



PATHWAYS TO PEACE

TOGETHER, BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE CULTURE OF PEACE ALONG DIVERSE PATHWAYS.

THE 8 PATHWAYS TO PEACE



THE PEACE WHEEL© is a model for Peacebuilding, developed by Pathways To Peace and activated over the last 25 years. It consists of eight sectors, or pathways, that are interconnected and that symbolize different pathways. The 8 pathways recognize and engage all people as peacebuilders. These pathways transcend national, ethnic, racial, religious, age, identity, or gender differences; they are common to every society:

- 1) **GOVERNANCE/LAW/SECURITY**
- 2) **EDUCATION/MEDIA**
- 3) **ECONOMICS/BUSINESS**
- 4) **HEALTH/RELATIONSHIPS**
- 5) **SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY**
- 6) **RELIGION/SPIRITUAL TEACHINGS**
- 7) **ENVIRONMENT/HABITAT**
- 8) **CULTURE**

The rainbow-hued interlocking infinity symbols, aligned to the four directions, circle out and back to the green mother center which is Earth. These infinity symbols include all circles of life and all expressions within their embrace. The protective, mothering spirit of Nature, strong in Law and seemingly eternal in patience, encircles each individual living entity, urging each one along its own evolutionary pathway. "PEACE" is recognized as both an innate state of Being, and a dynamic evolutionary process wherein constructive growth can occur and the children of this and future generations may gain hope to inherit a better world. A world at Peace.

The Peace Wheel© is a working model used (and continuously modified) in diverse ways, such as international conferences and organizations, Peacebuilding symposia, the International Day of Peace(Peace Day), and activities to build a Culture of Peace throughout our world.



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GOVERNANCE/LAW/SECURITY

This pathway includes:

Participatory governing systems, ensuring equity and justice for all. Rights and responsibilities. Empowerment of civil society. Security shifts from “weaponry to livingry”.

PEACE THROUGH LAW is found at the crown of the Wheel, the foundation for Life in a civilized world. Global standards for human rights, including equal rights for women and children, are in the forefront of needed developments in international law. The recognition and acceptance of Nature’s Moral Laws, and certain basic principles of conduct -- a global ethic -- will serve as the guardian of human rights from the personal to the planetary level. Democratic governance, with tolerance and honor for difference and self-segregated groupings, must be encouraged. A great challenge is how to remove corruption from present political systems. How can we, as citizens of the world, cooperatively prevent despots and tyrants from amassing military power and oppressing groups of people?

Pathways To Peace inaugurated a Caucus on the Rights of the Child within the UN System in 1994. The purpose of the Caucus was to build solidarity and concerted actions among NGOs of diverse sectors concerned with the Rights of the Child, in particular, the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Pathways To Peace was also involved, as the Secretariat for the *Culture of Peace Initiative (CPI)* (formerly “WE THE PEOPLES” INITIATIVE), in the development of the World Summit of Children. The INITIATIVE gave the children’s gatherings an official umbrella under the UN System. The 1995 Summit brought together over 80 children, 20 youth and 22 adults from 36 countries for about ten days, bringing together the voices of thousands of young people. They created a powerful vision statement, with proposals to create a HEAR THE CHILDREN DAY, a Young people’s General Assembly as a permanent addition to the UN, and an International KEEPING THE PROMISE REPORT, recommending ways to monitor how governments are keeping their commitments under the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

RELATED LINKS:

www.unicef.org United Nations Children’s Fund

www.icc-cpi.int International Criminal Court

<https://gsinstitute.org> Global Security Institute

www.sarvodaya.org Sarvodaya



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EDUCATION/MEDIA

This pathway includes:

Lifelong development of the whole person. Free access to all systems of knowledge. Literacy. Planetary Citizenship. Unfolding of innate wisdom.

At the right side of the Wheel, PEACE THROUGH EDUCATION holds much of the heart of the work of Pathways To Peace, balanced by Religion/Spiritual Teaching on the left. We recognize the value of learning to empower people to act with intelligence, goodwill, and purpose. Education should be available and affordable to every human being. The advent of technology offers opportunities for continuous learning and creative communication, making huge bodies of knowledge accessible to individuals globally. Spiritual (inclusive and ethical) education needs to be developed to support Peacebuilding and Peacebuilders, now and into the future. We need to teach Peacebuilding skills, and to train our young people to be Peace leaders. Pathways To Peace historically has sponsored many young Peace leaders at various conferences and gatherings around the world and through our Pathways To Peace youth delegates at the United Nations.

Historically, one of the most impactful peace education programs was developed by Dr. Robert Muller. Dr. Muller created the "World Core Curriculum" and is known throughout the world as the "father of global education". Still in use today in schools around the world, his curriculum emphasizes education of every aspect of a human being, so that the individual receives a global and cosmic concept of life and his relationship to humanity, nature, and the cosmos.

RELATED LINKS:

http://robertmuller.org/rm/R1/World_Core_Curriculum.html World Core Curriculum

<https://www.nmun.org> National Model United Nations

<https://peaceeducationprogram.org> Peace Education Program

<http://www.peace-education-in-action.org> World Peace Flame Foundation

<https://www.npr.org> Public Radio

<https://www.pbs.org> Public TV

<https://news.un.org> UN News



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ECONOMICS/BUSINESS

This pathway includes:

Creation of commonwealth and well-being for all stakeholders and segments of society through production, labor, finance. new community-based monetary systems. social responsibility and social indicators. servant leadership and the triple bottom line.

PEACE THROUGH BUSINESS forms the segment next to Education. To create a new concept of business with its goal not primarily money-making, but attendant to a larger goal: the business and prosperity and sustainability of humanity and the planet. It is vital that business is a service to other sectors of the Eight Pathways of the life of humanity and the planet, where long-term benefits to each one is a goal.

“Real Peace will require fundamental transformations of our own thinking, our organizations, and our whole network of institutions. Because of its central place in modern society, business will be at the heart of that metamorphosis – either as part of the problem or as a force for creative change. Business has become the most powerful institution on the planet. The dominant institution in any society needs to take responsibility for the whole. But business has not had such a tradition. This is a new role, not well understood or accepted ... Every decision that is made, every action that is taken, must be viewed in light of that responsibility.”

- *Willis Harman – former President, Institute of Noetic Sciences; Emeritus Professor, Stanford University; President, World Business Academy; Director, Pathways To Peace.*

There are many examples of Peace through the pathway of Economics/Business, the following are only a few.

United Nations Global Compact

The United Nations Global Compact constitutes a call to action to investors, governments, corporates and financial institutions to build a market for mainstream investments in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The Global Strategy is a global movement of sustainable companies and stakeholders to create the world we want.

“Businesses already have a framework in the form of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, and a timetable in the form of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. There is no more crucial way for businesses to contribute than to ensure respect for human rights throughout their supply chain at every step of their business operations.” - *Michelle Bachelet, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.*

“The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Paris Climate Agreement provide the most powerful common agenda the world has ever seen for achieving peace and prosperity on a healthy planet – with an essential role spelled out for business. As the world’s largest corporate sustainability initiative, it is our priority – and indeed our responsibility – to be a leading catalyst of the transformations ahead. We are devoting our capacities and global network to make it happen – based on the Ten Principles that the UN Global Compact is built upon. We must bring the full weight of the private sector to the SDGs to meet the 2030 deadline. To do so, we have shaped a new global strategy for engaging business to deliver on UN goals at unprecedented scale and impact.”

- *UN Global Compact, Global Strategy*

Peace Within Organizations (PWO) and Peacebuilding Through Business

PTP has hosted Peace Within Organizations (PWO) and Peacebuilding Through Business meetings to consider how social responsibility is being developed through consulting, political action, personal insight, and educational influence. This also included a focus on Triple Bottom Line for the 21st Century (TBL21). Organizations participate and share knowledge and ideas in order to become more socially responsible and harmonious with the emerging paradigms.

Using the Pathways To Peace (PTP) Peace Wheel as a model, various thought leaders who attended a series of PTP Peacebuilding symposia created a Business Peace Wheel to be used as a communication and instruction device. The 7 segments of the Business Peace Wheel are:

1. Purpose and Role of Business - What is the true role of business in the 21st century?
2. Sustainable Development - mindsets and the importance of finding ways to change them.
3. Social Responsibility - What are we doing for communities as well as shareholders?
4. Money & New Economics - What if money was designed and used to build communities and enhance human life, "all life"? What would be businesses' role in this?
5. Whole System Change - Looking at things from a whole systems approach will determine what emphasis is taken and what questions will be asked.
6. Creative (Positive) People Practices - Explored areas of empowerment
7. Ethics, Principles & Values - Business is being compelled to adopt the values and principles that build a sustainable society for all stakeholders.

Triple Bottom Line for the 21st Century (TBL 21)

PTP's "Peacebuilding Through Business" lead to a focus on the Triple Bottom Line for the 21st Century. Most business owners are deeply aware of our planetary ecological crisis but are often lacking the resources or expertise to contribute to and benefit from economic, environmental, and social solutions. Understanding and putting into practice the fundamentals of a *triple bottom line* can help challenges become opportunities for strong community, meaningful employment, a healthy environment, and a prosperous local economy.

The triple bottom line provides a framework for the development and advancement of a culture of sustainability by expanding the traditional definition of business success to include the well-being of all stakeholders.

What are the three bottom lines?

1. Profit - Your established traditional measures of financial performance.
2. People - Commitment to your employees, customers, suppliers, and community.
3. Planet - Reduction of your carbon footprint, resource consumption, and pollution.

The idea behind TBL 21 is that if a business pays attention to all three bottom lines, and especially how they influence each other, the result is enhanced prosperity and lasting sustainability.

RELATED LINKS:

economicsandpeace.org The Institute for Economics and Peace
www.globalpeace.org/business-and-economics-peace-and-development Global Peace Foundation
www.rotary.org/en/institute-economics-and-peace Rotary International



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HEALTH/RELATIONSHIPS

This pathway includes:

Harmonious inter-relationship of the physical, emotional, mental, and Soul levels. Resolving conflicts within self and society. Harmless human relationships. Partnership models. Psychologies of growth. Healthy food.

PEACE THROUGH HEALTH is our next segment. Health is oftentimes described as the absence of disease or injury, just as peace is oftentimes described as the absence of war. Both descriptions fall short.

Perhaps rather than the absence of disease, health can be thought of as a harmony occurring within the body -- more like an orchestra. Our physical body with all its complex systems, our emotional body containing our feelings, our mental body with our thoughts and ideas are all under the guidance of our master conductor - our Spiritual Body.

If one section of the "orchestra" - be it physical, emotional or mental - is out of sync with any other, there is still a symphony -- it simply may not sound as melodious. Even if one "instrument", for instance the digestive system, is not keeping tempo, the entire orchestra is affected. When there is there is a sense of peace among our bodies and parts, we are at peace with good health.

Around our planet, health is a major concern and a high priority. The growing of healthy food is a key ingredient in providing health for all citizens of the world. In the US, obesity in children and adults has been characterized as a public health epidemic. Around the world, growing healthy food in areas where soil has become polluted or depleted of nutrients has become a major concern prompting several food-related movements. There is an expanding market for organic foods and more farmers around the world are seeking organic certification. The Slow Food movement seeks to preserve cultural cuisine and to preserve the food, plants and seeds, domestic animals, and farming within an eco-region. The slow food movement advocates resistance to the dehumanizing effects of large-scale, commercial food production. Farm-to-table is a social movement that promotes partnership between local growers, grocers, and restaurants, resulting in local, often natural or organic, food being offered in restaurants and school cafeterias. Farm-to-table allows consumers to trace the origin of the food they are consuming. Community-supported agriculture has supported the proliferation of farmers markets in areas that may be classified as "food deserts". Farmers markets are a great place to forge connections to fresh food, people, and community. It is difficult for hungry people to wage peace.

Relationships thrive in a peaceful environment - no matter if we are talking about a couple, a family, a city or a country. When we get to the point where our differences are celebrated rather than judged or feared and when people truly listen to each other, right relationship will be the norm rather than the exception.

Throughout our history, PTP has accomplished its mission through partnership and collaboration. Together, we are building a Culture of Peace through diverse pathways.

“Acting in concert, we do make a difference in the quality of our lives, our institutions, our communities and our planetary future. Through co-operation, we manifest the essential Spirit that unites us amidst our diverse ways.” – *Avon Mattison, Founder, Pathways To Peace*

RELATED LINKS:

www.who.int World Health Organization

www.doctorswithoutborders.org Doctors without Borders

www.farmtotable.com Farm to Table

www.slowfoodusa.org Slow Food

www.smarterlunchrooms.org Smarter Lunchrooms Movement

www.Heartmath.org HeartMath Model

www.paralympic.org International Paralympic Committee

www.mediatorsbeyondborders.org Mediators Beyond Borders



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SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY

This pathway includes:

Scientific research, technological and noetic development for evolutionary unfoldment of all life. Inner and outer space exploration.

PEACE THROUGH SCIENCE is significant because modern science shapes our fundamental world view, including our perceptions of the nature of human beings, our institutions, and our societies. Because science impacts both collective thought worldwide and global institutions, the role of Science in the ongoing Peacebuilding Inquiry is crucial to the work of building cultures of Peace for the children of this and future generations.

New Peacebuilding Technology allows us to explore science and spirituality, and to recognize our inherent connection with each other – beyond the boundaries of difference and geography. Pathways To Peace partner, Live A Moment, is an app that is a beautiful example of how technology can be used to enhance Peace within, promote emotional intelligence, and connect us to like-minded people around our planet.

Hopefully, the gap will continue to be bridged between science (knowledge of universal laws and their applications, currently confined to physical plane only), technology (to enhance all knowledge and connectivity), and religion (knowledge of universal laws through all kingdoms to the Soul level), and their connection and application to humanity's behavior.

When humanity realizes that there are Moral Laws which cannot be evaded, which exist beyond any religious dogma, and which are simply basic harmonizing principles in Nature, women and men will start to practice peaceful co-existence because IT WORKS, and they will experience BENEFITS from doing so.

RELATED LINKS:

<https://unctad.org> United Nations Commission on Science and Technology

www.noetic.org The Institute of Noetic Sciences

www.globalcountry.org/wp/science-and-technology Global Country of World Peace

www.goipeace.or.jp The Goi Peace Foundation

LiveaMoment.com Live a Moment App



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RELIGION/SPIRITUAL TEACHINGS

This pathway includes:

Universal principles, ethics and values. Spiritual development through diverse practices in unitive Spirit. Higher understanding of Truth. Living the Golden Rule. Recognizing inter-connectiveness of all living things.

PEACE THROUGH RELIGION is at the core of the Peacebuilding that faces many of the war-torn areas of our globe. We recognize that the universal sacredness of all life unites us in a fellowship of mutual respect, support, and tolerance. Great world teachers have started religious movements based on the Ageless Wisdom teachings, adapted for each era and culture. We explore the underlying principles and unity of these teachings. Through understanding our intrinsic oneness, we value diversity and grow tolerance. Ultimate honor and respect must prevail for the privacy and sanctity of each individual's unique relationship to Deity.

Finding and maintaining inner Peace gives us strength and provides the fortitude we need to bring hope and Peace to a troubled world. The daily Minute of Silence at Noon and meditations for personal and planetary unity, cooperation, and Peace form a spiritual core within each of us and brings us together in Peace.

RELATED LINKS:

<https://www.unicefusa.org/> UNICEF
www.uri.org United Religions Initiative
www.worldpeace.org World Peace Prayer Society
www.byakko.org Byakko Shinko Kai
www.lucistrust.org Lucis Trust



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ENVIRONMENT/HABITAT

This pathway includes:

“Living” systems and structures that integrate sustainable human needs with renewable material resources. Fulfilling basic human needs and restoring the natural environment. Climate change, decolonization, homelessness, pollution of oceans, and sustainable development.

PEACE THROUGH ENVIRONMENT/HABITAT has broad implications for our world today and for the planet our children will inherit. Peacebuilding demands the recognition of our interconnectedness with all living things. We live and work in a global community, and we are global citizens in a global economy. If any one of us is suffering, it results in suffering of the whole. Planet earth is suffering from short-term actions that benefit the few and ignore long-term consequences for most earth’s inhabitants. Our land/our home is connected to our culture and who we are as a people.

Thousands of indigenous groups around the world are fighting against colonial governments to maintain their land and culture and to improve their lives. According to the World Bank, although these groups comprise only 5% of the world’s population, indigenous communities account for 15% of the world’s extreme poor.

In 1960, the UN General Assembly adopted the [Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples](#), known as the Declaration on decolonization. The Declaration stated that all people have a right to self-determination and proclaimed that colonialism should be brought to a speedy and unconditional end. In 1962 the General Assembly established the [Special Committee on Decolonization](#) to monitor implementation of the Declaration and to make recommendations on its application. In 1990, the General Assembly proclaimed 1990-2000 as the [International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism](#) and adopted a [Plan of Action](#). In 2001, the [Second International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism](#) was proclaimed. In 2011, the General Assembly proclaimed 2011-2020 as the [Third International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism](#). There is international recognition of the need to end colonization and some accomplishments have been made, however, there much work remains to be done.

Climate change is at the top of the international agenda because of the threat that it represents to society and the magnitude of the response required.

“Climate Change is the defining issue of our time and we are at a defining moment. From shifting weather patterns that threaten food production, to rising sea levels that increase the risk of catastrophic flooding, the impacts of climate change are global in scope and unprecedented in scale. Without drastic action today, adapting to these impacts in the future will be more difficult and costly.” - *The United Nations on Climate Change*

Environment and habitat are in the forefront of our Peacebuilding activities as they are affecting all people, as well as our planetary home. Our water is scarce, our oceans are warming, ongoing warfare is destroying homelands, homelessness has become an international problem, and unsustainable development is having a negative impact on our environment, our habitat, our communities, and our nations. “Throw-away” cultures are thinking about conservation of consumable goods and products.

Environmental sustainability and sustainable development have the common goal of conserving natural resources and creating more energy efficient projects and practices. Sustainable development transforms global energy use to create a clean, prosperous, and secure low-carbon future for a more sustainable environment and healthier habitats.

Housing can be made more harmonious, using the materials and designs of indigenous peoples. Housing should provide shelter, but also be safe and healthy, and supportive of cultural habits and norms.

Eco-villages, particularly those that are being created in the aftermath of war, become examples of the resilience and innovation of humans and their enduring connection to their land. The Global Ecovillage Network envisions a world of empowered citizens and communities, designing and implementing pathways to a regenerative future, while building bridges of hope and international solidarity. Empowered and engaged citizens and communities, hope, and international solidarity – those are the key ingredients to effective Peacebuilding!

The environment and the recognition of the importance of habit are now recognized as primary in importance in our efforts to create harmony on the planet. We have nothing -- life itself vanishes -- if we destroy our Earth. In the Pathway to PEACE THROUGH ENVIRONMENT, we respect the importance of the environment as the support for our lives and we nourish and protect whatever aspects of our environment we are responsible for. Globally, we need to embrace a voluntary simplicity, as well as reverence for all life and the life of the Planet. All growth should be in harmony with nature's Laws.

RELATED LINKS:

www.un.org/en/decolonization The United Nations and Decolonization

www.indigenouspeoplesunited.org Decolonization

www.globalcitizen.org Indigenous People Rise Up

www.un.org/en/sections/issues-depth/climate-change United Nations on Climate Change

<https://unhabitat.org> United Nations Human Settlements Program

www.findhorn.org Climate Change and Consciousness

www.rmi.org Rocky Mountain Institute

<https://ecovillage.org> Eco-Village Network

www.unoceans.org United Nations Ocean

www.noaa.gov National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

www.epa.gov/recycle Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

<https://ourworldindata.org/homelessness> Homelessness: Our World in Data

www.conserve-energy-future.com Energy Conservation and Sustainable Development

<https://www.community.solutions/blog/ending-homelessness-worldwide> Community Solutions

www.heartmath.org/gci Global Coherence Initiative

www.unep.org United Nations Environment Programme



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This pathway includes:

Co-creative, integrative expressions of the basic seven paths (sectors) of human creativity. Synthesis of humanity's highest Soul expression and evolutionary development. Building life-enhancing cultures of Peace for succeeding generations. Arts, media, communications, and cultural exchanges. Unity in Diversity.

PEACE THROUGH CULTURE is the eighth, synthesizing segment of the Peace Wheel. Culture is integrated into all the other pathways. A great Peacebuilder, artist, and author, Nicholas Roerich defined culture as the cultivation of the creative potential in all people. He said, "Positive creativeness is the fundamental quality of the human spirit. Let us welcome all those who, surmounting personal difficulties... propel their spirits to the task of Peacebuilding, thus ensuring a radiant future."

Culture, broadly defined, is a system of language, customs, rituals, arts, social institutions, and achievements of a nation, people, or other social group. Preserving culture is exceedingly important as historical and current practices have meant the assimilation and obliteration of cultures around our planet, creating a cultural void with affects all of us. "Peace" that ignores the reality of historic and current violence and oppression of cultures and people around our world, is no Peace at all. Peace can only be achieved through authentic justice, equity, and an honoring of differences among all people. Building a "Culture of Peace" recognizes and Peacebuilding needs to be inclusive of all diverse cultures and peoples around our world.

The *Culture of Peace Initiative (CPI)* is a UN-designated "Peace Messenger Initiative" with participants in all the world's regions. The *Culture of Peace Initiative (CPI)* is a cooperative local-global Peacebuilding Initiative, uniting the strengths of organizations, networks, projects and people to realize a Culture of Peace for the Common Good. The *CPI* also serves as a vehicle for bringing to light many previously unseen and unheard Peacebuilders, working along diverse paths, who are embodying the emerging Culture of Peace within Humanity. The annual highlight of the *Culture of Peace Initiative* is the International Day of Peace (Peace Day), which provides an opportunity for individuals, organizations, and nations to work together, on a shared date, to create practical acts of Peace. The goal of *CPI* is to make every day Peace Day.

The United Nations is dedicated to promoting social and economic development and building international Peace. The preamble to the UN Charter (from whose opening lines the name for the "WE THE PEOPLES" INITIATIVE was taken) states: "We the peoples of the United Nations, determined to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind, and to reaffirm faith in the fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small, and to establish conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be maintained, and to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom, And for these ends, to practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbors, and to unite our strength to maintain international peace and security, and to ensure, by the

acceptance of principles and the institution of methods, that armed force shall not be used, save in the common interest, and to employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples, Have resolved to combine our efforts to accomplish these aims.”

UNESCO (UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) Director-General Federico Mayor stated: “It is the cohesion and integration of our societies that must be enhanced... We need to build not only geographical but spiritual bridges between people and strengthen the intellectual, cultural and communication linkages between our societies. UNESCO stands ready to participate in the effort to promote social integration and create a culture of peace.”

RELATED LINKS:

www.internationaldayofpeace.org International Day of Peace

<http://www.un.org/en/ga/62/plenary/peaceculture/bkg.shtml> UN Decade for a Culture of Peace

www.unesco.org UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

www.peacecorps.gov Peace Corps

culture-of-peace.info David Adams, Culture of Peace

www.peacethruculture.org Peace thru Culture