How did we celebrate

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE?

COMMUNITIES PRACTICED PEACE BY....

- Preparing hot meals for neighbors in need.
- Cleaning streets after Sunday service.
- Honoring parents across cultures.
- Faith leaders walking side by side.
- Singing songs about hope.
- and more...







THE HEART BEHIND IT ALL:

Holy Mother Han:
"To experience true peace, we must first practice true love without expectation of reward."



SEE IT IN ACTION →

Giving Friday: Hygiene Kit Packing Day

LAS VEGAS FAMILY CHURCH

Every week, volunteers from Las Vegas Family Church prepare and hand out meals, snacks and hygiene kits to people experiencing homelessness. .





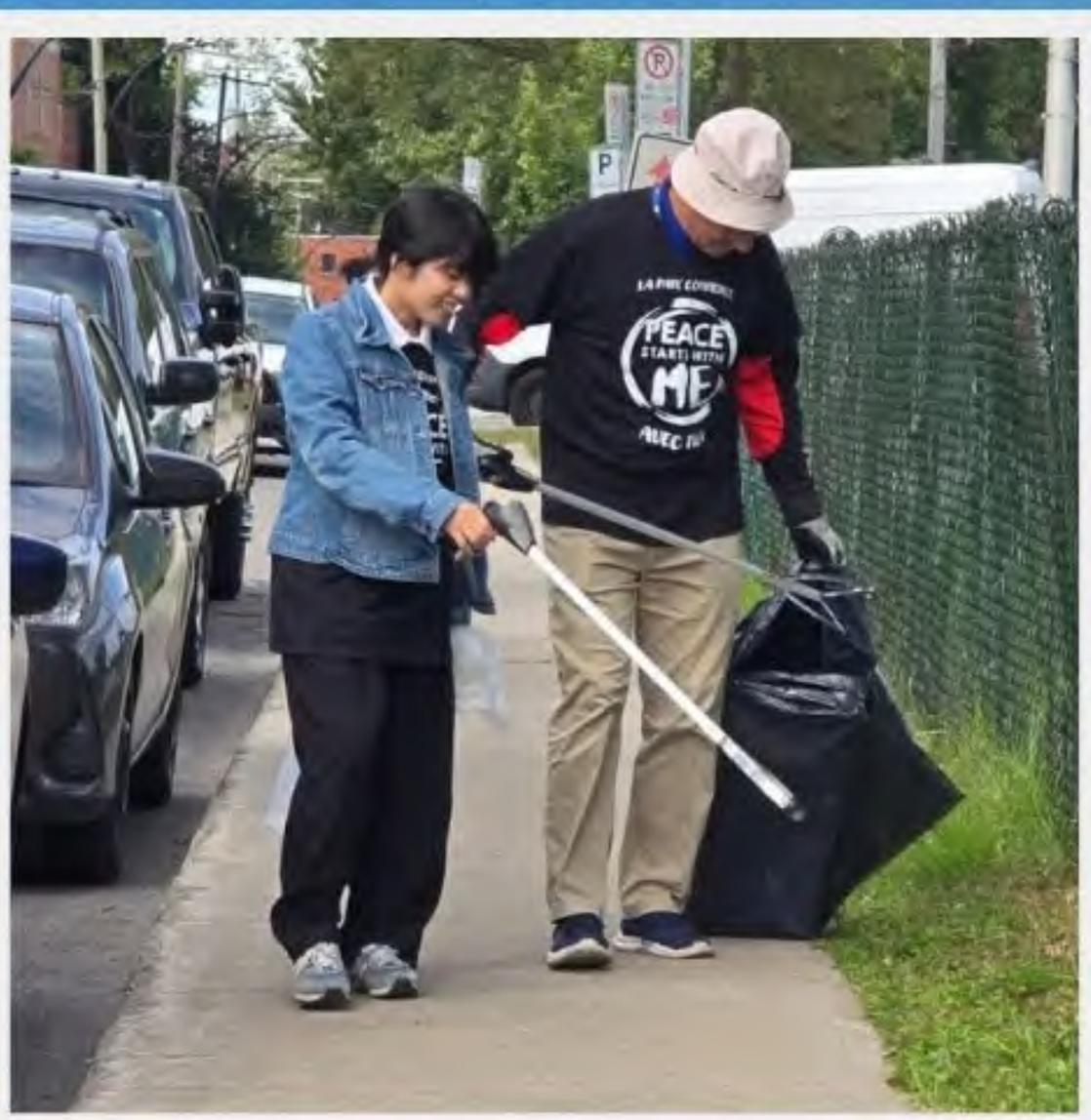




47 volunteers of all ages and backgrounds came together, including students from UNLV's New Hope Ocean Club, to assemble kits of essential personal care items that are hard to come by for those living on the street

Peace Starts With Me: A Community Cleanup

MONTREAL, CANADA



On the eve of International Day of Peace, young volunteers from different countries came together to clean up their neighborhood. Creating opportunities for people from different backgrounds to connect, learn from one another, and build friendships.



Their message: peace doesn't start with something big or far away, it starts with each of us.







Service Project in Toronto

TORONTO, CANADA

After Sunday service, 35 members of all ages, split into three teams and cleaned the streets around their church.







One community, many generations, one shared purpose: to share Holy Mother Han's message of love with their neighbors through action.







Peace Through Arts

ELIZABETH, NJ

37 people, including faith leaders and community partners, gathered for an International Day of Peace celebration of music and the arts.





IAACP director shared the wisdom of historical and influential people in the arts centering on the idea of truth, beauty and goodness.

The Peace Starts With Me Songwriter's Competition winners were honored, and the day ended with everyone holding hands and singing "Heal the World."





Service Project: Every Meal

MINNESOTA

Eight volunteers packed weekend meals for children facing food insecurity, helping make sure kids have food when school meals aren't available.







Along the way, they connected with fellow volunteers and shared a spirit of service.





Peace Begins in the Family

MINNESOTA

35 people, 23 of them guests, from Christian, Buddhist, Unification and Scientology communities gathered to celebrate National Parents' Day and the International Day of Peace.



The ACLC and United for Human Rights honored outstanding local parents, including Latino, White, Black, Hmong and East Indian families, for their dedication, sacrifice and positive leadership.









By gathering people across religious and cultural differences, the event created an opportunity to build relationships, increase mutual understanding, and discover shared values.

Participants reflected that peace is more than the absence of conflict: it begins at home, through dignity, compassion and care in everyday relationships.

Clean-Up in the Name of Holy Mother Han

VANCOUVER, CANADA



After Sunday service, 21 volunteers of different generations put the love of Holy Mother Han into action by cleaning up their community, filling about nine large bags of litter.





As the neighborhood got cleaner, they said, their own hearts felt refreshed. The program provided a practical way to transform the message of love into meaningful action.

Peace Road Salisbury 2026

SALISBURY, MARYLAND

45 people from many faith communities walked 1.8 miles together for peace, with an imam, pastors and the mayor's official proclamation.





Proclamation

WHEREAS, amid the current critical world situation, people everywhere are yearning for true peace more than ever, understanding that lasting peace can only be achieved through genuine understanding, sincere unity, and wholehearted cooperation among all people; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of this need, the United Nations has designated September 21, 2026, as the International Day of Peace, encouraging everyone to practice and promote peace actively; and

WHEREAS, the Universal Peace Federation (UPF), which was founded by Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han, has an NGO in general consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council, and strives to bring this vision to life through the Peace Road Project, demonstrating that people of all faiths and backgrounds can work together to build a peaceful and united world; and

WHEREAS, peace is more than the absence of conflict; it is built through compassion, respect, dialogue, inclusion, and a commitment to the dignity and well-being of every individual; and

WHEREAS, International Day of Peace reminds us that meaningful change begins with each of us and that even small acts of understanding and compassion can help create a more peaceful world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Randolph J. Taylor, Mayor of the City of Salisbury, do hereby proclaim September 12th, 2026, as the

"INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE"

throughout the City of Salisbury and encourage all residents to participate in the Walking Project for World Peace as it unity on September 12th, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Salisbury, this 12th day of September 2026.

Randolph J. Taylor, Mayor



Five new Ambassadors for Peace were appointed, and the day ended with a shared meal and plans to return next year.





Thank You & Happy

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE