

Peace in Action A Shared Vision for Peace

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Peace remains an urgent task in today's world, where so many peoples are scarred by war and conflict. Peace is both a divine gift and a human achievement. This is why believers of all religions are called to implore peace and to intercede for it.

Pope Francis to a delegation from *Religions for Peace*

Vatican City, 18 October 2017

A MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the inaugural issue of "Peace in Action," your new monthly newsletter from *Religions for Peace*! On behalf of the *Religions for Peace* family, I am thrilled to share this space dedicated to highlighting the incredible strides we've made together in advancing peace and shared sacred flourishing around the globe in recent months.

From conflict resolution to advancing gender equality, from sustainable development to advocating for human dignity, the initiatives featured in this newsletter showcase the tangible impact of interreligious communities in fostering understanding and collaboration at the local, national and international level.

My hope is that these updates in "Peace in Action" will not only inform but also inspire you and ignite your own passion for peacebuilding in your communities. Engage with us, share your own initiatives, and become an even more active participant in the vital mission of *Religions for Peace*. Together, we can continue to build a world where peace is not just an aspiration, but a



lived reality for all.

In Peace,

Dr. Francis Kuria
Secretary General

FOCUS



An Alliance for Peace through Dialogue and Diplomacy

Religions for Peace, the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, and the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network have launched **Ten Principles** to stop wars and promote development, from the city of Gernika, Spain.

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VOICES OF PEACE

Rev. Kosho Niwano

President Designated of Rissho-Kosei-Kai and co-moderator of *Religions for Peace* International.

Peace must be lived, embodied, and institutionalized- through systems that reward cooperation over domination, through education that nurtures empathy, and through leadership that upholds dignity over division.

Gernika, Spain, April 25, 2025



[Read More about Rev. Kosho Niwano](#)

UPDATES

Africa's Faith Communities: A Driving Force for Sustainable Development

Francis Kuria addressed the G20 Interfaith Forum, in Addis Ababa, in May.

Religions for Peace Welcomes the Election of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV

The Pope's inaugural words conveyed a powerful and timely message of peace to the world.

Prof. Genti Kruja, President of Religions for Peace Europe with His Holiness Pope Leo XIV

The meeting was organized by the Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue.

Pope Francis' Life is a Testament to the Power of Faith in Action

The statement of the Secretary General, Dr. Francis Kuria on the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis

Transforming Global Development through a Sacred Shared Flourishing

Religions for Peace and the Fetzer Institute pioneer a new initiative, the Sacred Shared Worldview.

Religions for Peace Empowers & Elevates Women of Faith at the CSW69

Two parallel events highlighted the Women of Excellence Award and vocational education.

Religions for Peace Advocates for a Nuclear-Free World

R/P, in partnership with ICAN and ACRL-R/P, hosted a dialogue at the UN during the TPNW.

IN THE MEDIA



*Dr. Kezevino Aram, President of Shanti Ashram and *Religions for Peace* Co-Moderator in [The Lancet](#).

*Nigeria Inter-Religious Council in [The Will](#).

*Dr. Deepika Singh, Deputy Secretary General of *Religions for Peace* in [Ke Alaka'i](#).

*Uganda Inter-Religious Council in [The Independent](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Inauguration of Interfaith Council in Gambia

Banjul, Gambia, June 16.

Second Parliamentary Conference on Interfaith Dialogue

Rome, Italy - June, 19-21.

Third Tokyo Peace Roundtable to Convene Religious Leaders from Middle East, Myanmar, Russia and Ukraine

Tokyo, Japan, July 1-3, 2025.

Meeting of World Council of Religions for Peace

Istanbul, Turkey, July 28-29, 2025.



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