Participants of One Billion Youth for Peace 4th Anniversary Celebration

The fourth anniversary of “One Billion Youth for Peace” was held at Karickam International Public School on 19th August, 2023. The movement has enrolled more than 100,000 youngsters as peace ambassadors so far, which is a great achievement.

Sri. Bhavya Srivastava, New Delhi
(URI South Asia Executive Director)

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(URI Global Support Staff)

Editorial

Dear Fellow Pilgrims,

I am thrilled to address you again, when so many new programs are in the offing. 4th World Peace Summit will be held at Kovalam on 10th and 11th February, 2024. The first International Peace Award of “One Billion Youth for Peace” will also be distributed during the summit.

It was my privilege to attend the URI European Assembly from 28th September to 3rd October. My visit to Finland was also extremely fruitful as I was able to visit a few exemplary schools in Helsinki. It was an honour to attend the North Zone Assembly also in New Delhi from 28 to 30 October.

So happy to note that URI is flourishing in different corners of our World. South Zone Assembly was held at Kulasekharam which was very fruitful. Let us all work tirelessly for a bright future for the whole humanity.

Prof. Dr. Abraham Karickam
“Training on Disaster Management”
11-13 September 2023, at Hotel Highland, Kottarakara

A three day training on Disaster Management was conducted at Kottarakara from 11 - 14 September. Delegates from 50 NGOs from different parts of India attended. The program was organized jointly by Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, New Delhi, URI South India Region and VAIGAI Trust, Tamil Nadu.

Prof. K.V Thomas, Kerala Government representative at New Delhi inaugurated the event in the presence of many leaders from different organizations. Dr. Alexander Jacob IPS, Rajat Thomas, Sathyankumar (KSDMA), Joe George, Suresh Kumar and K.G Mathaikutty were main resource persons.

ONE BILLION YOUTH FOR PEACE 4TH ANNIVERSARY
19TH AUGUST, 2023

Fourth Anniversary of One Billion Youth for Peace was held on 19th August at KIPS, Karickam. Dr. Alexander Jacob IPS (Former Director General of Police, Kerala) inaugurated the program. Around 200 delegates attended. Acharya Sri Sachidananda Bharathi declared the first International Peace Award instituted by “One Billion Youth for Peace”, during the valedictory function. Prof Dr. Abraham Karickam presided.
NAGASAKI DAY - WHITE FLAG MARCH
9TH AUGUST 2023

A white flag march was conducted on 9th August in collaboration with Karickam International Public School and All Kerala Balajana Sakhyam, as part of Peace Week celebration. Around six hundred students and CC representatives took part. Kumari Sreya Anna John, State Executive Member, All Kerala Balajana Sakhyam inaugurated the program.

One Billion Youth for Peace Campaign and New CC Inauguration at Sarvodaya Central School, Trivandrum

G20 Interfaith Summit, Pune

Two of our youth ambassadors Greshma P. Raju and Prof. Ardra P. Manoj were special invitees at the G20 Interfaith Summit held at the MIT World Peace University, Pune. Greshma is Director of Eco Peace Teen Cafe and Ardra is Secretary General of “One Billion Youth for Peace”. Hearty Congrats.

Joseph Chacko Felicitated

Sri. Joseph Chacko Director of URI Peace Centre, Thiruvalla was felicitated during the Zonal meet at Kulasekharam. President of Dalit Ecumenical Federation CC, he had donated three cents of land for the Peace Centre. Joseph Chacko has been serving as the Director of the Centre for the past 15 years.

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A training on “Waste Management” was conducted at Government Women’s College, Trivandrum on 14th September, 2023, under the joint auspices of Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, New Delhi and URI South India Region. It was inaugurated by Prof. K.V Thomas in the presence of Jeremia George IAS, District Collector. Jyothish Chandran G, Director Suchithwa Mission, Dr. Anuradha V.K, Principal, Government College for Women, Dr. Abraham Karickam, Prof. Dr. Anil and K.G Mathaikutty spoke on the occasion.

Delegates of URI European Assembly at the Peace Mountain, where a Peace Bell was instituted by Elisabeth and team in Liens, Austria.

When the pioneers met at Liens, Austria during the URI European Assembly. Rev. Canon Dr. Charles Gibbs (first Executive Director), Sally Mahe (first staff member at the San Francisco Office), Dr. Abraham Karickam (first Co-ordinator of South India Region and Karima Stauch (first Co-ordinator of URI Europe).

With students of Rwanda, during the URI Global Council meeting in June 2023. Biff Bernard, Ravi Kandage, Abraham Karickam and Issac Thomas are in Rwanda with students.
**PRAYER FOR MANIPUR**
9th July, 2023

URI South India Region conducted a prayer service for Manipur, with the co-operation of YMCA and several other churches and organizations at Karickam on 9th July, 2023. Abraham Karickam inaugurated the same in the presence of several priests and social leaders.

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**URI South India Region, Zonal Assembly- 2023**
21st October, 2023 at Sree Ramakrishna International School, Kulasekharam

South India Zonal meet was held at the Sri Rama Krishna International School, Kulasekharam. Around 125 delegates from Tamil Nadu and Kerala participated. Sri. Bhavya Srivastava, Asia Executive Director was the Chief Guest. Three members to the Zonal Committee from Tamil Nadu were elected.

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**SRI LANKAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, 2023**

Sri Lankan URI National Assembly was conducted at Nuwara Eliya from 2-3 September, 2023. There was a good delegation from India also. The assembly was conducted after a gap of four years. Dr. Abraham Karickam gave Key-note address during inauguration.

It was a pleasure to meet Dr. A.T Ariaratna, the Sri Lankan Gandhi at his residence in Moratuwa, before the assembly in Newara Eliya.
The first International Peace Award of “One Billion Youth for Peace” will be given to Carlos Palma of Living Peace International, Rome. The award carries 100,000/- Indian Rupees and a citation. It will be given away on February 11, 2024 at Kovalam during the World Peace Summit held under the joint auspices of URI South India, Inter Religious Dialogue for Sustainable Development Goals (IRD4SDG) and World Yoga Community, New York.