

Speakers Biographies

Lama Michel Rinpoche, Brazil



Lama Michel Rinpoche, born in 1981, has been recognized by Lama Gangchen and many great lamas as a Tulku - the reincarnation of a Tibetan Buddhist Master. He has chosen to be born in Brazil not only in order to benefit the whole country and South America, but the whole of contemporary society.

Lama Gangchen visited Brazil for the first in 1987, invited by Lama Michel's parents - Bel and Daniel. From this encounter was born a strong connection with the whole family, who founded the first of many Dharma Centers under the guidance of Lama Gangchen: the 'Shi De Choe Tsog' Center.

Over the years, contacts with Bel, Daniel and Lama Michel's sister Fernanda have increasingly been strengthened. Spontaneously, at the age of twelve, Lama Michel decides to leave his 'normal life' in order to engage in a monastic life in the south of India, where he presently resides.

Lama Michel has repeatedly visited sacred sites in India, Nepal, Indonesia, Cambodia, Mongolia and Tibet. During all these pilgrimages, he has had many intuitions, dreams and special visions. Lama Michel's character and his altruistic attitude began then to manifest themselves in a traditionally Buddhist way.

Great Lamas as Zopa Rinpoche, Daghiab Rinpoche and Gelek Rinpoche have confirmed that Lama Michel is the reincarnation of Drubchok Ghialwa Sandrup - a 15th century Lama from Gangchen Choepel Ling,

a monastery in Tibet, at the beginning of Lama Tsong Khapa's Ghelupa school, at the times of the first Dalai Lama. Panchen Zangpo Tashi, one of Lama Gangchen's reincarnations, founded the Gangchen Choepel Ling monastery. His successor, the second regent of the throne, was Drubchok Ghialwa Sandrup - a great yogi and master who gave various philosophical teachings.

Lama Michel is really a special young man, and many people have noticed his pure energy - which is like the energy of Maitreya, the future Buddha of Love. His Tibetan name is Chiang Chub Choepel Lobsang Nientrak - which means the 'Wise and famous Mind of enlightenment, who spreads the peace message of Dharma successfully'.



Lama Caroline, England



Lama Caroline, Dorje Kanyen Lhamo, was born in 1965 in the UK. She became Buddhist in 1986 after reading 'The Way of the White Clouds' and took Refuge with Geshe Namgyel Wangchen of Drepung. Caroline studied and did solitary retreats for five years under the guidance of Geshe Kelsang Gyatso.

In 1991 met Gangchen Rinpoche, and moved to Milano, Italy, to study with him - She has also had the great fortune to receive teachings on sutra and tantra from many other (Gelugpa) Lamas.

From 1993 - to present day she is travelling extensively with Lama Gangchen and visited Borobudhur for the first time in 1993. Lama Caroline together with the Lama Gangchen Peace Publications team, (Isthar Adler, Cosy Back, Ricardo Baddouh, Sharon Dawson,) compiled, edited and published the NgalSo Gyasto Sungrab, the Collected Works of Lama

Gangchen, the core teachings of the NgalSo Tradition. (his collected works on Sutra, Tantra, medicine, astrology, yoga) of NgalSo Western Buddhism.

In 2000 she was Officially recognised as a Lama by Lama Gangchen. She is a Lineage Holder of the NgalSo tradition, and became a Throne Holder in 2012.

2000 - onwards, Lama Caroline has been teaching and guiding retreats on Sutra, Tantra, Medicine, Astrology, and Trulkhor yoga at Albaganano Healing Meditation Center, Italy, and in other NgalSo Centers worldwide.

2003 - 4, she studied and received a Diploma in World Religions from the Open University, UK.

2005 - 8 Masters Degree (with merit) in Buddhist Studies from the University of Sunderland, UK - Her thesis was on 'A Tibetan Lama's Mandala Theory About Candi Borobudur Compared with Western Scholarship'

Since 2010 she studies Classical Tibetan and Sanskrit at ITAS, the Institute for Tibetan and Asian Studies at KarmaGuen, Velez Malaga, Spain.



Alfredo Sfeir Younis - (born 1947) is a Chilean economist, spiritual leader and healer, presently President of the Zambuling Institute for Human Transformation, founded in 2005 in Washington, DC, USA. Before opening the Institute, Alfredo had a twenty-nine-year career at the World Bank where he was hired as the World Bank's first environmental economist in 1976 and later was appointed Director of the World Bank Office in Geneva, Switzerland. He served as Special Representative to the United Nations and the World Trade Organization from 1996 to 1999. In both institutions Alfredo worked in the general fields of human rights, peace, and social justice; within this broader context he initiated and promoted policy in such areas as poverty eradication, international trade and finance, financing of development, gender and women's issues, trade and development, role of indigenous peoples, sustainable management of forestry and fisheries, water management and irrigation, desertification, biodiversity, culture and spirituality in sustainable development, and alternative medicine.

He has received numerous awards from international organizations, including the Lifetime Ambassador of Peace (2001), Peace and Tolerance Award (2002), World Healer Award (2002), Messenger of Peace (2002), Peace, Mercy and Tolerance Award (2003), Supreme Advisor of the Buddhist Spiritual Forum Award, World Peace Mercy and Tolerance Award (2004), Diamond Peace Award (2005), and Peace Ambassador Award (2006).

Alfredo was a candidate for the 2013 presidential election as the leader of the Green Ecologist Party, but lost the election with less than 3% of the total amount of votes.

Recognized as a healer and spiritual authority by many masters from different faiths, Alfredo publishes and lectures worldwide on spirituality and global issues.



Giovanni Perotti - He worked with UNESCO on heritage sites in Tunisia Senegal (Africa) and Italy and Greece (EU). Together with other architects of the ODB & Partners group, he won the 2011 UNESCO International Competition for the construction of a large monument in Dakar in memory of the end of the slave trade across the Atlantic Ocean (under construction). He works in Italy for the recognition of the Forest Code for the millennial management of the Forests of the High Apennines by the Camaldolese Congregation of the Monasteries of Camaldoli, Fonte Avellana (Italy) Big Sur (California) monasteries in Brazil, India and Tanzania. He works in Greece for the inclusion of the Christian Orthodox Monastery of the Island of Amorgos (Monastery of Kozoviotissa in the year 1080 AD) in the indicative list of the Greek Government.

UNESCO GENERAL PROJECT 2020-2030

Carry out a project for the UNESCO recognition of traditional medicines. Promoters: NGALSO, Buddhist self-healing model of Lama Gancghe; from the Healing Ceremonies of the Andean cultures by Men / Medicine of Peru (Machu Pichu, Mayantuyacu, Cyclayo); from the Cultures of the monks of Camaldoli (Italy) who identify with the trees as the monks guard the forest which in turn keeps the monks in total reciprocity; with the processions of the faithful towards the sacred mountains of Piedmont, including Ghiffa (formerly a UNESCO World Heritage Site) which borders on Albagnano.



Irena Murko., Germany

Irena Murko, born 1963 in Germany, both parents from Slovenia, study of Medicine in Regensburg and Munich, established as a doctor in her own practice since 1997.

Has been studying for over 30 years alternative medicine and natural pathways such as: applied kinesiology, homeopathy, immune therapies, neural therapy, acupuncture, ozone therapy, hypnotherapy, physical therapy, Frank Lowen Systems, healing and self-healing according to Letty, a spiritual healer from the Philippines, and of course the methods of Ven. Lama Gangchen Rinpoche.

Memberships: ZÄN - Central Association of Physicians for Natural Medicine and Regulatory Medicine in Germany DÄGFA - Medical Society of Acupuncture in Germany; DAPM - German Association of Preventive Medicine.



Edzard Geertsema, The Netherlands

Date of birth: 22 December 1970

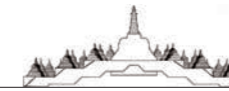
I'm married and have a son of 3,5 years old

I took refuge with Lama Gangchen in 2011 and took part in the Borobudur retreat in 2013. I regularly participate in retreats with Lama Gangchen and lama Michel at Albagnano healing center and in the Netherlands.

In 2003 I received a Ph.D. in organic chemistry at the University of Groningen (the Netherlands). Since then I've been a lecturer and researcher in chemistry: at the University of Edinburgh (UK) (2007-2009), University of Groningen (2010-2014) and currently at the University of Applied Sciences in Groningen. Besides teaching chemistry I mentor students in a counselor role, and teach communication skills (non formal education!).



Rogier Hoenders, MD, PhD, is a psychiatrist, senior researcher and director of the Center for Integrative Psychiatry of Lentis, Groningen, the Netherlands. He is also a clinical instructor psychiatry and therefore involved in teaching, training and supervising residents psychiatry. He is the chair of the two yearly congress integrated psychiatry. His main interests are prevention and therapeutic lifestyle changes (mindfulness, exercise, nutrition, relaxation), spirituality and natural medicine (herbs, vitamins, supplements)



Elkana C. Waarsenburg, MD, (1976) works as a family physician in The Netherlands. She is specialised in palliative (end of life) care. Her main interests are integrative medicine, lifestyle medicine, spirituality and Buddhism. She initiated and directs a lifestyle and oncology program in primary care in Assen, the Netherlands.

She gives medical education training about lifestyle, spirituality and end of life care in the Netherlands and Italy. She is the chair of the Lama Gangchen International Global Peace Foundation (LGIGPF) in the Netherlands.



Carlos Alberto Lourenço, Brazil

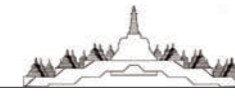
born on 9/13/1965, in the city of São Paulo - Brazil. Advertising, where he works as a producer of corporate events, scenography and digital marketing. Disciple of our venerable Gurus; Lama Gangchen Rinpoche, Lama Michel Rinpoche and Lama Caroline, since February 2005. He had the great opportunity to accompany our masters on trips like Borobudur 2011, 2015, 2017 and 2020, Nepal 2011, Tibet 2014 and Dharmakaya 2011 and 2017. Volunteer at the Tchagwang Ngalso Reiki clinic, at the Dharma da Paz Center, in São Paulo.



Julie Gifford

Dr. Julie Gifford earned a Joint Ph.D. in Divinity and Social Thought from the University of Chicago in 2004. She has taught Comparative Religion with a focus on Buddhist Studies at Whitman College, Miami University of Ohio, and the University of Cincinnati. Dr. Gifford has given numerous presentations on Borobudur, including invited presentations at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London, and the Department of Art History at Harvard University. She is the author of *Buddhist Practice and Visual Culture: the Visual Rhetoric of Borobudur* (Routledge, 2011).





Borobudur...



...Albagnano









Thank you so much to all of you, who have allowed us with your generosity,
to carry out our projects
Thank you to all our volunteers throughout the world
Thank you to Lama Gangchen for his constant inspiration



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HIA NEWS 20121

The Foundation's humanitarian activities in Himalayan communities continued during 2021

In 2021, due to the pandemic, it was not possible for volunteers of the Foundation to visit Nepal for the second year. For the Foundation a very important strength during this difficult period was the fact that over the years – thanks also to the precious figure of the founder Lama Gangchen Rinpoche and his tireless efforts to help others over years – we have been able to build a strong network of volunteers, monks and local collaborators, whose reliability and availability in 2021 made it possible to continue almost all the projects that were underway.

The only project that we were not able to continue in 2021 was the Chapakhori Water project. The Italian experts from Italy were only able to go to Nepal in March 2022 together with other volunteers of the Foundation.

In Kathmandu there are vast areas of extreme poverty where, even before the pandemic, people earned a living with temporary jobs, paid by the day, or by begging in the streets of the city and at tourist sites. The lockdown, effecting many activities and in particular tourism, has made the situation increasingly desperate for them. Many families, with no opportunity for work in the city, have returned to their villages of origin: but, even here the situation has become extremely difficult due to the scarcity of food and other resources. In times like these, it is even more important for us to provide help to the most disadvantaged communities and the poorest families who often have no access to basic necessities such as clean water and healthcare, and who are unable to provide care and education for their children.



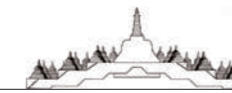
GANGCHEN SAMLING SCHOOL

In Nepal, due to the pandemic, schools were closed and reopened several times during 2021.

Gangchen Samling School was one of the few schools able to offer distance 'online' learning to students, thanks to donated smartphones and the incredible work of the teachers in contacting and training students in very difficult conditions. In this way the classes were able to continue for the 500 students, studying in kindergarten to class 10.



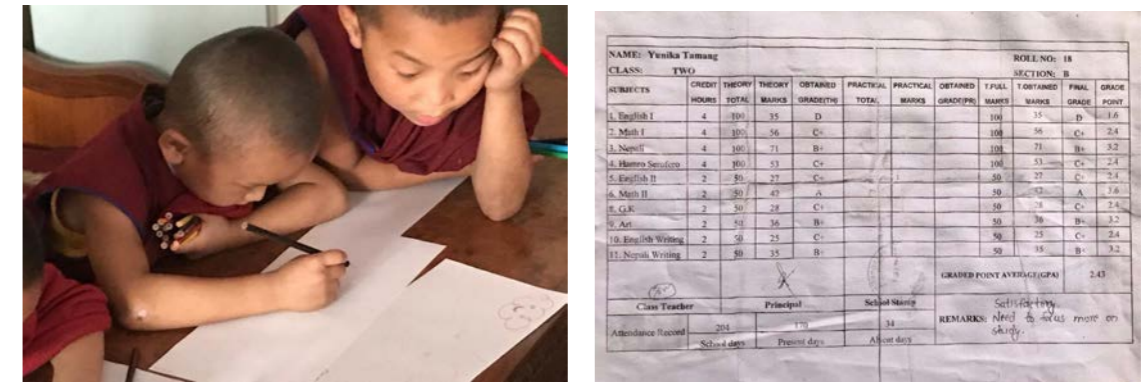
Most of these students come from very poor families living in the outskirts of Kathmandu who, thanks to the long distance adoption project, are able to realise their dream of offering a high-quality education to their children.



LONG DISTANCE ADOPTIONS

The long-distance adoption project continues to be at the heart of the Foundation's activities, enabling hundreds of children and young people to receive an education.

In 2021, the project also continued to aid elderly, sick and disabled people who are without support or a livelihood. There are also many young monks taken in by monasteries for their studies and helped through this project: they are often without a family, or their parents – exhausted by financial difficulties – have asked for shelter for their children whom they are unable to support.



MONASTERY PROJECT
NEW BUILDING

In 2021, work continued on the construction of a new building to provide classrooms, dormitories and bathrooms for the young guests of Sed Gyued Monastery in Kathmandu.

After the devastating 2015 earthquake, and also during the serious economic hardships during and after the pandemic lockdowns, the monastery has played an important role in supporting the local community, both spiritually and materially. In particular, it is providing a home for many poor children who have been orphaned or whose families are no longer able to care for them. Requests for help and shelter continue and today the monastery is home to more than 100 children in need.

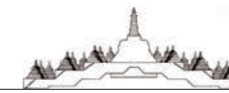
The children follow the curriculum of the Nepalese government and are taught by qualified external teachers. This means anyone who decides to leave the monastery in the future will have received, in addition to a non-formal peace education according to Buddhist principles, an education that will enable them to enter the world of work. In December 2021, the construction reached the 3rd and final floor, and was completed in early 2022: the new classrooms have already been inaugurated and are in use!

Once again in 2021, the long-distance adoption of young monks enabled monasteries to meet the costs for their basic needs and education: around 90 children were 'adopted' in Sed Gyued and Phelgyeling monasteries in Kathmandu, and in Serpom Monastery in South India.



Con il contributo 8x1000 dell'unione buddhista italiana

with the contribution of the Italian Buddhist Union



EMERGENCY PROJECT FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Many families, having lost all opportunities for work in the city due to the pandemic, have returned to their villages of origin: but even here the situation has become extremely difficult due to the scarcity of food resources.

In 2021, the Foundation presented to the 8x1000 Italian Buddhist Union a project for the distribution of basic foodstuffs to a number of villages in Nepal, as well as to some structures in Kathmandu that host particularly fragile and vulnerable people (children with disabilities, orphans and the elderly) and to particularly struggling families in the capital. The project was aimed at helping them to survive in the drama of the Covid period.

The project was approved by the Italian Buddhist Union, who finance 70 per cent of the total cost of the project, and in late 2021 we were able to purchase tonnes of rice, flour, dried lentils, oil, salt and soap.

In the first months of 2022, the distribution of food continued with the support of local volunteers and monks from Sed Gyued and Phelgyeling monasteries, who helped to identify the villages in greatest need and deliver the aid to them.





EDUCATION FOR ALL



Support continued for children studying in several simple village schools – for the families of these children the purchase of school materials is an unattainable luxury.

Exercise books, pens, pencils, book covers, coloured pencils, sharpeners, erasers (enough for one year) were donated to around 700 children, encouraging them to attend school and have the tools necessary to receive a basic education.

In Kathmandu, the children without families of the Hope Foundation and Jorpati Orphanage, those staying at the Sed Gyued Monastery and the children of the Disabled Rehabilitation Home also received school materials for one year.

In 2021 the Foundation once again covered all maintenance costs, including teachers' salaries, of the primary school in the village Shikharpur where 70 children study.



FURTHER EDUCATION



In 2021, 78 students took courses in higher education. Of these, 23 in college (classes 11 and 12th) and the other 55 studying towards a Bachelor degree.

The pandemic delayed the end of courses and final exams, but all the students were able to continue their studies thanks to the help they received.

The preferred courses in this year were mainly in the social sciences and humanities, which open the doors to teaching or social work professions. It is a source of great joy and satisfaction to see so many young people from very poor families reach, thanks to their commitment and the help received over so many years, unhopd-for goals such as a degree and the necessary qualification to find a professional job!



Class 10 students from Gangchen Samling School, supported by the Foundation, before the Secondary Education Exam

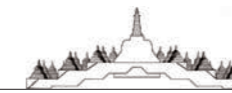


EMERGENCY FUND

Thanks to our friends in Nepal and the generosity of our supporters, this year the Foundation's aid once again reached a number of particularly vulnerable people: the elderly, infirm and disabled, who are alone and in extremely difficult conditions because of the pandemic.



Once again, a supply of basic medicines for the year were sent to the dispensary offering medical care to a number of remote villages in the Makwanpur district. This dispensary is the only medical facility for approximately 8000 people.



CHAPAKHORI WATER PROJECT

In 2021, it was not possible due to the pandemic to travel to Nepal from Italy to complete the project. As soon as the borders opened in early 2022, the Italian engineer and geologist in charge of the project were finally able to reach the village.

The situation of the new water sources opened at the end of 2019 – located by drilling at the base of the hill

– was excellent, with an increased flow of water. Unfortunately, the company that carried out the work in 2019, probably as a result of the lockdowns over the Covid period, is now unable to guarantee its services.

Thanks to contacts at the University of Kathmandu, another company has been found and soon work will start again. It is planned to complete the work in the post-monsoon period (October-November 2022) with the installation of the pumps that will take the water directly to the village.

The costs of raw materials in Nepal (especially iron and steel, and therefore pipes and so on) have unfortunately skyrocketed compared to the pre-covid period, but fortunately the machinery (pumps and electric panel) had already been purchased in Italy and shipped to Nepal in March 2020.

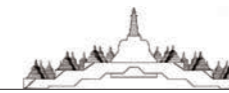


To spread inner and world peace through music

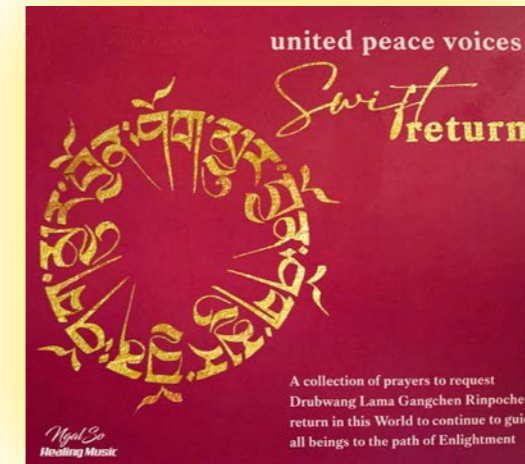
Beyond religious principles, the Association upholds a strong social commitment. In particular, the Association dedicates all of its own compositions to a high ideal strictly linked to the teachings of Tibetan Buddhism: inner and world peace. Lama Gangchen Rinpoche founded the association and encouraged the start-up of this project.

Projects and Objectives

This project is dedicated to spreading spirituality around the world through music and to preserving the Himalayan culture. The principle motivation for the creation of the Association was to make the meditative practices of NgalSo Tantric Self-Healing, taught by Lama Gangchen Rinpoche, easily accessible to everyone. The Association of voluntary singers is composed of mainly female voices, Tibetan lamas and monks, who dedicate their compositions to themes, ideals and teachings of Tibetan Buddhist philosophy. The project was launched in 1996, within the religious and artistic setting of the Italian Buddhist centre Kunpen Lama Gangchen, a spiritual structure dedicated to the study, research and development of inner peace and world peace - a founding member of the Italian Buddhist Union. During a meeting with Lama Gangchen and a few members of the group, it was Allen Ginsberg, the most important poet of the Beat Generation and author of 'Howl' who encouraged the formation of the musical group that shortly after self-produced a CD that was distributed worldwide. The United Peace Voices have performed in Europe, America, Brazil, China, Argentina, Nepal and India. In 2003, Irma Records, who made their music known worldwide, discovered them. NgalSo Healing is a peace project that Lama Gangchen United Peace Voices Association is developing through the production of audio-visual materials. This work is dedicated to promoting physical and mental wellbeing by using music, mantra, sound and guided meditations to develop a profound sense of inner peace. Lama Gangchen says in one of his slogans that: "inner peace is the most solid foundation for world peace", and the Association is dedicated to the spreading of healing music, video and dharma throughout the World to develop peace for the benefit of all humanity. NgalSo is the Tibetan word used for mental and physical relaxation, while mantra literally means "mind protection" in Sanskrit.



Digital Distribution by Lama Gangchen United Peace Voices worldwide



Album SWIFT RETURN

Lama Gangchen's motto "Together We Can" consists in the real awareness that no one can change the behaviour of another, but accept it, and everyone can relate to what the others have in common. Of course, there is good and evil, but we cannot eliminate evil, we can only decide how to react to everything we perceive, and this happens through our 5 senses and therefore we have the choice to hold back only what is good for us. This attitude will bring greater unity between families, between work groups and ultimately benefit everyone. We have to become "self-wise" and intelligent, do what is good for us,

and if we' are ok, others will be ok too. Rinpoche always said: "One must learn to swim in Samsara's ocean of suffering". For this, through the sound of mantras by vibrating these sacred syllables, we can tune into the healthy and healing energy of the Buddha, the Enlightened One.

It is very important that these mantras were passed on to us and all practitioners directly by Lama Gangchen Rinpoche and that the melodies and music came from His heart. That is why there is Ngalso Healing Music and the United Peace Voices music group. Sounds have a profound healing power, they go beyond words! The voice used to chant mantras has incredible potential, it can attract the attention of others, give them incomparable benefits and thus lead them on the path of Dharma.

Tiziana Ciasullo, President and Head of Music Publishing



Bee Shramanaye Soha

Song composed by: Lama Gangchen Tulku Rinpoche in January 2015 in occasion of the new Year for the benefit of all sentient beings!

Choir: United Peace Voices - Musical Arrangement: Christian Lisi

Lama Sangye NgalSo Pel
Om Guru Shakiamunie Soha Om Kumberaye Soha,
Om Bee Shramanaye Shoa x2

Lama Sangye NgalSo Pel
Om Ah Hum Guru Shakiamunie Soha, Soha, Soha, Soha, Soha

Om Kumberaye Soha, Om Kumberaye Soha Soha, Soha, Soha, Soha, Soha

Om Bee Shramanaye Soha, Om Bee Shramanaye Soha, Soha, Soha, Soha, Soha

Pratitia Samut Pada
Shakiamuni Atikiana Atikiti Soha Soha, Soha, Soha, Soha

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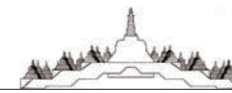
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Om Bee Shramanaye Soha, Om Bee Shramanaye Soha Soha, Soha, Soha, Soha

Lama Sangye NgalSo Pel
Om Ah Hum Guru Shakiamunie Soha, Soha, Soha, Soha, Soha

Om Kumberaye Soha, Om Kumberaye Soha, Soha, Soha, Soha, Soha, Soha

Om Bee Shramanaye Soha, Om Bee Shramanaye Soha, Soha, Soha, Soha, Soha



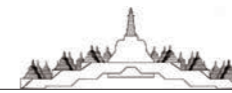
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Lama Sangye NgalSo Pel
Om Guru Shakiamunie Soha Om Kumberaye Soha,
Om Bee Shramanaye Soha x 2





Saraswati NgalSo Orchestra

Saraswati NgalSo Orchestra is a project preparing transcriptions and orchestration for the sacred Tibetan melodies, taught by T.Y.S. Lama Gangchen, according to the canons of symphonic music.

In history, wherever Buddhism has reached, its vocal and musical repertoire has always engaged with that culture by using the local sound to reinterpret and sing the original melodies. This tradition is still taking place today through the Saraswati NgalSo Orchestra project, which harmoniously blends European-style symphonic music with sacred Buddhist prayer melodies, as they have been transmitted by Lama Gangchen Rinpoche. The project is dedicated to world peace.



The project was conceived and is produced by Carmen Iodice and Franco Ceccarelli.

Mantra Symphony for Peace is a collection of excerpts from the Tibetan Buddhist tradition that captures the essence of the paths of sutra and tantra, as well as medical, astrological and healing systems taught by the inner scientist Shakyamuni Buddha (ca. 500 BC). The work invokes the energies of love, compassion, joy, harmony and peace, values of which there is great need and that are common to all religions and all spiritual paths.

It is a sequence of meditations that indicate the various stages of the journey to the relaxation and healing of physical, emotional, verbal and mental energies of living beings and of the environment. This composition is intended as a "spiritual company gift" and its sound is dedicated to world peace.



United Nations

In 1945, representatives of 50 countries met in San Francisco at the United Nations Conference on International Organisation to draw up the United Nations Charter. The organisation officially came into existence on the 24th of October 1945, when the Charter has been ratified by China, France, the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom, the United States and a majority of other signatories. United Nations Day is celebrated on the 24th of October.

UN Days, Weeks and Years - International Days and Weeks Since the early days of the United Nations system, the UN has established a set of Days and Weeks (as listed below), Years and Decades to help focus the world on the issues in which the UN has an interest and commitment. The UN calls on Member States and other organizations to mark these days in ways which reflect their priorities.

Sometimes the promotion of a specific day is led by a specific UN agency or programme, for example the World Health Organization (WHO) leads World Health Day and World No-Tobacco Day, UN Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) leads World Water Day and International Literacy Day, UN Environment Programme (UNEP) leads World Environment Day etc.

Some UN agencies also have their own international days (e.g. WHO's World TB Day and UNESCO's World Philosophy Day), established and promoted by the agency but not designated by the UN General Assembly for the full UN system. While equivalent in purpose, the following list does not include agency-specified days.



CONCEPT OF AN INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF PLANT HEALTH 2020 (IYPH 2020)

Preliminary Objective

"Celebration of the International Year of Plant Health will raise awareness of the importance of plant health in addressing issues of global concern, including hunger, poverty and threats to the environment"




United Nations Secretary-General

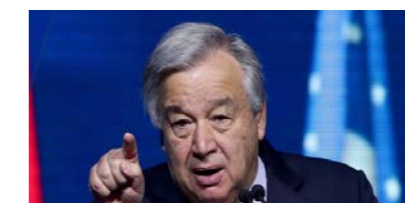
May 2022

I send my warmest wishes to all celebrating the Day of Vesak.

For millions of Buddhists around the world, May's full moon represents a sacred occasion honouring the birth, enlightenment and passing of Lord Buddha. This year, Vesak arrives at a moment of multiplying crises - from an unequal recovery from COVID-19, to the punishing effects of climate change, to conflicts, divisions and violence. Each crisis reminds us of how far we have fallen away from Lord Buddha's timeless teachings. *This Vesak, let us seize this moment of spiritual renewal, and honour Buddha's wisdom by coming together as one, in solidarity, and shaping a better, more peaceful world for all people.*

22nd of August 2019

International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion and Belief



NEWYORK, 23rd August, 2019 (WAM) - United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres called for an end to the persecution of religious groups on Thursday, the first ever International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion and Belief, which is marked on 22nd August.

The Day was created in response to an increasing number of attacks against individuals and groups, targeted simply because of their religion or belief, around the world. Guterres declared that the Day was an opportunity to reaffirm support for the victims of violence based on religion and belief, adding that "we demonstrate that support by doing all in our power to prevent such attacks and demanding that those responsible are held accountable." Pointing out that all major world religions espouse tolerance and peaceful coexistence, the UN chief urged resistance to, and rejection of, those who "falsely and maliciously invoke religion to build misconceptions, fuel division and spread fear and hatred", noting that there is richness and strength in diversity, which is never a threat.

The Secretary-General drew attention to two new initiatives set up to overcome the threat of violence based on religion and belief: a UN strategy and Plan of Action on Hate Speech, and a Plan of Action to safeguard religious sites.

In a message released on the Day, Guterres said that the best way to overcome the threat of violence based on religion and belief is by "uniting our voices for good, countering messages of hate with messages of peace, embracing diversity and protecting human rights." The world, he added, must step up to stamp out all forms of racism, xenophobia, discrimination and incitement to violence. "As members of the human family, we must nurture mutual understanding. We all have a responsibility to look out for each other, to respect differences and to promote peaceful coexistence," he concluded.



Proposal for a Permanent United Nations Spiritual Forum



A proposal by T.Y.S. Lama Gangchen

“Inner peace is the most solid foundation for world peace”

All religions and spiritual movements promote the spiritual development of their members and look, in one way or another, for the building of inner peace. Religions have sometimes caused wars or at least have been used by social and political leaders to justify wars and different forms of violence and oppression.

At the same time nevertheless, religions and spiritual movements have significantly contributed towards the development of a culture of peace and have fostered world peace by promoting values such as mutual respect, solidarity, compassion and social justice.

The United Nations is the main political forum for world peace. Peacemaking and peacekeeping are its core functions. Nevertheless there is not appropriate room in that forum for the religions and spiritual movements to be represented and to be actively involved in building world peace.

Although some countries have an official religion, in general religions ignore national borders and co-exist within countries and local communities. “Religions must not identify themselves with political, economic or social powers so as to remain free to work for justice and peace”.*

The Governments of the United Nations Member States cannot represent religions and spiritual movements. It is time to give them official recognition within the United Nations and to create for them an appropriate forum within the United Nations environment to hear their voices and actively associate them in the noble task of building world peace.

Concepts and Objectives To fulfil this need we propose the creation of a United Nations Spiritual Forum for World Peace under the General Assembly. The spiritual forum would be a permanent space for the leaders and representatives of all major and minor religions and spiritual movements for dialogue and concertation, as well as a bridge with the political forum. The spiritual forum concept assumes both diversity and commonalities among religions and spiritual movements. The forum will not entail the creation of a new multi religious philosophical doctrine or the ironing out of cultural religious diversity, but would be based on the holders of each religious tradition and identity, finding out in the dialogue common values, views and goals for concerted action in the search for inner and world peace, with full respect for the right of every group to cultivate, practise and teach its own doctrine.

In this spirit, the spiritual forum is expected to provide the space and channels for facilitating a better knowledge and understanding of the beliefs, ethical codes, organisation and practices of each other, a basic condition for mutual respect; to interchange ideas and work out common views from a spiritual perspective on the major problems and challenges faced by mankind, such as poverty eradication, population growth and protection of the environment; and identify specific areas for concerted action in the promotion of peace.

The spiritual forum will also offer an official channel to the spiritual leaders to speak with one single voice to the political leaders with regard to world peace and to relate to the specialised agencies

and funding agencies of the UN system which are responsible for promoting social, economic and environmental development. In order to fulfill its mission, the spiritual forum at international level should be complemented by spiritual forums created at national and local levels that will promote inter-religious dialogue and concerted action for inner and social peace in the communities. Without the active involvement of local communities the spiritual forum would remain only as one more superstructure. Complementary outcomes

The effective operation of the spiritual forum at all levels can be expected to:

1. Re-energize all religions and spiritual movements by enabling their voices to remain relevant to the billions of citizens of this planet now and in the future. 2. Offer new ideas and re-package old ideas in the field of education for peace; and last, but not least 3. Contribute to solve religious conflicts that are now hindering the development of world peace.

Inner Peace and World Peace Now and Forever By all the Holy Beings' Blessings

* From the Declaration of the UNESCO Conference on "the Contribution by Religions to the Culture of Peace", Barcelona, Spain December 12-18 1994.

"I would like to be very clear, that although I am the initiator of this proposal, as it is gradually realized and the Spiritual Forum is created both locally, nationally and internationally, that is under the auspices of the United Nations General Assembly, I personally have no wish to be in the forefront of this assembly. My wish is to stay in the background, serving the Spiritual Forum in whichever way I am able, but leaving the leadership to those better qualified to develop this Spiritual United Nations to its fullest potential for the benefit of all humanity. There are four key points to consider about the Spiritual Forum:

- The Spiritual Forum concept implies working for development of Spiritual Forums for World Peace in our local communities, in our countries and at international level.
- Participants of the Spiritual Forum must respect the rights of every other spiritual group or religion to cultivate, practise and teach its own doctrine.
- That we, the participants of the Spiritual Forum, will respectfully try to understand and be sympathetic to other beliefs, ethical codes, organizations and practices with the aim of sharing and exchanging ideas about how to solve global problems such as war, poverty and environmental degradation.
- That we will work together harmoniously to identify specific areas for concerted action in the promotion of inner and world peace.

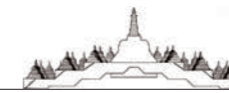
The Spiritual Forum does not entail the creation of a new religious or spiritual doctrine or the loss of cultural-religious diversity; it shall be based on the holders of each religious tradition presenting their own system and philosophy at its best, in an open spirit whilst collaborating with other traditions, to find new perspectives and solutions for the many urgent problems now facing humanity. It is important in the 21st century, both for the development and success of the global village and environment, that religions accept each other and come to some agreement on major issues such as population studies, economy, environment, peace making, and so on. Religions must work together because the harmony of the collective human spirit is the heart of all religions and is beyond any singular religion. The proposal aims to create continuously functioning Spiritual Forums for World Peace at both the international (United Nations), national and local levels. I hope that you will now collectively accept the proposal as your own and present it to the United Nations, the main international organ in the creation of world peace. Religious and spiritual traditions can make an important contribution towards the development of world peace and so we should collectively request the United Nations to allow this forum to be realised as soon as possible."



A Chronological List of National and International Presentations of a United Nations Spiritual Forum for World Peace

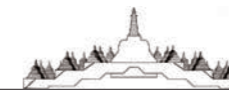
1. Santiago, Chile, 8th of June 1995 at ECLAC, (the Latin American Headquarters of the United Nations Economic Commission). T.Y.S. Lama Gangchen presented his proposal for a United Nations Spiritual Forum for World Peace to an audience of 150 United Nations officials and special guests.
2. Dorset England, June 15th to 19th 1995. First Solstice World Peace Prayers in Stonehenge's Inner Circle Temple and Festival of Healing with Lama Gangchen at Gaunts House. Historical event held at Stonehenge, which marked the re-opening of this sacred site to the ancient pagan traditions.
3. Ulan Baator, Mongolia on the 7th of August 1995 at the Peace Committee. Organized by J. Choinkhor, Deputy Foreign Minister and President of the Mongolian National Commission for UNESCO and attended by: Dr. G. Lubsantsern, Secretary General of the Asian Buddhist Conference for Peace; B. Wangchindorj, former Foreign Minister of Mongolia; Sheringdeva, former Deputy Prime Minister; and several important representatives of monasteries and peace organisations.
4. Kathmandu, Nepal on the 1st of September 1995 at the Russian Cultural Centre. Attended by: Chief Guest, the Rt. Hon. Beni Bahadur Karki, Chairman, National Council; HMG of Nepal. Guests: four members of Raj Sabha Standing Committee; three former Ministers; six representatives of associations and organisations, and seven representatives of societies.
5. Munich, Germany, at Haus International, 15th to the 17th of September 1995.
6. Montignac - Dordogne, France at the Salle des Fêtes, 14th of October 1995. The annual Forum was attended by over 1.500 people among whom Anne and Daniel Meurois-Givaudan; Emile Moatti, vice-president of the "Fraternité d'Abraham" and member of the administration of the "World Conference on Religion and Peace" for France; as well as various religious representatives and scientists. Lama Gangchen presented the Proposal and gave a lecture on the importance of Inner Peace Education. A portrait gallery was dedicated to great spiritual personalities of various religions, such as Christianity, Buddhism, Islam, Judaism and Bahai. Each participant received a copy of the Proposal by Lama Gangchen personally.
7. Perugia, Italy, 20th to the 24th of September 1995. Commemoration Celebration of the 50th Anniversary Celebrations of the United Nations, and Peace Walk from Perugia to Assisi. Lama Gangchen presented the Proposal to the Assembly of the UN representatives and participated in the Peace Walk, attended by representatives of over 175 different countries, including important personalities, such as Betty William, Nobel Peace Laureat in 1975 (Ireland); Maria Pia Fanfani (Together for Peace Foundation); Nadia Younes, Director of UNIC Rome, Italy.
8. New York, USA, on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary Celebrations of the United Nations, 17th to the 23rd of October 1995. Lama Gangchen attended an NGO briefing held at the Dag Hammarskjöld Auditorium on the 19th of October, followed by a prayer which he held outside the United Nations Meditation Hall with a small delegation. On this occasion Lama Gangchen talked to and personally handed out the Proposal to all present. On the 21st and 22nd, he took part in the "Visions for the 21st Century" symposium organized by the Temple of Understanding and the Council of Religious and Interfaith Organizations. Saturday the 21st of October, at the Cathedral of St John the Divine, attended by: Rev. James Parks Morton, Dean, Cathedral of St John the Divine and President: Temple of Understanding; Dr Karan Singh, Chair: Temple of Understanding; Ambassador Douglas Roche, Chair: UN 50th Anniversary Committee, Canada, and Advisor to the Holy See Mission to the UN; President Oscar Arias, Nobel Peace Prize; and many spiritual leaders and representatives of the various religious denominations. Lama Gangchen talked to and personally handed out the Proposal to everyone present at the symposium. He took part in the Inter religious Procession in the Cathedral as the representative for Tibetan Buddhism. On this occasion Lama Gangchen twice offered a dedication to World Peace with a prayer and a song. Sunday the 22nd of October, at the St Vartan Armenian Cathedral Auditorium, attended by Rev. Khajag Barsamian Primate, Diocese of the Armenian Church in North America; Rev. Kyotaro Deguchi, leader Oomoto (Japan) delegation; Sir Sigmund Sternberg, Chair: International Council of Christians and Jews, London UK; Preminder N. Jain (Bawa), Vice Chair of NGOs at the United Nations & UN Representative International Mahavir Jain Mission; Rev. Dr Joan Campbel, Gen. Sec., National Council of churches; Dr Alwi Shilab, Religious Affairs, Agama Dept, Indonesia; Dr Arthur Herzberg, Rabbi Emeritus, Professor of the Humanities, New York University; as well as spiritual leaders and representatives from the various religious denominations. Lama Gangchen presented his Proposal and gave a speech on the need for Inner Peace Education.
9. London, England: Westminster Abbey, on the 24th of October 1995. On the occasion of the United Nations 50th Anniversary celebrations. The service, led by the Very Rev. Michael Mayne, Dean of Westminster, was attended by participating representatives of various faiths communities such as the Rev. Rabbi Edward Jackson; Bruce Ginsberg; Hugh Adamson; the Most Rev. Archbishop Desmond Tutu, and other worldwide visiting spiritual and political representatives and personalities; Alexander Borg Oliver, director, UN office in London. Lama Gangchen personally handed out the Proposal on this occasion and attended a reception where he met with Archbishop Desmond Tutu and several other worldwide spiritual representatives and personalities.
10. Chicago, USA 19th & 20th of November 1995: The Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions and the Millennium Institute at North Shore Congregation Israel. Lama Gangchen presented the Proposal and took part in the Millennium Moment Roundtable, making a gift of the "United Nations Spiritual Forum for World Peace" proposal to the Projects 2000 for the Third Millennium. The

- two day meeting was hosted by Rabbi Herbert Bronstein and chaired by Rabbi Herman Schaalman, Rabbi Emeritus, Congregation Emanuel, Chicago, and by P.N. Bawa Jain, vice-Chair, NGO Committee, United Nations. The roundtable was attended by about one hundred persons, including Dr Daniel Gomez-Ibanez, Executive Director, 1993 Parliament of the World's Religions, Director, International Committee for the Peace Council; Dr Howard Sulkin, President, Spertus Institute of Judaica, Chicago, Chair, Board of Trustees, CPWR; Dr Hamid Hai, Chair, International Inter-religious Committee, CPWR; Dr Gerald O. Barney, President, Millennium Institute; Dr Shahid Ahter, M.D., Chair, Indianapolis Interfaith Council; Sr Jayanti, Director, International Centre, Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University.
11. New York, USA: Interfaith Affairs Department, United Nations. Meeting with Rabbi Leon Klenicki, Director, Interfaith Affairs Department, United Nations, the Anti-Defamation League.
12. Delhi, India 10 to 13th of January 1996: 4th International World Environment Congress - Eco-Philosophy Summit held at the India International Centre. Lama Gangchen presented the Proposal to a large and extremely receptive audience of ministers, governors, spiritual masters and special guests, such as Sri K.L. Sharma, Vice Pres. BJP; Swami Om Pooran; Dr Prabhaskar Singh; Alan Kay, Commissioner, Global Commission to Fund the United Nations; Dr Karan Singh, Chair, Temple of Understanding; Dr Ramjee Singh, Director, Gandhian Institute of Studies; Dr Wilfred Menezes Mesquita, Minister for Environment, Goa.
13. Gobind Sadan, Godaipur, Delhi, India. Lama Gangchen presented the Proposal to Dr. Paulos Mar Gregorios, President, Inter Religious Federation for World Peace and to Baba Virsa Singh, founder of Gobind Sadan during an afternoon tea gathering between the three spiritual masters and some close disciples; to Rajyogini Dadi Prakshmani, Brahma Kumaris.
14. Delhi, India: United Nations Information Centre, on the 16th of January 1996. A meeting with Feodor Starcevic, Director, during which Lama Gangchen presented the Proposal and the project was discussed with a very positive response.
15. Delhi, India: Italian Embassy, on the 16th of January 1996. Short reception and presentation of the Proposal.
16. New York, USA: United Nations, on the 21st of March 1996. Lama Gangchen guided the Spring Equinox meditation for World Peace and presented the Proposal.
17. Amsterdam, Holland, May 1996. Proposal presented on the occasion of the founding of Lama Gangchen's Dutch association.
18. Madrid, Spain, May 1996. On the occasion of the Lama Gangchen World Peace Foundation's 5th International Congress. A local forum was established, under the direction of Prof. Asdrubal Salsamendi, United Nation.
19. HABITAT II - City Summit, Istanbul, Turkey, 3rd to 14th June 1996. Lama Gangchen World Peace Foundation - UN NGO accredited participant. Proposal offered to the UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros Ghali during their formal introduction on the 4th of June 1996. Presentation and workshop: NGO Conferences on the 5th, 6th and 8th of June. Proposal further presented to: Mayor of Jerusalem Teddy Kollek; Members of the Wisdom Keepers; Prince Alfred of Luxembourg; Dr Hans Peter Durr, advisor to UN Secretary General, to name but a few.
20. Paris, France - 22-23 June 1996. Inter-Religious Congress "Unité n'est pas l'uniformité". Lama Gangchen and the Foundation were represented by Geshe Ngawang Sherab.
21. Westminster - London, England, the 26th of June 1996. On the occasion of a private meeting and discussion with the Bishop of London, Richard Chartres.
22. Rome, Italy, the 27th of June 1996. On the occasion of a private reception with Rabbi Elio Toaff, President of the Italian Jewish Community.
23. Sao Paulo, Brazil, 2nd Ecological Ecumenical Meeting at Hebraica Club on the 16th July 1996. Attended by Rabbi Michel Leipziger of Lar Golda Meir; Fabio Feldman, Environmental Secretary for Sao Paulo; Roberto Smeraldi, Friends of the Earth International; José Mario Brasiliense Carneiro of the Congregation Emmanuel; Mr Pierre Weil of the Peace University; Luciana Ferraz of the Brahma Kumaris; Father Jose Bizon of the Casa da Reconciliação; Kaká Werá Jecupé, indigenous people's representative.
24. Santiago Chile, 29th to the 30th July 1996. Creation and inauguration of a local Spiritual Forum for World Peace, on the 29th July 1996, convening monthly. Coordinated by Geraldo Gonzales Cortes of the UN Population Agency, the forum is composed of:- Rabbi Esteban Vegahazzi and his wife, Anna; Mario Sañartu, Jesuit priest; Mr Figueroa, Jewish-Christian Fraternity; Luis Cárdenas, Catholic, human rights representative; Samuel Palma, Evangelist Church; Ivan Bravo, Focular movement; Raúl Rosales Lay Catholic; Geshe N Sherab of the Varanasi Sanskrit University, Gelugpa Himalayan Buddhism; Moira Lowe, Brahma Kumaris; Mauricio Arrieta, Vicara de la Esperanza jóvenes; Luis Puentes, Ecumenical Churches. On the 30th of July 1996. Universidad del Pacifico - Meetings of Great Religions for World Peace. The work was initiated by Julio Ortuzar Prado, rector; Lama Gangchen presented the Spiritual Forum for World Peace. Discussions ensued with Rabbi Esteban Verghazi; Professor Antonio Bentue, Vice Deacon of the Faculty of theology at the Catholic University of Chile; Pastor Esteban Schaller, Evangelist.
25. Buenos Aires, Argentina, United Nations Information Centre, on the 9th of August 1996. Presentation of the Proposal and creation of a local forum for World Peace as a result of an International-Interfaith Roundtable Meeting. The presentation took place under the patronage of Angel Escudero de Paz, director of the United Nations Information Centre in Buenos Aires, under the auspices of the United Nations. Among those present were: Father Vittorino and Hermanna Bassa, Catholic Church; Rabbi Sergio Bergman, Judaism; Licenciado Abdala Desuque, Islamic Centre; Father Dolan, Catholic Temple; Dr Guruji, Hinduism; Pastor David Calvo, Lutheran; Dick Couch, Presbyterian; Pastor Juan Gattoni, Methodist; Father Vladimir, Russian Orthodox; Horacio Gadea, Brahma Kumaris Spiritual University; Mozhdem Shoia, Bahai Community; Raul Mamani, Indigenous people's Representative;



- Pastor Hans Reitzel, Protestant; Geshe Ngawang Sherab, Buddhism. A local forum was established, with the proposed aim to extend it both to national and international levels.
26. Caracas, Venezuela, on the 19th and 20th of August 1996. On the 19th of August at SanaArte in the presence of Rabbi Pynchas Brener; Father Mounir Aoun, Maronite Church; Rev. Igazio Castello, Jesuite; Jefe Librado Moraleda, Union of Warao Indigenous Community; Farid Matter, Free Planet Foundation; Dr Enoe Texier, UNESCO - Free Planet coordinator; Belkis Aquino, Pax Kristium Pax; Lama Gangchen illustrated the importance of a permanent Spiritual Forum. On the 20th of August, at the Monument for Universal Peace, during an inter-religious prayer ceremony for world peace, with great mass media attention. Present were: Pastor Uriel Ramirez, Presbyterian Church of Venezuela; Father Mounir Aoun, Maronite Church; Jefe Librado Moraleda, Union of Warao Indigenous Community; Farid Matter, President - Free Planet Foundation; Dr Enoe Texier, UNESCO - Free Planet coordinator; Father Jose Vergara, Evangelic Church; Juan Sarmiento, Anandamarga Tantric School; Mohamed Dib Ali, Mosque of Caracas; Luiz Yarzabal, director UNESCO-CRESARLC office in Caracas. The Proposal received wide media, (newspapers, radio and television), interest on both local and national levels.
27. Miami, USA, on the 23rd of August 1996. Dade Community College, Inter-American Centre. The Proposal was officially presented to the Mayor of Miami, Joe Carollo, during a public meeting when Lama Gangchen was presented with an official recognition certificate "for his important contribution to the community", from the Vice-Mayor Wilfred Gort.
28. New York, September 1996. DPI/NGO 49th Annual Conference, 10 to 12th of September 1996, United Nations. Lama Gangchen participated and distributed the Spiritual Forum Proposal among the various NGO participants. United Nations: Vernal Equinox celebration, 17th of September. To coincide with the opening of the General Assembly, Lama Gangchen was requested to guide the Meditation for World Peace and distributed the proposal.
29. Rome, 10th International Meeting organized by the S. Egidio Community, "Peace is the name of God" on the 7th and 8th of October 1996. Inauguration Ceremony, 7th of October. Among those present were: the President of the Italian Republic Oscar Luigi Scalfaro; Cardinal Camillo Ruini, President, Italian Episcopal Conference; Jacques Santer, President of European Union Commission; Federico Mayor, Director General UNESCO; Jacques Diouf, Director General FAO; Cornelio Sommaruga, President, International Red Cross Committee; Pierre Sané, Secretary General Amnesty International; Elio Toaff, Head Rabbi of Rome. Plenary Assembly, 8th of October. Among those present were: Francesco Cossiga, Senator and former President of the Italian Republic; Jean Daniel, Director "Nouvel Observateur" France; Lamberto Dini, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Italy; Mario Soares, Former President of Portugal Republic.
30. Lahore - Pakistan, 1st of December 1996. The Proposal was distributed on the occasion of the 1st International Holistic Medical Congress, on World AIDS Day.
31. Colombo, Sri Lanka, 29th of December 1996. The Proposal was read out and distributed on the occasion of the 34th International Congress for Alternative Medicine, on the International Day for Biological Diversity.
32. New Delhi, India, from the 21st to the 25th of January 1997. The Proposal was presented on the occasion of the First World Polypathy Congress held in Delhi. The meeting dedicated to Global welfare, focused on both medical and social issues. Present at the function were the Honorable Chief Minister of Delhi, Sri Saheb Singh; Heath Minister, Dr Harsh Vardhan; Sri M. Arunachlam, Union Minister of Labour and several members of Parliament. The prominent speakers included: Dr Carl Shapley, Chancellor New World Academy, London; Oswald Summerton, Director, Tacet Academy of Social Transformation; Dr Gregory Burglad, University of Provence, France; and many others.
33. Kathmandu, Nepal, on the 8th of February 1997. The first International Congress on Alternative Medicine, Non-Violence and Peace Education and a proposal for a United Nations Spiritual Forum for World Peace. The meeting was inaugurated by the Rt Hon. Bhim Bahadur Tamang, Minister for Law and Justice (Chief Guest) and by the Rt Hon. Kirti Nidhi Bista, Former Prime Minister (Guest of Honour). Among the distinguished speakers: Dr Bill Piggot, Representative of the World Health Organisation-WHO; Professor P.R. Trivedi, Chairman Indian Institute of Ecology and Environment, Delhi, India; Prof Dr Sir Anton Jayasuriya, Chairman Open International University for Complementary Medicines, Colombo, Sri Lanka; Dr Maurizio Boaron, "Keyhole" surgeon from Bologna, Italy; Dr Pavel Petrov, Physician to the Russian Embassy; as well as representatives from various embassies, doctors and delegates from over 18 countries. There was a very colourful flag ceremony calling for peace in all the countries of the world, each symbolised by their own national flag, before the formal presentation of the Proposal. The meeting was covered by local newspapers as well as by a local CNN news agency.
34. Villa Carlotta, Lago Maggiore, Italy, on the 28th of February 1997. The Proposal was presented and distributed on the occasion of the first experimental Congress towards the Third Millennium, organized by Alpha Dimensione Vita. Among the distinguished speakers, was Professor Bernardino Del Boca, founder of the "Villaggio Verde", with some inspiring "instructions for use" for the Third Millennium. The Proposal received great acclamation and support as the imminent London meeting was announced for the 1st of March 1997.
35. The Friends Meeting House, London, England, on Saturday the 1st of March 1997. A special inter-religious meeting was held for Lama Gangchen to present the Proposal together with Bishop Swing's United Religions Initiative-URI proposal. The gathering brought nearly 200 people together and Rev. A.C. Winter introduced the silent meditation dedicated to inner and world peace. There was a special display of all the United Nations Member States flags and each country was mentioned individually in a brief world peace ceremony held by Lama Gangchen before the proposals were read out.

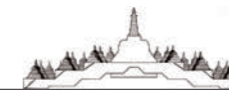
36. Milan, Italy, on the 13th of March 1997, at the F.A.C.S. - Federazione delle Associazioni Culturali e Scientifiche. The meeting was organized by the F.A.C.S. Federation to present Lama Gangchen's Proposal. The presentation was followed by a very interesting dialogue towards a closer collaboration between the individual and such a proposal towards world peace.
37. New York, USA, on the 20th of March 1997, at the United Nations Headquarters, on the occasion of the Spring Equinox meditation for world peace. The proposal was distributed to those present at the meditation, now traditionally held by the Lama Gangchen World Peace Foundation, and led by Professor Ngawang Sherap, from the Foundation.
38. Catholic University Nijmegen, Netherlands, on the 29th of April 1997. The Proposal was presented by Lama Gangchen during a conference on self-healing and non-formal education, held before a university audience of 400 students, professors and members of the general public. A solid basis for interfaith dialogue with the university was established between Lama Gangchen and Prof. Hol Hogema for the Catholic University.
39. European Parliament, Bruxelles, Belgium, on the 29th of May 1997. During an official invitation to the European Parliament Lama Gangchen presented the Proposal to several EEC representatives.
40. Villa Ada, Global Village - Bagni di Lucca, Italy, on the 6th of June 1997. On the occasion of a peace celebration with the World Peace Prayer Society Flag ceremony and the placing of a Peace Pole at Villa Ada - official inauguration of the "Global Village" - the Proposal was presented to the Mayor of Bagni di Lucca.
41. Dorset, England, from the 12th to the 17th 1997. On occasion of the second Solstice World Peace Prayer Celebration at Stonehenge and Summer Festival at Gaunts House.
42. San Francisco, Stanford University, USA, from the 22nd to the 27th of June 1997. Participation of L.G.W.P.F. at United Religions Initiative-URI.
43. Ulaan Baator, Mongolia, from the 27th to the 29th of August 1997. First International Congress for a United Nations Spiritual Forum for World Peace, Alternative Medicines and Non-Formal Education. Presented to His Excellency the President of Mongolia, and later, to a large audience at the newly rebuilt 27m high Open Eye Chenrezig statue at Ganden Teckchenling Monastery.
44. United Nations Headquarters, New York, USA, on the 16th of September 1997. Presented on the occasion of the International Peace Day celebrations and the Equinox peace meditation held at the Dag Hammarskjöld Meditation hall.
45. ISER, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on the 24th of September 1997. Presented at ISER (Instituto de Estudos da Religião - Institute for Religious Studies) during a lecture entitled "Religions United for World Peace".
46. Sao Paulo, Brazil, Hebraica, on the 5th of October 1997. On the occasion of the Third International Ecological and Ecumenical Encounter for World Peace, the Round Table discussion for the United Nations Spiritual Forum for World Peace was attended by over 50 participants representing over 30 organizations, among which the Jewish Community, Brazilian Catholic Church, Jewish-Christian Fraternity, Muslim Benefit Society of Sao Paulo, Paz Gaia, Hare Krishna, A.C.I. Ananda Marga, Theosophic Society, Condomblé, Nossa Senhora do Sion, Projeto Saúde Alegria (Amazon), Mãe Beata De Iemanjá, Centro de Alquimia Interior, Nova Tribo Cultural (Indigenous representative), Brahma Kumaris, Himalayan Amazon Andes Healing Arts Association, Himalayan Healing Center (Nepal), Rosa Cruz Fraternity, Anthroposophic Society, Shamanism, Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Centre Shide Choe Tsog, Brazilian Association for Anthroposophic medicine, House of Reconciliation - Catholic, International Buddhist Progress Society, Gnose, Israelitan Paulistean Congregation, Catholic Franciscans, Unification of the Planet, Culto Afro-Brasileiro.
47. Presidential Palace, Santiago, Chile, on the 10th of October 1997. Presented to Minister J.J. Brunner, Secretary General of the Chilean Government, during a private meeting, who subsequently brought the proposal to the attention of His Excellency the President of Chile.
48. Local Forum, Santiago, Chile, on the 12th of October 1997. Twenty-seven representatives of religious/spiritual organisations were present. Several projects have been initiated by the local forum, such as: the proposal for a peace television for Chile; the introduction of non-formal education into the existing educational system; and bringing the importance of the local spiritual forum to the attention of the Chilean Government.
49. UNIC, Buenos Aires, Argentina, on the 14th of October 1997. The second reunion for the United Nations Spiritual Forum for World Peace Proposal organized by the L.G.W.P.F. was chaired by Mr Angel Escudero de Paz, Director of UNIC-Argentina and Uruguay, in the presence of Lama Gangchen and representatives of Brahma Kumari, Orden Sufi Nagshlandi; Temple Chong Kuan (Buddhist); Jewish Community; Community of studies of the first Nations of America (Indigenous People); "Grupo de Contactos Alejandria" Humanistic Movement; Centro Sri Sathya, NGO Sanitaria (Spain).
50. Caracas, Venezuela, on the 29th of October 1997. Lama Gangchen was invited by the Catedra UNESCO for a Peace Culture' to present the Proposal during an inter-religious meeting at the Peace Monument to inaugurate the activities in preparation of the inter-religious and inter-cultural conference which is to be held in Caracas in April 1998.
51. Himalayan Healing Centre in Kathmandu, Nepal, from the 26th to the 28th of February 1998. On the occasion of the second International Congress on Alternative Medicines and Non-Formal Education, organised by the L.G.W.P.F. - in honour of Nepal's Year for Tourism O98 - with the high patronage of the Ministry for Tourism and Civil Aviation and the Baneshwor Lions Club, Nepal.
52. Caracas, Venezuela, Regional Inter-religious and Inter-Cultural Conference, 19th to 23rd of April 1998. Organized by UNESCO Chair - Planeta Libre for United Religions Initiative (URI), with the participation of 65 representatives from 17 different faiths and religious organizations



53. Gaunts House, England, Interfaith Conversations, 18th to the 23rd of June 1998. The five day event centered around panel discussions as well as prayers and meditations for World Peace. A Flag and peace pole ceremony with the World Peace Prayer Society (WPPS) was held with the participation of Sister Jayanti (Brahma Kumaris), Mrs Rabia Joyce Purcell (Commonwealth Parliament Ass.), Rabbi Cliff Cohen, Swami Saradananda, Rt Rev Christopher Budd (Bishop of Plymouth), Tii Antonio Chiriap (Shaman from the indigenous Shuar community of Pikiur in the Ecuadorian Amazon), Indarajit Singh (Hon Director of the Sikh organisations in UK and rep. at UN Assoc. Religious Advisory Council), Jehangir Sarosh (Zoroastrian co-chairman of the World Conference of Religions for Peace), Rev. Mother Catarina Boyer OSB (Catholic). A special world peace and prayer ceremony was held at Stonehenge to celebrate the summer solstice.
54. House of Lords, London, England, on the 17th of June 1998. Lama Gangchen was invited to speak about and present the work of the Spiritual Forum for World Peace to the seminar on "Policy, Ethics and Values" organised by the International Institute of Peace Studies and Global Philosophy, hosted by Lord McNair.
55. Belem, Brazil, Municipal Town Hall, on July 22nd 1998. Lama Gangchen was personally received by the Mayor of the City, Mr Edmilson Brito Rodrigues, who is very much interested in the project and in a collaboration of the city of Belem with the L.G.W.P.F. for a project on religious tolerance, peace and environmental awareness to be launched by the end of this year. The first public meeting in Belem was attended by approx. 200 participants from various faiths, peace organizations, environmentalist groups, indigenous people's representatives and religious institutions.
56. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, SESCE conference hall, July 25th 1998. The meeting was organised in collaboration with ISER and URI (United Religions Initiative). The opening speech was delivered by the United Nations Representative, Dr Aurilio Ruiz Minagorre, who was very appreciative and supportive of this initiative. Representatives of various indigenous tribes from the Amazon, of more than 12 religious faiths and various peace initiatives actively participated.
57. Brasilia, Brazil, July 29th 1998. In Brasilia Lama Gangchen had private meetings with the Secretary for Human Rights at the Ministry of Justice, Dr Jose Gregori, and with the Governor of the Federal District, Cristovam Buarque, who warmly welcomed all his peace projects and requested him to extend his activities to Brasilia.
58. Florianopolis, Brazil, at the State Bank of the State of St Catarina, July 31st 1998. The third local forum meeting was held with the participation of 14 religious representatives, environmental associations and the non-violence movement; 150 people participated in the public meeting.
59. Sao Paulo, Brazil, at the Hebraica, August 2nd 1998. The fourth annual meeting for the Spiritual Forum for World Peace was held at the Hebraica in Sao Paulo dedicated to the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The organizational meeting was attended by 60 members of 18 different faiths.
60. Sao Paulo, 9th World Congress of IAERP, August 3rd to the 7th 1998. The Proposal was warmly received as a contribution towards the development of international peace education for a culture of Peace.
61. Sao Paulo, Legion of Goodwill, Rio de Janeiro August 8th 1998. Lama Gangchen was invited to the annual celebrations of LGW, attended by over 1500 people. The president of this international UN affiliated NGO, Jose Piava Netto, offered support and active collaboration in the Proposal.
62. Santiago, Chile, ECLAC, August 11th 1998. Lama Gangchen had a private meeting with the Executive Secretary of ECLAC, Dr Jose Antonio Ocampo for discussing future potential for the realization of the proposal.
63. Santiago, Chile, August, 14th 1998. Private meeting with the Bishop of Santiago, Francisco Javier Errazuriz, to discuss the Proposal.
64. Santiago, Chile, August 15th 1998. Lama Gangchen attended the eighteenth meeting of the local spiritual forum in which specific projects for a Chilean Peace Television, peace education projects etc. were concluded.
65. Olinda, Brasil, Society of Artists and Workers, on the 17th and 18th of August 1998. Meeting with the Abbot of the Benedictine Monastery of Olinda, and the Mayor of Olinda.
66. Paris, France, UNESCO, on the 23rd of September 1998. Lama Gangchen met with UNESCO's Director General, Federico Mayor-Zaragoza and presented him with the Proposal.
67. London, England, House of Lords, on the 28th of September 1998. Lama Gangchen was invited back to a special meeting of the forum on "Policy, Ethics and Values" which saw the launch of the All Party Parliamentary Group for Peace and Reconciliation and the launch in the United Kingdom of a local chapter of the Spiritual Forum for World Peace, working in association with the International Institute of Peace Studies and Global Philosophy and the Multifaith and Multicultural Mediation Service.
68. Monastery of Saint Giovanni, Parma; and Monastery of Saint Anselmo, Rome, Italy, on the 3rd and 6th of October 1998. During a Hindu-Christian interfaith conference "People of Peace in a World of War", Lama Gangchen presented the Proposal and took part in a panel discussion.
69. Vatican, Rome, on the 7th of October 1998. Lama Gangchen personally presented the Proposal to H.H. Pope John Paul II.
70. New York, USA; 4th of November 1998. An original copy of the Spiritual Forum Report 1995 to 1998 "A solution for the Third Millennium" in nine languages was presented to Mr Alfredo Sfeir-Younis, Special Representative of the World Bank to the United Nations.
71. United Nations, New York, USA, November 5th 1998. A Solution for the Third Millennium - a "Golden Book" of the Proposal for the

creation of a permanent spiritual forum for world peace at the United Nations translated into nine languages, with a full report of its activities from 1995-1998, was presented to the Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations, Mrs Sorensen, for the Secretary General Mr Kofi Annan.

72. United Nations, New York November 18th 1998. On the occasion of the Unveiling of a lifesize elephant sculpture gifted to the United Nations by three elephant countries, namely: Kenya, Namibia and Nepal, received by Secretary General, a peace Sand mandala featuring traditional religious and spiritual symbols for global peace and harmony, as emphasised in the "United Nations Spiritual Forum for World Peace". Was presented to the United Nations, and received by Mrs Sorensen for the Secretary General.
73. National Council of Churches in Australia, Sidney, Australia, 25th of November 1998. This first meeting for the proposal of a United Nations Spiritual Forum for World Peace in Australia, was attended by some fifty religious leaders, representatives of peace organizations, as well as indigenous and environmental care organizations; namely: Bishops of the Armenian Church, Quakers, Bahai, Marthamane Church and United Churches of Australia; the Buddhist Council and the Buddhist Federation of Australia; Muslim Women's Association; Director of the National Council of Churches of Australia; World Council of Churches, and so forth.
74. World Buddhist Hindu Solidarity Foundation, Kathmandu, Nepal, 10th of March 1999.
75. Residence of H.E. The Right Honorable Prime Minister of Nepal, Kathmandu, Nepal, 11th of March 1999. During a meeting with His Excellency the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Nepal, Mr G.P. Koirala and thirty Ministers and Members of Parliament, Lama Gangchen presented the Prime Minister with the Millennium Peace Award, and discussed the proposal.
76. Rotary Club of Colli Briantei, Italy, on the 16th of March 1999. Inter-religious dialogue with representatives of Islamic, Catholic, Jewish, Buddhist traditions.
77. United Nations Earth Day Celebrations, New York, USA; 20th of March 1999. On the occasion of the ringing of the Peace Bell by Lama Gangchen, the proposal was presented to the Canadian and Iranian Ambassadors to the United Nations.
78. Lions Club, Asti, Italy; 15th of April 1999. "Cultures, Races and Minority Religions" panel discussion to encourage inter-religious dialogue and awareness among cultures, during which the proposal was presented and received unanimous support as a positive solution.
79. Abbey of Chiaravalle, Italy; April 1999. Christian-Buddhist ecumenical dialogue organised by the Abbott of the ancient Cisterian Monastery of Chiaravalle and a group of Buddhist monks, representing Lama Gangchen, during which the proposal was presented.
80. Unesco Headquarters, Paris, France; 22nd to 24th of April 1999. The proposal was presented as part of a symposium organised by the International Association of Educators for World Peace and the Council on Human Rights and Religious Freedom under the heading "Mutual Respect and Cultural Dialogue for Peace".
81. Loano, Italy; 24th of April 1999. The proposal was presented to the Mayors of Francheville and Loano, Archbishop Monsignor Giuseppe Pittau, on the occasion of the twinning of the two cities. Lama Gangchen was the guest of honour and received Honorary Citizenship in gratitude for his dedicated efforts for peace and reconciliation worldwide.
82. Crespi Japanese Bonsai, Parabiago, Italy; 25th of April 1999. "Meetings between East and West" conference, during which the prospects of the proposal were discussed by Lama Gangchen and Monsignor Francesco Fumagalli.
83. Université Libre des Sciences de l'Homme, Paris, France; May 1999. Public presentation of the proposal to the university board in Madrid, Spain.
84. The Hague, Holland; 11th to 15th of May 1999. Public presentation of the proposal during the "Hague Appeal for Peace" conference. The proposal was further personally presented to HRH Queen Noor of Jordan and Jose Ramos Horta, Nobel for Peace. A special Interfaith meeting of prayer and meditation was held at the historical synagogue of the Hague, organised by Rabbi Awraham Soendorp, President of the United Nations of Youth Foundation and P.N. Bawa Jain, Director of the Interfaith Centre of New York, USA, with participants from Buddhist, Catholic, Hindu, Jain, Jewish, Brahma Kumari and Sufi traditions.
85. Crans Montana Forum, Switzerland; 24th to 27th of June 1999. 10th international anniversary meeting, which included a special section dedicated to the "Holy Year 2000" during which the proposal was discussed, including the participation of Mr Shimon Shetreet, Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Rector dalil Boubakeur, Institute of the Mosque, Paris, France; Monsignor Richard Mathes, Charge of the Holy See in Jerusalem. The Spiritual Forum Report 1995 to 1998 "A solution for the Third Millennium" in nine languages was given to all participants to the Forum.
86. NGO Conference on the "Role of NGOs in the 21st Century", Seoul, S. Korea, 10 to 14th of October, 1999. Presentation of a workshop on the creation of Spiritual Forum with the participation of Korean, Theravada and Mahayana buddhism, Christian, Jewish, Hindu, Islam and Brahma Kumaris representatives as well as a group representing youth. Full support for the project was received by H.S. Shah Sufi M.N. Alam, President, World Spiritual Assembly.
87. Tiberis, Israele, October 1999.
88. Rotary Club, Milan, Italy, October 1999. Interreligious Round Table discussion centred on the Spiritual Forum theme, chaired by Monsignor Fumagalli.
89. United Nations Headquarters, New York, USA; 21st of October 1999. "The Spiritual work of the United Nations: Building a planetary consciousness" discussion on the evolution of the proposal's effective implementation. Keynote presentations were made by Alfredo Sfeir-Younis, World Bank Special Representative to the UN; Rev. Deborah Moldow, Executive Director, World Peace Prayer Society; Luciano Meira, Executive Director, Legion of Goodwill; Dr Nina Meyerhof, Children of the Earth.



90. Comiso, Ragusa, Italy; November 1999; at the former Nato base transformed into a refugee camp for 10.000 Kosovans. On the occasion of the 10th International Peace Education Congress with the Lama Gangchen World Peace Foundation as a representative of spirituality in education.
91. Millennium Celebrations at Borobudur Stupa, Indonesia; December 31 - Space Training 1999. Lighting of 100.000 peace candles and peace prayers dedicated to the success of a Spiritual Forum at the United Nations in the new millennium, with the participations of international organisations.
92. Lions Club, Milan, Italy; on the 10th of January 2000. Round Table discussion on inter-religious dialogue, with the participation of Don A. Casolo Diagoni; Father Fantini, Russian Orthodox Church; Lama Gangchen, Western Tibetan Buddhism; Alu Schuetz, Islamic Union Community; Li Fiano, President, Hebraic Community of Milan. The proposal was well received and seen as a truly positive solution.
93. Milan, Italy; 15th of January 2000. Discussion with the Representative of "Documentation for Religions" organization, Milan, as to the prospects of the proposal and possible collaboration in Italy.
94. Graz City Hall, Austria; 30th of January 2000. Meeting with Alfred Stingl, Mayor of the City, a dedicated promoter of local interfaith dialogue, has built several temples of different religious traditions in the city.
95. Kathmandu, Nepal, 12th to 13 February 2000. LGWPF Fourth International Congress on Alternative Medicines, Non-Formal Education and the proposal for the creation of a UNSFWP. Prospects for the development of the proposal were discussed by several representatives of different organizations, such as: Prof Charles Mercieca, President, International Association of Educators for World Peace, USA; Phakk Boosoong, Dhammakaya Foundation, Thailand; Dr Nina Meyerhof, Children of the Earth, USA; Cristina Arismendy, UNFPA, India; Prof. B.R. Thapa, Nepal Institute of United Nations and UNESCO, and others; as well as members of the Nepalese Government and the Royal Committee.
96. Dhammakaya Foundation, Thailand; 21st of February 2000. Special meeting with the Venerable Abbot and Vice-Abbot of Dhammakaya Foundation with Ben Shalom, Jubillennium; to give active collaboration for the support of the proposal.
97. United Nations, Vienna, Austria; 20th of March 2000. The proposal was presented to participants and members of the press, on the occasion of the ringing of the Peace Bell, as well as to Austrian Airlines on the occasion of the presentation of the "Peace Messenger 2000" Award to the airline company by the Lama Gangchen World Peace Foundation.
98. Dhammakaya Foundation, Thailand; 22nd and 23rd of April 2000. Earth Day Celebrations and Inauguration of the Dhammakaya Cetiya, with over 200.000 Buddhist participants. A special "International Buddhist Forum" meeting was held for the support of the UNSFWP, joined by Buddhist representatives of all main schools of Buddhism from over ten nations.
99. Riccione, Italy 1st May 2000. Italian Yoga Federation, "Science and Spirituality towards the third millennium". UNSPFWP panel discussion, Father Maximilian Mizzi, Intern. Franciscan Center for Inter-religious Dialogue, Assisi; Swami Veda Bharati, India, Geshe Phende Tibet, Dr Marco Margnelli, Italy.
100. UNSPFWP Madrid, Spain, 4th May 2000. Mr Javier Solis, Ambassador of Costa Rica in Spain, accepts the position of Honorary President of the Spanish Forum in support of the proposal.
101. 9th Annual LGWPF Congress, Madrid, Spain, 6th May 2000. Public appeal for the proposal and the UNESCO program for a Culture of Peace.
102. Albagnano Healing Meditation Center, Italy, 9th May 2000. Prayer for the realization of such a forum for the benefit of World Peace by representatives from Thailand, Taiwan and Tibet/ China of the three major schools of Buddhism, Theravada, Mahayana, and Vajrayana.
103. Vesak Celebration, Florence, Italy, 27/28 May 2000. Organized by the Italian Buddhist Union (UBI), the proposal was presented to participants.
104. Albagnano Meditation Centre, Italy, 3rd June 2000. Prayer for the realization of such a forum for the benefit of World Peace by H.H. Trijang Rinpoche, H.E. Gonsar Rinpoche, Rabten Rinpoche, Mr Alfredo Sfeir-Younis, and over 200 participants.
105. Presentation to Hon. Marco Zaccchera, Chamber of Deputies, Verbania, Italy, 12th June 2000.
106. IAEWP World Congress, London, England, 14-18 June 2000. UNSPFWP was discussed as an important contribution to World Peace during the opening celebrations on June 14th.
107. State of the World Forum, 9th September 2000, New York, USA. Special section of the three day Forum is dedicated to the discussion on the realization of the proposal: "Making the World Spiritual Forum a Reality: a road map for Action".
108. Rotary Club, Beijing, China, meeting at Kempinski Hotel, 12th September 2000. The proposal was presented the Club members and diplomats.
109. "Religions for Peace in the Spirit of Assisi", Appeal for Peace to the City of Milan, 24th of October 2000. Organized by the Center for Documentation of Religions, Cardinal Martini, Rabbi Serat from Paris, Lama Denis from France and Shah S. Represented the panel discussion, all different religious representatives of Milan constituted the peace appeal, signed in public and handed over to the Mayor of Milan. The proposal was presented to representatives of different faiths.
110. World Conference for Religions and Peace, Milan, Italy, 25th October 2000. Held a meeting opening the possibility for creating an office in Milan. The proposal was presented to the representatives.
111. International Federation of Human Rights, National Congress, Caserta, 27/28 October 2000. The proposal received great interest

from a large audience.

112. Chung Hua, Taiwan, 8th November 2000. Second meeting with the Mayor of the City, who expressed great interest in the proposal.
113. Chiayi, Taiwan, 9th Nov 2000. Public Peace Culture event during which the Mayor of the City received the proposal and together with Lama Gangchen light a peace light for World Peace.
114. Taichung, Taiwan, 11th Nov 2000. Public Peace Culture event in the stadium, attended by all major government officials of the city, including the Mayor of the City. The proposal was read in public.
115. Taipei, Taiwan. Private meetings with Party spokesman and members, who showed great interest in the UNSPFWP and some of whom joined.
116. Kaushung, Taiwan. Private meeting and Public Peace Culture event, 16th Nov. 2000, on both occasions the Mayor of the city and City council members expressed great support for the proposal as contribution towards world peace.
117. Taoyuan, Taiwan, City Council Meeting, 17th November 2000. City Council Members warmly welcomed the initiative.
118. Paris, UNESCO, France. Conference on "Unity in Diversity", celebrating the 25th anniversary of the European Buddhist Union, organized in collaboration with the United Religions Initiative, 18/19 November 2000.
119. Madrid, Spain, First International Conference for a Culture of Peace, 11-13 December 2000.
120. Sao Paulo, Brazil, 11th January 2001. UNSPFWP meeting with over 40 representatives of different faiths, discussing further development of the project in Brazil.
121. United Nations, ECLAC, Santiago Chile, 23rd January 2001. Five year commemoration meeting held in the same hall where it was first launched on June 8th 1995. The meeting as chaired by Jose Antonio Ocampo, Executive Secretary of CEPAL, Heins Petrus, Alfredo Sfeir-Younis representative of the World Bank to the United Nations in Geneva; Gerardo Gonzales, Project Director, Lama Gangchen and representatives of different faiths.
122. Dhammakaya Foundation UN-NGO, Thailand, 9th February 2001. Lama Gangchen and Alfredo Sfeir-Younis meeting with Ven. Abbot and representatives of DKF for future collaboration on the proposal.
123. 5th International Congress "The Role of Spirituality in the New Millennium", Kathmandu, Nepal, 25th February 2001. Presentation of the Proposal.
124. Lumbini Development Trust, Lumbini, Nepal, 28th February 2001. Presentation of the Proposal for collaboration.
125. International Interfaith Center, Oxford, UK, 16-18 March 2001. More than seventy people from about 50 organizations gathered mainly focusing on the issues of inter-ethnic and inter-religious conflicts, the proposal was presented and considered.
126. World Citizen Assembly 2001, Grand Hotel, Taipei, Taiwan, 30 March - 3 April, 2001. International meeting of United Nations NGO, Cultural Celebration and ringing and signing of the Peace Bell at the Taipei Stadium.
127. Presidential Palace in Taipei, Taiwan, 3rd April 2001. Given to Vice President of Taiwan.
128. Beijing, China, 24 August 2001. Read spiritual forum proposal with Lama Nyompa and Chaulin Monk.
129. Conference on Spirituality in Tourism, Assisi, Italy, 13-17 October 2001. In the footsteps of St. Francis.
130. World Peace Praying Association, Taipei, Taiwan, 17 November 2001. First Annual Conference towards the creation of a Spiritual Forum for World Peace at the United Nations, Charles Mercieca.
131. Villadossola, Italy, 24th January 2002. Inter-religious forum on "Different roads towards the path of Peace".
132. World Social Forum, Porto Alegre, Brazil, from 30th January to 5th February 2002. 51.300 special guests from every corner of the world to attend the World Social Forum, LGWPF participated in Panel on Inter-religious dialogue presenting the Proposal.
133. Vishwa Shanti Vihar, World Peace Buddhist School, Kathmandu, Nepal, 28 February 2002. Acknowledges the resolution adopted by the General Assembly, 54/115 of 8 Feb. 2000, with regards to the recognition of the Day of Vesak at the United Nations Headquarters and other United Nations offices and expressed great interest in the proposal.
134. Human Rights Commission 58th Session, UN Geneva, 20th March 2002. Organized by IAERP, LGWPF, Global Open University, Tribal Link Foundation with the participation of Nepal Ambassador to UN Shambhu R. Simkhada, Helen Sayers Brahma Kumaris, Alfredo Sfeir-Younis Special Rep. Of the World Bank to the UN and WTO in Geneva, Lama Gangchen.
135. International Peace Prayer Day, New Mexico, USA, 16 June 2002.
136. International Association for Religious Freedom, Budapest, Hungary, 28 July - 2 August, 2002. 31st World Congress bringing together some 700 participants from all over the world for inter-faith dialogue, during which the proposal was presented.
137. Albagnano, Italy 3 May & Tashi Delek Space, Milan, Italy, 4th May 2003. Exhibition of the Sacred Buddha Relics and Golden Stupa donated to the United Nations by Thailand, Sri Lanka and Myanmar in occasion of the International recognition of the Day of Vesak by the UN. Presentation of the proposal to a large gathering of different Buddhist representatives, Ambassadors, and other religious representatives.
138. Verbania-Pallanza, Italy 16-18 May 2003. 13th World Congress of the International Association of Educators for World Peace.
139. SESC Pompeia, Sao Paulo, Brazil, 19th June 2003. Interfaith Celebration and Exhibition of the Sacred Buddha Relics and Golden Stupa donated to the United Nations by Thailand, Sri Lanka and Myanmar in occasion of the International recognition of the Day of Vesak by the UN.



140. United Nations, ECLAC, Santiago, Chile, 26th June 2003. Interfaith Celebration and Exhibition of the Sacred Buddha Relics and Golden Stupa donated to the United Nations by Thailand, Sri Lanka and Myanmar in occasion of the International recognition of the Day of Vesak by the UN.
141. Presented to H.E. The Ambassador of Royal Kingdom of Thailand, Santiago, Chile 30th June 2003.
142. Athens, Greece, 22nd July 2003. Event for Culture, Education and Environmental Protection in collaboration with the Hellenic Academy of Science and Research.
143. Brazil, Petropolis, Crystal Palace, 8th October, 2003. Rotary Club of Imperial City.
144. Milan, Italy, 13th November 2003. Associazione Etica e Comunicazione.
145. Chateau de Bossey, Geneva, Switzerland, 8th to 12th May 2004 Workshop. Volunteers for a new Partnership Committee, which will steer the project in its coming stages; they had links to 6 world religions and 6 international interfaith organizations, including the LGWPF. They are in the process of drafting a new collective proposal aimed towards the creation of a spiritual forum for world peace at the United Nations.
146. Villa Giulia-Pallanza, Verbania, Italy 28th to 30th of May 2004. On the occasion of the Second World Congress "Verbania 2004" on Integrated Traditional Medicines for Better Health.
147. Quito, Ecuador, 11 September 2004, City Museum. On the occasion of the exhibition of the sacred Buddha relics.
148. Caracas, Venezuela, Central University of Caracas, Botanic Garden, 18 September 2004. On the occasion of the exhibition of the sacred Buddha relics.
149. Caracas, Venezuela, University of Simon Bolivar, 21 September 2004. On the occasion of the exhibition of the sacred Buddha relics.
150. Porto Seguro, Brazil, 6 October 2004.
151. Vientienne, Laos, 7 March 2005. At the Wat Ongtue Mahavihar the proposal was presented to the Ven High Priest of Laos.
152. Hanoi, Vietnam, 10 March 2005. At the Buddhist Society of Vietnam the proposal was presented and discussed with the president Ven. Hoa Thien Pho Tue.
153. Chateau de Bossey, Geneva, Switzerland, 2 to 5th May 2005. Second Partnership Committee Meeting.
154. Milan, Italy, 6th of May 2005. Inter-religious meeting held on the occasion of the Buddhist Festival of Vesak.
155. III World Congress "Verbania 2005": Peace Environment for Your Health, June 3rd -5th 2005, Police Academy, Ministry of Justice, Verbania-Pallanza, Lake Maggiore, Italy. Speaking about Lama Gangchen's proposal during the Congress, H.E. Hernan Escudero Martinez, Ambassador of Ecuador to the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the programme of United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), and Vice-president of the 61st session of the Committee of Human Rights on behalf of GRULAC (Latin America and Pacific Regional Group), has pledged his support to bring the proposal to the General Assembly for consideration together with other United Nations Member States.
156. Mongolia, Ulan Bator, 28.9.2005. Lama Gangchen was invited to conduct the inaugural prayer ceremony for a 17m high Buddha statue donated to the country by Guru Deva Rinpoche. The Ceremony was presided over by H.E. the Prime Minister Elbegdorj and H.E. The Environment Minister of Mongolia Barsbold.
157. Varese, Italy, Rotary Club, 9 January 2006.
158. Kathmandu Nepal, Feb. 2006. Meeting with H.E. The Minister of Finance Mr. Roop Jyoti, at his Ministry office.
159. Milan, Italy, 21 March 2006. Participation in the founding of the inter-religious association, Religions in Milan.
160. Hang Zhou, China, 12-16 April 2006. Participation in the "First World Buddhism Forum" that promoted "a harmonious world beginning in the mind", just as the proposal promotes "inner peace is the most solid foundation for world peace". I was a rich occasion to share the proposal with several prominent participants, such as Mr. Ye Xiao Wen, Minister for Religious Affairs and others.
161. Tortona, Italy, 29 April 2006 Tortona Religione: Verso una civiltà dell'amore. Inter-religious Conference, Religion towards a world of Love. Roundtable with: Don Giovanni D'Ercole Italian Gen. Secrtray of the Vatican State, Giuseppe Laras President of the Assembly of Rabbis in Italy, Gabriele Mandel Khan Head of the Sufi order Jerrhi-Halveti in Italy (in collaboration with the City of Tortona, Diocesi di Tortona, Region of Piemonte, Province of Alessandria, Fondazione cassa di risparmio di Tortona)
162. IV World Congress "Verbania 2006" Police Academy, Ministry of Justice, Verbania-Pallanza, Lake Maggiore, Italy, 8-11 June 2006.
163. United Nations, New York, USA, 8 September 2006. On the occasion of the handing over of the Memorial World Peace Stupa to the United Nations, donated by the countries of Thailand, Sri Lanka, and Myanmar for the International recognition of the Day of Vesak. Presented the Proposal to Mr. Mollock Brown, Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations
164. Hong Kong, 6 October 2006. Meeting with Mr. Patrick Ho, Secretary for Home Affairs, to discuss about the proposal and an inter-religious forum in Hong Kong.
165. Hong Kong, Western Monastery, 8 October 2006. Visit Venerable Shi Kuan Yun to exchange about the proposal and the creation of an inter-religious event in Hong Kong.
166. Milan, Italy, 27.Oct. 2006. Meeting Mr. Romiti, the president of the Italia-China Association.
167. Sao Paulo, Brazil, Government of the State of Sao Paulo, Secretary of Justice and Defense of the citizens. 16 November 2006. Meeting with Evana Beiguelman Kramer discussing about the common aims and mutual collaborations with regards to the

initiative of the secretariat to set up an inter-religious forum for a culture of peace and the freedom of believe in Sao Paulo and about the proposal.

168. Formal Partnership Committee meeting at Chateau de Bossey towards the creation of a permanent spiritual forum for world peace at the UN, Geneva, Switzerland May 2007
169. UN Vesak, Bangkok, Thailand 2007.
170. Xian Dialogue, China, 10-11 October 2007, HRH Prince Carlos de Bourbon de Parme, Former Prime Minister Ruud Lubbers.
171. Guayaquil, Ecuador, Clima Latino, Mayor of Guayaquil Jaime Nebot, Osvaldo Canzani, IPCC Nobel Prize Laureat 2007, 15 October 2007.
172. Quito, Ecuador, at Clima Latino, President of Ecuador, Rafael Correa, and also the Vice President Mr. Lenin Moreno 17 October 2007.
173. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, at San Benton on 29 November 2007, private meeting with San Clemente, Seniro Abbor of the oldest church of Brazil.
174. Chateau de Bossey, Geneva-Switzerland January 2008. Interreligious consultation to develop a consensual proposal for a United Nations "Decade for Interreligious Dialogue and Cooperation for Peace", which brought together representatives of all major interreligious organisations worldwide as well as Member State representatives and ambassadors, organised by the Partnership Committee.
174. Vesak Celebrations with the exhibition of the Holy Buddha relics from Sri Lanka in Milan, Torino and Belvedere Langhe, Italy.
175. Hanoi Vietnam 13-17 May 2008, United Nations Vesak Day Celebrations.
176. Kuala Lumpur Malaysia, 18th International IAEWP congress Oct. 28-31 2008.
177. Feb 2009 President of the Republic of Nepal, H.E. Dr. Ram Jaran Yadav.
178. The Hague, Holland 18-19 March 2009, "Cultural Diversity as catalyst for citizenship, creativity and communication, organized by the Foundation China-Europe Dialogue & Exchange for Sustainable Development.
179. II World Buddhist Forum hosted at the Lingshan Buddha Palace in Wuxi, China and Taipei, Taiwan 26 March to 2 April 2009.
180. Vesak Milan, 5 May 2009.
181. Brazil Sao Paolo, Private Reception on 26 November 2009 with Maria da Silva, Minister for Environment and many honorable guests
182. Italy, Monza, Teatrino di Corte di Villa Reale, 6 May 2010
Interreligious conference "In Search for meaning: Environment and Ethics: different religious approaches and juxtapositions?" organized by Centro di Etica Ambientale in collaboration with the Region of Lombardy.
183. Vesak Milano with inter-religious prayer, KLG, May 2010
184. Nepal Kathmandu 4 March 2011
Presented to H.E. Ambassador of Bangladesh in Nepal. Mr. Neem Chandra Bhowmik
On the occasion of receiving the Atisha Gold Medal Peace Award from Ven. Suddhananda Mahathero presented in Dhaka on occasion of the inauguration of a large Standing Buddha Statue on Feb 23. 2011
185. Sao Paolo Brazil, 6 April 2011 Spiritual Forum gathering at Dharma Centre Shide Choe Tsog
With the presence of the Secretary of Justice of Sao Paolo Mrs. Eloisa Arruda and 34 representatives of different faiths and 108 participants dedicating for victims of the Fukushima Nuclear disaster and for a resolution towards abandoning Nuclear Power
186. Vesak Kunpen Lama Gangchen, 12 May 2011 Inter-religious Prayers dedicated for World Peace, Milan, Italy
187. Vesak 2012 - Inter-religious Prayers dedicated for World Peace, Albagnano Healing Meditation Centre, Italy

Since, the proposal is regularly presented at conferences and events around the world, as well as distributed to likeminded individuals and organisations.

Lama Gangchen hopes that the Proposal for a Permanent United Nations Spiritual Forum for World Peace can be a solution both for now and towards creating a culture of peace in the third millennium!



Message of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue for the Feast of Vesakh/Hanamatsuri 2020, 02.04.2020

Vesakh is the most important festivity for Buddhists, in which the main events in the life of Buddha are commemorated.

The Feast of Vesakh/Hanamatsuri 2020 is celebrated in the various countries of Buddhist culture on different dates, according to the different traditions. This year the Feast will be celebrated in the majority of countries of Buddhist tradition on 6 May.

For this circumstance, the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue has addressed the following Message to Buddhists:

Message of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue

Dear Buddhist Friends,

On behalf of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, we extend our heartfelt greetings and good wishes to you and to all Buddhist communities around the world as you celebrate the feast of Vesakh/Hanamatsuri. For the last twenty-four years, the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue has sent greetings to you on this happy occasion. Since this year marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of this traditional message, we would like to renew our bond of friendship and collaboration with the various traditions you represent.

This year, we would like to reflect with you on the theme "Buddhists and Christians: Constructing a Culture of Compassion and Fraternity". We are mindful of the high value our respective religious traditions give to compassion and fraternity in our spiritual quest and in our witness and service to a wounded humanity and a wounded earth.

The Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together states: "Authentic teachings of religions invite us to remain rooted in the values of peace; to defend the values of mutual understanding, human fraternity and harmonious coexistence". Meeting the Supreme Buddhist Patriarch in Thailand last November, His Holiness Pope Francis expressed that "we can grow and live together as good "neighbours" and thus be able to promote among the followers of our religions the development of new charitable projects, capable of generating and multiplying practical initiatives on the path of fraternity, especially with regard to the poor and our much-abused common home. In this way, we will contribute to the formation of a culture of compassion, fraternity and encounter, both here and in other parts of the world" (cf. *Visiting the Supreme Buddhist Patriarch*, Bangkok, 21 November 2019).

The Feast of Vesakh/ Hanamatsuri prompts us to recall that Prince Siddhartha set out in search of wisdom by shaving his head and renouncing his princely status. He traded his garments of Benares silk for the simple robe of a monk. His noble gesture reminds us of Saint Francis of Assisi: he cut his hair and traded his fine clothes for the simple robe of a mendicant because he wanted to follow Jesus, who "emptied himself, taking the form of a slave" (*Philippians 2:7*) and had "nowhere to lay his head" (*Matthew 8:20*). Their example and that of their followers inspire us to a life of detachment in view of what is most important. Thus, in consequence, we may more freely devote ourselves to fostering a culture of compassion and fraternity for the alleviation of human and ecological suffering.

Everything is related. Interdependence brings us back to the theme of compassion and fraternity. In a spirit of gratitude for your friendship, we humbly ask you to accompany and support your Christian friends in fostering loving kindness and fraternity in the world today. As we, Buddhists and Christians, learn from one another how to become ever more mindful and compassionate, may we continue to look for ways to work together to make our interconnectedness a source of blessing for all sentient beings and for the planet, our common home.

We believe that to guarantee the continuity of our universal solidarity, our shared journey requires educational process. To this end, a global event will take place on 15 October 2020 on the theme "Reinventing the Global Compact on Education". "This meeting will rekindle our dedication for and with young people, renewing our passion for a more open and inclusive education, including patient listening, constructive dialogue and better mutual understanding" (Pope Francis, *Message for the Launch of the Global Compact on Education*, 12 September 2019). We invite you to work together with all to promote this initiative, individually and within your communities, to nurture a new humanism. We are also happy to see that Buddhists and Christians are drawing on deeply held values and working together to uproot the causes of social ills in various parts of the world.

Let us pray for all those who are affected by the coronavirus pandemic and for those who are caregivers. Let us encourage our faithful to live this difficult moment with hope, compassion, and charity.

Dear Buddhist friends, in this spirit of friendship and collaboration, we wish you once again a peaceful and joyful feast of Vesakh/Hanamatsuri.

Borobudur Stupa Mandala - Java Vesak Celebrations 2020



The lanterns are a symbol of enlightenment and peace, filled with hope and wishes to reach peace of the heart and peace of the earth.

The lantern ceremony is also accompanied by chants with thousands of Buddhist from all around the globe coming to honour this day.



World Interfaith Harmony Week and Peace Education

T.Y.S. Lama Gangchen - World Healer

I rejoice in the ever increasing number of meetings organised between the members of different spiritual traditions because I am convinced that interreligious dialogue can offer peace to each and every individual, as well as to the entire world. I also consider it particularly important that, in this day and age, organisations such as the United Nations and UNESCO are opening their doors to spiritual leaders. I am so pleased that the 65th session of the United Nations General Assembly unanimously adopted a resolution initiated by H.M. King Abdullah II of Jordan for World Interfaith Harmony Week which is annually observed during the first week in February.

What a blessing that this Week actively promotes peace and harmonious engagement between the world's spiritual traditions and religions. We celebrate each occurrence of the World Interfaith Harmony week, both in our centres as well as at the stupa mandala of Borobudur, offerings lights and incense with prayers dedicated to the United Nations and all Member States. I sincerely hope that peace will emerge as the new «fashion» in this millennium, followed and desired by everyone! Many years ago, I left my monastery and the social status reserved in the east for reincarnated spiritual leaders to live in the west. I travel continuously propagating a message of inner peace, self-healing and environmental care. My principal spiritual practice is, in fact, based upon the development of inner peace. I have no knowledge or particular interest in politics; my only wish is to somehow contribute to the creation world peace. We are now in the era of kaliyuga, the age of the five degenerations. The inner worlds of both people and the planet are restless and angry; the elements of the container (the earth) and of the contents (living beings) are seriously imbalanced and polluted. In these times, negative emotions and mistaken viewpoints are prevalent, death arrives all too easily and the global situation is fragile and dangerous.

Throughout history, various secular educational systems have been developed which, in some ways, have proved to be inadequate or difficult to enact. There also exist already many peace structures and systems, which are wonderful, but unfortunately these alone are not sufficient to satisfy all the needs of living beings. For this very reason today, at the beginning of the third millennium, it is necessary for religious leaders to seriously assume responsibility for the future of humanity and the planet by uniting to resolve the innumerable problems which torment the XXI century. It is their responsibility, and that of every practitioner, to build a solid foundation that makes inner peace education available to all.

All spiritual traditions and religions are rich in educational methods to develop inner peace which, however, have no weight in our modern society. To rediscover these ancient peace teachings religious leaders have to present them in a new updated package - adapted to the mentality of the new generations. The development of inner peace is a fundamental necessity of human beings, like food, clothes, shelter... I am certain that the spiritual traditions can save humanity and contribute to the creation of world peace, by putting at the disposition of the planetary community their precious educational methods, after they are repackaged to adequately fulfil the needs of present day lifestyle.

Spiritual traditions can and should make constructive contributions to the harmonious organisation of this world, until the planet is a liveable place for all beings. The super accelerated changes that have deeply affected global society have induced a great number of people to search for peace, health and happiness in the wrong directions. It is the duty of religious leaders to show to them the correct path. They have to work together on areas of common interest, without losing their cultural and philosophical doctrine, to make available all the ideas of their spiritual tradition.

I believe that peace is the wish and objective of everyone - the essence of every religious tradition and the desire of all holy beings. I pray that the World Peace Buddha, Omniscient God, all the divinities and enlightened beings will help us to preserve our ancient inner science techniques, because peace education is the best opportunity we have to attain health and happiness for our children and the future generations of the third millennium.



United Nations International days and weeks

JANUARY

27 International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust

FEBRUARY

First Week World Interfaith Harmony Week
4 World Cancer Day (WHO)
20 World Day of Social Justice
21 International Mother Language Day

MARCH

8 International Women's Day
21 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
21 World Poetry Day (UNESCO)
21-28 Week of Solidarity with the Peoples Struggling against Racism and Racial Discrimination
22 World Water Day
23 World Meteorological Day

APRIL

4 International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action
7 World Health Day
22 International Mother Earth Day
23 World Book and Copyright Day
23-29 UN Global Road Safety Week
26 World Intellectual Property Day (WIPO)
28 World Day for Safety and Health at Work (ILO)
Last week Global Action Week on Education (UNICEF)
Full Moon Day Global Observance of the Day of Vesak

MAY

3 World Press Freedom Day
9-10 World Migratory Bird Day (UNEP)
15 International Day of Families
17 World Information Society Day
21 World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development

22 International Day for Biological Diversity
25-June 1 Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories
29 International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers
31 World No-Tobacco Day

JUNE

4 International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression
5 World Environment Day
8 World Oceans Day
12 World Day against Child Labour
14 World Blood Donor Day
17 World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought
20 World Refugee Day
21 International Yoga Day
23 United Nations Public Service Day
26 International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking and International Day in Support of Victims of Torture

JULY

First Saturday International Day of Cooperatives
11 World Population Day

AUGUST

1-7 World Breastfeeding Week (WHO)
9 International Day of the World's Indigenous People
12 International Youth Day
23 International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition

SEPTEMBER

8 International Literacy Day
10 World Suicide Prevention Day (WHO)
15 International Day of Democracy
16 International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer
21 International Day of Peace
27 World Tourism Day (WTO)
28 World Heart Day (WTO)
During last Week World Maritime Day



OCTOBER

First Monday World Habitat Day
1 International Day for Older Persons
2 International Day of Non-Violence
4-10 World Space Week
5 World Teacher's Day
Second Wednesday International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction
9 World Post Day
10 World Mental Health Day
Second Thursday World Sight Day (WHO)
15 International Day of Rural Women
16 World Food Day
17 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
24 United Nations Day and
24 World Development Information Day
24-30 Disarmament Week
27 World Day for Audio-Visual Heritage (UNESCO)

NOVEMBER

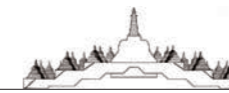
6 International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict
10 World Science Day for Peace and Development (UNESCO)
14 World Diabetes Day

16 International Day for Tolerance
Third Thursday World Philosophy Day (UNESCO)
Third Sunday World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims
20 Universal Children's Day, and
20 Africa Industrialization Day
21 World Television Day
25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
29 International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

DECEMBER

1 World AIDS Day
2 International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
3 International Day of Disabled Persons
5 International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development
7 International Civil Aviation Day
9 International Anti-Corruption Day
10 Human Rights Day
11 International Mountain Day
18 International Migrants Day
19 United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation
20 International Human Solidarity Day





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Australia	Gabon	Mauritania	Solomon Islands
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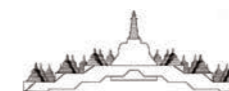
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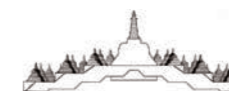
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