

## How About a Peace Pole for Church of the Good Shepherd?

**Proposal:** That on Good Shepherd Sunday (May 15) we dedicate a Peace Pole which would be installed in the little courtyard outside the Chapel entrance.

### What is a Peace Pole?

A Peace Pole is a four sided monument that displays the message: "May Peace Prevail On Earth" in various languages of choice. Peace Poles are planted or displayed to "plant" the idea of peace in the minds and hearts of those who see them. Some noteworthy sites with Peace Poles include: the Pyramids of El Giza, Egypt, the Magnetic North Pole in Canada, the Allenby Bridge between Israel and Jordan, Mt. Fuji, Japan and at the United Nations in New York.

### Why have a Peace Pole at Good Shepherd?

A Peace Pole would be a statement that we are in favor of peace and non-violence in our neighborhood and in the world. A Peace Pole would unite us with all those in the world who are actively seeking peace. Jesus said, "Blessed are the Peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." (Matt 5:9)

### What would a Peace Pole look like?

The pole we are considering is made of white weather-resistant vinyl. It will stand 7'



tall.

(flags not included)

## What languages should be on our Peace Pole?

Good question! Probably English and Spanish would be a given. We need your ideas on the other two. Please look at the list below and choose two languages and indicate why you would choose those particular ones. (For example, you might choose Polish and Russian to honor the large neighborhood populations of people speaking those languages.) A committee of the Vestry will choose from among your suggestions.

Possible languages:

Arabic

Chinese

French

German

Hawaiian

Hebrew

Hindi

Irish

Italian

Japanese

Korean

Lakota

Persian

Polish

Portuguese

Russian

Swahili

Vietnamese

I would choose the two additional languages circled above because:

How do you feel about having a Peace Pole here?

Please record your choice of languages and your feelings about having a Peace Pole and put this form in the basket at the back of the Sanctuary. Thanks for your input!