To fellow Rotarians,

If one of your dreams is for you, your family, your Club and your community to enjoy higher safety, prosperity and quality of life -- this letter is addressed to you.

> *"As a humanitarian organization, peace is a cornerstone of our mission. We believe when people work to create peace in their communities, that change can have a global effect. By carrying out service projects and supporting peace fellowships and scholarships, our members take action to address the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, discrimination, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources... Rotary creates environments where peace can happen."*
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> -- Rotary International, Promoting Peace

First imagine a Culture of Peace, as defined by United Nations Resolution … "where there is respect for life and for all human rights; rejection of violence in all its forms; commitment to the prevention of violent conflict by tackling their root causes through dialogue and negotiation; and commitment to full participation in the process of equitably meeting the needs of present and future generations."
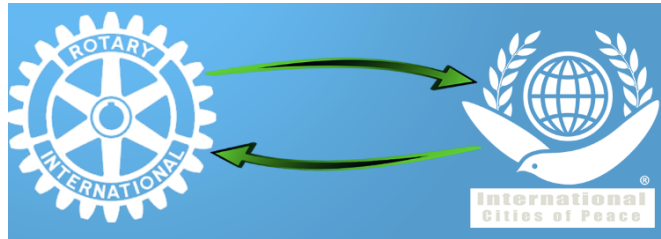
International Cities of Peace defines peace as the potential result of service:

- Increased Safety: Freedom from risk of injury, danger or loss
- More Prosperity: Freedom to achieve a good standard of living
- Higher Quality of Life: Freedom to enjoy health and happiness

One way your Rotary Club can make a huge difference -- based on past, current, and future community service -- is to lead an effort to become an official City of Peace. Many Clubs have already stepped up to the task with good results and there are many case studies. International Cities of Peace is a nonprofit, non-political, tax-exempt organization with Special Consultative Status with the U.N.'s NGO Council, ECOSOC.

No city, of course, is 100% a City of Peace but, rather, the intention is a powerful force for practical peacemaking. **A City of Peace Program provides an inspiring and practical way to:**

- Engage the entire community and expand Rotary Club membership
- Connect initiatives into a community-wide program to foster a culture of peace
- Activate all sectors of the community through Rotary: businesses, schools, faith-based organizations, service groups, arts, sports, civic leaders, and others

Included with this package is a Letter of Intent and signature pages to engage your Club and community in the process of officially establishing your municipallity as an International City of Peace.

We hope you are able to form a new Peace Committee or engage a current Committee to begin the process. This is supported by **the Rotary EClub of World Peace D-5330** where members represent many International Cities of Peace. We look forward to sharing the success stories of being a City of Peace.

More info at: https://rotaryeclubofworldpeace.org/ or www.internationalcitiesofpeace.org.

Sincerely and with respect

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Below is the direct QR code to the Rotary Invitation web page for International Cities of Peace.

HOW TO ESTABLISH YOUR COMMUNITY
AS AN INTERNATIONAL CITY OF PEACE

Every community has a legacy of peace, which need to be highlighted and honored. In addition, the work you and the wider community are currently contributing is increasing the safety, prosperity and quality of life for all. Indeed, as Mahatma Gandhi said, "...acts of love and service are much more common in this world than conflicts and quarrels." Please consider establishing your city, town, village, or other municipal area as an International City of Peace. **The process will be transformative for you personally, your community, and the wider world.**

International Cities of Peace is a valuable platform for active engagement to find opportunities and implement peace building throughout the community. This year International Cities of Peace has exceeded 300 cities of peace in over 60 countries on all six continents.

To create an initiative is very simple and costs no money. You can emphasize the work you are currently doing, or create a new Peace Committee for community peace building. Each community has a story of peacemaking that can be highlighted, especially in terms of giving hope and encouragement to children and adults alike.

The first step is the Letter of Intent, which identifies the specific community, village, town, City, or part of the City. One person, perhaps you, will be included on our Global Leadership Council. We will make the announcement about your initiative when the following are received and a free web page draft we provide is approved by you.

1. **Letter of Intent for multiple signatures** (print, get signatures, and scan to return; emails are only for newsletters and not sold or distributed)
2. **A vision, mission, and goals statement** (as detailed as possible)
3. **Non-copyrighted Photos and captions of the local peace team** or community events that you have taken (we do not use copyrighted or internet photos)
4. **A photo and bio of the Liaison** between the City of Peace and ICP central
5. **A general statement** about historical and current peace efforts and challenges

Attached is the "Letter of Intent" pdf for your review. Put the specific City, State/Province, and Country at the top. The more that sign the Letter of Intent the better. The UNESCO Culture of Peace resolution and tenets are included only as a guideline. You can create your own Letter of Intent or use ours.

Start now and your community's children and children's children will thank you!

ROTARY CLUB LETTER OF INTENT

The undersigned, as citizens of (the City) _____, in (state/province)

_____, in the country of _____ in Rotary Club # _____

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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Please print more pages if needed. Thank you.