

HELP ENHANCE THE FUTURE with this PLAN FOR PEACE

In all of history, now may well be the best time for each of us to recognise and respect ourselves and every other person as a unique, original, unrepeatable, valuable and important citizen of Earth. Each one of us is born free and equal in dignity and human rights. We share this beautiful world with more than seven billion other individual kindred spirits in the common quest to attain and maintain inner and world peace.

You are invited to participate in this plan for peace and to honour the countless numbers of people throughout time who have unjustly died at the hands of aggressors, and particularly those who continue to suffer human rights abuses today.

The World Unity and Peace emblem contains icons and symbols representing most of the diverse beliefs that have influenced humanity throughout history. This emblem is designed to motivate achievement of inner and world peace for enjoyment by everybody. It is to prompt co-operation between all religions, faiths, ideologies, philosophies, nations and peoples, towards the creation of a safer, saner, healthier and happier world for everyone.

The icons embraced within the emblem collectively represent the ideological beliefs of the majority of the world's people. From the top they include in clockwise order: Aboriginal; Indigenous American and Canadian; Polynesian; Tribal African; Rastafarian; Communism; Socialism; Paganism; Science; Bahai; Sufism; Islam; Christianity; Judaism; Egyptian; Taoism; Hinduism; Sikhism; Mayans; Shintoism; Buddhism; and Zoroastrianism. Other relevant and appropriate schools of thought are to be added in the final document.

Several years ago, the Interfaith Program of the United Nations Association of Australia (UNAA) (NSW) Inc endorsed the establishment of a local Council for World Unity and Peace to research, develop and implement an action plan to motivate the United Nations to convene an International Council for World Unity and Peace (ICWUP).

ICWUP's purpose will be to create a World Unity and Peace internet web site containing authentic, succinct and concise summaries of the history and essential precepts of each belief. People will be invited to participate by answering carefully worded questions. Selections of practical knowledge and useful wisdom from every culture can then be produced into a book and posters for wide circulation. Selections can be read at community gatherings of Churches, Houses of Worship, Mosques, Shrines, Synagogues, Temples, and throughout the world.

ICWUP is proposed to consist of elected leaders from each group represented. They will research and contribute their very best descriptive summaries for inclusion in the website, book and posters towards helping all people realise their inner-peace, transcend differences with all others, peacefully co-exist and enjoy full, healthy, happy and loving lives. The posters, well-placed, will continuously radiate an inspirational and educational influence, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

The Council for World Unity and Peace proposal has been created in response to an Earth Repair Charter objective which states: "Encourage all religions, faiths, nations and peoples to co-exist in harmony as one family, sharing the Earth as a common home". The one-page global-vision Charter has been produced to promote implementation of a long-term world-wide action plan for a future without war, and the peoples of Earth united in peace. It presents succinct, practical, self-evident and achievable solutions to help bring about a sustainable and peaceful future. The Charter can be seen at www.earthrepair.net

To effectively enhance the future, only one generation needs to be positively influenced to think and act more wisely to help improve the world for all.

Most recognise that inner peace and world peace are interrelated. Peace on Earth depends on the peace within each individual. Peace can be found here and now within each one of us as a hidden splendor, nearer than hands and feet and closer than breathing. It is simply there waiting to be recognised and realised.

The proposed World Unity and Peace website, book and posters are to provide a positive and optimistic approach to enable a better understanding between all beliefs. The quest is to reveal useful wisdom and valuable knowledge to enable each person to experience continuous and increasing peaceful happiness.

A relevant quote from Kahlil Gibran the Lebanese/Phoenician author of *The Prophet* is:

"The universe is my home and the human family is my tribe.

The whole Earth is my birthplace and all humans are my brothers and sisters". Included in the productions will be the astronomical perspective and humanity's position in the universe. It will cover outer and inner space & awareness of infinity and eternity consciousness, past, present & future.

Now more than ever, let's all do everything we can to help peace grow in the world. Think peace. Talk peace. Walk for peace. Smile for peace. Enjoy inner peace and visualise world peace. Make and wear Peace Now badges or T-shirts. Write letters and sign petitions for a Ministry for Peace in every country. Make and display peace flags or placards. Help grow food forests for peace. In silence or audibly, regularly sing, chant or think 'peace now' for an instant mood-uplifting experience.

Please network this information with your local State and Federal Members of Parliament, religious leaders and the media. Ask them to help lobby the United Nations to make the commitment to establish ICWUP as an urgent priority. Media's participation is encouraged to publicise this initiative as priority news.

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