

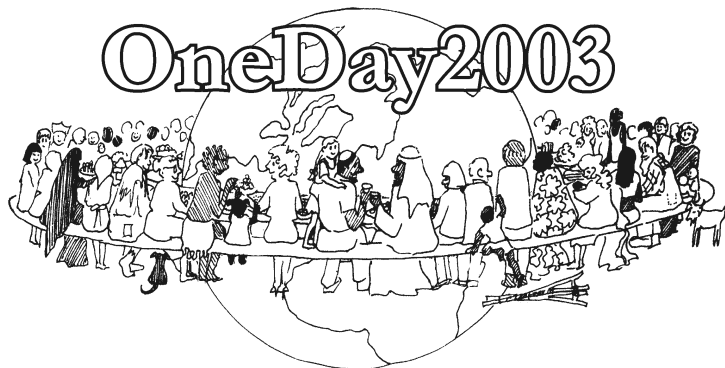
MAKE LUNCH, NOT WAR with a Global Family Potluck

It took only **ONE DAY** for the Trade Center to topple and take away our security. It takes only ONE DAY for 30,000 children under the age of five to die from hunger. With armies rehearsing for war in the Middle East, with nuclear showdown in Asia, petroleum-based unrest in the Americas, and AIDS stalking Africa, we hardly need remind ourselves that enough hate and unfairness and firepower exists to destroy the world in just ONE DAY. Yet most days we try to forget about the danger and the suffering in the outside world as we struggle to get through *our* day. What we need in this troubled season is a mutual wakeup call – a spectacular reminder to ourselves that all our lives are bound up in a web of relationships that can unite or destroy us all.

What we need, said some inner city children thirty years ago, is a worldwide **ONEDAY Holiday of Peace and Sharing** every year so we can get to know the rest of our human family and start learning to get along. **Unrealistic or vital?** In 2000 and 2001, the United States Congress and the United Nations passed resolutions strongly recommending that each year start with a day of peace and sharing for all faiths and cultures everywhere. The new holiday designed to unite us already exists. It's up to us to decide if we want to use it. So will it be just football, hangovers, over-eating, and commercialism once again this January first? Or will we seize "an unparalleled opportunity for humanity to examine its past, set goals for the future and establish new patterns of behavior". Modern telecommunications now makes almost anything possible.

Hosted by Senator Mary Landrieu and Representative Mary Bono, chairs of OneDay2003 along with Mrs. Virginia E. Hayes Williams and the District of Columbia, a premiere **ONEDAY Global Family Potluck** will be held at noon on January first at the University of the District of Columbia. Families representing all nations will gather at 11 a.m. with a flag of their country and a photo of their national leader. At noon they will share their countries' favorite foods, build a children's monument to peace, and pledge non-violence toward one another in the new year. Though this event will last just one day, it can serve as the model for an annual worldwide celebration that can fundamentally improve the way we perceive and treat one another. **ONEDAY2003 can** make a difference – it can become a pivot point to achieving peace. Between now and January first, take these three steps.

- Sign up on www.onedayholiday.org, pledging to participate in **ONEDAY2003**. Then forward this message to everyone in your address book. Print it out and hand it out.
- Tell your government leaders you want the world's first shared universal celebration observed in your country, state or city this year and every year.
- Get a loaf of bread. Take it outdoors at 12 noon on January 1 and break bread publicly with someone new. Pledge non-violence toward that person, then if you can, join together and give to stop hunger.



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