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Peace News

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Mon Tues & Wed
10:00 am - 4:00 pm



30th Annual

Holiday Peace Fair

Sat. November 29, 2014

Parkdale United Church
2919 - 8 Avenue NW
9:30 AM - 4 PM

**Supporting Social
Justice, Fair Trade and
the Environment**

Unique items from 30
vendors working for peace,
social justice and the
environment

**Light lunch available
for purchase**

**\$2.00 admission
(Free for children
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The Arms Trade and Letter-Writing - October 13, 2014

Attended by about 22 people, this highly informative and interactive presentation began with a short video about one of the annual Arms Bazaars that takes place in Amman, Jordan. (See video [here](#)).

Following the video, Bev DeLong spoke about the global arms trade, giving statistics garnered from U.N. reports and others about the top manufacturers and exporters of arms, noting that Canada is the 15th largest arms exporter in the world. She also shared information regarding Canadian pension plans and urged the audience to contact their pension funds and investment advisors to ask that their money not be invested in arms production. The evening ended with a letter-writing session, which ranged from encouraging people to write Minister of Foreign Affairs John Baird, asking him to ratify the Arms Trade Treaty - to writing to your pension plan and banks to inquire about whether or not your

money is being used to invest in and promote the arms trade in any way - to writing to your pension plan to urge them to adopt ethical guidelines like those in Norway and New Zealand.

Upcoming Peace Education Presentations

Parkdale United Church Conference Room, 2919 - 8 Avenue NW

The Pros and Cons of Video Games

Wednesday November 12, 2014 - 7:00 - 8:30 PM

An evening dedicated to looking at video games - what are the impacts on children? Are there any benefits to children playing video games? Come learn more about this often controversial topic prior to the holiday shopping season!

Results of Ploughshares annual Toy Audit will also be shared.



Spirituality and the Environment

Wednesday January 14, 2015 - 7:00 - 8:30 PM

What do spirituality and the environment have in common? How do various spiritual traditions view our role in caring for the environment? Panel discussion format.

Be a sweet melody in the great orchestration,
instead of a discordant note. The medicine this
sick world needs is love. Hatred must be replaced
by love, and fear by faith that love will prevail.
~Peace Pilgrim



More Ploughshares Events to watch for:

November 11 - 1:00 PM Ploughshares will hold an alternative **Remembrance Day** ceremony at the Calgary Community Peace Pole to remember all people affected by war, and to create hope for a future without war.

November 29 - The 30th Annual Holiday Peace Fair, 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM, Parkdale United Church

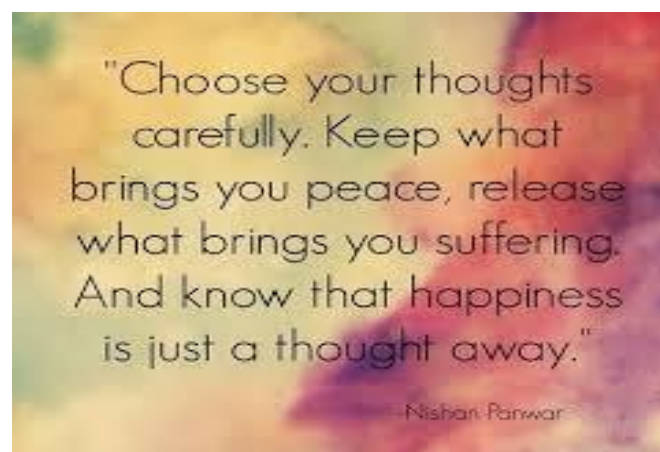
December 2 (Tuesday) - River Park Church. Film showing of **Joyeux Noel**, which tells the true-life story of the spontaneous Christmas Eve truce declared by the Scottish, French and German troops in the trenches of World War I. More details forthcoming via Facebook and email in the next couple of weeks!

December 13 - Project Ploughshares Holiday Open House, CommunityWise Resource Centre, 223 - 12 Avenue SW, 12 - 4 PM. Please bring one or two dozen cookies to share with others as a way of creating and contributing to a vibrant peace community! All Ploughshares members, friends, family and anyone who is interested in learning more about Project Ploughshares is welcome.



Donations

2014 is quickly coming to a close - so as you decide where you'd like to make the last of this year's donations, please remember your local Project Ploughshares! We count on people like YOU to keep our peace programming available to all Calgarians and hope that you'll continue to support us. Details on how to donate can be found at ploughsharescalgary.ca/support-us/donate.html or use the form on page 6 of this newsletter.



Calgary Centre for Global Community Raise It Up – Sunday November 23, 3:30 - 7 PM Mount Pleasant Community Association, 602 - 22 Avenue NW

Calgary Centre for Global Community invites you to join us for an afternoon of fusion music featuring diverse instruments and talent including Bijan Maysami on Santoor, Travis Bayley on Electric Guitar, Vi An Diep on Zheng, Prashant Michael John on Indian flute, Eric Rak on bass guitar and Brent Van Dusen on percussion. Raise It Up is Calgary Centre for Global Community's annual fundraiser. Funds raised during this event will support our programs including the Peace and Global Citizenship Seminar Series, the Human Voice Project, and the Solutionaries - Leadership Training Program.

RAISE IT UP



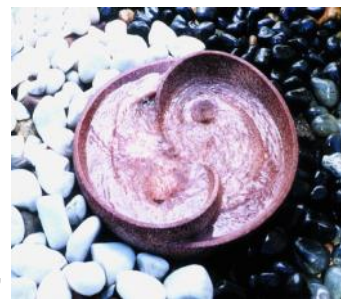
The price of the ticket is \$35, and includes entry, light refreshments and music for the evening. A cash bar and a silent auction featuring a variety of products will be run throughout the evening. To purchase tickets, go to EventBrite [here](#).

Upcoming Calgary Peace Events

Harmony Café

Sat. November 8th, 6 - 9 PM

CommunityWise, 223 - 12 Avenue SW



Enjoy an evening of shared community at the new Harmony Café! Karen Huggins of Project Ploughshares and Janyce Konkin of Initiatives of Change are heading this project that will feature meaningful dialogue, healthy vegetarian food, local music and a Children's Corner! We are working on a new social and economic model of 'Paying-It-Forward' - come out, bring your friends and family, and enjoy! Please visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/395093220643348/> for more info.

Mark these dates in your calendar for future Harmony Cafés: Saturday December 6th; Saturday January 3rd, Saturday February 7th, Saturday March 7th, Saturday April 4th.



CALGARY CENTRE FOR GLOBAL COMMUNITY



Calgary Centre for Global Community and the Consortium for Peace Studies at the University of Calgary are offering these seminars with the goal of introducing participants to basic principles of peace and global citizenship.

Seminar Topics & Dates:

Peace & Conflict - Canada's Role in Principle and in Practice - Wednesday November 27, 2014

Narratives of Violence - The Hard Path towards Reconciliation - Wednesday January 28, 2015

Fundamentalism Unpacked - Thursday February 26, 2015

Indigenous Rights – Stories & Themes from Around the World - Thursday March 26, 2015

Building a Community Response to Climate Change - Thursday April 30, 2015

Social Activism Across Borders - Thursday May 28, 2015

Social Entrepreneurship to Transform Culture, Economy and the Environment - Thursday June 25, 2015

For more info and to register, please go to <http://www.calgarycgc.org/seminars-in-peace--global-citizenship.html>



Breaking Down Walls...

Relief, Development and Peace

An evening of music and discussion with Former Prime Minister, The Right Honourable Joe Clark.

Friday, November 21, 2014 - 7:00pm

Foothills Alliance Church, 383 Edgemark Blvd. NW

Mr. Clark will discuss the roles of government and non-government organizations (NGOs) around the world. He will explore the challenges of supporting healthy community development in areas of conflict, poverty, and food and water insecurity.

Donations will be received at the event to support the work of Mennonite Central Committee's (MCC) Global Family Program. Around the world, there are many barriers to children accessing education - Global Family works to overcome these barriers through community-based education.

For more info and tickets, go to: <http://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/events/breaking-down-walls-relief-development-peace>



Marda Loop Justice Film Festival

Various Locations

November 18 - 23, 2014

Vision

The **Marda Loop Justice Film Festival's** vision is the emergence of a sustainable world of communities at peace, living in just relationship one with another. We value empathy, equality, the sharing of resources and love of neighbour. We seek to be an effective contributor to the realization of this vision shared by many people.

Mission

The **Marda Loop Justice Film Festival** is a documentary film festival and a hub of global citizen engagement promoting understanding of justice issues and advocating for the wellbeing of local and global neighbours.

Marda Loop Justice Film Festival hosts Calgary based documentary film nights and an annual festival to:

- foster awareness and understanding of injustices and indignities suffered by many in our world and tell stories of hope in action,
- facilitate conversations around justice, views of the world, essential questions, and the greater common good,
- offer opportunities to get involved in the issues raised, primarily through the activities of local advocacy groups and non-government international development organizations,
- enables partners to present satellite festivals in various communities under the "Justice Film Festival" banner, and collaborates with community institutions of learning, civil society, faith, media, government and business to establish projects that achieve shared goals of justice awareness and public engagement.

For full information about this outstanding film festival, please see:

<http://www.justicefilmfestival.ca/festival.php/loc|dawsoncreek>

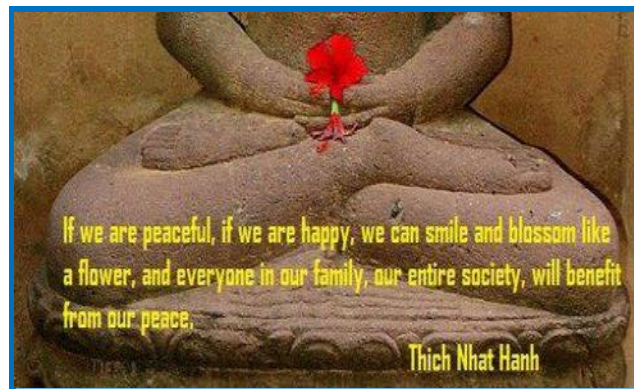


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Recent Articles of Interest:

Bishop Pates to Energy Secretary: Plan To Upgrade Nuclear Forces Undermines Quest for Disarmament , October 30, 2014

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/war-and-peace/nuclear-weapons/upload/Letter-to-Secretary-of-Energy-from-Bishop-Pates-on-Nuclear-Spending-2014-10-30.pdf>

Sex and drone strikes: gender and identity in targeting and casualty analysis

By Ray Acheson, Richard Moyes, and Thomas Nash, October 2014

<http://www.reachingcriticalwill.org/resources/publications-and-research/publications/9367-sex-and-drone-strikes-gender-and-identity-in-targeting-and-casualty-analysis>

Key Democrats, Led by Hillary Clinton, Leave No doubt that Endless War is Official U.S. Doctrine by Glenn Greenwald

<https://firstlook.org/theintercept/2014/10/07/key-democrats-led-hillary-clinton-leave-doubt-endless-war-u-s-doctrine/>



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Yes...I am interested in supporting the peace work of Project Ploughshares!

- \$50
- \$100
- \$250
- \$500
- \$1000
- Other Amount (Specify) \$_____
- I'd like to make a monthly donation of \$_____
- I'd like to volunteer

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____

Donation Options: Cheque PayPal Cash

Make cheque payable to Project Ploughshares Calgary or go to www.ploughsharescalgary.ca to make your payment via PayPal.

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