2018 Theme: The Right to Peace

“It is time all nations and all people live up to the words of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which recognizes the inherent dignity and equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human race. This year marks the 70th anniversary of that landmark document.” --UN Secretary-General António Guterres.

Do We Have the Right to Peace?

The 1948 United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights is a milestone document in the history of human rights. It establishes 30 articles that define the basis of freedom, justice and peace in the world. Moreover, it affirms the dignity and work of all people—equal rights of women and men. Every person and nation is asked to support and respect these rights, and to take steps to insure they are recognized and observed. The Declaration is as relevant today as it was on the day it was adopted.

What about the rights of children? The United Nations 1990 Convention on the Rights of the Child, ratified a human rights treaty which sets out the civil, political, economic, social, health and cultural rights of children. Currently, 196 countries are party to it, including every member of the United Nations except the United States.

Our event highlights Article 14 of the Declaration as it addresses the rights of refugees. The 1984 Caratagena Declaration while nonbinding, defined the meaning of “refugee.”

Refugees are those: "persons who have fled their country because their lives, security or freedom have been threatened by generalized violence, foreign aggression, internal conflicts, massive violation of human rights or other circumstances which have seriously disturbed public order."
Peace Walk - Glocally Connected

Program - Earl Bogan - MC
Musical Interludes - Terry Boyles
Welcome - Earl Bogan - Riverside Interfaith Council
ICFOR - Marilyn Sequoia
Glocally Connected - Sherry MacKay
Riverside Interfaith Council - Ajene Wilcoxson
Brady Campaign - Nicolette Rohr
2018 Theme: The Right to Peace - Rose Y. Monge
Jewish tradition of the Shofar - Kevin Akin
Moment of Silence
Keynote Speaker: Rabbi Suzanne Singer
Youth Speaker: Mesbah Dawar - Glocally Connected
Norte Vista H.S. Students - Vanessa Segura
Finding Common Ground
Call for Peace - Andrea Briggs - All Saints Episcopal
Appreciation and Adjournment
Closing Song - “Let There Be Peace on Earth”
Call for Action - Earl Bogan

“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.” - Martin Luther King.

REGISTER TO VOTE!

Finding Common Ground: The purpose of this activity, as a path to peaceful (and nonviolent) understanding, is to help create awareness about commonalities shared within our group and within the Riverside community. You will be invited to gather into a circle. After a statement is read and if it applies to you, you may choose to go inside the circle and then look around to notice with whom you share “common ground.”

Upcoming Events
Concerts Across America to End Gun Violence
Brady Campaign - September 23.
Ramona H.S at 3 pm.

A Common Thread - Fashion Show Fundraiser
Glocally Connected - October 7.
Le Chat Noir at 4 pm. Contact web site for tickets.

3rd Annual Faith Walk for Peace - “Building Bridges”
Riverside Interfaith Council - October 28
Begins at First Church - Christ Scientist on Lemon St. 3-5 pm

Alternative Gift Fair - December 2.
First United Methodist Church - 11 am-3 pm.

Memories of Migration - Diverse Journeys
Multicultural Council 8th Annual Day of Inclusion - December 8.
César Chávez Community Center - 2-4:30 pm.

ICFOR Candlelight Interfaith Vigil for Peace - December 9.
Downtown Riverside Library Lawn - 6-7 pm.