

Seventh Annual
WORLD PEACE DAY



October 1, 2004 • A program of the
**World Peace Day Council of
 Louisiana & the State of Louisiana**

This is the seventh year for the observance of "World Peace Day" in an effort to eliminate violence and promoting peace in individuals, families, countries and nations.

There are numerous conflicts occurring around the globe right now. 280 wars were waged between 1945 and 2000. Some 24 million people lost their lives in these conflagrations - 90 percent of them civilians, mostly women and children. Of the more than 35 million refugees and internally displaced persons worldwide, more than 80% have been uprooted by war or civil strife. Some 28 million of the uprooted are women and children. In today's wars, an estimated 300,000 children aged 7-17 are serving as soldiers.* Millions more have died from disease and starvation in countries devastated by war.

BACKGROUND

A resolution was adopted in 1998 by the Institute of All Nations, Inc., stating that World Peace Day be observed on the first of October every year. Professor Rama C. Mohanty, a Baton Rouge resident, was named World Peace Day General Secretary.

The first World Peace Day in Louisiana was made possible with the support of co-founders Gov. Mike Foster, State Senator Jay Dardenne, Bishop Alfred Hughes, Rev. Sam Maranto and Rev. Mary Edith Moody, with Bishop Hughes and Dr. Rama Mohanty as Co-Chairmen.

Monika Olivier, Baton Rouge Center for World Affairs, Inc., has been the chairman of World Peace Day for the past two years.



*Church World Service, National Council of Churches, Spring 2003

MISSION

To create awareness in the minds of people all over the world about caring and respect for each other as being in the interest of the individual. It is also intended to honor those who have worked and continue to work to this end.

*Note: World Peace Day flag, 3' x 5'; Designed and produced in Baton Rouge by Jane Thomas, Thomasgraphics in 2001

WORLD PEACE DAY
PROGRAM

4:00 PM

STEPS OF THE LOUISIANA STATE CAPITOL

Na Cait Dubh Pipe Band of the Celtic Society of Louisiana
 Dances of India - Viveka Valsraj, Dance of the Nomads

SENATE CHAMBER

Welcome and Introductions

Monika Olivier, 2002 - 2004 Chairman World Peace Day

Reflections

The Reverend Mary Edith Moody, 2001 Chairman World Peace Day

Presentation of Proclamation by

Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco

and Senate Concurrent Resolution #55 presented by

Theron Batie, Baton Rouge Magnet High School

Christopher Handal, Baton Rouge Magnet High School

Agovi Denou, Lee High School

Ester Kouri, Broadmoor High School

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Dr. Rama Mohanty

Keynote Speaker

The Honorable Melvin "Kip" Holden, State Senator

Remarks

Robert Mann, Director of Communications, Governor's Office

Closing Remarks

Monika Olivier

ROTUNDA

Exhibit of Children's Art from

Kenilworth Middle School

Baton Rouge Center for Visual and Performing Arts

University Terrace Elementary School

exhibit coordinated by Laura St. Blanc

CAPITOL STEPS

Bagpipers

Dances of Vietnam - The Thien Buddhist Youth Group at Tam Bao Temple

Mount Zion Baptist Church Choir

Special thanks to our

World Peace Day Honorary Co-Chairmen

The Honorable Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of Louisiana

The Honorable Charlie Dewitt, Speaker of the House of Representatives,

The Honorable John J. Hainkel, Jr., President of the Senate

The Honorable Jay Dardenne, State Senator,

The Honorable Mike Futrell, State Representative

2004 World Peace Day Steering Committee

Rev. Dan Krutz, Dr. Sharda Kumar, Dr. Rama C. Mohanty, Rev. Mary E.

Moody, Monika Olivier, Chairman, Rose Mary Poirrier,

Laura St. Blanc, Fr. Gerard F. Young, Glenn Koepp, Secretary of the Senate,

Paula Henderson

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