## U.N. INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE SEPTEMBER 21



## WHAT CAN YOU DO: COMMUNITY

**Peace Day Philly** is the local initiative for the U. N. International Day of Peace, observed globally on and around **September 21**. For more about the International Day of Peace and Peace Day Philly, go to <a href="https://www.peacedayphilly.org">www.peacedayphilly.org</a>.

**Peace Day Philly 2017** will take place across the city **Sept. 17 - Sept. 23.** <u>Make Peace Day a global day of local opportunity!</u> Here are a few suggestions for community-based peace activities - consider connecting with local non-profits working on peace/unity/wellness issues and involve them in the activity. Activities can take place on whatever day during that week which is most convenient.

- Gather together community members, leaders, police and youth for a peace & unity march.
- → Do Chalk 4 Peace and/or peace crafts with kids in the community, and tweet photos of their artwork. Go to <a href="http://bit.ly/R7hzOQ">http://bit.ly/R7hzOQ</a> for art ideas.
- Organize a peace vigil or gather diverse faiths for an interfaith discussion.
- Organize basketball games with youth and police officers. If possible, follow with a short discussion on community issues and/or youth/police relations.
- 🕌 Hold a school workshop/assembly about bullying and racial/cultural intolerance.
- Purchase and "Plant" a Peace Pole with the words "May Peace Prevail On Earth" in different languages. Learn about Peace Poles here: <a href="http://bit.ly/QIVoOj">http://bit.ly/QIVoOj</a>.
- ♣ Organize a "Global Feast for Peace" at a recreation or community center with food representing the different cultures of the community. Community members can say a little bit about the tradition of the food they are offering.
- → Hold a meeting in which community members can share their concerns with community leaders and/or police; or, offer a panel program to discuss building better police/community relations.
- → Is there a mural related to peace and unity in your community? Plan a simple Peace Day event there, such as brief remarks, a poem and observing the minute of silence at noon on 9/21 (a global activity in all timezones).
- Loes your community have a garden? Take a few hours as a group to tend to it.

Share your plans @peacedayphilly or on the PDP Facebook page. Contact PDP at 215-688-6127 if you need help with an activity.