



2008 SEASON FOR INTERFAITH CELEBRATION & INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE EVENTS

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Friday, September 5, 2008

Pomona Youth Advisory Council March for Peace

Location: LA County Fair

Pomona, CA 91768

Pomona's Youth Advisory Council (youth that advise the City Council about decisions that affect youth) carry flags from a variety of nations representing respect for the diversity of our population.

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

Ames Public Library

Ames, Iowa

Film Screening: Sisters of the Planet, a series of short films about women in both rich and poor countries who are determined to stop climate change

San Leandro, CA

Prayers for peace read from major religions, singing, lighting of candles, meditation

Thursday, September 11, 2008

Nonviolence as a Way of Life Conference University of Oregon Eugene, Oregon

The 2008 Nonviolence as a Way of Life Conference featuring Dr. Marshall Rosenberg will bring together nearly 2,000 people of all ages and backgrounds for four days of workshops, panels, dialogues, play-shops and other activities focusing on inspirational and practical applications of nonviolence in 14 areas of human life.

The common thread that weaves together each of the activities at the conference is the vision that the philosophy and practice of nonviolence can serve as a universal value for organizing all facets of human life. Our aim is to provide conference attendees with a sense of hope, purpose, and meaning, rooted in the practical and useful applications of nonviolence.

Unity of Tustin Tustin, CA

We have initiated a Global Peace Project at Unity of Tustin:

- * We will observe the "11 Days of Global Unity" beginning Sep 11.
- * We will begin by announcing the overall focus programs for peace, and Unity of Tustin's on-going peace activities on Sunday August 24
- * There will be a Peace Site in our Meditation Garden, with a Peace Pole inscribed with a peace prayer in English, plus the three languages of the Abraham Path.
- * We will observe the 11 Days starting Sep 11, Unity's World Day of Prayer with prayer and other activities, including sign-ups for a prayer vigil.

*Sunday announcements will be made before and during the 11 Days to engage our community.

* We will teach a seven-week course based upon Deepak Chopra's book, "Peace is the way."

* We will observe the United Nations Day of Peace on Sunday Sep 21 with some activity.

* We plan to hold a 1/2 day Silent Retreat for Peace within the 11 Days.

* We will perpetuate the program throughout the year, including courses in Non-Violent Communications.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Covina, CA 91724

A Frontline Film which explores the effects of 9/11 on religion. What did America see? How did it affect our notions of God, of evil, and the potential for darkness within religion itself?

(The Pomona Valley Film Festival is part of the 11 Days of Global Unity offerings in this community and is co-sponsored by the Department of Children and Family Services, who will share with participants how they can assist children and families in our area.)

World Day of Prayer

Location: Unity of Fort Pierce, Florida

Day of Prayer & Mindfulness activities included:

Yoga, Spiritual Cinema, Chanting & Drumming, Peace Concert with the Humdingers
(Ride the wave of Peace)

Day of Prayer: Labyrinth open to the Public

Location: First Christian Church

Pomona, CA 91768

Dedicate this day to inner and outer peace. You are invited to walk the labyrinth and find the peace this walk which represents your life's walk brings.

11 Days of Prayer

Location: Ecumenical Theological Seminary

Detroit, MI

Daily Prayer, Meditations, Peace Readings, Discussion and Open Mike to share prayer experiences. This event is co-sponsored by Spiritual Interfaith Center and Peace of the World International.

Community Peace Gathering

**Location: Unity Church of Flint
Flint, MI**

The September Monthly Community Peace Service sponsored by the Genesee County Committee for Community Peace will be hosted by the Unity Church of Flint. This gathering coincides with Unity of Flint's dedication of a Peace Pole erected in celebration of 75 years in the Flint community. Unity of Flint invites everyone to join them as they celebrate and as they offer for prayers and thoughts for peace in our community and in our world.

World Day of Prayer Service

**Location: Unity Church of Christianity
San Angelo Texas**

Rev. Janie Kelley will hold a World Day of Prayer Service along with the opening of the 11 days of Global Unity schedule for the city of San Angelo.

Unity Church of Christianity and The Peace Ambassadors of San Angelo accepted a proclamation from the city for Peace Week. We kicked off the 11 days of Global Unity with a peace concert on the court house lawn in San Angelo.

Native American Ceremony

**Location: Unity of Pasadena
Pasadena, CA**

Come enjoy the Great Thanksgiving Prayer of the People of the Long House (Iroquois) led by Huausa Glenn.

Friday, September 12, 2008

Shabbat Service followed by a Reception

**Location: Temple Beth Israel
Pomona 91767**

Jewish Service with a focus on Peace

Saturday, September 13, 2008

Teaching Peace

**Location: Teaching Peace House
Longmont, CO**

You can plan for war, but you can only practice peace. Do you wonder why, after all this time, no political system has brought about lasting peace? Learn how to: Be a power for peace. Work effectively in politics. Deal with change and chaos. Spread the peace you desire. Experience peace in your world.

Heart Politics

**Location: Unity on the Mountain
Hamilton ON Canada**

Become enlivened to play your part for community & social change.

Girl Scout Art on the Concho Fun Fest

Location: YMCA downtown on the Concho River

Unity Church of San Angelo and the Peace Ambassadors will be helping children make Peace Doves and Pinwheels to support peace in the community of San Angelo.

You, Me & We

**Location: Unity on the Mountain
Hamilton ON Canada**

Simple, fun, hands-on transformative process of clarifying needs & resolving conflict.

An Islamic Experience and Information

Location: Islamic Center of Claremont, 3641 N Garey, Pomona, CA 91767

An opportunity to go to a mosque as a group to experience Prayers, a Talk on Muhammad, Breaking the Fast, More Prayers & share food at a Ramadan Festival.

Sunday, September 14, 2008

PEACE INTENTION EXPERIMENT

Location: www.manypathsbookstore.com - Your Online Spiritual Resource

By notifying our entire email community of nearly 1,400 members, The Peace Intention Experiment will examine what happens when a large group prays a highly specific intention to make a change.

The first study will begin on September 14, 2008, to tie in with the Unity Church's 11 Days of Unity, and run for 10-minute intervals each day at the same time for one week.

Evening Candle Lighting Service

**Location: Unity Church of Fayetteville
Fayetteville, AR 72704**

Universal Worship Candle Lighting Service. Lighting candles and saying prayers of 15 Religions.

Lift Detroit in Prayer

**Location: Place: Hart Plaza
Detroit, MI**

We are planning a joyous celebration for the culmination of our 21 day prayer vigil, during which we have prayed for God's blessing upon Greater Detroit. Many religious and spiritual communities are praying in their own way during this time when Detroit needs it most.

Response has been fabulous! We are expecting at least 2,000 people from all faiths and backgrounds to attend the September 14 ceremony. Award-winning religion journalist David Crumm (www.liftdetroitinprayer.info) will speak, followed by a time of prayer. After the brief ceremony, people will be able to write their own prayers in specially blessed journals. Spiritual communities can sign up to take a journal back to

their community, dispersing the prayerful energy all over the metro area! They can continue to add prayers to the journal for those who were not able to make the event.

Interfaith Gathering

**Location: Cao Dai Universal Temple,
Pomona, CA**

In this interactive gathering we will work with the theme of "love your enemy". Participants are invited to bring short prayers, meditations, messages or just their thoughts on the subject to share. After our interactive candlelighting we will reconsider the teachings of the great Buddha Gautama, Jesus Christ, Mohammed, etc....

Has this teaching been applied by humanity? or it has been forgotten?
What does humanity have to do to bring peace to the world?"
What tools do we know of that will assist people in doing this Peace-Making work?
How can we let people know that such tools exist and teach them how to use them?

Sharing will be followed by sacred Sufi dancing and then by informal sharing and food.

(CaoDai is a religion that originated in Vietnam in the early 20th century. The noble effort of CaoDai is to unite all of humanity through a common vision of the Supreme Being, whatever our minor differences, in order to promote peace and understanding throughout the world. CaoDai does not seek to create a gray world, where all religions are exactly the same, only to create a more tolerant world, where all can see each other as sisters and brothers from a common divine source reaching out to a common divine destiny realizing peace within and without.)

Community Drum Circle & Picnic

**Location: Conejo Creek Park North, Creekside
Thousand Oaks, CA**

One World! One Heartbeat!

Come be a part of the circle of drums as we grow into one powerful community heartbeat celebrating our oneness and creating healing, unity and peace in our world!

Featuring the percussion band Rhythmotomy (Tom Hollow, Jim Long and Steve Sandstedt), creators of the Conejo Drum Circle!

Bring your drums and shakers if you've got 'em! And if you don't, drums and shakers will be available to borrow at the event. Some folding chairs available. We recommend you bring a portable chair if possible.

MANNA Food Drive: Please help us feed the hungry in our local community by bringing a non-perishable food item to donate.

Monday, September 15, 2008

Social Time & Baha'i Prayers

**Location: Baha'i Center,
Cucamonga, CA**

An opportunity to get to know people from the Baha'i tradition and to experience the power of their prayers.

Meditation Workshop

**Location: Unity Church of Fayetteville
Fayetteville, AR 72704**

Meditation Workshop facilitated by Tibetan Monk Master Meditator

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Peace and Blessing Buddhist Ceremony

**Location: Middle Land Chan Monastery
POMONA, CA 91767**

Middle Land Chan Monastery Offers Peace and Blessing Ceremony

Peace is the foundation for a stable society; it is the basis of happiness and prosperity for all mankind. Middle Land Chan Monastery, a branch of Chung Tai Chan Monastery in Taiwan, will join other organizations in participation of the 2008 Pomona Valley 11 Days of Global Unity Activities. This series of interfaith activities not only commemorates the 9/11 disaster, but it is a way for all faiths to communicate and

understand each other, so that we may bring peace and harmony to the rest of the world.

Middle Land Chan Monastery will hold a peace and blessing ceremony on September 16th, from 7:30 to 9:00 PM. Our founding abbot, Venerable Master Wei-Chueh, emphasizes that "The land will be purified when everybody's mind is purified; sentient beings will be tranquil when everybody's mind is tranquil; the world will be peaceful when everyone's mind is peaceful. " Through the chanting of Buddhist scriptures, meditation, and offerings during the ceremony, we open our hearts to the great compassion and loving kindness of Buddhas and Bodhisattvas. If one becomes aware of his/her intentions, discriminates between right and wrong, and treats everyone and everything with wisdom, compassion, and equality, then peace is spread from one individual to the family, through the society, up to the country and to the entire world.

Wednesday, September 17, 2008

11 Days of Global Unity - Wednesday Night Live!

**Location: Unity Church of Christianity
Houston, TX**

Wednesday Night Live! with your host, Rev. Dian Williams, presents 'An Interfaith Prayer Ceremony' as part of the 11 Days of Global Unity. Join us as we affirm peace in our minds, lives, homes, city and world. And this Rev rocks!

Peace Film Festival: "Doing Time, Doing Vipassana"

**Location: Unity Church of Pomona
Pomona 91767**

"Doing Time, Doing Vipassana"

What difference does inner peace make in a person's life? How can we find it? Is it possible for a meditation practice to shift the minds and hearts of even hard core prisoners? What does that mean for us? "Doing Time, Doing Vipassana" by Israeli filmmakers, explores these questions in the setting of a hard core prison in India.

(This film is part of the "11 Days of Global Unity" Peace Film festival, co-sponsored by the Department of Children and Family Services. They will share how participants can assist children and families in our area.)

Thursday, September 18, 2008

Taoist Music, Meditation & Prayer

**Location: Unity Church of Fayetteville
Fayetteville, AR 72704**

Taoist Music, meditation and prayers led by Youth of Unity

Friday, September 19, 2008

A unique Earth Celebration

Location: Wherever YOU are on the Earth - alone, with family, neighbors, institution.

PURPOSE Build person- and family-sized solidarity to care for life in our homes and neighborhoods, based on the Unity we all share within and our common interest and skills to respect the precious jewel of life: the Earth and all its living beings.

A grand vision of over 10 years work is now starting to be implemented. Wanna help?

UNIQUE Do It Yourself Celebrations of the Earth, Life and People happen EVERY MIDSEASON for FIVE DAYS: 19th-23rd Sept, Dec, Mar, June until 2020. The theme is simply 'Caring for Life' as a universal set of skills and an attitude beneficial to all peoples. These celebration dates are also unstoppable as the Earth circles the Sun.

This can spread worldwide and will do so according to how many people want it to and take responsibility in their home or community. Inexhaustible possibilities of joyful and diverse expressions of partying, by celebrating everything precious about life - before it's too late (species dying out at approx. 150/day). See the first mini web site at our DANCE SECTION of ECelebs: www.DanceAroundtheSun.org

If you are a collaborator with great passion about spreading respect for the Earth and our true deepest identity (our common human Awareness), please contact the founder to help launch this major educational movement.

Native American Prayers & Drumming

**Location: Unity Church of Pomona
Pomona, CA 91767**

Rev. Marsha StarrWolf teaches ways to honor the directions and the earth with the power of the drum and then leads Native American Prayers and Chants.

Saturday, September 20, 2008

Building Bridges for Peace

A Coalition of Central Iowa organizations sponsor

Location: Court Avenue Bridges

Des Moines, Iowa

This peace fair will feature over 30 peace and justice organizations in conjunction with the weekly downtown farmers market. There will be music, children's activities, dancing, displays and information. No charge.

Unity Workshop - Anger Management: A Gentle Approach

Location: Unity of the Oaks

Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

Experience personal growth and transformation as you build a healthy relationship with your anger.

In this one-day workshop you will learn:

- * Relaxation and meditation techniques
- * To identify your anger triggers and new ways to respond
- * The power of forgiveness
- * Healthy communication
- * How to shift your energy from anger into productive and creative pursuits

Interfaith Peace Festival

Location: Unity of Salem

Salem, OR.

Celebration of Peace through live music, drumming circles, dances of universal peace, children's activities and guest speakers from various faiths including, Baha'i, Buddhist, Christian, Muslim, New Thought, Religious Science, Sikh and Native American. Everyone Welcome.

Upland Family Fun Day Peace Quilt
Location: Memorial Park
Upland, CA 91786

Join the Religious Groups of Upland's Interfaith Council in creating a "Peace Quilt" of Religious and Peace symbols. Just as every Peace thought and act matters, so does each square of this quilt make a difference.

Weaving Peace: What We Can Do
Location: Monmouth Center for World Religions & Ethical Thought
Lincroft, NJ

Part 1: WORKSHOP (1 pm)
Becoming a Peace Builder

Part 2: OPEN FORUM (2:30)
• SHANTI LECTURE
on global peace making
• PANEL of community peace builders
• RECEPTION meet the
peace builders and enjoy

Sunday, September 21, 2008

ONE% for PEACE
Location: Longview Center,
Raleigh, NC 27602

11 Days of Mediation and a 24-hour meditation prior to ONE% for Peace's Multi-Faith Peace Celebration followed by "Peace in the Park", a public prayer and group meditation at Moore Square, in Raleigh, NC.

One World Peace Celebration
Location: High Desert Center for Spiritual Living
Albuquerque, NM

During 9/21, we will have a 24 hour prayer vigil for peace, Dances of Universal Peace, an Interfaith One World Peace Celebration, singing, and art (pinwheels for peace). We will also dedicate a Peace Pole.

11 Days of Global Unity - International Day of Peace

**Location: Unity Church of Christianity
Houston, Texas**

International Day of Peace Service begins at 11 am in the Sanctuary. Our Ensemble will sing "Peace in the World" as we honor all the continents of the world in a very special ceremony. Come and be a part of affirming peace in our hearts and in the world.

Church Luncheon. Please break bread with us and share your story. We are open to all faiths and paths.

Oneness Blessing ceremony will be held in the Sanctuary. Open to everyone, just come in and enjoy the peace of oneness.

"Take a Stand, SIT for Change" Center for Urban Peace Sit-A-

**Location: The Peace Wall in MLK Civic Center Park
Berkeley, CA**

Sitting is action! Beginning at EXACTLY noon with a minute of Silence for Peace shared worldwide in celebration of Intl Peace Day, followed by five sessions of sitting, walking, moving, meditation and yoga alternated with live music & spoken word. This is a free event open to the public.

Peace Symposium: Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream
**Location: University of LaVerne
La Verne, CA**

Peace Symposium: "Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream". This symposium is presented by the Pachamama Alliance to promote Spirituality, Sustainability & Social Justice.

There's a Movement emerging on Planet Earth, new ways of living, which will take us beyond the crises of our age into a world that works for all. Our work is helping to build the movement of awake, committed, engaged people, an invitation we extend to

everyone. Who we can be, and what we can do at this point in history has never been so significant or so much fun.

Family Celebration Circle: Peace Prayer & Balance

Location: Joyous LifeWorks

Sacramento, CA

Circle Up & Celebrate 11 Days of Global Unity & Fall Equinox on the 21st:
United Nations' International Day of Peace

We will:

Play & Pray * Sing & Drum

Make Family Prayer Flags * Be As One

Program is for all ages and includes:

Slide Show * Interfaith Prayers * Singing & Drumming

Toy & Play Space * Prayer Flag Materials

All are welcome!

Peace and Non-Violence Interfaith Celebration

Location: Tidemark Theatre

Campbell River, BC

An interfaith Celebration sharing music and prayer for peace.

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

War Made Easy: Glamorization of Pro-War messages

Location: Ames Public Library

Ames, Iowa

Ames High Progressive Club, Ames Public Library & the Alliance for Global Justice will present WAR MADE EASY: HOW PRESIDENTS AND PUNDITS KEEP SPINNING US TO DEATH

The film explores the news media and glamorization of the pro-war messages of presidents and the media.

Friday, September 26, 2008

Creating Relationships of Peace
Location: Unity PeaceMakers of
Unity Church of Christianity
Houston, Texas

Join Unity PeaceMakers at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, September 26 to hear our wonderful friend, author and teacher of A Course in Miracles, Jerry Stefaniak present "Relationships and Peace".

One of the fundamental teachings of A Course in Miracles is how much our relationships affect our peace of mind. Once we begin to see that the problems of peace start in our own minds and from how we perceive the world, then we can heal the problem at the root. As we find peace with ourselves, we find peace with others. This is the basis for developing world peace.

Jerry will introduce us all to the basic precepts of A Course in Miracles and its teachings on relationships and peace. We begin with a potluck dinner at 6:30 in Wallet Hall, followed by the program at 7:15. Come and find how World Peace starts at the very center of your heart!!!

Sunday, September 28, 2008

Sunday Celebration Service
Location: Mesa, AZ

Title: It's a Small World After All: Creating peace with our community, nation and world.

Saturday, October 4, 2008

Peace Day March and Celebration of Peacemakers
Location: University of MI-Flint Campus
Flint, MI

Please join us as we march for peace and unity in downtown Flint. We will honor local peacemakers and hear words from a local speaker on peace and nonviolence.

Saturday, October 18, 2008

7th Annual Walk for Hope!

**Location: El Dorado Park
Long Beach, CA**

The Walk for Hope is a reminder of the things that matter most in life. The purpose of the entire event is to spread more love in the world. The entire 5 kilometer route (3 miles) is decorated with hundreds of inspiring quotes, all of them hand-made. You can also expect to find interactive activities along the walk route.

Friday, October 24, 2008

Global Oneness Project in Celebration of United Nations Day

**Location: Unity Church of Christianity
Houston, TX**

Join Unity PeaceMakers and Houston Interfaith Forum on Friday, October 24 for a special program in recognition of United Nations Day. We will view and discuss several short films created by the Global Oneness Project. These films tell moving personal stories from around the world. Together they communicate what it means to live our greater human potential in an increasingly interconnected world. Consider this an invitation to re-imagine your relationship to the world.