

***A Call To Action For All Faiths
& Practices in the Philadelphia Region***
U.N. International Day of Peace 2014



This year, the United Nations International Day of Peace (September 21) falls on a Sunday. On this globally observed day, the United Nations calls on nations, communities and individuals to strengthen the ideals of peace, renounce conflict and promote harmony.

Peace Day 2014 provides a powerful opportunity for local faith communities to join the world community and focus their observances from **Friday 9/19 - Sunday 9/21 on PEACE** - in whatever way is meaningful for your faith community and its practices.

Mosques, Synagogues, Churches, Quaker Meeting Houses and Meditation Centers across the Philadelphia region are also encouraged to open their doors to other faiths sometime over the course of this weekend. People and groups from different faith traditions may share messages of peace for each other and for the world. They are also welcome to share a “*Global Feast for Peace*” - a simple gathering around food, with or without interfaith dialogue. And, for those faith groups that have a singing group or choir, we invite you to utilize the inspirational and harmonious power of choral singing to sing songs of peace 9/19-9/21 as part of the global “*One Day One Choir*” initiative.

Join with all faiths across the world to participate in the International Day of Peace - whatever your faith or tradition - Friday, Sept. 19 through Sunday, Sept. 21.

We also invite every citizen across the region, wherever they may be, to:

- Unite with the world community by **observing a minute of silence at noon on September 21** (a global activity in all time zones).
- Include in or close Peace Day related gatherings with the universal statement “***May Peace Prevail On Earth.***”
- Join with people across the Philadelphia region by **offering at least one #actforpeace** on September 21. Share on twitter if you wish @peacedayphilly.

Through these shared actions, we will be unified in our commitment to peace, regardless of our specific faith tradition, beliefs or practices.

- About the U. N. International Day of Peace: <http://www.un.org/en/events/peaceday>
- About the local Peace Day initiative and Peace Day ideas: www.peacedayphilly.org
- Projects and work of the World Peace Prayer Society: <http://www.worldpeace.org>
- United Religions Initiative, a global grassroots interfaith network: <http://www.uri.org>
- Peace One Day's Global Faith Coalition: <http://www.peaceday.org/coalitions>
- Peace One Day's One Day One Choir initiative: <http://www.peaceday.org/get-involved/one-day-one-choir>

“We have visions of peace, and the call to be peacemakers in our own faiths. So let us pray for peace, pray knowing that millions of others from all diverse traditions are also praying for peace.” - Bill Vendley, Secretary-General of Religions for Peace

***MAY PEACE PREVAIL IN PHILADELPHIA
MAY PEACE PREVAIL ON EARTH!***