

Peace Plaque Project

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The Social Justice Committee has been hard at work on a Peace Pole project for UUSA. With much thought and consultation, it was decided that rather than having a traditional four-sided peace pole placed in the front plaza of the Meetinghouse, UUSA would approach this project from a different angle.

The Committee believes that it is consistent with the Mission Statement of UUSA to be demonstrative in its belief that peace is a vital aspect of being a responsible world citizen. To this end, the Social Justice Committee, with the unanimous approval of the Board of Trustees, will be mounting Peace Plaques on the various support columns on the front of the Meetinghouse. Considerable thought and planning have already gone into the design of the plaques, and each will be framed in cedar.

Initially, five plaques will be mounted above the transom and on the fronts of the four columns that face the street. The plaque above the transom will read *AMay Peace Prevail on Earth.* The plaques on the columns will have the same words in different languages: Malayalam, Gaelic, Hebrew, and Arabic.

UUSA members who wish to sponsor a plaque in a specific language or simply sponsor a plaque should contact the Social Justice Committee for details. The cost to sponsor a plaque will be approximately \$50.