

PEACE VIGIL COMMITTEE

VISION STATEMENT

The vision of the Peace Vigil Committee is for one 24 hour period each year:

- To be a touchstone for peace.
- To be an example of living in peace.
- To foster an environment of peace.
- To consider together the possibility of living in peace.
- To grow in peace within ourselves and within our community.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Peace Vigil Committee is to:

- Promote a focus on peace at First Parish Bridgewater.
- Plan and execute a 24 hour Peace Vigil in conjunction with the United Nations International Day of Peace Vigil.
- Stimulate community involvement in the Celebration for Peace.
- Reach out to the Bridgewater State College community for participation.
- Align with peacemakers around the globe and join together in building an interconnected web of peace.

LIST OF RESPONSIBILITIES

- Observe the United Nations International Day of Peace Vigil on or near September 21 each year with a 24 hour vigil.
- Conduct services during the 24 hours from a variety of traditions.
- Celebrate Peace at the Vigil with activities such as a procession, music, poetry, readings, plays, art projects, cooperative games, dance, and other festivities.
- Organize speakers, readings, discussions and displays honoring Peace at the Vigil and throughout the year.
- Each year rededicate our Peace Pole.
- Host community meals to promote peaceful bonding.
- Encourage participation in the Day of Peace by other faith communities in the Bridgewater area and in the area Unitarian Universalist churches.
- Reach out to the Bridgewater State College (BSC) community for participation via the Social Justice League and students involved in the Performing Arts.
- Publicize the Peace Celebration utilizing a variety of media, flyers posted throughout the community, signage in key public areas, and in other appropriate ways.
- Research, educate and make available tools and means to implement Peace.
- Participate in Peace events through out the year as we are able.