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International Day of Peace - white comprises all the colours of the rainbow

In viewing the conflicts and horrendous acts of violence occurring all over the globe, let us be aware that even in these trouble spots there is still much good occurring at the ground level. We can celebrate peace by striving to do our bit here.

The United Nations recognises 21 September as the International Day of Peace – a day of reflection on the reality that the world does not usually conform to the black and white scenarios of a simplistic dualism, but is rather more complicated than that. One could say, using colour as metaphor, that the world's situations come in all the colours of the rainbow. Therefore, if we are going to enjoy this delightful world, rather than trying to make others conform to our 'colour', we need to learn to celebrate diversity of views, cultures, languages, religions etc. This is such a day.

The Knox Inter-faith Network logo, representing in part the rainbow, acknowledges the value of all 'colours'. But did you know that the colours of the rainbow are actually refracted white light?

Did you also know that the dove, white in colour, is an international symbol of peace? So the Knox Inter-faith Network is contributing to the Women's Federation of World Peace '*Bridge of Peace*' program, which starts at 11am on Saturday, 20 September 2014 at the Burrinja Cultural Centre in Upwey, by releasing doves during the event.

The Knox Inter-faith Network serves under a banner of unity, cooperation, respect and hope in our fragile relationships. The Network aims to encourage better understanding of religious communities in Knox, so that these communities can co-exist peacefully and productively with each other and the broader community.

For details about the Network itself, please contact our secretary Peter Evans at secretary.kin@knoxinterfaith.org.au

Our next Network meeting is to be held on Monday, 6 October 2014 from 7:00pm at the Knox Civic Centre.

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