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Fourth Annual Peace Walk This Saturday

SPRINGFIELD, OH (June 10, 2019) — The Global Education and Peace Network will hold the Fourth Annual Interfaith Peace Walk at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 15 on the Springfield City Hall Plaza.

The program will begin at 9:40 a.m. with presentations from local religious organizations and groups. At 10:30 a.m., the walk to Gammon House will begin as a launch to the Juneteenth/FatherFest Celebration.

Dr. Carl Ruby, pastor of Central Christian Church, will serve as emcee. Speakers will include Mayor Warren Copeland, Rev. Cynthia Atwater of Covenant United Methodist Church/Freedom School, Dr. Mubin Syed of Miami Valley Islamic Association, Dr. Ravi Khanna of Hindu Community of Springfield, a representative of the Gammon House, Sana Ahmed, of Masjid Al-Madina, Kent Brooks of Equality Springfield and Dr. Kayvon Nezhad of Baha'i Community of Yellow Springs. Dr. Syed will discuss plans for a new Interfaith Committee which hopes to develop an interfaith team to visit various houses of worship to build understanding.

The day-long Juneteenth and FatherFest Celebration will run from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Gammon House on Piqua Place. Entertainment, food vendors, activities for fathers with their children, tours of the Underground Railroad House, and free amusement rides will be available throughout the day. For more information, go to gammonhouse.org.

The Global Education and Peace Network celebrates its 17th season with the speaker series, "Practicing Kindness in Changing Times." Monthly programs will explore ways local residents practice kindness in their lives. The Global Education and Peace Network formed during City-sponsored study circles after the tragedy of 9/11. They seek to build bridges of understanding across cultural divides with their monthly speaker series and annual calendar.