



ACTIVITIES IN LIENZ / AUSTRIA 2020

With greetings from our members of the URI CC Austria „Education creates peace“

We are organizing events during the WIHW since its beginning in 2011 and are very happy about this inspiration every year. It helps our brains to look for new ideas for interreligious cooperation.

The past projects can be found on our webpage: www.bildung-frieden.net

For this year we startet many different activities, some of them will go on during the whole year:

1. „Heaven on Earth“ and the World Religions
2. „House of holy women“ an inspiation from Kenya
3. „One prayer for all religions“
4. „One story for 172 countries“ new with animated videos.
5. A Bell for peace and friendship
6. Heaven on Earth Wiki
7. „The little owl“

A CATHOLIC BISHOP IN A PROTESTANT CHURCH

There was an ecumenical meeting on January 23th with our catholic bishop, Hermann Glettler, from Tyrol, preaching in a protestant church. We gave him a „Heaven on Earth Star“ and more information about the „World Interfaith Harmony Week“ and our different projects for interreligious dialog.



This is a sign for a new time.

„HEAVEN ON EARTH AND THE WORLD RELIGIONS“

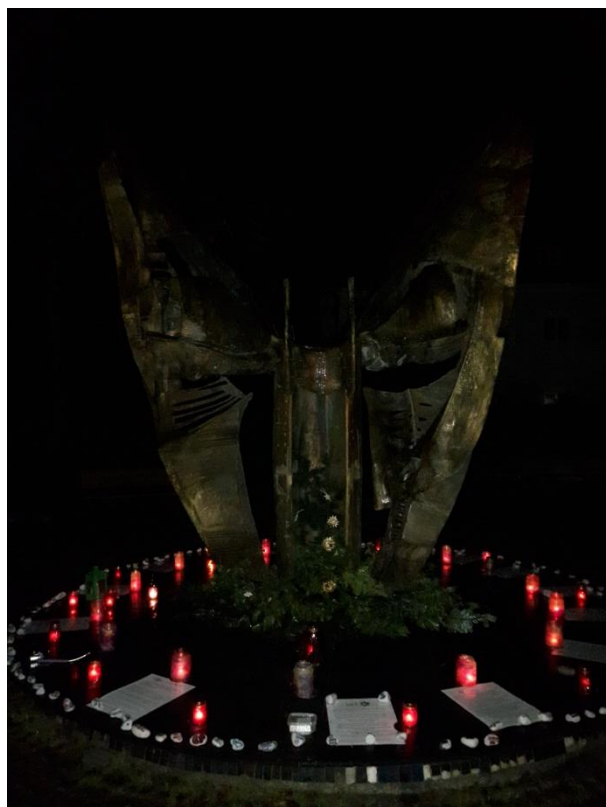
Based on the book „Project Heaven on Earth“ from Martin Rutte in Canada we created posters with words from 13 different religions and put them around a fountain in a park in our city, where many young and old people walk by. There are 3 schools, 1 small university, a public library and a house for refugees near by.

The posters and candles are surrounded by 192 stones with peace messages for every country in the world, made by refugees and pupils.

We started the activity on December 21th, at the winter solstice. On holy days we lit candles on the evening, prayed together and sent our good thoughts with holy smoke to heaven and with the water of a nearby river to other countries.



View during the day



View at night

People really like to read the posters and talk about their insights with us, even those, who do not have a close relationship with religions. And they are always curious, how similar the words from different religions about a special topic sound.

For this years topic „Heaven on Earth“ we asked people to think about 3 questions:

1. Recall a time when you experienced Heaven on Earth. What was happening?
2. Imagine you have a magic wand and with it you can create Heaven on Earth. What is Heaven on Earth for you?
3. What simple, easy, concrete step (s) will you take in the next 24 hours?

It was very interesting to talk to pupils about this questions and we gave them a shiny magic star to remember them on their promises to start co-creating Heaven on Earth.



There are now more than 300 people, who hopefully start every day thinking about, how they may create more Heaven on Earth in their families and all over the world.

Our plan was to continue this talks at the fountain until the end of February. But some bad people stole all the peacestones, posters and candles from the place during one night at the end of January and we could not replace them so quickly. But we will do it for WIHW 2021 for sure.

One unexpected positive outcome was the connection to people in a big city in the next county with our FB page. There is a group painting „Peace stones“ and puts them in open spaces, where people who found them can post a photo on Facebook and leave them on another place in the town. So that „Peace is wandering around“.

They were happy to get to know the „World Interfaith Harmony Week“ for the first time and started to paint special stones for their own project. They also have partners in Germany who liked the idea and painted WIHW stones to put them on public places in their own town.

So from our sad situation with thieves, new „stony peace ambassadors“ found their way in new areas. And they got the story „The little owl“ for their work with children from us.

