

PEACE DOLLARS

A Way to Wage Peace in Hamilton

Peace Dollars were developed by the Hamilton Culture of Peace Network, a branch of the United Nations Association in Canada, which assumed the task of spreading the U.N. Manifesto 2000 with its six logical rules for creating a Culture of Peace.* (See below)

But how could it spread the information to the numerous citizens of Hamilton? Clearly it was ruinous to give away thousands of two-page copies of the Manifesto, so the full text was printed in small type on the backs of Peace Dollars which were offered for sale.

Since their introduction Peace Dollars have raised some \$3,500 and undreds of Peace Dollars have been given away.

Peace Dollars have donated funds to the following charitable efforts:

- The Gandhi Peace Festivals '05 -'08.
- The Annual Conferences on Peace Education in Canada.
- Project Ploughshares Hiroshima/Nagasaki Observances.
- Stewart Memorial Church for its Martin Luther King celebrations.
- The Peace and Conflict Studies Student film festivals at McMaster.
- The Citizen Protection Project - providing Safe Havens in Hamilton for vulnerable people who feel harassed because of ethnic, racial, or religious differences.
- Theatre of Liberation children's project.
- The Skydragon Community Cooperative
- Grants to individuals.

All faith and social justice groups are invited to help spread the U.N. Manifesto message by selling Peace Dollars. By doing so they can raise funds for their own purposes since Peace Dollars can be purchased by such groups at half price.

The Hamilton Culture of Peace Network is a collection of concerned individuals and local groups which promote the six principles of UNESCO's Manifesto 2000:

**Respect all Life; Reject Violence; Share with others; Listen to Understand; Preserve the Planet; Rediscover Solidarity.*

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