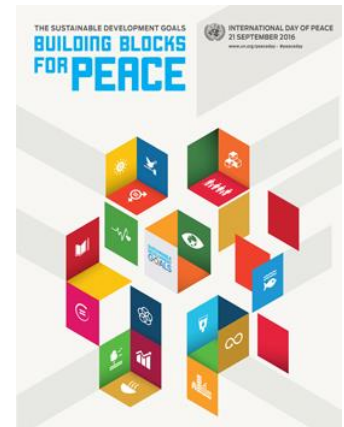


NORTHFIELD COMMUNITY CELEBRATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE 2016

SUSTAINABLE PEACE: BUILDING BLOCKS FOR PEACE

July 2016

Members of the Northfield City Council and Mayor Graham:



Building Blocks for Peace
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The United Nations International Day of Peace is celebrated annually around the world on September 21. The 14th Northfield Community Celebration of the 2016 International Day of Peace will be held on Tuesday, September 20, 2016, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Great Hall, Carleton College, supported by the Stassen Fund from Carleton College and a focused event on September 21st at Bridge Square.

Supporting this year's theme, "Sustainable Peace: Building Blocks for Peace," the program will introduce the 17 Building Blocks for Peace developed by 193 member countries of the UN in September 2015. These issues are challenges for the world to meet by the year 2030, continuing the Millennium Development Goals 2000--2015. These goals aim to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all. Ban Ki Moon, UN Secretary General, reminds us that development and peace are interdependent and mutually reinforcing. They are essential to achieving peace in our time at any time.

We are thankful for the recognition and support that the Northfield City Council has given to this event in past years. We ask that the City Council continues its support by way of a resolution in support of the 2016 International Day of Peace. The City of Northfield--through the leadership of this Council, the work of individuals, and many groups within the city--exhibits a commitment to creating a culture of peace and nonviolence. In many ways we are peacemakers, though we do not always credit ourselves with this; nor do we recognize the ways that we are making peace. All of these actions both enhance and are enhanced by a recognition and connection to the worldwide events and programs in support of a culture of peace and nonviolence.

Respectfully, and on behalf of peace workers in Northfield,

Judith Stoutland, Mar Valdecantos, Bill McGrath, Rob Quanbeck and the Northfield Human Rights Commission.

We would extend an invitation so that the Mayor and/or members of the City Council participate in the event on Tuesday 20th, during the reception from 6:30 until 7:00 pm, to deliver the Peace Award to the children who will participate in the Art for Peace under the slogan “What Can You do for Peace in Northfield”. The event with music performances, poetry and open mic will start at 7:00 pm.