

Peacemakers in Action Network Embraces the International Day of Peace 21 September 2024

Gathered from around the world, we as religiously, spiritually, and humanely motivated peacemakers raise our united voice in a call for people of good will to build a hopeful future by **Cultivating a Culture of Peace**.

Recognizing this year as the 25th Anniversary of the United Nations General Assembly's declaration and call to action on a culture of peace, we declare that this call is more urgent than ever, and we commit our energy, our gifts, our experiences, and our lives to this calling.

Drawing from our sacred writings and from our core beliefs, embodying different traditions as Buddhist, Christian, Jewish, and Muslim people living by the Golden Rule¹, we call on all religious leaders around the world to use this Day of Peace as a time to embrace Cultivating a Culture of Peace in your own community and country.

We embrace the words of the United Nations that "the ideas of peace, the culture of peace, need to be cultivated in the minds of children and communities through formal and informal education, across countries and generations."

As peacemakers who work from the ground up, we call on all community, national, and global leaders to:

- Respect all life and human rights,
- Promote non-violence through education and cooperation,
- Settle conflicts through peaceful negotiations,
- Honor the beauty and giftedness of diversity,
- Pursue justice and love mercy, and
- Ensure religious freedom, tolerance, and mutual understanding.

On this day, we are hosted at Rose Castle, near Carlisle, UK, collaborating with their Foundation whose mission "is to equip tomorrow's leaders with the skills, tools, and habits needed to transform conflict." They join us in this declaration.

Our Working Retreat this week includes training from the Mary Hoch Center for Reconciliation which combines reconciliation research and practice with peace education at the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution at George Mason University. They have a special focus on "insider reconcilers" and join with us in this declaration.

¹ [The Golden Rule](#)

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

The *Peacemakers in Action Network*

Dr. Sarah AK Ahmed – Iraq/Canada
Imam Muhammad Nurayn Ashafa – Nigeria
James Lual Atak – South Sudan
Azhar Hussain – Pakistan/USA
Dr. Ephraim Isaac – Ethiopia
Dishani Jayaweera – Sri Lanka
Hind Aboud Kabawat – Syria
Dr. Yehezkel Landau – Israel/USA

Dr. William Lowrey – South Sudan/USA
Nozizwe Madlala Routledge – South Africa
Rev. Jacklevyn Manuputty – Indonesia
Friar Ivo Markovic – Bosnia & Herzegovina
Yeny Nolasco – El Salvador
Canon Andrew White – England / Iraq
Pastor James Movel Wuye – Nigeria

Joined in solidarity by:

Rev. Mark Fowler – Tanenbaum Center for Interreligious Understanding
Canon Sarah Snyder – Rose Castle Foundation
Antti Pentikainen – Mary Hoch Center for Reconciliation

About the *Peacemakers in Action Network*

We are Tanenbaum's *Peacemakers in Action Network*: Religiously motivated peace activists from armed conflicts across the world and recipients of the *Peacemakers in Action Award*. Spanning different religions, beliefs, and conflicts, we have experienced violence and reconciliation. We know the pain of loss, the destruction engendered by hatred, and the possibilities of peace.

The *Peacemakers in Action Network* is dedicated to conflict transformation and reconciliation. Our vision is to build a more peaceful, just, and sustainable world. As individuals who work to resolve armed conflict, we stand together and raise our collective voice to denounce developments that threaten peace and human security.