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2. WELCOME AND INVOCATION BY _____

3. MUSICAL NUMBER BY _____

4. (Leader) STATEMENT & PURPOSE OF THIS ONENESS SERVICE:

A. Intro to a Season for Interfaith-Intercultural Celebration

During AGNT's Season for Interfaith-Intercultural Celebration, (September – December), we are joining hundreds of task forces around the world in meaningful demonstrations of interfaith and intercultural understanding that form the foundations of the global peace-building to which we are so deeply committed.

The late Bro. Wayne Teasdale, wrote in his book: *The Mystic Heart*...

"Humanity stands at a crossroads between horror and hope. In choosing hope, we must seed a new consciousness, a radically fresh approach to life drawing its inspiration from perennial spiritual and moral insights, intuition and experience. We call this new awareness Interspiritual, implying not the homogenization of religion, but the recovering of the shared mystic heart beating in the center of the world's deepest spiritual traditions."

B. Intro to Global Oneness Day

As part of AGNT's Season for Interfaith-Intercultural Celebration, today's service is dedicated to the second annual Global Oneness Day. **Humanity's Team is collecting signatures to appeal to the United Nations to set aside this day to unite in Oneness every year for the greater good of the Human Family.**

-- Global Oneness Day-- provides opportunities for individuals, organizations and nations to create practical acts demonstrating unity, diversity, harmony and compassion on a shared date.

This is also United Nations Day. Ambassador Chowdhury, the leading emissary of the U.N. Culture of Peace initiative since his presentation at the inaugural launch of the Gandhi King Season for Nonviolence at the UN in 1998, received the Global Oneness Day petition signed by over 50,000 people in over 150 countries. He said, "I believe that unless we have the sense of solidarity among the peoples of the world, all our efforts of peace and security will go nowhere."

In genuine collaboration, the two key initiatives of these two leading spiritual activist organizations (AGNT & Humanity's Team) invite you to participate in taking a giant step forward in our mutual pursuit of meaningful intercultural understanding—the only path to lasting peace. All of us, from our local communities on this day, can hold the vibration for Oneness together.

[C. Optional: Video with Neale Donald Walsch and Michael Beckwith](#)

5. ONENESS DECLARATION: THE TEXT

I declare:

1. That the message We Are All One, inter-related, inter-connected and inter-dependent, with God/Life/One-another, is the one spiritual message that the world has been waiting for to bring about loving and sustainable answers to humanity's challenges.
2. That the world does not have to be the way it is – and that individual people can change it, using the power of spiritual citizenship.
3. That humanity is good and has unlimited potential, and that social transformation starts with personal transformation. I therefore recognize the importance of connecting with my divine essence and inner wisdom throughout my life's journey; allowing the finest and the highest levels of human potential to flourish for the benefit of all.
4. My aspirations to support spiritual principles, global ethics, and universal values such as respect, justice, peace, dignity, freedom, responsibility and cooperation, that underlie this declaration.
5. That human beings need each other to survive on this planet. I recognize that we are all in this together and that community flourishes as we learn about each other and revel in the wonder and beauty of our diversities. I declare that I am playing my part to help to bring about a culture in which we, the peoples of the world, can address our common global concerns in an holistic, positive and transforming way and live together in peace with one another.
6. That Oneness contains All of life – also the parts that we regard as the “other”. I realise that wholeness and togetherness can only be experienced through the recognition of the uniqueness, beauty and purpose of all aspects of life, and that this recognition starts with my Self.
7. That I am part of the emerging consciousness that promotes a spirit of openness, enquiry, connection and relationship with myself and the entire universe, and who continues to recognise the wonder, beauty and mystery of it all. 8. I declare that the time for change is now, and I declare the importance of a day set aside for all of humanity to come together as one human family, to discuss, celebrate and experience Oneness.

6. WATCHING GLOBAL ONENESS DAY VIDEO MESSAGES FROM AROUND

THE WORLD

AGNT and Humanity's Team have collected video messages from around the world to show how local communities like ours are contributing to oneness on the planet. As we watch these video messages from Seasons for Peace and Nonviolence task forces and many other groups aligned with this mission, we begin to get a sense of the collective impact we make as individual groups with a common purpose. Omni-Local truly IS Global.

Videos can be found at the AGNT Youtube Channel:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/GlobalNewThought?feature=mhee - p/c/63352B1D0396447D>

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7. PEACEMAKERS AND ATTITUDES THAT PROMOTE ONENESS

Gratitude is such an important part of the quest for peace. Ernest Holmes, the founder of Religious Science, said "...there is something in this attitude of thanksgiving that carries us beyond the field of doubt into one of perfect faith and acceptance, receptivity...realization. Appreciation, gratitude and thanksgiving-the motive power which attracts and magnifies the hidden potentialities of life."

Gandhi wrote, "Nonviolence is based on the assumption that human nature...unfailingly responds to the advances of love. Every moment I have the choice of love or fear.

Have you ever thought of the power you have as a human being sharing this planet? For example, what about touch? A loving hand on the shoulder, a hug, a pat on the back...these small gestures can let people know we really care. Sometimes words are too much or not enough and a gentle touch can be so healing. Emmet Fox said, "There is no difficulty that enough love will not conquer; no disease that enough love will not heal; no door that enough love will not open; no gulf that enough love will not bridge; no wall that enough love will not throw down; no sin that enough love will not redeem"

Or, what about kindness? Sometimes all that is needed to turn a violent thought or experience around is a bit of kindness. The Apostle Paul wrote: "Clothe yourself with compassion and kindness and gentleness and patience before each other and forgive whatever grievance you may have with one another." And what of reverence? Where would violence go in the face of reverence? How could one be violent when someone is holding them in high esteem and valuing them.

Or, what of transformation? How do I transform violent thoughts into loving thoughts? Might I sing? I acknowledge my Truth and know there is a song in me that only I can sing. And do I have a balance between speaking and listening? Dag Hammarskjold said, "The more faithfully you listen to the voice within you, the better you will hear what is sounding outside. And only she who listens can speak."

At this moment let us acknowledge some of the great peacemakers: Thank you: Abraham Lincoln, Nelson Mandela, Mother Teresa, The 14th Dalai Lama (Tenzin Gyatso), Mikhail Gorbachev, Shimon Perez, Desmond Tutu, Rosa Parks, Henry Kissinger Morris Dees, and of course Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King and Jesus.

A Sufi proverb says, “When the heart weeps for what it has lost, the spirit laughs for what is found,” and Albert Einstein said, “There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as if everything is.” And we say thank you to all the peacemakers that stood tall in their truth. Thank you for taking the elegant approach to life and leading with refined grace. Thank you for inspiring us to carry the torch that is leading us to victory.

Thanks to each of you sitting here in the audience for choosing peace. And thanks to all of our brothers and sisters in this country and around the world who are with us in this quest, and who are making a real difference in establishing communities of peace and oneness through their daily actions. Let’s hear from a few more of them now:

8. GLOBAL ONENESS DAY VIDEO MESSAGES, CONTINUED

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9. PLEDGE TO SIGN THE DECLARATION

Today is Global Oneness Day, but more importantly, every day is about building this intention in our inner lives, our families, our communities, our nations, and on our planet. Take these last moments to consider the many ways in which you, yourself, can *Be The Change*. To start, consider whether it feels right for you that, to initiate or re-inspire your commitment today, you will pledge to sign the Oneness Declaration. If and when you feel so moved, please stand in silence to indicate your pledge to complete this action... We will know that, for those who do not wish to pledge in this way, you will find your own unique ways in which your voice for peace will be expressed.

(Wait for those in audience to stand if they choose)

REMINDER: HOW TO SIGN THE DECLARATION

Go to: www.agnt.org

Click on “Season for Interfaith-Intercultural Celebration”

There you can find information on both programs, including how to sign the Oneness Declaration and how to participate in SIIC activities.

10. Closing Prayer & MEDITATION FOR GLOBAL ONENESS

(download FREE 6 minute Interfaith Peace Quotes video produced by AGNT for viewing/projection in center/sanctuary) <http://www.agnt.org/interfaith-video-meditations#peace>