Young Peacemakers

and Teen Peacemakers

Philosophy

Young and Teen Peacemaker programs are NOT intended to be value-free. We intend to teach some values that are commonly held in our world. We support these values.

1). All human beings have dignity and worth regardless of age, gender, race, economic circumstance, ability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, culture, or religion.

2.) Individuals are responsible for their own decisions and the consequences of their behavior.

3.) All feelings are important and valid. Individuals have a right to examine a variety of options for actions including the choice not to act on feelings.

4.) The family is an important structure. We recognize and respect all kinds of families.

5.) Hurting or exploiting another person physically or emotionally is wrong.

6.) Children and adolescents have a right to make decisions based on information from a variety of sources including: family, friends, school, spiritual teaching, community resources and personal experiences.

7.) People of all ages have varying opportunity and therefore responsibility, to create peace through personal action.

8.) Responsible environmental actions are the obligation of all levels of society, starting with the individual

9.) Growth and development are lifelong processes. Children, adolescents, and adults grow and develop best in an affirmative and cooperative environment.