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Peace News

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3rd Annual CALGARY PEACE RUN & WALK FESTIVAL

Saturday September 20th
Festival Square Market, Eau Claire

Our deepest thanks to all those who made the 3rd Annual Calgary Peace Run and Walk a fun and successful event: runners, walkers, sponsors, donors, volunteers, race starter Kent Hehr, MC Bill Phipps, speakers, singers, drummers, facepainters, henna artist, origami crane makers, storyteller and craft maker, yoga teacher, and the fabulous Calgary Peace Run & Walk organizing committee - without the collaborative effort of all of you, this event would not be possible!

We are located:

Parkdale United
Church
2919 8th Ave NW
T2N 1C8
403- 270-7366

Office hours:

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



Big congratulations to all the winners!

Women's 5K

1. Sandra Hudson
2. Jenn Andrews
3. Kelli Zacharopoulos

Men's 5K

1. Scott Mercer
2. Simon Duperor
3. Eddie Arciniega

Women's 10K

1. Stacey Page
2. Kim Calow
3. Jenn Fenerty

Men's 10K

1. Harold Funk
2. Jeff Townsend
3. Daniel Ochoa

Ploughshares News



Donations

Happy Autumn Everyone! When you're planning your charitable giving for the remainder of 2014, don't forget your local Peace Education organization.

Project Ploughshares counts on people like YOU to keep our peace programming available to all Calgarians. We count on your regular support! 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.



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 other surprises! We are working on a new social and economic model of 'Paying-It-Forward' - come out, bring your friends and family, and enjoy!

Upcoming Peace Education Presentations

Parkdale United Church Conference Room, 2919 - 8 Avenue NW



The Arms Trade and Letter-Writing Campaign

Wednesday October 8, 2014, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Learn which Canadian companies participate in the Arms Trade, and what you can do! Letter writing to specific companies will be a part of this informative evening.

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

To be re-scheduled in the new year - sorry for any inconvenience - we didn't expect a snowstorm in September!

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.



Annual Toy Audit

Various Calgary toy stores - October 15 - 30

We will be conducting our Toy Audit at various Calgary toy stores soon. **We need volunteers for this job!** It's one of the most fun and interesting volunteer opportunities in the city! Basically you will be going through some amazing (and some not-so-amazing) toy stores and looking at the percentage of peaceful toys as opposed to violent toys. Results of the toy audit will be sent to Calgary media prior to the busy holiday shopping

season. If you can help out, please contact **Karen at 403-270-7366 or office@ploughsharescalgary.ca**.

"Don't let the behaviour of others destroy your inner peace." ~ The Dalai Lama



Upcoming Calgary Peace Events



More Ploughshares Events to watch for:

November 11 - 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 10 - 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. Location to be announced.

December 13 - Project Ploughshares Holiday Open House, CommunityWise Resource Centre, 223 - 12 Avenue SW, 12 - 4 PM

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:

Basic Principles of Global Citizenship - Wednesday October 1, 2014

Globalized Economy and Implications for Local Well-Being - Wednesday October 29, 2014

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

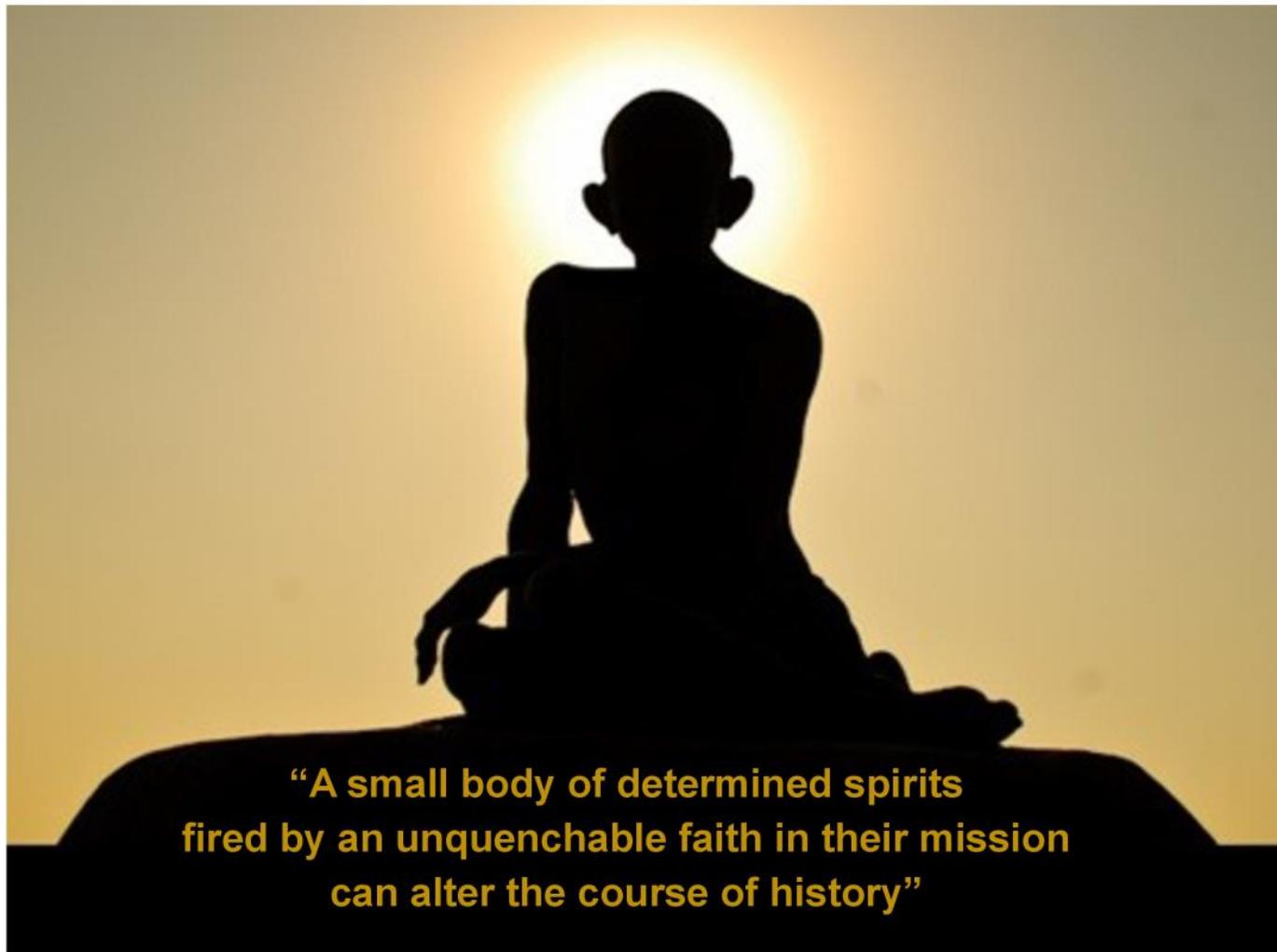
Indigenous Rights – Stories & Themes from Around the World - Thursday March 26, 2015

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>



**“A small body of determined spirits
fired by an unquenchable faith in their mission
can alter the course of history”**

Gala Dinner & Keynote Address

**“Looking In
&
Reaching Out”**



by

Dr. Rajmohan Gandhi

[Grandson of Mahatma Gandhi]

Friday, October 3, 2014

6:00 p.m.—9:30 p.m.

Ramada Plaza Hotel

3515—26 Str. N.E. Calgary AB T1Y 7E3

\$50

INITIATIVES OF CHANGE

**CREATING CONNECTIONS & CHANGING
THE WORLD**

Saturday, October 4, 2014

9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

The Kahanoff Conference Centre

200, 105—12th Avenue S.E.,

Calgary, Alberta T2G 1A1

(By Donation)

- 9:00 a.m. Welcome by Rajmohan Gandhi
- 9:15 a.m. Quiet Time
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Break
- 11:15 a.m. IofC Changing the World
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. IofC Changing the World (Cont'd)
- 2:00 p.m. K.Cottee —The Human Side of Recycling
- 3:00 p.m. Coffee Break
- 3:15 p.m. Beyond Forgiving: Alberta Launch
- 4:00 p.m. Closing Ceremony, Alvin Maniptyes

The End and the Beginning

By Wisława Szymborska

After every war
someone has to clean up.
Things won't
straighten themselves up, after all.

Someone has to push the rubble
to the sides of the road,
so the corpse-filled wagons
can pass.

Someone has to get mired
in scum and ashes,
sofa springs,
splintered glass,
and bloody rags.

Someone must drag in a girder
to prop up a wall,
Someone must glaze a window,
rehang a door.

Photogenic it's not,
and takes years.
All the cameras have left
for another war.

We'll need bridges back
and new railway stations.
Sleeves will go ragged
from rolling them up.

Someone, broom in hand,
still recalls how it was.
Someone else listens
and nods with unsevered head.
But already there are those nearby
starting to mill about
who will find it dull.

From out of the bushes
sometimes someone still unearths
rusted-out arguments
and carries them to the garbage pile.

Those who knew
what was going on here
must make way to
those who know little.
And less than little.
And finally as little as nothing.

In the grass which has overgrown
causes and effects,
someone must be stretched out
blade of grass in his mouth



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 Edgepark 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->



Marda Loop Justice Film Festival

Launch Event - October 2 - FREE!

5:30 - 8:00 PM Open House

John Dutton Theatre, Calgary Public Library
616 Macleod Trail SE

9th Annual Marda Loop Justice Film Festival

November 18-23, 2014

6-days... more venues... 25 films!

Date	Time	Venue
NOV. 18	7:00PM	John Dutton Theatre, Central Library
NOV. 19	10:00AM	Mount Royal University
NOV. 19	12:10PM	Globe Theatre (short over lunch)
NOV. 19	1:00PM	Mount Royal University
NOV. 19	7:00PM	John Dutton Theatre, Central Library
NOV. 20	12:10PM	Globe Theatre (short over lunch)
NOV. 20-23	Various	River Park Church

www.JusticeFilmFestival.ca

For more info: <http://www.justicefilmfestival.ca/>



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Special thanks to Karen Huggins & Tracey Braun for their work writing and editing this issue of the newsletter.



"It was quite incomprehensible to me ... why in my evening prayers I should pray for human beings only. So when my mother had prayed with me and had kissed me goodnight, I used to add silently a prayer that I had composed myself for all living creatures. It ran thus: "O Heavenly Father, protect and bless all things that have breath; guard them from all evil, and let them sleep in peace." - **Albert Schweitzer**



Recent Article of Interest

Canada and the Humanitarian Movement to Abolish Nuclear Weapons

By Douglas Roche

For full article, please see unitednationsandcanada.org

ABSTRACT

A growing number of states are joining a new movement, emphasizing humanitarian law, to create a legally binding instrument to ban nuclear weapons. Canadian policy is incoherent. On one hand Canada supports NATO doctrine, which continues to maintain that nuclear weapons provide the "supreme guarantee" of safety. On the other hand, Canada supports the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty, which includes important nuclear disarmament obligations.

The humanitarian movement to eliminate nuclear weapons fits in with long-held Canadian values. Canada should join those states calling for comprehensive negotiations to start now, leading to a legal framework for the verified, irreversible, and enforceable elimination of nuclear weapons.



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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

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Please mail completed form with donation to:

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