

DECLARATION OF PEACE

This is the declaration of peace adopted by the World Peace Conference participants on Jan. 26, 1975.

We, the delegates of the International Buddhist League, with the awareness that life is the inalienable right of every human being regardless of race, nationality, language or custom, and with the unwavering determination to uphold the sanctity of life throughout the world, do hereby resolve to unite in the common cause of securing lasting peace for all mankind.

Whereas the prime point for the establishment of peace rests in the absolute value of human life, we are determined to propagate a universal awareness in the hearts of men that life is irreplaceable and of the greatest value.

In order to secure global peace, we realize that our most urgent task is the strengthening the bonds between the hearts of individual human beings; rather than the establishment of economic or political ties between nations; and we will forever strive to build deep and heartfelt friendship among the people of every land.

In what manner can we contribute to peace among men? Because the happiness of human beings is necessary to lasting peace, we will exert our utmost efforts in contributing to a joy of life in order to ensure a survival of humanity itself. Furthermore, we will promote compassion among all people of the world as the credo of our age.

Having endured the horrors of two world wars in this century, we acknowledge our noble mission to make the forthcoming 21st century a Century of Life; a golden age of humanism and warmth in which all people will cherish the sanctity of life.

Therefore, we will strive, under the banner of the dignity of life, to bring forth a renaissance of humanism in the remaining 25 years of this century, and to create new waves of peace in the hearts of all men. We hereby affirm our resolution to further these ideals and to establish lasting peace throughout the world.