

General Press Release for Local Campaign Nonviolence Actions:

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**Local citizens join in “Lifting Peace through Building Community”
Camp Hill (Sept. 19) and Auburn (Sept. 21)**

In Camp Hill, on September 19th, people of varying beliefs, ages, ethnicities, will gather at 3:30 p.m. CT at the First Universalist Church, 48 Oak Street, celebrating the International Day of Peace, September 21, *“a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to Peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace”* (www.internationaldayofpeace.org). Activities helping create this new culture will include art, talks on “What Peace Means to Me,” and at 5:00 p.m. music, featuring local Grammy winner, Larry Mitchell. For September 21, the actual International Day of Peace, the Auburn Unitarian Universalist Social Action Committee is inviting churches throughout the area to join them in ringing their bells from 12:00-12:05 p.m. CT, while urging individuals to “Take Five for Peace.”

These activities are part of hundreds of demonstrations occurring in every state in the U.S. sponsored by Campaign Nonviolence Action Week, September 18-26, 2021. Launched in 2014 by Pace e Bene, the Campaign had over 230 actions nationwide; by 2020 over 4000 actions were undertaken by people throughout the U.S. taking to the streets to oppose all forms of violence, from ongoing U.S. warfare, extreme poverty, racism, the devastation of the environment, the unjust detention of immigrants to police brutality and the continuing existential threat of nuclear weapons.

The first local celebration at Camp Hill’s First Universalist event Sunday afternoon will include participants creating a 700 foot long “dream cloud” (through brief words and/or artwork indicating “what peace means to me”), followed by talks on that topic, and Larry Mitchell’s music at 5:00. People are asked to wear masks and invited to bring chairs and or blanket for picnicking plus a dish for potluck dinner (In case of rain there is plenty of social distancing room available inside the church. Call 334-332-4332 for information).

Auburn’s “Take Five for Peace” bell tolling at noon on Tuesday is a call for individuals, wherever they are, to PAUSE for five minutes. Many in prayer/meditation will be joining hundreds of thousands globally that day who are likewise determining how they can best participate in ongoing efforts to help save their one Earth home. Some suggestions include immediately signing the nonviolence pledge at: www.paceebene.org/nonviolence-pledge; others may join ICANw, the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, or a racial justice discussion/action group, write a check to an organization working for peace with

justice, contact a former friend turned opponent, seeking reconciliation or contact governmental officials with a peace-making demand or just to say *thank you* for positive action taken,

Dr. James Bradley, AUUF's Social Action chair, notes, "For many, that PAUSE may become a daily practice for individual and global healing."

Campaign Nonviolence is a grassroots movement to mainstream active nonviolence using the vision of Martin Luther King, Jr. that calls all to become people of nonviolence and to resolve personal and global conflicts nonviolently.

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