



Week of Prayer
for World Peace



the
World Peace
Flame

World Peace Pathway London

As part of the World Peace Pathway London project, the Week of Prayer for World Peace and the World Peace Flame Foundation are delighted to celebrate World Interfaith Harmony Week 2013 with the following Faith Leaders' Statement:

FAITH LEADERS' PEACE STATEMENT

- > **We affirm that the peace of the world must be prayed for by the faiths of the world.**
- > **We acknowledge that love and compassion are the foundations on which each of our faith traditions is built.**
- > **We pledge to set an example by working together to foster a spirit of friendship, understanding and peace between all our communities and to encourage members of our communities to do likewise.**

Signed by:

Indarjit Singh (Lord Singh of Willesden), Director, Network of Sikh Organisations
Dr. Natubhai Shah MBE, Chair/CEO Jain Network
Dr. Shuja Shafi, Deputy Secretary General, Muslim Council of Britain
Ven. B. Seelawimala, Head of Oldest Buddhist Temple, London
Arjan K. Vekaria JP, President Hindu Forum of Britain
Jane Winter, Executive Director Faith Based Foundation Network
Malcolm M. Deboo, President, Zoroastrian Trust Funds of Europe
Ervard Rostam Bhedwar, Trustee and Senior Priest of Zoroastrian Funds of Europe
Rabbi Alan Plancey, Office of Chief Rabbi
Anil Bhanot OBE, Managing Trustee Hindu Council UK
Kishan Manocha, Director, Office of Public Affairs, Baha'i Community of the UK
Steve Miller, Executive Director, Faith based Regeneration Network
Rev. Dr. Toby Howarth, National Adviser for Inter Religious Affairs for the Church of England
Fr. James Elston, St. Pancras Old Church, London
Revd. Sally Lynch, St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead
Katharina Smith-Müller, Inter Religious Adviser to the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales

The World Peace Pathway London, with a solar-powered World Peace Flame at its centre, will be constructed during 2013 in the public garden of the Old St. Pancras Church, at the back of the St. Pancras International Railway Station in the busy heart of Central London. This is an ancient, sacred place which has been a site of prayer since at least the fourth century and will now become the place to take prayer into the future, with people from all backgrounds and traditions coming together to celebrate our diversity and pray for a more peaceful world.

We feel privileged to be able to celebrate this UK Faith Leaders' Statement during World Interfaith Harmony Week, so that The Week of Prayer for World Peace, which was founded in Westminster Abbey in 1974 and which takes place annually in October, can support her sister week with the same aims, thus forming two weeks in every year when we focus on Interfaith prayer and celebration to create a more peaceful world.

The presence in London of the World Peace Pathway with the World Peace Flame will be a magnificent symbol of peace, unity, freedom and truth, reminding us of the power of the human spirit to create peace at any time under any circumstances.

Maggie Brizzi & Jennifer Jackson

Co-Chairs/Secretaries

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