

What Is a Peace Site?

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Peace Sites are places where groups congregate, socialize, and study. They can be religious and humanist institutions, peace centers, community centers, schools, colleges, offices, and businesses. At least one municipality, Cranford, became a Peace Site. Web sites can also be Peace Sites, linked to other web sites and carrying the ideals of physical peace sites.

Each site determines its own way to work for peace. Some hold Peace Fair Days, sharing ethnic food, song and dance to bring the community together for a day of celebration; Peace Succoths in parks, sharing a holiday for Peace/Salaam/Shalom; and annual events honoring a local outstanding worker for peace. Others organize film showings and speakers at community meetings; participate in activities of peace groups like NJPA; or provide meeting space.

HISTORY OF THE PEACE SITE NETWORK

In 1980, Louis Kousin (recently retired and concerned about society's well-being and that of his first grandchild) resolved to address the issue of nuclear war. Sensitive to the multiple sites devoted to warfare—military bases and factories—Kousin promoted its antonym—Peace Sites, where education for peace, programs and plans for peace could be initiated, reinforced and expanded. Interested in becoming a peace site? Ask NJPA for a peace site information packet!

Peace Site List

- **American Muslim Union**, 110 Squire Hill Rd., Upper Montclair, 07043-2516, Magdy F. Mahmoud, 973-650-2009
- **The Church of the Redeemer**, 36 South St., Morristown, 07960, 973-539-0703
- **Ethical Culture Society**, 516 Prospect St., Maplewood, 07040, Terri Suess, 973-763-1905
- **Felician Sisters, Immaculate Conception Province**, 260 Main St., Lodi, 07644, Sister Mary Ellen, C.S.S.F.

- **First Reformed Church of Secaucus**, 53 Centre Ave., Secaucus, 07094, (201)867-9178.
- **First Unitarian Universalist Church of Essex County**, 35 Cleveland St., Orange, 07050, 973-674-0010
- **Lakeland Unitarian Church**, 231 Parish Dr., Wayne, 07470, Jane Hutchison, 973-696-6362
- **Montclair Friends Meeting**, 289 Park St. Montclair, NJ 07042
- **Mt. Bethel Baptist Church**, 399 So. Broad St., Ridgewood, 07451, Rev. Thomas Johnson, 201-445-9108
- **Our Lady of Sorrows**, 93 Clerk St., Jersey City, 07305, Sister Alice McCoy, 201-433-0626, OLS9395@aol.com
- **Rahway/Plainfield Friends Meeting House**, 225 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, 07061, Joyce Marshall, 908-233-8734
- **Religious Society of Friends**, 289 Park St., Upper Montclair, 07043, Margaret White, 973-744-5052
- **Resurrection School**, 189 Brunswick St., Jersey City, 07302, Sister Eleanor Uhl, Co-Principal, 201-653-1699
- **Ridgewood United Methodist Church**, 100 Dayton St., Ridgewood, 07451, Cecilia Logan, 201-652-2868
- **St. Helena School**, 930 Grove Ave., Edison, 08820, Sister Mary Charles, Principal, 732-549-6234
- **St. John's Episcopal Church**, 61 Broad St., Elizabeth, 07207 (908)352-2220, Rev. Joe Parish
- **St. Joseph Social Service Center**, 118 Division St., Elizabeth (908)354-5456, Sr.
- **Sisters of Mercy**, 1645 US Highway 22, Watchung, 07069, Sister Dorothy Flynn, 908-756-0994 ext. 4039, lynnd@newjerseymercy.org
- **St. Paul's Baptist Church**, 119 Elm St., Montclair, 07042, Rev. Michael J. Cox, 973-746-8338
- **St. Peter Claver Church**, 56 Elmwood Ave., Montclair, 07042, Rev. Richard Carlson, 973-783-4852
- **Unitarian Church of Montclair**, 67 Church St., Montclair, 07042. Charles Blustein Ortman, (973)744-6276, cbortman@aol.com
- **Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Somerset Hills Office**: 45 N. Gaston Avenue, Somerville (908) 722-0601 uucsh@uucsh.org

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