Inter-Faith Cultural Celebration - Everyone Welcome

## United Nations International Day of Peace 3:00 PM Sunday 23rd September 2007 St Matthew-in-the-City

corner Hobson & Wellesley Streets, Auckland.



New Zealand Soka Gakkai International



Auckland Inter-Faith Council



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**EXHIBITION** (SGI) – NZ Opening Ceremony 'Creating a Culture of Peace: The Right to Human Security' A brilliant visionary overview to understand the meaning of 'peace' Also will show at AUT Library – Wellesley St. until 5<sup>th</sup> October.

**CELEBRATE Nuclear Free New Zealand** 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and **Auckland Peace City** Declaration 2007 *Maori welcome, Auckland Mayor Dick Hubbard, MPs, choirs and brass band; music and readings* from many faiths and cultures.



Be inspired to achieve a more peaceful community and world. For more information contact coordinator Laurie Ross ph: 811 8696 laurie-ross@xtra.co.nz Inter-Faith Cultural Celebration - Everyone Welcome

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United Nations International Day of Peace was established as an annual event on the 21<sup>st</sup> September 1982 in order to:

- Bring about a ceasefire between violent or warring factions
- Reaffirm non-violent conflict resolution
- Encourage activities that nourish peace in the hearts and minds of people of different faiths, philosophies and political ideologies
- Educate the public on how to achieve a global culture of peace, justice and non-violence

### What can you do for peace?

- Join a group working for peace, justice and non-violence e.g. UNANZ
- Work for non-violence in your home, school and community
- Write a letter to your MP, mayor or newspaper, supporting peace policies
- Write to TV stations to ask them to dramatically reduce violent programming
- Practise a peace meditation, prayer or song to cultivate inner peace
- Be kind, forgiving and compassionate to your friends and family

### Some ways the United Nations works for peace and global security

- It is the world forum for 192 nation state members to prevent or stop wars and violent conflict
- Provides food, water, shelter, medical aid to refugees, victims of wars and disasters
- Deploys peacekeepers to protect people in war-torn countries
- Establishes international courts of justice for crimes against humanity and violations of humanitarian law
- Facilitates programmes to reduce threats to humanity from: weapons, poverty, terrorism, disease, corrupt regimes and environmental degradation

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### United Nations Association of New Zealand

in collaboration with the Auckland Inter-Faith Council and Soka Gakkai International with the support of St Matthew-in-the-City, UNYANZ and The Peace Foundation who are working together to affirm the U.N. Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence 2001-2010 Come and join US!