Peace around the world.

**MISSION:** To promote, network, document, and provide resources and information for leaders and organizations working to establish peace as a consensus value through community Cities of Peace initiatives.

First and foremost in this global endeavor toward creating a culture of peace is to reject violence and define ourselves as people of peace. The International Cities of Peace initiative is supporting communities that by history, resolution, proclamation, or simply citizen endeavors are working to self-define themselves as official Cities of Peace.

**Attached is a Letter of Intent for individuals and organizations to acknowledge efforts to create a new, or to foster a current City of Peace. We hope you along with others in your community will sign the Letter and return it to the address below.**

On our website ([www.internationalcitiesofpeace.org](http://www.internationalcitiesofpeace.org)) there are many useful documents, including "Becoming a City of Peace," which has ideas and models for creating an effective organization. If you need more support or have questions, please let us know.

Again, thank you for your interest and for your peaceful nature. As colleagues in peace, we look forward to learning more about your individual and organizational efforts toward increasing the safety, prosperity, and quality of life that are the consensus values of peace in communities around the world.

**Sincerely and with respect,**

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## LETTER OF INTENT

The undersigned, as citizens of (the City) \_\_\_\_\_, in (state/province) \_\_\_\_\_, in the country of \_\_\_\_\_ hereby acknowledge  
**our intention to help build a community City of Peace.**

A City of Peace, as officially defined by International Cities of Peace, is a community that endeavors to make progress against violence and foster a culture of peace. A Culture of Peace is determined by the citizens of each community. As a guideline, United Nations Resolution A/RES/52/13 defines a Culture of Peace as a set of values, attitudes, modes of behavior and ways of life that reject violence and prevent conflicts by tackling their root causes to solve problems through dialogue and negotiation among individuals, groups, and nations.

For peace and non-violence to prevail, we endeavor to:

- Foster a culture of peace through education
- Promote sustainable economic and social development
  - Promote respect for all human rights
  - Ensure equality between women and men
    - Foster democratic participation
  - Advance understanding, tolerance and solidarity
- Support participatory communication and the free flow of information and knowledge
  - Promote international peace and security

In addition to the UNESCO statement on a culture of peace, the Golden Rule (variously stated including "Do for others as you would have them to do for you") provides a universal statement for compassion and respect among a community's diverse philosophies, religions, and personal creeds.

**Dated:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Initiators and Primary Liaison**

**Title/Organization, if applicable**

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**Please fill out and send for Signatories of this City of Peace initiative.**

The following believe this initiative can have a positive impact on their community. By establishing their community as an official "City of Peace," signatories intend to work toward ensuring the safety, prosperity and quality of life for all citizens in the community. Signatories will be sent quarterly newsletters but privacy is maintained and info is not sold or distributed.

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