

Universal Love and Brotherhood Association of Thailand

JOINT BANGKOK DECLARATION

We, gathered here in Bangkok, Thailand, May 2016, from various parts of the world, for the First International Conference on “Universal Love and Brotherhood: A Challenge of the New Millennium.” Our dedicated purpose is to promote faith, brotherhood, and peace on earth. We delegates in the attendance hereby commit to the following principles to the best of our abilities.

- We send an urgent message of peace, love and brotherhood to all of humanity, nations, communities and individuals along with a call for respect, dignity, compassion, equality, solidarity and justice for, and between, all people.
- We call for respect for human and animal life, as well as our planetary environment, for ending of violence against both people and nature. We call for the promotion and practice of non-violence through education, dialogue and cooperation.
- We promote peaceful settlement of conflicts, mutual respect and understanding, international cooperation, and enforceable world laws everywhere on earth.
- We unequivocally reject, disown and condemn all terrorism committed in the name of any religion or ideology.
- We unequivocally reject, disown and condemn all nation-state militarism, acts of aggression or war committed by any nation.
- We will strive towards eradicating poverty and illiteracy and reducing inequalities within and among nations.
- We will promote democracy, development and universal respect for and observance of all human rights and fundamental freedoms under a democratic Earth Constitution.
- We will make every effort to enable people at all levels to develop skills of dialogue, negotiation, consensus building and peaceful resolution of differences.

- We promise to eliminate all forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.
- We will make every effort towards advancing understanding, tolerance and solidarity among all civilizations, peoples and cultures, including towards ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities.
- We commit to adherence to the principles of freedom, justice, democracy, tolerance, solidarity, cooperation, pluralism, cultural diversity, dialogue and understanding at all levels of society and among nations.
- We take education at all levels seriously and believe it is one of the principal means to build a culture of peace.
- The governments have an essential role in promoting and strengthening a culture of peace among citizens everywhere. To do this they must join together under a democratic World Parliament that can legislate enforceable laws protecting peace and freedom for all.
- The Civil society must be fully engaged in fuller development of a culture of peace.
- The media must play an educative and informative role and contribute to the promotion of a culture and institutions of peace.
- A key role in the promotion of a culture of peace, and institutions of peace, belongs to parents, teachers, politicians, journalists, religious groups, intellectuals, those engaged in scientific, philosophical and creative and artistic activities, health and humanitarian workers, social workers, managers at various levels—as well as to both non-governmental and governmental organizations.

We hereby sign and affirm our commitment to the declaration. Peace begins with us—you and I—in our personal thoughts and actions, in our families, in our workplaces. Let us work together to build peace for all, for all people and for all time. Finally, we the signatories to this declaration call upon all people everywhere to express their solidarity with our declaration.

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