

History of the Peace Pole Project

In 1955 Masahisa Goi of Japan was so affected by the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki that he dedicated his life to spreading the message “May Peace Prevail On Earth.” Soon the Peace Pole Project began and Peace Poles were planted all over the world in that spirit of peace.

Today, there are more than 250,000 Peace Poles in 190 countries and on every continent. Peace Poles may be made out of vinyl, metal, wood, copper, and limestone and may have several languages that pray the same message: “May Peace Prevail On Earth.” The various languages demonstrate to other cultures and nationalities that we choose to become one with them to foster peace. Ceremonies to dedicate each Peace Pole on its planting vary as well.

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May Peace Prevail on Earth

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Our Peace Pole

Having a Peace Pole on our campus unites us with all those who hope and dream of peace, all the way from inner peace to peace worldwide. It is meant to awaken the inherent consciences of love, peace, and harmony, while transcending our differences and celebrating our commonality.

We have chosen to plant and dedicate our Peace Pole on the International Day of Peace Sunday. Every year thereafter, we will renew our commitment to pray for peace in our own hearts and throughout the world.

Jesus said: "Blessed are the peacemakers..."

Scripture passages for deeper study

Acts 12: 1-17; Acts 16: 25-34;
John 14:27; John 20: 19-31;
Ephesians 4: 1-6; 1 Cor 7:15b
Philippians 4: 4-7; Col. 3: 12-14;
Matthew 5: 44-45; I Thess. 5: 16-18;
II Thessalonians 3:16

Quotes about peace for deeper study

"Acts of love are what will bring peace to your life and to the world."

-Dr. Lee Jampolsky

"Peace is always an option."

-Author unknown

"Let us not be justices of the peace, but angels of peace."

-St. Theresa of Lisieux

"Peace is always beautiful."

-Walt Whitman

"The world is over-armed and peace is under-funded."

-Author unknown

"Peace is not something you wish for. It is something you make, something you do, something you are, and something you give away."

-Robert Fulgham

Resources for knowing more about Peace Poles

www.peacepoleproject.org

www.peacepoles.com

www.worldpeace.org

www.peace-pole.com

www.internationaldayofpeace.org

Other Nearby Peace Poles

Camarillo UMC

First UMC of Canoga Park

Lincoln Elementary School

Center for Spiritual Living

Westlake Village UMC

Woodland Hills UMC

UCLA

Cal Lutheran University

YWCA, San Fernando