

'The powerful thing about prayer for world peace, I think, is that it envelops everything, embraces everything, and lets everything come alive. I think there are various tools that can help human beings to respect one another and bring out the best in one another. There is not just one way to pray for world peace. How wonderful it would be if we could introduce a variety of such tools to each other and cover the world with love and gratitude.'



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Transatlantic Dialogue Luxembourg

Re-imagining the Tower of Babel

Peace Pole

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The Transatlantic Dialogue, a collaborative initiative between the University of Luxembourg and Miami University, Ohio, was awarded the 2020 Luxembourg Peace Prize for “Outstanding Peace Education” by the Schengen Peace Foundation.

The TAD is a global conference series, held in Luxembourg since 2008, which aims to explore the significance of culture and liberal education in fostering global citizenship from US and European perspectives.

The prize for “Outstanding Peace Education” recognizes the Transatlantic Dialogue’s efforts to foster a culture of peace among all ages and groups, including minorities everywhere, and its global impact over the years.

In this context, the “May Peace Prevail on Earth International” movement has decided to dedicate a Peace Pole to the University of Luxembourg.

*As mentioned on the movement’s home page, the Peace Pole is an internationally recognized symbol representing the hopes and dreams of the entire human family, standing vigil in silent prayer for peace on earth. Each Peace Pole bears the message “**May Peace Prevail on Earth**” in different languages on each of its four sides. There are estimated to be over 250,000 Peace Poles in every country in the world dedicated as monuments to peace.*

‘Planting a Peace Pole is a way of bringing people together to inspire, awaken and uplift the human consciousness the world over. Peace Poles remind us to think, speak and act in the spirit of peace and harmony. They stand as a silent visual plea for peace to prevail on earth.’

The challenges our world presents today can seem unprecedented. Profound differences over the complex issues confronting us manifest themselves in loud and often discouraging public debates over everything from how we should best foster human prosperity to how we can address each other on an equal footing, protect our fundamental freedoms and care for the most vulnerable and marginalized among us.

By building an inclusive human community in which each of us can thrive, we will be well positioned throughout our lives to generate new knowledge and solve new problems, to engage in creative expression, to lead in compassion, to serve others purposefully and to help those around us to do the same.

If we want to achieve true peace and understanding between people, we have no other choice than to take up this responsibility, not for our own reward but because we have a responsibility and obligation to provide mindful leadership where we are called to do so.

‘Mankind must remember that peace is not God’s gift to his creatures; peace is our gift to each other.’

Elie Wiesel



Inaugural remarks by François Carbon (26.05.2021)