



## Living Peace Projects – Charter – Policy plan

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### **A. Vision of Living Peace Projects:**

We believe that the lack of living water (water from natural resources) will be the most important threat to global Harmony & Peace. For that reason, Spiritual Leaders of all faiths have come together on the unified platform of “Living Peace Projects” Foundation to actively give life to their joined vision of working towards World Peace by fostering harmony and collaboration among all religions, jointly documented in their Peace Pledge for loving kindness and compassion, ~~and~~ using such collaboration to ensure that “Living” Water is made available for all in a world which is severely water-stressed.

### **B. Purpose of Living Peace Projects – the Mission.**

Our mission is to create awareness on the importance of our natural water resources, construct water harvesting projects which can provide access to safe drinking water and educate the stakeholders about the need to conserve our living water sources.

To this end, the Spiritual Leaders of all faiths have come together under the common cause of providing Living Water for all. And in doing so, they demonstrate and send out strong messages to their followers to foster peace and harmony among all religions by uniting to serve humanity in its efforts to deal with the negative impacts of the lack of Living water, which could be a potential cause of war (water-wars) and unrest.

This would be achieved by:

- a. **Bringing Spiritual Leaders together through their commitment to the Peace-Pledge<sup>1</sup>** which is intended to bring about peace and harmony in personal lives of followers of all religions and indeed among the human races at large.
- b. **Organizing “Peace Pilgrimages”** (bi-)annually which essentially serve as gatherings of Spiritual Leaders and interested delegates **to demonstrate the Peace Pledge in action**, at locations or sites which are of religious, cultural, or historical eminence.
- c. Using this occasion to hold the **“Living Water Confluence Ritual”** which leads to the creation of **Living Water Jewels**, which provides the financial backbone of the Living Peace Projects.
- d. **Implementing Water “Living Cycles” Projects** which are in the nature of water harvesting and sanitation infrastructures located next to educational and spiritual institutions where they can be

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<sup>1</sup> Appendix A: Peace Pledge

effectively used and maintained like in the premises of running schools, and spiritual institutions in villages which are prone to water scarcity etc.

- e. **Creating awareness** among the populations in various geographies around the key theme of “Save Water, Save Life” **through various Educational Initiatives** related to educating the trainers, publishing books and transcripts, and initiating a crop of Local Youth Ambassadors who can carry the messages to the population at large.

The above formulated pillars reinforce the ownership and buy-in of all stakeholders to the active Commitment<sup>2</sup> which is essentially the realization that water is the most sacred gift to humanity and its absence could lead to wiping out the human civilization.

### **C. Ways of Working:**

#### **a. Governance Structure – Roles and Responsibilities**

The Living Peace Projects follows a clear Governance structure<sup>3</sup> in its ways of working to inspire confidence around the transparency and predictability around its activities. The Governance Structure follows the following layered approach:

- i. **Honorable Board of Directors – Spiritual Council** is made up of the senior spiritual leaders of all religions of the world. The council provides steer and guidance to the whole movement and reinforce the value of this work among various forums to which they might personally or collectively belong. Inter alia, the Spiritual Council will bear the following specific responsibilities:
  - a. Provide the final approval to the Strategy proposed by the Working Board of Directors.
  - b. Any member of the Spiritual Council in whose area of influence the Living Cycles Infrastructure Project is being implemented will act as the Sponsor for that Project and take ownership for successful implementation and maintenance of the project by setting up a project team under him to oversee the project implementation.
- ii. **Board of Directors:** This body is responsible for managing the affairs of the Living Peace Projects Foundation. The roles include:
  - a. Frame the strategy of the Living Peace Projects and propose to the Spiritual Council for approval and/or steer and guidance.
  - b. Organize the Peace Pilgrimage on an agreed timeline
  - c. Develop and Execute Living Cycles Projects in all phases – Identify, Assess, Select, Define and Execute and Handover.
  - d. Fund Raising: Manage all activities needed for raising funds including but not limited to making presentations to potential donors, contributors, managing the manufacture and merchandise of “Living Water Jewels”, publication and sale of books etc.

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<sup>2</sup> Appendix B: Commitment

<sup>3</sup> Appendix C: Governance Structure

- e. Regulatory and Tax Filing Duties – Ensure compliance with all local laws and statues in carrying out the activities of the “Living Peace Projects” supported by local expertise, advised and guided by The Spiritual Council members.
- f. Prepare and Annual Action Plan<sup>4</sup> in Q4 of every year and check quarterly progress on the plan.
- g. Prepare a communication plan to create awareness and highlight the value of the work being done by the Living Peace Projects.
- iii. **Advisory Council:** This works as a sounding board for the members of the Working Board of Directors and advises and guides on the proposed strategy and requirements of local legislation when implementing Water Projects etc. The members also act as ambassadors to gather support and raise funds for the Living Peace Projects.
- iv. **Honorable Ambassadors:** This Group of esteemed individuals will act of ambassadors and Influencers for the Living Peace Projects within their circles of influence.
- v. **Project Delivery Team:** At any time in the future when the Foundation has raised sufficient funds and has more than 2-3 projects in execution phase, a coordination committee will be set up for manage the day-to-day affairs of the project delivery.
- vi. **Young ambassadors:** To be the messenger for spreading the message of Living Water for All – creating awareness on the importance of our sacred water resources

**b. Behaviours**

- i. In line with Peace Pledge, the members respect diversity and do not allow personal religious and cultural difference to come in the way of working together to realize the full intent of bring water to all.
- ii. In talking with stakeholders, the members will show unconditional respect and personal regard in their interactions. Winning support of all stakeholders will guarantee success and so engagements with the stakeholders should be well planned.
- iii. Teamwork is key to success; so, it is expected that the DIAC (Board of Directors & Advisory Council) members make it convenient to attend its regular meetings.

**D. TENURE of the Members**

- i. There is no fixed tenure; members can continue (to review once in 3 years) if they can make time voluntarily to stay associated with the Living Peace Projects. Should any member wish to be relieved of his/membership from the Working Board a two months’ notice in writing should be given to the Chair of the Board.
- ii. The Chair can choose to appointment new members.

**E. MEETING FREQUENCY**

- iii. The frequency meeting of the Honorable Board of Directors will be annual – i.e., during the Peace Pilgrimage. The Chair can call for an extraordinary meeting.

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<sup>4</sup> Appendix D: Annual Action Plan

- iv. The frequency of meeting of the Working Board will be quarterly. Chairperson can call for an extraordinary meeting.
- v. The secretary will prepare the Minutes of Meeting for every meeting of the Working Board.

**F. Budget:**

The Finance Member of the Working Board will prepare an annual Budget required for to meet the expenses of various activities and inform the members of the status of the fund raising at every meeting.

## Appendix A: Peace Pledge



### The Peace Pledge to Live Loving-Kindness & Compassion

THE JOURNEY OF LIFE IS A PILGRIMAGE;  
BEAUTIFUL QUALITIES ARE A COMPASS

Intending to advance peace and harmony in our personal lives and  
in the world, we affirm the following:

We commit to treat all lives with loving-kindness & compassion.

We reject the distortions of religious, national, and racial prejudice, which are used to  
violate the Golden Rule to treat others as we wish to be treated.

We respect the diversity of ways people pursue their individual ideals.



We challenge the misuse of beliefs, rites, rituals, practices, philosophies, and traditions used  
to degrade anyone or which could lead to violence. We affirm the necessity of bringing  
loving-kindness & compassion into action.

Through such actions, we seek to improve the relationships of people, one nation to  
another, one religion to another, one belief system to another, one gender to another, one  
race to another, and one person to another.

**We call upon all people of good will to join this pledge.**

We pledge that in all we intend, think, and do, we shall strive to bring loving-kindness  
& compassion into action and into the lives of all we meet.

## Appendix B: Our Commitment:



# Our Commitment Water for All, Water for Life

Water is essential for life. It is recognized as a sacred gift by all the world's religions. It is recognized as a human right by all the world's governments.





Failure to ensure healthy life-giving water to all people poses a threat to global harmony and peace. Climate change amplifies the need to protect water.

Yet, this precious resource is not being adequately protected and shared; enormous unnecessary suffering arises from this neglect.


Without water - no life: Without water - no peace

Protecting the sacred gift of water is our commitment to ensure a healthy sustainable today and tomorrow. From a sense of gratitude and love of life and appreciation for the sacred gift of water, we ask you to join our commitment.

*Therefore:*

 <p>We commit, individually and collectively, to work to ensure the fulfillment of the human right to safe clean water for all.</p>	 <p>We commit to optimize uses of water in our personal lives and policies and practices of our nations and communities.</p>
 <p>We commit to be mindful of and grateful for our personal uses of water.</p>	 <p>We commit to educate and inspire others on the preciousness of water.</p>

Please Join Us.



Appendix C: Governance Structure

<b>Honourable Board of Directors - The Spiritual Council</b>	
H.H. The 12th Tai Situ Rinpoche	India
Brigitte Madeleine van Baren Seikó-An	Netherlands
Angaangaq Angakkorsuaq	Greenland
Rabbi Awraham Soetendorp	Netherlands
H.H. Pujya Swami Chidanand Saraswati	India
Bhai Sahib Mohinder Singh	United Kingdom
Syed Salman Chishty	India
<b>Board of Directors</b>	
Brigitte Madeleine van Baren	Chair, NL
Thijs Linthorst, Chair Founder Strat-scan	Secretary & Member – Strategy and Contributor Relations, NL
Ted van den Bergh, former director Triodos Foundation	Member – NL
Baroruchi Mishra, Group CEO NET Enterprise	Member – Technical and Project Delivery, India/ NL
Jalbert Kuijper fin Advisor entrepreneur	Member – Finance, NL
<b>Advisory Council</b>	
Alphonsus Stoelinga , former ambassador NL in India	NL
Vikas Chaturvedi, Chair Founder Valuecent & Assochiam Europe	India
Rima Yadav former strategic pol. advisor Embassy NL	India
Shazia Ilmi, spokes person Bharatiya Party	India
<b>Honourable Ambassadors</b>	
Chief Arvol Looking Horse	USA
Pir Shabda Kahn	USA
Jonathan Granoff	USA
Sadhvi Bhagavad Saraswati	India
Sister Jayanti Kirpalani	UK
Pir Zia Inayat Khan	USA
Brahmarishi Mohanji	India
Devi Mohan	Slovenia
Audrey Kitagawa	US
Ezekiel Olekatato	Kenya
Maureen Goodman	UK
Valeriane Bernard	France
Rabbi Gabriel Hagai	France
Ivy Smith	New Zealand

Jef Boeckmans	NL
Dr A.K. Merchant	India
<b>YOUNG AMBASSADORS</b>	
Mila Mohan	<b>Slovenia</b>
Samar Chishty	India
Prubleen Kaur, Bhogal	U.K.
Mohamad Al Jounde	Syria
Jorn Beltman	Netherlands
Viviane Franco Hernandez	Colombia
Abidemi Tolulope Kuye	Nigeria
Shaurya Yadav	India
Ghulam Rasool Dehlvi	India
Daniel Koster	Netherlands
Floris Reurts	Netherlands
Sherlien Sanches	Netherlands
Orion Appollo Romero	U.S.A.
Lisa Snoek	Netherlands
Zaina Zaidi	India



**Appendix D: Annual Action Plan 2024 (High Level Plans 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027)**

Focus Areas	Description	Q1'21	Q2'21	Q3'21	Q4'21
Fund-Raising Strategy Discussions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1st Living Cycles Water House realized at Palpung Sherabling Monastic Seat/India</li> </ul>		✓		
Living Cycles Project Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spread message that Living Water Jewels support the Living Cycles project (Brandclick team on social media)</li> </ul>	✓			
Planning for Oct – Nov Peace Pilgrimage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Start Living Water Cycles workshops for teachers</li> <li>June 21st starting Save Water – Save Life campaign – fundraising Living Water Campaigns Mathura &amp; Dehradun : cleaning 16 miles Yamuna / Rispina &amp; Binal including new Living Cycles buildings India</li> <li>November Peace Pilgrimage for Active Peace Merging Living Water Ceremony Bodhgaya 27 water sources</li> </ul>		✓		
		✓	✓	✓	
Communications and Organizing the Peace Pilgrimage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Endorsement of the ‘Water for All Commitment’ document by as many people as possible...</li> <li>Integrate Water Springs book Hindi, Punjabi - Urdu Malayalam, Tibetan - English in educational programs schools India</li> <li>Short videos on social media from spiritual leaders: short video messages: Water is Life / inviting all to join ‘Water For All’ Commitment</li> <li>Communication – social media plan: team Brandclick,</li> <li>Start Mathura Living Water Clean Up Yamuna Campaign</li> <li>Start Dehradun Living Water Clean Up Binal &amp; Rispina Campaign</li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓	
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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2025- 2027 High Level Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Follow up Living Water Mathura &amp; Dehradun Campaign 50 new Living Cycles Water Houses to be built in India</li> <li>➤ Water Springs book I in more languages</li> <li>➤ Water Springs book II New Version including more Sacred Water Sources</li> <li>➤ Expanding educational Living Water Cycle workshops for teachers</li> <li>➤ Peace pilgrimage options, New Zealand - Alpes Italy / Switzerland</li> </ul>				
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