



SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

We encourage all PeaceQuest Faith Communities to complete at least one activity from each of the three categories listed below.

PEACE IN OUR COMMUNITY

- Incorporate music, sacred word, prose and/or poetry about peace into services
- Share a peace message at existing events (Mother's Day, Remembrance Day, Earth Day, etc.)
- Invite a local peace or social justice group to speak about their work
- Create and implement a peace-based internal conflict-resolution policy
- Create PeaceQuest learning opportunities for children and adults.
- Invite a PeaceQuest speaker to host a discussion or activity
- Install a peace pole, mural, or garden in your community

ACTING FOR PEACE

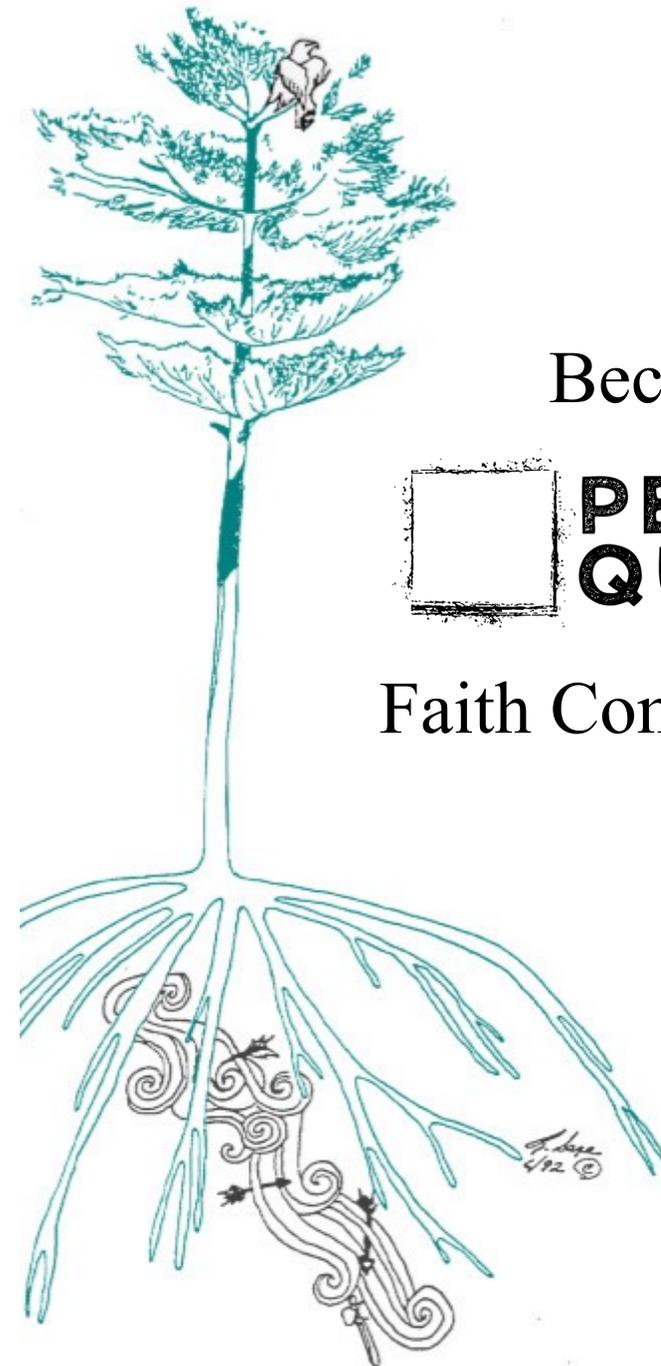
- Create a group pledge to live non-violently
- Create a group pledge to use non-violent language
- Participate in the White Square activity
- Attend or promote PeaceQuest events in your community
- Attend or promote other peace-related events in your community
- Collaborate with another PQ Faith community to pray for and promote peace

TAKING PEACE HOME

- Share literature or handouts about peacemakers outside of your faith tradition
- Share activities and stories of peace for all ages for families to share
- Host table discussions about peace
- Create a pledge to avoid violent games, movies, or television etc. for a set period of time.

For additional resources and to learn more, please visit
www.peacequest.ca

*"The message I bring is that all people shall love one another and live together in peace."
- Dakanawidah, The peacemaker, bringer of the Great Law of Peace***



Becoming a



Faith Community

"When there is peace between religions...

...there will be peace in the world" - Dalai Lama

WHAT / WHEN

A **PeaceQuest Faith Community** can be any faith-based gathering or congregation that chooses to devote additional or existing programming and events to issues of peace and inter-faith dialogue between years 2014 to 2018. There are many ways to participate and different levels of commitment designed to suit your level of capacity.

This is an opportunity to join dozens of other congregations of many faiths across Canada to both explore our relationship to peace and share gestures of peace together - we hope you'll join us!

WHY

As people of faith, we are all committed to the promise of peace in the world. Between now and 2018, Canada will mark the 100th anniversary of WWI, the anniversaries of its major battles, as well as celebrate the 150th anniversary of confederation. We feel that the best way to honour the memory of lives lost in conflict is to take conscious steps to increase peace felt in our communities and around the world.

WHO

PeaceQuest Faith Communities is a project of **PeaceQuest.ca**.

PeaceQuest was created by a group of concerned citizens in Kingston, ON (also known as Katarokwi, on the traditional territories of Mohawk and Anishanaabe peoples) who wished to open up a national-scale dialogue examining Canada's personal and national contributions to peace during the centenary of WWI and sesquicentennial of the founding of Canada as a nation. PeaceQuest also wishes to honour the history of Katarokwi as a meeting place of First Nations.**

HOW

To become a PeaceQuest Faith Community you need only to devote some existing or additional programming/events to issues of peace between now and 2018. Let us know what you're up to! We have shared some suggestions on the back of this brochure to get you started but you are not limited to our list!

To participate in the wider national discussion, simply document your activities (*via photo, audio, video or transcripts*) to be shared with the wider PeaceQuest.ca community—then feel free to interact and share ideas with each other!

In support of your activities, **PeaceQuest.ca** can offer poster templates, event-planning guidance, fundraising materials, as well as a host of programming materials, graphics and resources to make your participation easier. Some existing ready-to-go materials have been posted to peacequest.ca or you can contact us at admin@peacequest.ca to learn more about what else we have available.

****THE GREAT LAW OF PEACE** brought together the five nations of Mohawk, Oneida, Odonoga, Cayuga and Seneca. This Law ended their years of warring to form the Iroquois Confederacy.

To symbolize the Great Peace and unity of the confederacy, the Peacemaker chose a tall white pine tree with long branches that would cover the nations of the Confederacy and long roots that would reach out to other nations that would hear the laws of the Great Peace and want to follow them as well.

Under the tree all the weapons of war would be buried, never again to be used by the nations of the confederacy to do battle against each other. On tops of the tree sat an eagle, who would act as a guardian to the Great Peace.