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## Balance

With Law and Order, as the world has known it, finding itself in different stages of disarray and collapse, and the increasingly complicated and dysfunctional legal system earning the mistrust of the general public, it is not surprising that the two pans of the scales, weighing rights and wrongs, are vacillating at such a dizzying rate. What is protected by law, and what *feels* right, at odds with each other. As long-established demarcation lines between acceptable and unacceptable behaviour within our different societal, religious, and cultural make-ups, erode and corrupt, is it any wonder that not even increasingly harsh punitive measures can prevent the human being from rebelling against boundaries of the past. Unease, discontent, and stress erupts in widespread social upheaval and mayhem, leading to repetitive outbursts of tit-for-tat vindictiveness within all strata of our communities and polluting the atmosphere of relationships.

Time and again this debilitating systemic dis-ease has brought an aging and ailing civilisation to its knees, inevitably followed by a time of desperate clinging to past dependencies and comfort zones and fearful bouts of forebodings, clouding our capacity to think. However, this period between the subsiding and approaching horizons will also bring eye-opening revelations to those who are ready to welcome the opportunity to move forward and evolve.

From the very first attempts of the child to stand upright supported only by its own two legs to the trained intensity of the ballet dancer's pirouettes, and through all the many mental, emotional, and physical challenges of each day in our individual lives we have been, and are, learning to master the discipline of balance and experiencing how one point of focussed effort leads to another. Step by step each one of us is heading in the direction we decided to take, and in today's inter-connected, inter-dependent - and inter-twined - global neighbourhood, humanity as a whole is confronted with a joint decision as to the road ahead.

Amidst the turmoil, chaos, and general state of lawlessness, we need to seek to obtain a state of unity; a collective mental and emotional equilibrium, which will allow us to see our predicament in its entirety and as a whole. Faced with an unavoidable 'crisis of choice', we need to stand together at the midway point between the swinging scales, where we shall have a clear view of the whole state of affairs. From here a well-considered decision can be made. Here no-decision will also constitute a choice.

At the 68<sup>th</sup> United Nations General Assembly, September this year, President Barack Obama, referring to the human spirit which had never failed to rise victoriously out of past clashes between conflicting values and continued the work for a better future for each and all, asked the Assembly, so - *"who in this hall can argue that the future*

*belongs to those who seek to repress that spirit, rather than those who seek to liberate it?"* Since its inception, people with expertise, understanding and vision have come together from every UN member nation to formulate comprehensive sets of mutually agreed principles and codes of conduct on rights and responsibilities, on which humanity's future legal system can become *'the custodian of a positive righteousness and not simply the instrument of enforcement'*; a system which emphasises educational programmes, puts in place methods of healing and restoration rather than isolation and punishment.

Those who seek to repress the human spirit can only succeed if we allow them to do so. Again and again, we have witnessed human beings rising from the most deprived and devastating circumstances, giving thanks for the gift of life. This is the spirit that defies death, and which will liberate and lift humanity to new levels of wondrous beauty.

All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights; they are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood (Univ. Declaration of Human Rights). When heart and mind, conscience and reason have enabled the two, the sister and the brother, to stand together in perfect balance, we will - as one humanity - continue the journey and fulfil our common destiny.

Gita Brooke  
Editorial from September 2013

## 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Handspan and International Day of Peace Celebration

On 21 September 2022, the Handspan Peace Sculpture at Whanganui, New Zealand celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This special occasion coincided with the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UN International Day of Peace, which was celebrated by the global community worldwide.

At the beginning of the year 2000, Peace through Unity embarked upon a culture of peace sculpture project in the city of Whanganui. With the help of the Sarjeant Gallery a culture of peace sculpture design competition was organised for all artists of the region, and the late Ross Mitchell-Anyon was the winner and the designer of Handspan.

The Whanganui District Council gave its approval and donated the site in Queen's Park, Pukenuamu. The sculpture was built through the combined skills and cooperation of people from many parts of the community: artists, construction workers, electricians, plumbers, plasterers, architects and engineers.

The Handspan Peace Sculpture was established as part of Whanganui's Peace Day celebrations on 21 September 2002 in dedication to a culture of peace and non-violence for children across the globe. The walls of the double-spiral pathway converge at the centre and are covered by more

than 4000 clay casts of hands from Whanganui and the nationwide community.

In the build-up to the celebration event, Whanganui Potters Studio partnered with Peace Through Unity to organise two weekends of hand-casting workshops, which provided the opportunity for new members of the community living in Whanganui after Handspan was first established to experience having their hand cast into clay before firing the tile after which they will take home the final products.



*Hand casting workshop*

At mid-day on 21 September, a minute silence was observed by a diverse group at the Handspan. Kaumātua John Maihi led off with a karakia, a Māori prayer, followed by the honourable guest, High Commissioner of Malaysia to New Zealand, HE, Ms Nur Izzah Wong Mee Choo, representatives from Quakers and the three historic peace churches, the multicultural council of Rangitikei-Whanganui, members of the community and the Mayor of the Whanganui District Council all

contributed prayers and thoughts to the event. John Maihi then rededicated the Handspan Peace Sculpture, joined by all who participated.



*Rededication of Handspan*

A celebratory luncheon was held right after the rededication ceremony at the nearby War Memorial Hall. Ms Nur Izzah Wong Mee Choo addressed the audience by promoting nuclear disarmament and the importance of building peace in the Pacific region. Keynote speaker, Thomas Nash, Councillor of Greater Wellington Regional Council, spoke on the topic “Sustaining the Global Community from Aotearoa” and shared how New Zealand could take on the leading role of setting an example in the areas of conflict resolution and sustainable development for the rest of the world. Youth representative, Charlotte Hardy shared her experience and hope of advocating for a more environmentally friendly society and a world that respects the lives of all beings.



*Celebration luncheon*

The celebration of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary brought the community together to rejuvenate the essence and solidarity of the community spirit. The event was kindly sponsored by a grant from the Peace and Disarmament Education Trust, administered by the Department of Internal Affairs of New Zealand, and supported by the Whanganui District Council.



*Gathering for re-dedication*

Photos and videos of the event will be uploaded onto Peace through Unity website in early November.

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## 2022 UN High Level Forum On The Culture Of Peace

**THEME: “The Culture of Peace: Importance of justice, equality, and inclusion for advancing peacebuilding”**



Pursuant to General Assembly (GA) resolution 76/68 adopted on 9 December 2021, President of the 76<sup>th</sup> UN General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Abdulla Shahid of Maldives convened the 11<sup>th</sup> annual **High Level Forum on The Culture of Peace** on 6 September 2022. It took place at UN headquarters in New York, live for the first time in the 2 years since the pandemic began!

The Forum offered an opportunity for Member States and UN Observers and other stakeholders to *renew their commitments to the full and effective implementation of the UN Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace*, with particular emphasis on advancing peacebuilding by ensuring justice, equality, and inclusion. The Forum consisted of an

opening segment, a plenary segment, a multi-stakeholder panel discussion and a closing session.

The plenary comprised statements by Member States and Observers of the General Assembly. Member States were encouraged to deliver statements on behalf of a group of States whenever possible. The interactive panel discussion during the afternoon was moderated by **H.E. Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury, Founder of the Global Movement for the Culture of Peace (GMCoP), Former Under-Secretary-General and High Representative of the UN, Chairman of the UN GA negotiations for the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace (1998-1999)**. The panel discussion included participation of civil society and other stakeholders.

The speakers, both at the plenary and at the panel discussion, lauded Bangladesh's leadership in promoting the notion of culture of peace for over two decades. They also recognized the renewed importance of the culture of peace in the context of current global challenges accentuated by the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing conflicts.

Ambassador Muhammad Abdul Muhith, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the UN, recalled Bangladesh's historic role in mooting the notion and steering the GA resolution on Culture of Peace. *"From the very moment of our birth as a nation we have committed ourselves [to the]*

*building of a world order, in which the aspiration of all men for peace and justice will be realized. This very commitment guided us in 1999 to introduce the GA resolution on Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace and also shaped our enduring commitment to the cause of global peace,"* the Ambassador said.

Ambassador Muhith also highlighted the continued relevance of culture of peace in advancing peacebuilding. *"The current peacebuilding architecture of the UN offers a viable means for promotion of positive peace. It promises to prevent the outbreak, escalation, continuation and recurrence of conflicts and end hostilities by addressing their root causes. This requires efforts towards transforming attitudes, institutions and structures that lead to peaceful societies,"* he added.

#### **Link to President's Letter + Concept Note + Agenda**

<https://www.un.org/pga/76/2022/08/19/1letter-from-the-president-of-the-general-assembly-un-high-level-forum-on-the-culture-of-peace-programme-and-concept-note/>;

HLF-CoP - am: **Opening & Plenary Session:**

<https://media.un.org/en/asset/k11/k11y132qya>

HLF-CoP - pm: **Panel Discussion:**  
<https://media.un.org/en/asset/k13/k13y3v86tt>

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## It's time to enable the futures we want

There is no question that our community, this country, and our world are going through very difficult and challenging experiences. Some people see this as the time of the apocalypse, while others see it as a time of great transformation from dysfunctional, unsustainable, and unequal ways of life to a new era of greater equality and well-being.

The Ashland Culture of Peace Commission has always focused on the evolution of personal and systemic change that is all about choice – making the choice between destructive thoughts and behaviors, and thoughts and behaviors of positive creation and care. The following Native American parable is an example of making this choice.

An old Cherokee is teaching his grandson about life. “A fight is going on inside me,” he said to the boy. “It is a terrible fight, and it is between two wolves. One is evil – he is anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority and ego.”

He continued, “The other is good – he is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith. The same fight is going on inside you, and inside every other person, too.”

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, “Which wolf will win?”

The old Cherokee replied, “The one you feed.”

This is an important reminder of the power we have over our experiences, emotions and choices.

Madison Sink is an Ashland Middle School student, and she served as a pre-COVID flame keeper caring for and refuelling the World Peace Flame in the Thalden Pavilion on Walker Ave across from Ashland Middle School.

Reflecting on her experience of being a flame keeper, she recently wrote, “Being given the chance to be a flame keeper has really influenced how I see the world, and how I see myself. I used to not really think much of it, more like, ‘Hey, this is the world I live in, so what? I’m just a kid. What can I do?’ I can do as much as I put my mind to. Goodbye earlier version of myself! I think more about what I can do with my life to influence others and make the world better for wildlife and ourselves. So what if I’m only 14? I want to make an impact on the world. An impact for the better.”

“Since I was flame keeper, I have gotten the chance to see the world as it really is. A place of hate, annoyance and unfair, but also as a place of love and compassion and open to opportunities. We can change the world we live in. I now think about things I can do to make the world better, what I can do to better myself, what can I do to help

others. I am 14. I am in eighth grade. I can influence the world just as well as anyone, and I will try my best to do so. Make someone smile, make a friend laugh. Ask them how their day is going. Do something to make someone's day better."

The preamble to the Constitution of UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) declares that "Since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defenses of peace must be constructed."

At age 14 Madison has taken an important step in that direction so she can enable the future she wants.

"Peace begins with a smile," said Mother Teresa.

There is growing empirical and scientific evidence, as well as anecdotal and ancient wisdom tradition information that underscores how we create our realities by way of different frequencies and emotional levels through our thoughts and choices.

"As we think, so we become" is a well-known aphorism. Let us plant the seeds of our intentions to create our relationships and our daily lives to be the best they can be and think outside the box as we move forward. Now is the time to enable the future we want.

*This article written by David Wick, president of Pathways To Peace, executive director of the Ashland Culture of Peace Commission and past president of the Rotary E-Club of World Peace, was first published in the Ashland Daily Tidings on February 8, 2021.*

## A Song for our Children

A Song for our Children  
(and a prayer and a Law to end War)

May a man always remember?

That his heart is his womb, his love, joy  
and his sword;

(Women have already learned this)

and the sword of forgiveness is so  
sharp \*

It cuts us together not apart.

Do we still need a sword?

And when we heal the wounds of war  
and touch the soul of the Earth we  
remember;

I am you and you are me and with love  
we are the world.

World Peace is possible in our lifetime  
as a gift

to our children as we create a world

Worthy of our children's love and  
respect.

robert francis "mudman" johnson

\*And Gordon Mustain for his healing  
poem: "Lunch."

And David Whites poem on Swords,  
And Rwanda's healing word

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## GAMIP's "Infrastructures for Peace" UN Resolution Initiative

### Enters Phase 2 with Launch of Its "Muscles of Peace" Campaign

The long-functioning *Global Alliance for Ministries and Infrastructures for Peace* (GAMIP) *United Nations Committee* is convinced that "Infrastructures for Peace" (I4P) are the missing architecture, connective tissue and "muscles" necessary to implement the landmark **UN Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace Resolution** A/RES/53/243 to build The Culture of Peace. This is because I4P are known to be aligned with that important UN resolution, as well as with the 'science of nonviolence' field of peacebuilding.

**The United Nations Development Program** (UNDP) coined the term "Infrastructures for Peace" (I4P) defining them as *"a network of interdependent systems, resources, values and skills held by government, civil society and community institutions that promote dialogue and consultation; prevent conflict and enable peaceful mediation when violence occurs in a society."* **Preliminary UNDP studies documenting violence-reduction in countries having I4P certainly are convincing!** Thus, in keeping with the

UN Secretary-General's quest for desperately needed UN reform (per his "Our Common Agenda"), a **significant action the UN could take at this inflexion point in history is to pass a General Assembly resolution urging all member states to establish governmental departments, ministries and other I4P worldwide ... before it is too late.**

Yes, there is urgency for the UN to pursue this now, given the current dire state of the planet, which the New York Times aptly dubs as "**Gridlocked in Colossal Global Dysfunction.**"

The *GAMIP UN Committee* has worked for the last sixteen years planting seeds to make this common-sense, transformational UN I4P solution to escalating violence - happen. It was conceived in 2006 at GAMIP's 2<sup>nd</sup> Canada Summit and 1<sup>st</sup> World Peace Forum. And affirmed as *an idea whose time had come* when at UN headquarters in the NGO community, it was coincidentally learned that this same idea was being pursued in New Zealand by Gita Brooke, founder of the NGO "Peace Through Unity" (the NGO I later switched to represent at the UN).

This **September 2022 Global Peace Month**, the *GAMIP UN Committee* completes its long-enduring Phase 1 cycle now, entering Phase 2 - of manifestation. For I4P resolution seeds, nurtured at GAMIP Summits (Canada, Japan, Costa Rica, Geneva), were taken back and forth to the UN for Ambassador Chowdhury's on-

going guidance and NGO community input. So now they have roots deep enough to take hold and blossom. Indeed, our I4P UN resolution notion has been “seasoned” well – the Quaker barometer for when an idea is ready to hatch.

**Here is link to the “Muscles of Peace” Campaign for Ministries, Departments and I4P in Governments Worldwide:**

(<https://www.peacenow.com/muscles-for-peace-overview>) Please read it and if inspired, join us in helping to spread the word. Also know that your feedback about it is most welcomed. We trust that such timely social media branding outreach amplification can raise critical mass awareness of I4P at this time of looming earth peril. For in the “*fierce urgency of now*” (as Martin Luther King said), it is time that I4P be established at every level to provide the needed focus and institutional platform required for sustainable peacebuilding. Because on planet earth right now, it is a question of “*nonviolence or nonexistence*” (as MLK also said).

We believe now is the right time to launch this overarching Phase 2 innovative global “Muscles of Peace” campaign, which we hope will succeed in identifying UN Ambassadors willing to champion an I4P resolution in the General Assembly. This new direction would be a viable strategy of hope for a better world. I4P can powerfully enhance achievement of the prized UN Sustainable Development Goal #16 on

“Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions.” Thus, in the spirit of today’s Rosh Hashana season of rebirth and new beginnings, I end with a Seneca quote: “*Every new beginning comes from some other beginning’s end.*” And so it is. And help us do our part.

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## Radical Peace

Radical peace is real peace. Not the kind of peace that exists in fluffy words or statements that assume homogeneity, lack of conflict, and idyllic, naive, and theoretical notions that are not grounded in practical application. Radical Peace is based on the awareness that individual, group, and community *survival* and *sustainability* depends on achieving some measure of it.

Radical peace exists in the messy and unexpected happenings that occur in honest and right relationship, with ourselves, each other, our community, and our creation. It is rooted in a willingness to boldly share what we know or think we know, to learn from others, and to change our mind, based on what we’ve learned. It manifests as not having to be smart, right, or perfect. It means caring enough to open up, to reveal one’s truth, to listen for understanding, to bear the burden of

recognizing that one has, intentionally or unintentionally, said things and done things that have harmed others. And to honor good intention and practice forgiveness – of ourselves and others.

Radical peace demands a commitment to leave one's ego at the door and embrace risk and discomfort – hoping, believing, and having faith that this is what we are here to do. It requires one to open up, to embrace ambiguity, and to enter into the areas of not knowing or not being sure. It is a commitment to allow cracks to occur within one's heart, mind, and soul, so that peace can ride the light that fills those cracks. To acknowledge that understanding may be over-rated, but respect of individual differences is essential. And, ultimately, getting to that place of knowing that it is worth the price, that we have reached the point of no return, and that the journey itself, not the destination, is the reward. We are compelled to deepen the cracks of enlightenment--to seek more, to listen more, to learn more, to grow more.

Real peace cannot exist without:

- *Equity*
- *Justice*
- *Awareness of and respect for differences*
- *Belief in peace as possible*
- *Commitment and intention*
- *Risk and authenticity*
- *Relationship*

Real peace grows in places where people are committed to:

- *Sharing their stories*
- *Listening for understanding, not judgment*
- *Speaking their own truth*
- *Being open to change (mind and heart)*
- *Commitment to lifelong learning (from all sources)*
- *Working to eliminate personal and systemic oppression (race, class and other)*

Real peace can be activated through:

- *Creating open, liberated, and safe space that encourages dialogue and debate*
- *Shared vision*
- *Collective commitment to act*
- *Opportunities to continue learning*
- *Recognition of self-interest as positive*
- *Respectful relationships*
- *Unconditional acceptance*

And, when real peace moves into action, it is unstoppable, life changing, and inherently *radical*.

Tezikiah Gabriel, Pathways To Peace

The following are extracts from:  
SEEDS OF PEACE

Writings of peaceful living for sharing with all.

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## Seeds of Peace 04 – Peace

Hear the cry of the earth and its people. There are peacemakers of all different colors, cultures, ages, and religions here now. More are being awakened. Whether from Indigenous spirituality, Judeo-Christian, Far Eastern, Muslim, agnostic yearning, peace-social justice-environmental-human rights activists, all are here, working and waiting for our potential and evolvement to be fulfilled. The time is upon us. We choose peace, or not, every hour of every day. The road to real peace has much challenge and sacrifice but is not the road of stress, fear, violence and evil we live with equally difficulty?

*"It isn't enough to desire peace. We must pray for it, believe in it and work for it."*

Eleanor Roosevelt

Peace is not an absence of war, nor time between wars. *It is its own energy, an active state of being, a way of living.* Peace has no anger, nor judgment, grudges, exclusions, prejudices, separation, greed nor fear. Peace is the unconditional acceptance and inclusion of all people sharing the unique gifts we each bring to the circle of people. Peace is what we think of, say about and do for or to each other every day. It is global peace, national peace, community peace, household peace

and peace within each person. Peace is absent of physical violence, economic violence, social violence, verbal violence and environmental violence. Peace is active with positive actions.

We do not embrace peace if we hold anger at ex-spouses, parents, children, neighbors, co-workers or others in our personal circles. We fully embrace peace, or we do not. It is a vital understanding, for each word, thought or deed of anger we hold or expose becomes part of the world's collective energy.

We each choose. We each have an involvement. Even sitting on the sidelines is still a choice of continuing where we are. True peace is not impossible by any means. Peace sits within us and all around us, waiting for us to embrace it and manifest fully through our collective energies. Be the peace. Share the peace.

*If you wish peace in the world, be peaceful, fully and unconditionally.*

## Seeds of Peace 05 – Diverse Unity

One day, Clarinets were squealing. Trumpets were blaring. Drums were booming. Flutes were shrilling. Cellos were sawing. Violins were screeching. Cymbals were clanging. Trombones were loudly yawning, and tubas were oom-pah-pahing at everyone. The noise was just awful, like fingernails on a chalkboard. It hurt everyone's ears.

Piano couldn't stand it any longer, and so Piano wrote a composition with a part for each to play. All decided to try it, except Violin. It was beautiful, becoming a wonderful rhythm and blend of different sounds with one harmonic voice.

Piano asked Violin why she didn't want to join in? She said, "I'm Violin, and don't want to be something different." Piano replied, "My dear friend, if you join the orchestra you are still Violin, sounding like Violin, and playing the part of Violin, in harmony with those around you."

#### *Cooperation versus Chaos*

We don't lose our individual identity by being part of the whole. It is the mosaic blending of our identities that creates a beautiful symphony versus noisy clatter. When John Lennon's *Imagine* came out it was deeply misunderstood. People could not "imagine no countries and no religion too." He was writing and singing to the being of oneness, of removing barriers. Economics, politics, commerce, ecology, all are interwoven globally. For some it is scary, of losing identity, but it is not so.

We are one people, sharing one home of earth, to be a harmonic orchestra. There is a beautiful, universal composition written for all the world to play, each a part, but blended together. It is up to each of us to be part of it, as a symphonic orchestra, or continue creating chaotic noise in our segregated corners. We need not fear losing ourselves in global cooperation, for it is

an enhancement of ourselves. We each choose if our homes, communities, country and world will be harmonic or chaotic. Embrace 'diverse unity'.

*As each person becomes peaceful, the world becomes more peaceful.*

#### Prayer of Peace

**Creator, open our hearts to peace and healing between all people.**

**Creator, open our hearts to protect and provide for all children of the earth.**

**Creator, open our hearts to respect for the earth and all gifts of the earth.**

**Creator, open our hearts to end exclusion, violence and fear among all people.**

**Thank-you for the gifts of this day and every day.**

Alycia (longriver) Davis, 1995, Mi'kmaq heritage  
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This prayer is easily adaptable for any faith group: Creator to Jesus, Lord, Allah, God, Goddess, Elohaynu, Buddha, Krishna, Brahma, others, or as secular without reference to a Spiritual Being by just, "Open our hearts to.....".

I made it up to say within repeatedly while undertaking a group walk from Cape Cod (MA) to Arizona (Hopi Nation). The themes of the walk were: respect for all people, respect for the earth. We walked an average of 20 miles/day and shared talks: schools,

church gatherings, colleges, parks, community gatherings, United Nations, NGO's, EPA's, Civil Rights Museum (Memphis), Gandhi Institute (Memphis), and many other places. We offered prayers of healing at Baltimore slave docks, Civil War battlefield, along the Trail of Tears, Oklahoma City (bomb site), and other places.

I posted the prayer on-line in 1996 and left it there. In November 2017, Augsburg Fortress Press contacted to use in making a choral anthem, and I said feel free, as it is out there to be freely used. Curious, I did search and discovered that the prayer has been used continuously by many groups, organizations, various faiths, individuals for over 20 years. I freely gave and continue to offer its free use by all.

It is a simple offering that says a lot and hope it continues to be shared.

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(\*May not be able to answer any inquiries. Currently Stage 4 cancer, on hospice.)

### Closing thought

To round out our theme of "Steps for Peace: The Way Out, Is In"

*When calculations become complex and Infinity is obscured, then will be remembered anew the simplest principle; from heart to heart – such is the law of fraternity, community, fellowship.*

Community 1926, #275  
Agni Yoga Society Inc, 1951

## THE GREAT INVOCATION

**From the point of Light within the Mind of God**

**Let light stream forth into human minds.**

**Let Light descend on Earth.**

**From the point of Love within the Heart of God**

**Let love stream forth into human hearts.**

**May the Coming One return to Earth.**

**From the centre where the Will of God is known**

**Let purpose guide all little human wills**

**The purpose which the Masters know and serve.**

**From the centre which we call the human race**

**Let the Plan of Love and Light work out**

**And may it seal the door where evil dwells.**

**Let Light and Love and Power restore the plan on Earth.**