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# Peace News

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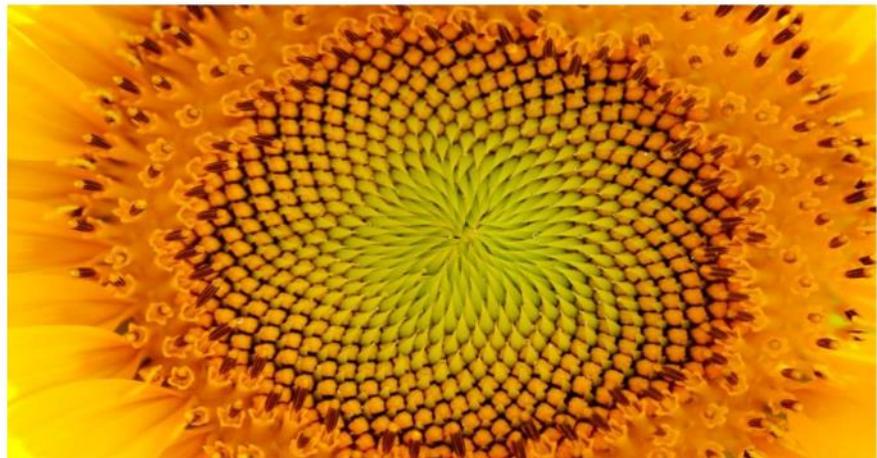
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## *Peace with the Earth: A Sacred Ecology Workshop* *(based on the work of Joanna Macy)*



**Parkdale United Church Auditorium**  
2919 - 8 Avenue NW

**Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> - 7 - 9 PM**

**Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> - 10 AM - 5 PM**

Facilitators: Ronnie Joy Leah & Karen Huggins

### **The Work That Reconnects...**

... builds motivation, creativity, courage and solidarity  
for the transition to a sustainable human culture.

We will explore our deep connections to the sacred earth and all of life,  
so that we may live more fully, consciously and peacefully -  
co-creating a life-sustaining culture.

***\$10 Suggested Donation - Snacks, Coffee, & Tea provided.***  
***Please bring your own brown bag lunch on Saturday.***

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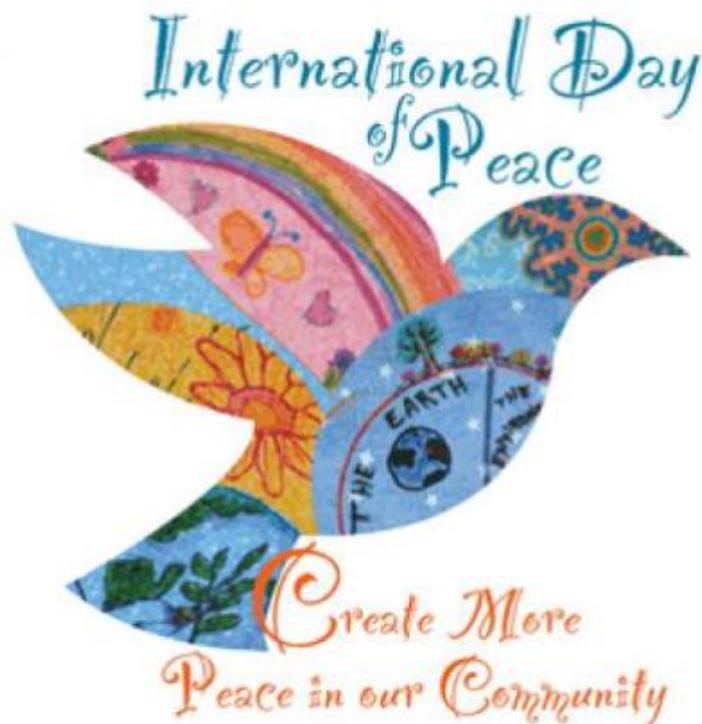
# International Day of Peace

Monday September 21, 2015

Calgary Community Peace Pole

(just east of the 10<sup>th</sup> St. C-train bridge, in Peace Park)

4:30 – 6:00 PM



**PICNIC IN THE PARK**

(PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BROWN BAG LUNCH)

**PEACE BUTTONS FOR SALE**

**MUSIC**

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## Floating Lantern Memorial Thursday August 6, 2015 Olympic Plaza

### It Is Time. Time For Peace.

By Louise Gallagher  
<http://dareboldly.com/page/3/>

It was an evening of grace, of community, of peace-building. We gathered under pregnant grey clouds lumbering slowly across the sky above us. We gathered, young and old, to remember, to commemorate, to be together.

The skies could not wait and rained down upon us.

The crowd stayed.

The event began and together, we held a conversation about peace. About nuclear disarmament, about what we as one people, one community can do together to create peace.

There was poetry and music. Drumming and flute and didgeridoo. Sheri-D Wilson performed a spoken word, Trevor Uruski and Ancient Echoes enchanted with their compelling music. Nobue Henmi, a young university student born and raised in Hiroshima, shared her stories of visiting the A-bomb memorial as a child, the tears and fears of living under the dark cloud of what had happened before she was born.

Earth Beat performed 5 songs in 6 different languages. They were stunning. Japanese, Chinese, Israeli and Arab singing together, in harmony. One voice. One people. One song.

[Judy Atkinson and Circles of Rhythm](#) drummed. Our hearts were stirred. Our minds opened.

It was the children who were the most disarming. In their simple and poignant offering of the story of Sadako, the young girl who in 1955 died of leukemia, the A-bomb disease, she left a legacy of 1,000 origami cranes as a reminder to all of us to never give up on peace. Never give up on believing we can find a way to disarm. Find away to live peacefully with one another.

We are one planet. One human race. One people.

The air I breathe is the air you breathe.

The earth I walk, is the earth you walk.

When we walk in peace, we create peace around us. When we arm ourselves to protect against one another, we are hurting ourselves and one another. We are actively engaged in defying peace, preventing it, stopping it.

There are so many ways to make peace. It begins in each of our hearts. It begins right where we stand. It begins right where we are willing to let go of hatred, anger, discrimination...It begins where we are.

What are you willing to do today to make peace in your heart?  
What are you willing to let go of? Hold onto? Change? Create?

A couple of years ago, I spent a year writing C.C. a love poem a day. Last night as I listened to poet/performer Sherri-D Wilson recite a poem she'd written about love and peace, I was reminded of the power writing a love poem a day had on my heart.

I decided, it is time. Time to create peace.

Time to write a poem a day for a year about peace.

I begin. Where I am.

Louise's poetry blog: [www.makepeacehappen.me](http://www.makepeacehappen.me)





**DONATIONS** - Please remember **Project Ploughshares** when you are planning your charitable giving. We need your commitment to help us maintain our Peace Education Programs as well as the many community-oriented and educational events that we do every year. We are so appreciative of your donations that help us keep the doors open of your local Peace Education Organization!

During July & August, donations were received from organizations totalling \$3000. We are deeply appreciative of their support. Thanks so much for considering Project Ploughshares Calgary!

## CALGARIANS WRITE PEACE A PROJECT PLOUGHSHARES INITIATIVE

### Deadline: October 1, 2015



We would love to hear from you and share your work in a meaningful and locally-developed booklet based on your own feelings about war and peace.

Attention all literary and artistic people! Pick up your pens and paintbrushes! Submit your work for inclusion in a booklet that we plan to have ready for fall 2015 - in time for you to give a copy to a loved one as a holiday, birthday or anniversary gift.

We're accepting essays, poetry, art, short stories, letters...

Please send your work to:

**Karen at Project Ploughshares Calgary, 2919 - 8 Ave. NW, Calgary T2N 1C8,  
or email it to: [office@ploughsharescalgary.ca](mailto:office@ploughsharescalgary.ca)**

### Ploughshares Upcoming 2015 Events:



September 18-19 - **Peace with the Earth**

September 21st - **International Day of Peace** at the Calgary Community Peace Pole, 4 - 5:30 PM

October 1st - Deadline for submissions to 'Calgarians Write Peace'

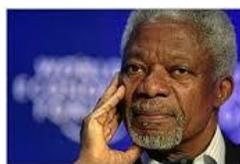
October 14th - **Film Night** (film TBA), Parkdale United Church Conference Room, 7:00 PM

October 20th - 30th - **3rd Annual Toy Audit**

November 7th - **31st Annual Holiday Peace Fair**

November 11th - **Remembrance Day** at the Calgary Community Peace Pole, 1 - 2 PM

December 5th - **Ploughshares Holiday Open House**, Parkdale United Church Auditorium, 1 - 3 PM



"There is no trust more sacred than the one the world holds with children. There is no duty more important than ensuring that their rights are respected, that their welfare is protected, that their lives are free from fear and want and that they grow up in peace."

*Kofi Annan,  
in "Foreword" to The State of the World's Children 2000*

### TOY AUDIT VOLUNTEERS

If you'd like to do a short, but incredibly fun and rewarding volunteer job for Project Ploughshares, this is the opportunity for you! Volunteers visit pre-selected Calgary toy stores prior to the busy holiday shopping season and assess the number of peaceful vs violent toys they carry. Call Karen at the office if you're interested!



**31st Annual**  
**Holiday Peace Fair**

**Sat. November 7, 2015**

**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**

**\$5.00 admission  
\$3.00 for seniors & students  
(Free for children  
12 and under)**

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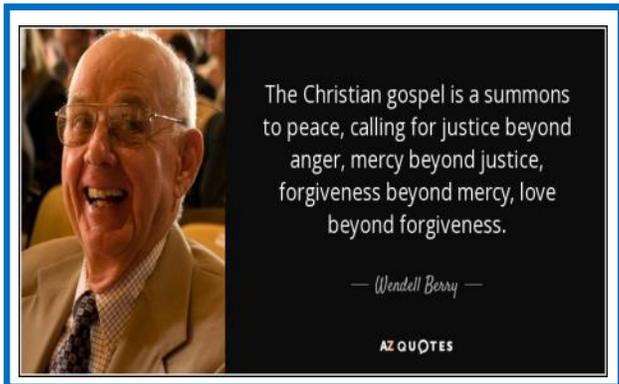


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**Articles of Interest:**

**A Nuclear-Weapon-Free World Our Common Good: Legislators and religious leaders join forces for nuclear abolition.** Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament. <http://www.pnnd.org/article/nuclear-weapon-free-world-our-common-good-legislators-and-religious-leaders-join-forces>

**Seventy years after Hiroshima, it's high time to ban the bomb.** Cesar Jaramillo. <http://www.embassynews.ca/opinion/2015/08/20/seventy-years-after-hiroshima-it%E2%80%99s-high-time-to-ban-the-bomb/47491>

**Gender-based violence and the arms trade treaty.** Reaching Critical Will. [http://www.reachingcriticalwill.org/images/documents/Publications/GBV\\_ATT-brief.pdf](http://www.reachingcriticalwill.org/images/documents/Publications/GBV_ATT-brief.pdf)



**Project Ploughshares Calgary**

**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 #: \_\_\_\_\_

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Donation Options:  Cheque  PayPal  Cash

**Make cheque payable to Project Ploughshares Calgary or go to [www.ploughsharescalgary.ca](http://www.ploughsharescalgary.ca) to make your payment via PayPal.**

**Please mail completed form with donation to:**

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**(Project Ploughshares is a charitable organization - we issue tax receipts for all donations over \$20)**