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 www.peacedayphilly.org.

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 the week in which Peace Day falls that 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 http://bit.ly/R7hzOQ 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/policy relations.

🌟 Hold a school workshop/assembly about bullying and racial/cultural intolerance.


🌟 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).

🌟 Does your community have a garden? Take a few hours as a group to tend to it.