

The Mothers' Day Walk for Peace Is Back on Track in 2022

The 39th Annual Mothers' Day Walk for Peace is happening this May 8th on the grassy lawns of the U.S. Canada Border Crossing on Highway 97 between Oroville and Osoyoos.

The event has continued since 1983 when American peace activists met with Canadians to receive a mock up of a Cruise Missile representing opposition to testing of the devices at Cold Lake Alberta.

Afterwards, the Americans took the 'cruise missile' to the gates of the Boeing Works in Seattle where they staged a lively public protest against the arms industry.

The Mothers' Day Walk for Peace was observed virtually during recent Covid-19 cautions.

This Mother's Day Walk for Peace will once again be on foot from Haynes Point Provincial Park at 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 8th and from the Oroville Library at noon.

Those unable to walk can go to the border and greet the walkers from both directions.

As usual, advance arrangements are made with both US and Canadian authorities.

In Canada there is some parking and border guards will direct you to the meeting place.

The celebration in song, dance, verse and conversation happens from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

There are presently armed conflicts everywhere on the globe, affecting ordinary people of different nationalities, ethnicity, religions and race. All those who are everywhere affected by the upheavals of war are the concern of the Mothers' Day Walk for Peace.

Keeping in mind that the Mothers' Day Walk for Peace is about promoting peace and friendship among all people, everyone is invited to participate on Sunday May 8th at the US / Canada Border.

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Appeal to womanhood throughout the world

By: Julia Ward Howe; written in 1870

Again, in the sight of the Christian world, have the skill and power of two great nations exhausted themselves in mutual murder. Again have the sacred questions of international justice been committed to the fatal mediation of military weapons. In this day of progress, in this century of light, the ambition of rulers has been allowed to barter the dear interests of domestic life for the bloody exchanges of the battle field. Thus men have done. Thus men will do. But women need no longer be made a party to proceedings which fill the globe with grief and horror. Despite the assumptions of physical force, the mother has a sacred and commanding word to say to the sons who owe their life to her suffering. That word should now be heard, and answered to as never before.

{ Ed. Note: Sadly, not much has changed, except that the weapons used are much more deadly and destructive. }



Mother's Day Walk for Peace

39th YEAR
AFFIRMING
PEACE AND
FRIENDSHIP
BETWEEN
PEOPLES

*War is not
The Answer*

Sunday, May 8th, 2022

lawns of the Oroville-Osoyoos Border on Highway 97

Americans meet at The Oroville Library at Noon

Canadians Walk from Haynes Point Provincial Park at 1 p.m.

Those unable to walk can go to the border
and greet the walkers from both directions.

Celebrations at The Border between 2 and 4 p.m.

Talks, Poems, Songs, Skits and other Presentations.

Everyone is Welcome

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Mothers' Day Proclamation

By: Julia Ward Howe, Boston, 1870

Mother's Day was originally started after the Civil War, as a protest to the carnage of that war, by women who had lost their sons.

Arise, then, women of this day! Arise all women who have hearts, whether our baptism be that of water or of fears!

Say firmly: "We will not have great questions decided by irrelevant agencies. Our husbands shall not come to us, reeking with carnage, for caresses and applause. Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn all that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy and patience.

We women of one country will be too tender of those of another country to allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs. From the bosom of the devastated earth a voice goes up with our own. It says "Disarm, Disarm! The sword of murder is not the balance of justice."

Blood does not wipe our dishonor nor violence indicate possession. As men have often forsaken the plow and the anvil at the summons of war, let women now leave all that may be left of home for a great and earnest day of counsel. Let them meet first, as women, to bewail and commemorate the dead.

Let them then solemnly take counsel with each other as to the means whereby the great human family can live in peace, each bearing after their own time the sacred impress, not of Caesar, but of God.

In the name of womanhood and of humanity, I earnestly ask that a general congress of women without limit of nationality may be appointed and held at some place deemed most convenient and at the earliest period consistent with its objects, to promote the alliance of the different nationalities, the amicable settlement of international questions, the great and general interests of peace.



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Statement of ICC Prosecutor, Karim A.A. Khan QC, on the Situation in Ukraine: "I have decided to proceed with opening an investigation."

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Last Friday, I expressed my increasing concern, echoing those of world leaders and citizens of the world alike, over the events unfolding in Ukraine.

Today, I wish to announce that I have decided to proceed with opening an investigation into the Situation in Ukraine, as rapidly as possible.

Ukraine is not a State Party to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court ("ICC" or the "Court"), so cannot itself refer the situation to my Office. But it has twice exercised its prerogatives to legally accept the Court's jurisdiction over alleged crimes under the Rome Statute occurring on its territory, should the Court choose to exercise it. The [first declaration](#) lodged by the Government of Ukraine accepted ICC jurisdiction with respect to alleged crimes committed on Ukrainian territory from 21 November 2013 to 22 February 2014. The [second declaration](#) extended this time period on an open-ended basis to encompass ongoing alleged crimes committed throughout the territory of Ukraine from 20 February 2014 onwards.

I have reviewed the Office's [conclusions](#) arising from the preliminary examination of the Situation in Ukraine, and have confirmed that there is a reasonable basis to proceed with opening an investigation. In particular, I am satisfied that there is a reasonable basis to believe that both alleged war crimes and crimes against humanity have been committed in Ukraine in relation to the events already assessed during the preliminary examination by the Office. Given the expansion of the conflict in recent days, it is my intention that this investigation will also encompass any new alleged crimes falling within the jurisdiction of my Office that are committed by any party to the conflict on any part of the territory of Ukraine.

I have already tasked my team to explore all evidence preservation opportunities. The next step is to proceed with the process of seeking and obtaining authorisation from the Pre-Trial Chamber of the Court to open an investigation. An alternative route set out in the Statute that could further expedite matters would be for an ICC State Party to refer the situation to my Office, which would allow us to actively and immediately proceed with the Office's independent and objective investigations.

I will also be asking for the support of all States Parties and the international community as a whole as my Office sets about its investigations. I will be calling

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Our Mission

The Boundary Peace Initiative represents people of diverse backgrounds officially brought together in 2002 because of our mutual concern for the rise in world conflict. Our mandate is to participate in multilateral non-violent conflict resolution in support of global human rights, ecological and environmental sustainability and international law through education, sharing of information, dialogue and activism locally and globally. We encourage and seek your participation in our mutual work for true peace based on social justice, equality, accountability, integrity, honour, respect, etc in order to build a better world today and future generations.

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Tax me not
for the purpose of war
when the world
is in need of peace.
Guns and bombs
can never buy
democracy's release.

Take my dollar
and build a bridge
between opposing sides
let understanding and dialogue
conquer what divides.

Invest in peace
and you will make
the world a better place
where in the need
for guns and bombs
will be at last, erased.

by Jeevan Bhagwat

From the 2011 archives of Conscience Canada Fall Newsletter.

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www.poetsagainstawar.ca

(From page 2) **Statement of ICC Prosecutor**, for additional budgetary support, for voluntary contributions to support all our situations, and for the loan of gratis personnel. The importance and urgency of our mission is too serious to be held hostage to lack of means.

I will continue to closely follow developments on the ground in Ukraine, and again call for restraint and strict adherence to the applicable rules of international humanitarian law.

If anyone has information relevant to the Situation, this can be submitted to my Office via: otp.informationdesk@icc-cpi.int.

Statement of Protest

April 28, 2022

Steering Committee, Organizing Committee of the World Conference against A and H Bombs

We strongly protest against the repeated statements by President Putin, Foreign Minister Lavrov and other Russian leaders threatening to use nuclear weapons. The nuclear weapons are the "weapons of absolute evil" which, if used, would cause catastrophic humanitarian consequences, and the use of which can never be accepted.

The use of nuclear weapons or any other weapons of mass destruction is an outright violation of the UN Charter, the Treaty on the Prohibition of nuclear weapons, other international laws and the international humanitarian law. It constitutes a crime against humanity, which cannot be justified for any reason or in any circumstances whatsoever. There should never be another Hiroshima or Nagasaki anywhere on earth.

We call on the Russian Government to scrap all plans and actions relating to the use or threat of nuclear weapons, end the war operations without delay, withdraw all forces, and be engaged in the resolution of the conflicts by peaceful means.

We appeal to all peace-loving people in Japan and all over the world to take action to never ever allow the use of nuclear weapons, to stop the war and to realize a total ban and the elimination of nuclear weapons to achieve a world free of nuclear weapons. To put an end to the crisis and open a future, the success in the 2022 World Conference against A and H Bombs (August 4-9 in Hiroshima and Nagasaki) is now more important than ever. Let us do our utmost for that!

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WHAT'S UP?

United Nations International Days of Action

May 3: World Press Freedom Day

May 15: International Day of Families

May 16: International Day of Living Together in Peace

May 21: World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development

May 23: International Day to End Oostetic Fistula

May 29: International Day of U.N. Peacekeepers

MOTHERS DAY WALK FOR PEACE: May 8th @

Osoyoos/Oroville border crossing; Canada walk from **Haynes Point at 1 pm**; USA walk from **Oroville Library at noon**; program at border starts at **2 pm**. Unable to walk go to the border and greet the walkers.

Voice your opinion to the Prime Minister and all MPs. Free postage: {Name of MP}, Parliament Buildings, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6

Go to the Government of Canada website for MP contact information at <http://www.canada.gc.ca>

The BPI welcomes your input. Articles may not be common consensus of members. To submit articles contact Laura at **250-444-0524 or 250-442-0434** or email **L4peace@telus.net**.

The BPI is an affiliate of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, Peace Pledge Union, Stop Ecocide Canada, Abolition 2000 & CNANW and works with local and global peace, social justice and environmental groups.

MOTHERS' DAY WALK FOR PEACE



Imagine a flock of pigeons in a corn field. Imagine that ninety-nine of them, instead of pecking the corn they need and using it as they need it, start to collect all they can into one big heap. Imagine that they do not leave much corn for themselves, but save this big heap of corn on behalf of the vilest and worst in their flock. Imagine that they all sit in a circle and watch this one pigeon, who squanders and wastes this wealth. And then imagine that they rush at a weak pigeon who is the most hungry among them who dares to take one grain from the heap without permission, and they punish him. If you can imagine this, then you can understand the day-to-day behaviour of mankind.

William Paley

Washing one's hands of the conflict between the powerful and the powerless means to side with the powerful, not to be neutral.

Paola Friere