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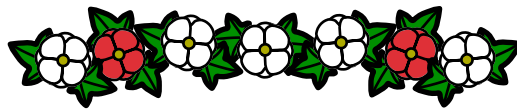
for a culture
of peace

LET PEACE BE THEIR MEMORIAL

A Remembrance Day
wreath laying ceremony for
overlooked victims of conflict

UCV Sanctuary
949 West 49th Ave., Vancouver
Saturday Nov. 11th, 2023
2:00–3:30pm

This free, public event is co-hosted by
VANCOUVER PEACE POPPIES and VANCOUVER UNITARIANS



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<u>Welcome:</u>	Land Acknowledgement	Rev. Shawn Gauthier
<u>Song:</u>	<i>I Stand at Every Door</i>	Fraser Union
<u>Introduction:</u>	Peace & White Poppies	Denis Laplante
<u>Poem:</u>	<i>Another Country</i>	Christopher Levenson
<u>Song:</u>	<i>Peace Call</i>	Fraser Union
<u>Keynote Talk:</u>	Selling Peace in Wartime	Teresa Gagné
<u>Song:</u>	<i>Peace Medley</i> <i>Mother's Prayer / Women Say No</i>	The Re:Sisters
<u>Introduction:</u>	Wreath Ceremony	Nan Gregory
<u>Wreath Laying:</u>	Part One – Universal Wreaths 1-5	
<u>Song:</u>	<i>From Way Up Here</i>	Jim Edmondson & Earle Peach
<u>Wreath Laying:</u>	Part Two – Universal Wreaths 6-11	
<u>Song:</u>	<i>Despite All of the Darkness</i>	The Re:Sisters
<u>Introduction:</u>	Wreath Ceremony	Nan Gregory
<u>Wreath Laying:</u>	Current Conflict Wreaths 1-6	
<u>Song:</u>	<i>Peace Round</i> (in Arabic & Hebrew)	Participatory
<u>Closing</u>	Thanks and Invitations	Rev. Shawn Gauthier
<u>Remarks:</u>		
<u>Final Song</u>	<i>Song of Peace / Finlandia</i>	Jim & Earle

Wreath Viewing



Peace Round

Lyrics:

Salaam ! Shalom !
Dror ! Huryeh !
Adana ! Tzedek !
Adama ! Ard !

Translation:

Peace *Arabic, Hebrew*
Freedom *Hebrew, Arabic*
Justice *Arabic, Hebrew*
Land *Hebrew, Arabic*

Written & arranged by Jim Edmondson



A Song of Peace / Finlandia

This is a song for people of all nations.

A song of peace for lands afar and mine.

Here is my home, the country where my heart is.

Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine.

But other hearts in other lands are beating

With hopes and dreams as fine and true as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean

And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.

But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,

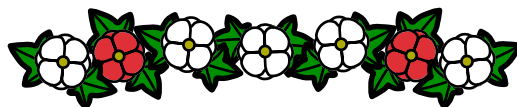
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.

So here's my song for people of all nations,

A song of peace for your land and for mine.

Music by Jean Sibelius

Lyrics by Lloyd Stone, adapted by Jim Edmondson



About Vancouver Peace Poppies



Vancouver Peace Poppies was started in 2008 by Teresa Gagné and Denis Laplante. We are an unregistered non-profit whose goal is consciousness raising, not fundraising.

We want to encourage Canadians to broaden their Remembrance Day focus to include the civilians who now make up 90% of conflict victims; to challenge the beliefs, values and institutions that make war seem inevitable; and to urge our government to promote and fund effective non-military means of dispute resolution, both at home and abroad.

To further this goal **Vancouver Peace Poppies** undertakes three main activities:

- Importing white lapel poppies from the Peace Pledge Union in Britain, (where the white poppy started in 1933) and making them available through depots in Vancouver, and across Canada by mail-order.
- A Schools campaign, which provides public schools in BC and other parts of Canada with subsidized white lapel poppies, and related peace-focussed classroom resources for both elementary and secondary school students.
- An annual Remembrance Day ceremony - ***Let Peace be Their Memorial***, in which handmade wreaths are laid to commemorate overlooked victims of war.

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