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For Immediate Release

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Summer festivals are winding down and we head into fall fair season. And then what?

The Boundary Peace Initiative (BPI) has some fun planned before the autumn chill sets in. **PEACE IN, PEACE OUT!** begins at 4 pm September 20<sup>th</sup> to continue until 4 pm September 21<sup>st</sup> at the USCC Community Center in Grand Forks. Being it's the Fall Solstice and International Day of Peace it's a perfect time to support the work of peace, socio-economic justice and environmental sustainability. If you can't come then participate on line because it will be live streamed (details to come).

And what's happening? 24 hours of entertainment, speakers, activities, contests, and a Silent Auction. Who gives the best hugs--Rosemarie Conant from Fort St. James will defend her title as the best hugger and to challenge her are Laura, Ted and maybe others. Then you can pledge who will stay awake the longest—Laura, Dave, Larry and others are up for that challenge. And a few surprises along the way.

A Bistro will offer coffee, tea, homemade juice and goodies for a donation.

And children we haven't forgotten about you. All day Saturday there are fun things to do: like yoga, sign and peace flag making and much more. And hey your talent is not being ignored either. Can you dance, can you sing, can you play an instrument or recite a poem, tell a joke, do a magic trick or a trick with your cat or your dog or something else? Make sure your family comes with you and then hang around for all the other fun things. And guess what Peri the Fairy will be around as well. And kids 12 and older we can use your help, so contact Laura to volunteer.

Who's coming? Well, that is an awesome list. The likes of Doug Koyama from Quesnel, Edith Wallace from Vancouver then add in Raghu Lokanathan from Prince George as well as Rose and Bud from Bella Coola and what about Ross Douglss from Point Roberts, Washington and Ali McCormick from Wells. And don't forget Grand Forks raised Stepan Soroka and Selfist ready to rock your socks off. Do you think that's enough? Well, there may be a few more but we will let you know.

The list of local performers is being confirmed and will come your way soon. Speakers include local and provincial politicians and activists from across the country and around the world.

Are you interested? We hope so. Admission is by donation. Be prepared to bid at the Silent Auction, take part in contests and activities while you learn about local groups sharing their information. For those who can't be here in person we're setting up donation access so visit our Face Book Events Page or the BPI website to find out how.

We ask those who join us at the hall to respect USCC policy; no alcohol or drugs, no smoking, toking or vaping, and no meat, fish or poultry will be allowed.

It takes a community to support each other as we strive for a better world. Every event happens with the help of many hands so if you have a wee bit or a lot of time to lend, call Laura at 250-444-0524 or Email Laura at [l4peace@telus.net](mailto:l4peace@telus.net) .

Remember this is a fund raiser so we encourage you to donate. We hope to raise enough funds to bring the world to Grand Forks by hosting conferences with global participants. And the world will learn that Grand Forks is a member of the Mayors for Peace, is a nuclear weapons free zone and one of the first cities that insisted Canada stay out of Iraq. Come join us September 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> for an hour or more.

In Universal Kinship and Loving Peace,

Laura Savinkoff

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