



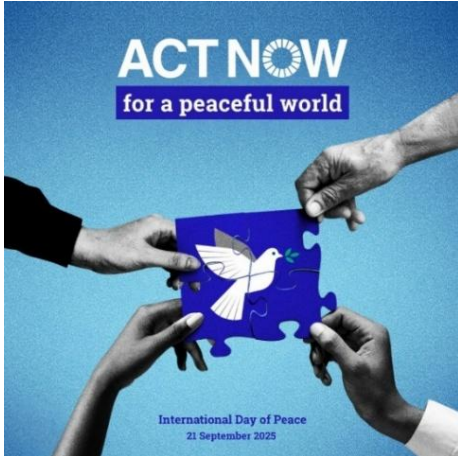
Peace Advocate News

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Matthew 5:9

Peace begins when you make your peace with Jesus, accept Him as Savior, and follow Him as Lord.

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Reports From Peace Day, September 21st



The International Day of Peace has been observed every year since it was established by the U.N. (United Nations) in 1981. The day has also been a day of Prayer For Peace since 2004 when the World Council of Churches es-

tablished it as such. This year several congregations in the District participated by making or displaying pinwheels for peace as a way of showing their concerns, prayers, and hopes for peace, for an end to gun violence, and for an end to other forms of violence in our communities and the world.

Information on Peace Day went out to congregations starting at Districe Conference. This included information on The Pinwheel Project which is an international project started in 2005 to promote peace in the world, and on "Whirled Peace", an emphasis on preventing gun violence suggested by the Church of the Brethren Gun Violence Prevention Team this year.



The Akron First Congregation shared the following:

On September 14, 2025, Akron First gathered for light refreshments following the Sunday worship service to make pinwheels for the Pinwheels for Peace project. Cindy Peel, our District Moderator, attended our service that day and we were excited to have her join us in our craft activity!

The following Sunday (September 21st), we celebrated National Day of Peace by placing our crafted pinwheels in the church yard. At the end of the service, anyone could choose a pinwheel to take home and pass along the "Whirled Peace" message for the remainder of the week!



The Akron Springfield & Akron Eastwood Congregations also observed Peace Day with pinwheels for peace.



Akron Springfield



Akron Eastwood



The Mansfield Congregation had mini pinwheels for people to take home to display and as a reminder to pray for peace.



The Ashland 1st Congregation refurbished and rededicated their peace pole



Ashland First Church to the Brethren took down, sanded and restored the lettering, wood, and finish on their Peace Pole. They gathered around it as a congregation to pray for peace in our hearts, community, nation, and the world.



If you have news about your congregation's efforts for peace you would like to share with the District, send your pictures and stories to Linda Fry, District Peace & Conciliation Advocate. (Linda can help you write picture captions or a short report about your event if you tell her about it.)



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