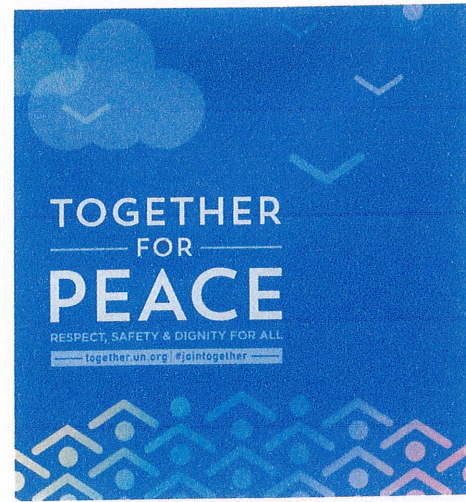


**NORTHFIELD COMMUNITY CELEBRATION
OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE 2017**

**TOGETHER FOR PEACE: WE CAN DO IT !
RESPECT, SAFETY, DIGNITY FOR ALL**

August 2017

Members of the City Council and Mayor Pownell:



The United Nations International Day of Peace is celebrated annually around the world on September 21. The 15th Northfield Community Celebration of this event will be held on Thursday, September 21 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Carleton College WCC236 Larson Family Meeting Room, hosted by the Stassen Fund at Carleton.

Supporting this year's theme, "Together we can do it: Respect, Safety, Dignity for All," the program continues to present the 17 Sustainable Building Blocks for Peace, focussing efforts for peace through 2030. Other topics include the UN Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty signed this July, and local programs for peace and justice. There will be an open mike for audience participation and K-12 Art Peace awards for students who participated in work relating to the theme.

We are thankful for the recognition and support that the Northfield City Council has given to this event in past years. We ask now that the City Council continues its support by way of a resolution in support of the 2017 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. This community celebration recognizes the ways of working for a culture of peace and justice locally and world wide.

Respectfully, on behalf of peace workers in Northfield,

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