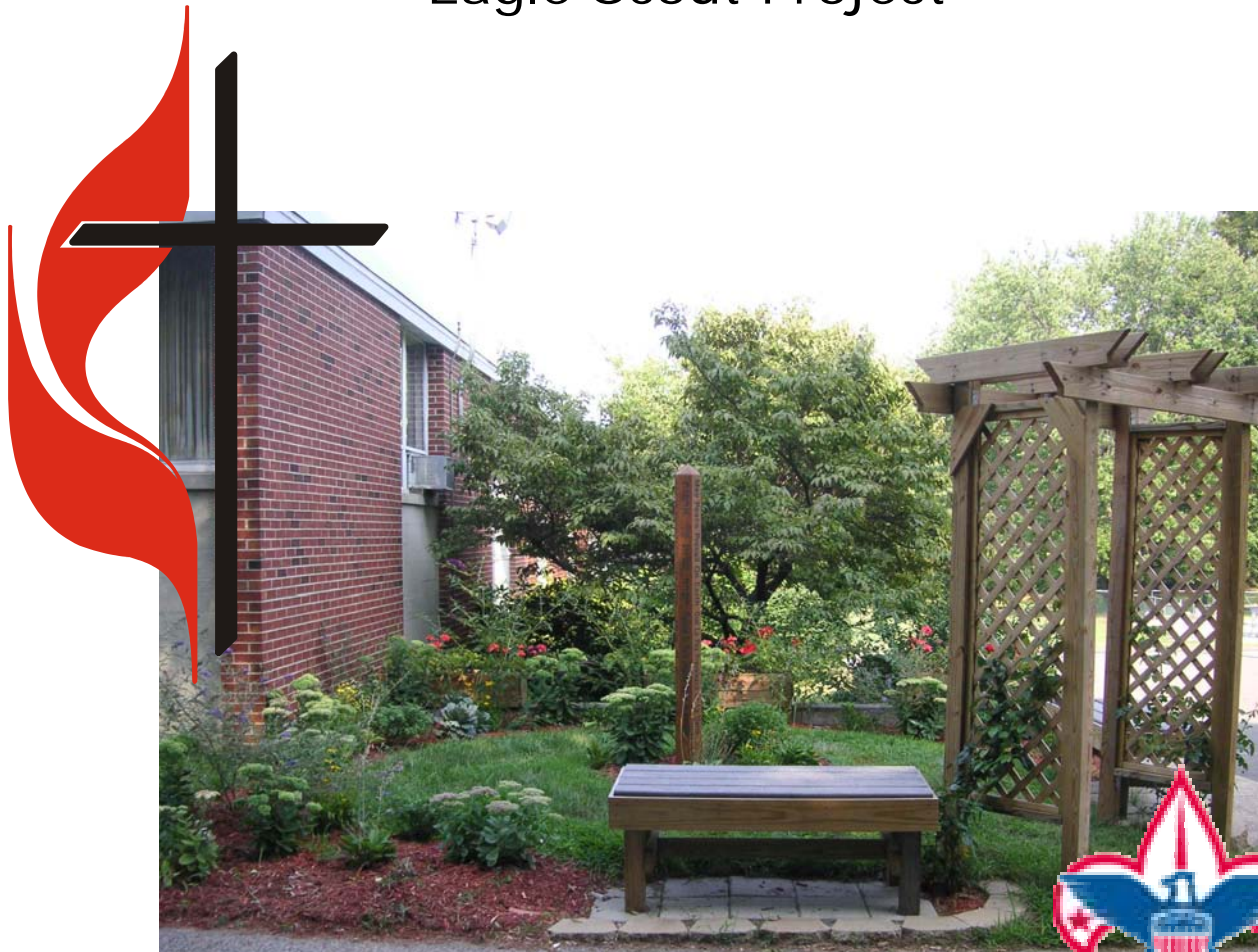


# Plainville United Methodist Church

## Peace Garden Eagle Scout Project



**BOY SCOUTS  
OF AMERICA**

Mitchell "Woody" Underwood  
Troop 30, Plainville

## Statement of Ambitions and Life Purpose

My name is Mitchell “Woody” Underwood. I am a student at Plainville High School. I run cross country, and indoor and outdoor track, and am a member of the PHS band. I am intrigued by computers and the Internet, and run my own computer repair, website design, and custom DVD production business. During the 2003-2004, I helped establish an international partnership between schools in Connecticut and schools in the People’s Republic of China by creating graphical presentations shown to students in China and to one of the program sponsors in Connecticut. I was selected as one of five juniors at my school to be a member of AIT (Advanced Information Technology). AIT maintains the school website and handles computer projects for the school district, and even various executive departments in the town. Digital photography, especially sports photography, and digital video are two of my favorite hobbies. I am active in the Plainville United Methodist Church, serving on the Administrative Board and as the church webmaster. Another area in which I have a particular interest is science. I plan to become a sports orthopedist because it is an occupation encompassing all of my major interests: athletics, science, and technology.

I enjoy helping others in any way I can, and like to apply my skills and talents to doing so. I’ve independently and voluntarily produced DVD slideshows and videos of athletics and events in the community. I’ve volunteered as a computer tutor at the local YMCA, and I’ve also helped other students with their academics through peer tutoring. I helped to organize the Connecticut Association of Student Leaders Spring State Leadership Conference in 2004, and helped to train aspiring leaders in different areas of leadership at that conference (in addition to doing the same numerous times in my Boy Scout troop). While I have never been officially recognized with a title for sports leadership, I have always tried my best to not only keep myself physically fit, but also to help my peer athletes to grow in their physical condition. I have received three varsity letters, and have organized group runs for the Plainville Cross Country team over the summer. Academically, I have been ranked number one in my class since first semester of my freshman year at Plainville High School, and I am certain I have inspired others to seek academic excellence as well.

For my future, I plan to continue doing the types of things that I enjoy doing today to help the community. By keeping myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight, I will certainly be able to make a difference in others’ lives to help them grow in these areas as well. While my interest in science is certainly a large factor in determining my career choice as a sports orthopedist, I have also selected this occupation because it is one where I can help others achieve the same challenging mental and physical goals that I’ve tried to accomplish.

The skills I’ve learned in Boy Scouts are skills that can be applied to many aspects of life. Even aside from tying knots, saving lives, and studying nature, the values I’ve discovered- the twelve points of the Scout Law and the promises in the Scout Oath, are things that I pledge to live out not just during my time as a Boy Scout, but for the rest of my life.

# **Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook**

Scout's name: Mitchell James Underwood III

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Unit No.: Troop 30

District: Nathan Hale/District 3

Local council: Connecticut Rivers

Unit leader's name: Paul Marsan

Address: 44 Shuttlemeadow Road, Plainville, CT 06062

Telephone No.: (860) 747-1851

Unit advancement committee person's name: Linda Gallant

Address: 191 Westwood Avenue, Plainville, CT 06062

Telephone No.: (860) 747-5259

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Describe the project you plan to do.

Please see pages 5-6 (of the attached revised proposal) for a detailed description of my project. Page 11 (of the revised proposal) shows a computer simulation of what I plan to do.

**All references to the project proposal refer to the revised proposal, attached immediately following this workbook, unless otherwise specified.**

What group will benefit from the project?

Name of religious institution, school, or community: Plainville United Methodist Church  
Telephone No.: (860) 747-2328  
Street address: 56 Red Stone Hill  
City: Plainville  
State: CT  
Zip code: 06062

My project will be of benefit to the group because:

In a time of much violence and turmoil in the world, a peace garden on church grounds supports the widespread thought that peace is needed in the world, and will assist in supporting the church's positive reputation in the community. In addition, the time capsule will allow the church to send a message of peace to future generations. (Page 4 of revised proposal)

This concept was discussed with my unit leader on (Date): 7/9/2004

The project concept was discussed with the following representative of the group that will benefit from the project.

[The project was discussed with all the church trustees.]

Representative's name: Keith Lacombe  
Representative's Title: Chairman, Plainville UMC Trustees  
Phone No.: (860) 747-4916  
Date of meeting: July 5, 2004

## PROJECT DETAILS

Plan your work by describing the present condition, the method, materials to be used, project helpers, and a time schedule for carrying out the project. Describe any safety hazards you might face, and explain how you will ensure the safety of those carrying out the project.

If appropriate, include photographs of the area before you begin your project. Providing before-and-after photographs of your project area can give a clear example of your effort.

Description:

Presently there is nothing but plain, dying grass in the area where I will make the garden. Page 11 of the included revised proposal shows the current state of the area.

I have already developed a layout for the garden I would like to create, and I plan on choosing flowers as soon as the project is approved. Fundraising methods are described on page 8 of the attached proposal. Materials needed are also listed on page 8. Possible materials for a time capsule are listed on pages 9-10.

A time schedule, and information on who I plan on having to help me with each part of the project can be found on page 7.

There are few safety hazards I might face, though encouraging or possibly providing gardening gloves and tools for helpers can help to prevent things like poison ivy or cuts and scrapes on hands from gardening. When doing woodworking, all normal safety procedures will be followed, such as wearing safety glasses. I will be working with an experienced amateur woodworker who knows how to safely use the equipment involved.

### **“Before” Photographs**

A photograph of the site currently and a computer simulation of the finished project are on page 11 of the attached proposal.

### **Approval Signatures for Project Plan**

Project plans were reviewed and approved by: [see printed copy for signatures]

Religious institution, school, or community representative:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Scoutmaster/Coach/Advisor:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit committee member:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Council or district advancement committee member:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** You may proceed with your leadership project only when you have ...

- Completed all the above mentioned planning details
- Shared the project plans with the appropriate persons
- Obtained approval from the appropriate persons

## CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT

Record the progress of your project. Keep a record of how much time you spend planning and carrying out the project. List who besides yourself worked on the project, the days they worked, the number of hours they worked each day, and the total length of time others assisted on the project.

If appropriate, list the type and cost of any materials required to complete the project. If your original project plan changes at any time, be sure and document what the change was and the reason for the change.

### Hours I Spent Working on the Project

The length of time spent should be as adequate as is necessary for you to demonstrate your leadership of two or more individuals in planning and carrying out your project.

Hours I spent ...

Planning the project: 33 hours spent on revised proposal, an additional ~25 on Original Proposal

Carrying out the project : 142 hours

Total hours I spent working on the project: 175 hours

### Hours Spent by Scouts, Venturers, or Other Individuals Working on the Project

Name	Date	No. of Hours
Greg Prisloe	8/17/2004	2
John Prisloe	10/1/2004	2
Bob Varano	10/2/2004	5
Jim Varano	10/2/2004	4.5
Chris Varano	10/2/2004	5
Kyle Warner	10/2/2004	3
Dave Emery	10/2/2004	6
Brian Emery	10/2/2004	6
Pete Lennon	10/2/2004	2.5
Justin Misluck	10/2/2004	4
Alex Salazar	10/2/2004	4.5
Sam Dalena	10/2/2004	6
Laurel Underwood	10/2/2004	5
Susan Underwood	Continuous	20
Mitch Underwood	Continuous	75
Larry Kendal	Continuous	10

Total number of hours others worked on the project: 160.5 hours

For a grand total, add the total number of hours you spent on the project to the total number of hours others worked on the project: 335.5 hours

If hours spent by people filling out cards for the time capsule, by people attending the dedication ceremony, and by businesses and donors obtaining materials are also counted, an additional ~95 man-hours can be added, making the grand total around 430.5 hours.



## Materials Required to Complete the Project

<u>Time Capsule</u>		
Polypropylene Pipe	\$800	Donated
Polypropylene Caps	\$250	Donated
PVC Sewer Pipe	\$6	Donated
PVC Caps	\$20	Purchased
Archiveable Cards/Paper	\$10	Donated
<b>Time Capsule Total</b>	<b>\$1,086</b>	

<u>Peace Pole</u>		
Donor Contributions	\$700	Donated
Project Money	\$200	Purchased
<b>Peace Pole Total</b>	<b>\$900</b>	

<u>Garden Supplies</u>		
Planter Box Lumber	\$50	Purchased
Bench Seats	\$111	Donated
Bench Legs	\$8	Donated
Other Bench Lumber	\$20	Purchased
Arbor/Trellis Lumber	\$113	Purchased
Masonry	\$210	Purchased
Soil Amenities	\$76	Purchased
Plants	\$381	Purchased
<b>Garden Supplies Total</b>	<b>\$969</b>	

<u>Other</u>		
Tools	\$75	Purchased
Refreshments/Food	\$99	Purchased
<b>Other Total</b>	<b>\$174</b>	

<u>Totals</u>		
Donated Materials	\$1,885	
Purchased Materials	\$1,244	
<b>Total Materials Costs</b>	<b>\$3,129</b>	

<u>Fundraising/Accounting</u>		
Total Money Raised	\$1,250	
Less Purchased Materials	(\$1,244)	
<b>Funds Remaining</b>	<b>\$6</b>	

Remaining funds will be donated to the church to support the garden.

## Changes

List any changes made to the original project plan and explain why those changes were made.

In July 2003, I put together a proposal for the building of a peace garden in the existing church garden to the left of the main church entryway. Please see the attached "Original Proposal" for details.

At the last minute, a church representative requested that I not complete the project in the location specified by the original proposal. Being the end of the summer, I did not have time to rewrite the proposal for a new location before school and homework began.

In the summer of 2004, I put together a new proposal for a similar project to be built on the other end of the narthex, at the corner by the parking lot. Since the previous proposal involved refurbishing an existing garden, changes had to be made to encompass the new task of creating a garden from scratch.

The first task was to draw a layout for the new garden, which my dad and I did together. Next, I researched flowers that would be able to withstand the winters and not need replanting in the spring, keeping the garden low-maintenance. I also went shopping to get prices on materials for the three planter boxes, the arbor, and the two benches we would need built that were not included in the original proposal.

See the garden layout plan in the Additional Materials section.

Once we had decided on the garden layout, I set to work designing a new proposal. The first task was to create a new computer simulation of the complete project. See page 11 of the revised proposal to see the simulation. Surprising, despite the increased size of the project, the new proposal came out to be 7 pages shorter than the previous one.

I printed around 20 copies of the proposal and presented it to all the appropriate persons and received their approval. After receiving all the signatures needed, I presented the project to the church. You can see my speech and the PowerPoint presentation that supplemented it in the Additional Materials section.

Even with the proposal completed, there were still changes made to the project. On the project work day, October 2, 2004, we decided for aesthetics purposes and to prevent the benches from toppling over, to install a retaining wall on one side of the garden, and add a row of bricks behind one of the benches. Later, when the peace pole was ordered, due to the widely varied requests for different languages to be on the pole by the congregation, it was decided that we would get an 6 sided pole rather than a 4 sided one. This more than doubled the price of the pole, bringing it to around \$900. The anonymous donor who initially volunteered to pay for the four sided pole agreed to pay for the more expensive pole if I also designated \$200 of project funds toward the pole.

After the pole was planted, the church requested the dedication ceremony for the garden be combined with the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the church building. Therefore, I could not invite all the dignitaries that I had hoped for, as the anniversary celebration was a semi-private event, though open to the public.

Thanks to generous donations of over \$1000 in polypropylene parts to build a time capsule from O&G Construction and Torrington Supply Co., I was able to build the polypropylene time capsule that was listed as one of possibilities on page 9 of the revised proposal. Threading the pipe was not necessary, as the enfusion washouts donated by Torrington Supply Co. were heat-welded, or "enfused" to the pipe by Mega Machinery Co. free of charge.

As an extra measure of protection from the environment for the capsule during the fifty years it will spend in the ground, I decided to obtain a 6 inch PVC pipe in which to place the smaller polypropylene time capsule. This pipe was generously donated by the Town of Plainville. Though this pipe may release hydrochloric acid as detailed on page 9 of the revised proposal, the risk is low as the inner polypropylene pipe is highly resistant to all types of acid. You can see pictures of the time capsule and outer pipe in the Photos section.

## **Photographs**

### **"AFTER" Photographs**

Including photographs of your completed project (along with the "before" photographs with the project description) helps present a clearer overall understanding of your effort.

See the included Photos section for pictures of the progress on the project, and of the finished project.

## Approvals for Completed Project

Start date of project: Work on the revised proposal began on July 2, 2004.  
Actual work on the project began on July 22, 2004. Work on the original proposal began on July 8, 2003.

Completion date of project: August 6, 2005

*The project was started and has been completed since I received the Life Scout rank, and is respectfully submitted for consideration.*

Applicant's signature:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*This project was planned, developed, and carried out by the candidate.*

Signature of Scoutmaster/Coach/Advisor:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the representative of religious institution, school, or community:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Plainville United Methodist Church

## Peace Garden Eagle Scout Project Revised Proposal



**BOY SCOUTS  
OF AMERICA**

Woody Underwood  
Troop 30, Plainville

Questions about this project can be directed to Woody Underwood:

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This proposal has a companion website which can be accessed at:

<http://eagle.underwoods.org/>

You can download a copy of this proposal in several formats on the website.

## **The Peace Pole Project**

### Questions and Answers

Here are the answers to some basic questions about peace poles and my proposed project.

#### **What will the project consist of?**

A peace pole will be planted on church grounds, and various flowers and greenery will be added in the surrounding area. Two benches, three planter boxes, and an arbor will also be inserted, and a dedication ceremony for the completed garden and peace pole will be held. In addition, a time capsule in which people may request to put certain items will be buried beneath the peace pole.

#### **What is a peace pole?**

A peace pole is a pole, usually eight feet high with four or more sides, each with the statement "May peace prevail on Earth" in a different language.

#### **Where will the peace pole and time capsule be planted?**

In the area to the right of the narthex (when viewed from the outside) at the corner by the parking lot.

#### **When will the pole be planted?**

While the garden will ideally be completed by the end of August, due to the time it will take to order and receive the peace pole, it may be planted in the fall or the spring.

#### **Who will pay for the pole, time capsule, and other supplies?**

Donations will be sought from companies and individuals who are willing to contribute. There will be no cost to the church.

#### **Who will plant the pole and capsule, and create the garden?**

Labor will be performed primarily by volunteers from Boy Scout Troop 30.

**Who will maintain the garden?**

Since it is not the nature of an eagle project to be an ongoing project, I cannot be responsible for maintaining the garden. However, I will attempt to make the garden as low-maintenance as possible without sacrificing its beauty.

**How will this benefit the church?**

In a time of much violence and turmoil in the world, a peace garden on church grounds supports the widespread thought that peace is needed in the world, and will assist in supporting the church's positive reputation in the community. In addition, the time capsule will allow the church to send a message of peace to future generations.



## Project Details

### **Project Location:**

The peace garden will be created on the rectangular plot of land at the corner of the sidewalk by the parking lot to the right of the narthex at the Plainville United Methodist Church, 56 Red Stone Hill, in Plainville, CT. This three hundred seventy-eight square foot garden is a prominent landmark when driving into the church parking lot, and will be seen not only by the congregation, but also other groups like the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Al-anon.

### **Project Purpose:**

The purpose of the garden is to promote peace in a turbulent, violent world. The garden can serve as a place of meditation for both church members and the community.

### **Project Outline:**

1. Arbor and Benches
2. Plantings
3. Time Capsule
4. The Peace Pole
5. Dedication Ceremony

#### **Step 1: Arbor and Benches**

An arbor and two benches will be installed in the garden to set it off from the sidewalk and parking lot, and also providing a peaceful place to sit and enjoy the garden. The arbor will be placed in the corner of the where the two sidewalks meet, and the benches perpendicular to one another on both sides of the arbor. The arbor and benches will be made by myself and other volunteers.

#### **Step 2: Plantings**

Flowers of types appropriate to the theme of the garden will be planted as shown on the "Project Goals" page. Peace roses will be planted on both sides of the arbor. If such roses exist, climbing peace roses will be used. Three planter boxes will be put on the stone wall at the back of the garden to act as a guard so

people will not fall off the ledge. Grass will also be restored to make a pathway to walk around the peace pole.

**Step 3: Time Capsule**

A time capsule will be planted in the center of the garden beneath the base of the peace pole. Church members will be able to request to include small items or messages of peace inside the capsule. The purpose of the capsule is to send a message of peace to the future, and it is not intended to be used as a “church heritage” capsule. A capsule with that purpose already exists on church grounds. What the time capsule will be made of has yet to be determined. Various options have been considered, each with their own advantages and disadvantages. See attached sheet “Time Capsule Options” for details.

**Step 4: The Peace Pole**

The peace pole will be inserted in the center of the garden, surrounded by flowers and other plants. The languages that will be included on the pole will be determined by polling the church congregation, with English being included by default. Unless there is a demand for more than four languages on the pole, a four sided cedar pole will be inserted, though six and eight sided poles are available. At the request of the Trustees, a pole with languages engraved directly in the pole rather than on plaques will be sought. Details about the pole that has been unofficially selected for the garden can be found in the “Project Goals” section.

**Step 5: Dedication Ceremony**

A ceremony will be held for the dedication of the garden and the peace pole. Local clergy, political leaders and other persons will be asked to attend and/or speak at the ceremony. State leaders may also be invited. The ceremony will be staffed by volunteers from Troop 30 and/or other troops. Refreshments may be provided. Decorations like flags of U.N. nations, or a peace banner may be used during the ceremony.

## Project Time Schedule, Hour Count, and Participants

### **Planning, Seeking of Donations and Consultation, and Fund Raising:**

Time Period: July and early August

Estimated Hour Count: 75-100 Hours

Hours Spent to Date: 15-20 Hours (plus 15-20 Hours on original proposal)

Participants: Woody Underwood, Mitch Underwood Jr.

### **Physical Work**

Time Period: Mid to late August

Estimated Hour Count: 50-75 Hours

Hours Spent to Date: N/A

Participants: Woody Underwood, Mitch Underwood Jr., Gregory Prisloe (for carpentry work), 1-4 other adults, 10-15 scouts

### **Peace Pole Planting**

Time Period: Fall 2004, or spring 2005

Estimated Hour Count: 1-2 Hours

Hours Spent to Date: N/A

Participants: Woody Underwood, Mitch Underwood Jr., 1-4 other adults, several scouts

### **Dedication Ceremony**

Time Period: Early October

Estimated Hour Count: 40-60 Hours

Hours Spent to Date: 1-2 Hours

Participants: Woody Underwood, Mitch Underwood Jr., 1-4 other adults, 10-15 scouts

Actual ceremony will be approximately one hour.

## **Funding the Project**

### **Major Purchases and Estimated Cost**

1. Peace pole, \$300
2. Time capsule, \$100
3. Various plants, \$300-\$500
4. Lumber for benches, arbor, and planter boxes: \$250
5. Refreshments for dedication ceremony, \$100-\$200

### **Funding Plans**

Donations will be sought to pay for all supplies. An anonymous individual has already volunteered to donate the peace pole. Local businesses will be asked to donate other supplies. The Trustees of the church have mentioned that funds may be available for supplies that cannot be donated.

### **Fund Raising**

Fund raising will probably be necessary. Friends and family will be sought out for whatever donations they are willing to make. I estimate requesting fund raising donations from nearly one hundred people. If possible I would like to work something out so that these donations can be made to the church (thus being tax deductible), and then made available to me for the project.

### **Excess Funding**

If extra funds remain after the completion of the project and no use in the garden can be found for them, the funds will be entrusted to the church to be used for garden maintenance and improvement in the future. All funds that were donated for the garden will be put towards the garden.

## Time Capsule Options

Any of several different materials may be used to create a time capsule. Below is an overview of different materials and the positive and negative aspects of each. These will be carefully considered when determining what material to use for the capsule.

### **Option 1:** Schedule 40 PVC Pipe

Advantages: Inexpensive, easily sealed, available in many sizes

Disadvantages: Decomposes over time, releasing hydrochloric and acetic acid, which can damage archived documents

Note: This option has been eliminated.

### **Option 2:** Polyethylene Pipe

Advantages: Relatively inexpensive, relatively stable, has history of being used as time capsules

Disadvantages: Polyethylene usually has comparatively thin walls, thus subject to damage

### **Option 3:** Polypropylene Pipe

Advantages: Relatively inexpensive, relatively stable, has history of being used as time capsules, thick enough to be threaded for proper sealing

Disadvantages: Difficult to obtain in appropriate diameters, possibly difficult to properly seal if threading is not possible

### **Option 4:** Glass Bottles

Advantages: Inexpensive, readily available, last indefinitely

Disadvantages: Freezing and thawing of soil can cause bottle to break

### **Option 5:** Aluminum or Stainless Steel

Advantages: Most common type of time capsule, most resistant to degradation

Disadvantages: Very expensive to purchase and to seal

Note: This type of capsule is preferred if the funding is available.

Other time capsule considerations include determining how to archive documents and items put into the capsule so that they will not degrade. Usually chemical packets are put in the capsule along with the documents to soak up oxygen and water. Another method is to purge the capsule with nitrogen, though this is rather technically difficult and expensive. The type of paper used must also be considered. Only dried, acid-free paper will last for extended periods in a capsule. One possibility, since this paper is costly, is to have church members leave messages on regular paper and then create a photographic record or group compilation of these papers.

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Cleveland, Marjorie, et al. "SCMRE Time Capsules." Smithsonian Center for Materials Research and Education. Aug. 2002. The Smithsonian Institution. 13 Aug. 2003  
<<http://www.si.edu/scmre/takingcare/timecaps.htm>>

"Time Capsules." National Preservation Office. 6 Aug. 2003. The British Library. 13 Aug. 2003 <<http://www.bl.uk/services/preservation/time.html>>

**Project Goals**

Site as it is now:



Garden after project completion (simulated):



## **Addendum**

The following pages are taken from various websites. The information from these sites was either referred to within the previous pages or is helpful additional material. Citations to the sources of this information have been included.



# PEACE POLES

MAY PEACE PREVAIL ON EARTH

A Peace Pole acts as a silent prayer and message for peace on Earth.



## What is a Peace Pole?

A Peace Pole is a hand-crafted monument that displays the message and prayer *May Peace Prevail on Earth* on each of its four or six sides, usually in different languages. There are more than 200,000 Peace Poles in 180 countries all over the world dedicated as monuments to peace. They serve as constant reminders for us to visualize and pray for world peace.

Usually a Peace Pole is eight feet tall (2m 50cm) with the bottom "planted" in the ground, although many indoor Peace Poles are supported by stands. It may be constructed from any material that is environmentally sound. In the United States, most Peace Poles are made from western red cedar, a wood that is a renewable resource. Peace Poles may be made from any local hard wood, or from plastic or metal.

## When and Where to Plant a Peace Pole



Peace Poles are often planted to commemorate special occasions, such as holidays, anniversaries, events and festivals. Or any date may be chosen to dedicate a place to peace.

A Peace Pole may grace a town square, a school, a park, a place of worship, an office or a garden. Or they can put forth your community as an example of how to live in peace. Whatever the location, the presence of a Peace Pole announces that this is a special place, dedicated to peace on Earth.

Planting a Peace Pole is a way to bring people together on an inspiring project to join in a network of peace consciousness that is emerging all over the world. It is a wonderful project for any community group, from children to senior citizens.

### Peace Poles Around the World

When you plant a Peace Pole in your community, you are linking with people all over the world who have planted their Poles in the same spirit of peace. Every Peace Pole proclaims the prayer *May Peace Prevail on Earth* in the language of the country and often several other languages as well.

The more than 200,000 Peace Poles around the world are on all continents, in every country you can think of. They are in simple places, such as churches and gardens, and extraordinary ones, such as at the Pyramids of El Giza, Egypt or the Magnetic North Pole in Canada. They are promoting healing of conflict in places like Sarajevo and the Allenby Bridge between Israel and Jordan. The photos above and below are at the campus of the School of Metaphysics in Windyville, Missouri.



Mayors in many parts of the world have planted Peace Poles to dedicate their cities and towns to world peace. Both political leaders, such as former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, and religious leaders, such as Pope John Paul II, Mother Teresa and the Dalai Lama, have dedicated Peace Poles.

### **Your Peace Pole Dedication Ceremony**

A Peace Pole dedication ceremony is an exciting event, whether it is planned for a public place where hundreds of people will attend or a private backyard. Every dedication ceremony is a unique outcome of the shared experience of those who plan the program, as well as those who attend. Here are some suggestions that you may consider in the creation of your Peace Pole dedication ceremony:

- Invite your community to participate in the ceremony, including children and senior citizens, representatives of various faith communities and/or ethnic groups, schools, clubs, scouts and local media. Community leaders and clergy love to be asked to make speeches!
- Explain the history and origin of the Peace Pole Project, how you learned about it, why the particular languages were selected, and the significance of the site and date.
- Choose, if you like, an inspiring spiritual passage, litany, poem or prayer for the occasion.
- Have the peace messages on the Pole read in the four (or more) different languages by designated individuals with a connection to each language or culture.
- Invite local groups to provide entertainment, such as a church choir or a children's dancing school. It is nice to end with everyone singing together.

#### **Tips:**

Some Peace Poles are already placed in the ground prior to the ceremony and unveiled during the dedication. Or you may choose to have a group planting, where

everyone gets to heave a shovelful of dirt.

Various items may be planted along with your Peace Pole.

A dedication plaque is particularly appropriate for Peace Poles in public places, so that everyone will know what your Pole stands for.

Plan a re-dedication ceremony for the following year.

Remember that your Peace Pole dedication or re-dedication can include any elements you bring to it. Whatever you do, the important part is to hold a prayer for world peace in your heart and send it around the world. You will make it special - you will be a bringer of peace.

You cannot go wrong if you plan your Peace Pole dedication with lots of love!

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"Peace Poles." The World Peace Prayer Society. The World Peace Prayer Society.

13 Aug. 2003 <<http://www.worldpeace.org/peacepoles.html>>

### Peace Pole Data

**Peace Poles Around the World:** Over 200,000

**Countries With Peace Poles:** Over 180

**Extraordinary Locations:**

Magnetic North Pole, Canada	Confucious Burial Site, Taiwan
Pyramids of El Giza, Egypt	Gorky Park, Russia
Findhorn Foundation, Scotland	Robben Island, South Africa
Jordan River, Israel	Atomic Bomb Dome, Hiroshima
The Hague, Netherlands	2002 Winter Olympics - Utah, US

### **Peace Poles at the 2002 Winter Olympics**

#### **The Olympic Peace Pole Path**

The Salt Lake Olympic Committee has approved a path of 80 Peace Poles at the Olympic Village, one representing a prayer for peace for each participating country. The Olympic Peace Pole Path will be a permanent legacy to Salt Lake City and a reminder of the meaning of the Olympic Truce. An additional 80 Peace Poles will be donated to each country's athletic delegation to take home with them. The Peace Poles will be dedicated at the first interfaith service of the Games organized by the Olympic Chaplains Committee on February 3, 2002.



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# Plainville United Methodist Church

## Peace Garden Eagle Scout Project Original Proposal



**BOY SCOUTS  
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**The Peace Pole Project**  
Questions and Answers

Here are the answers to some basic questions about peace poles and my proposed project.

**What will the project consist of?**

A peace pole will be planted on church grounds, and the plants in the surrounding area restored and brightened. Two or more benches, and a planter box will also be installed, and a dedication ceremony for the completed garden and peace pole will be held. In addition, a time capsule in which people may request to put certain items will be buried beneath the peace pole.

**What is a peace pole?**

A peace pole is a pole, usually eight feet high with four or more sides, each with the statement "May peace prevail on Earth" in a different language.

**Where will the peace pole and time capsule be planted?**

In the garden formerly cared for by Mrs. Appleyard to the left of the church entrance.

**When will the pole be planted?**

This fall, if all goes well.

**Who will pay for the pole, time capsule, and other supplies?**

Donations will be sought from companies and individuals who are willing to contribute. There will be no cost to the church.

**Who will plant the pole and capsule, and restore the garden?**

Labor will be performed primarily by volunteers from Boy Scout Troop 30.

**Who will maintain the garden?**

Since the Peace Garden will be made from a garden that already exists on church grounds, the current caretakers of the garden, Bob and Nancy Burns, will

continue to care for the garden. The project will not increase burden on them, as part of the project will be restoring and healing the garden.

**Will the pole interfere with the existing garden?**

No, the pole will in fact complement the garden. It will not block the lighting for the sculpture on the wall of the church, and measures will be taken to not disturb many plants in the garden.

**How will this benefit the church?**

In a time of much violence and turmoil in the world, a peace garden on church grounds supports the widespread thought that peace is needed in the world, and will assist in supporting the church's positive reputation in the community. In addition, the time capsule will allow the church to send a message of peace to future generations.

## **Project Details**

### **Project Location:**

The peace garden will be created from the existing garden to the left of the main entrance of the Plainville United Methodist Church, 56 Red Stone Hill, in Plainville, CT. This six hundred twenty-five square foot garden is a prominent landmark when driving into the church parking lot, and will be partially visible from the road upon project completion.

### **Project Purpose:**

The purpose of the garden is to promote peace in a turbulent, violent world. The garden can serve as a place of meditation for both church members and the community.

### **Project Outline:**

1. Restoration of Existing Garden
2. Insertion of Benches
3. Garden Additions and Accessories
4. Time Capsule
5. The Peace Pole
6. Dedication Ceremony

### **Step 1:** Restoration of Existing Garden

The existing garden is in desperate need of repair. Weeds growing between the bricks and inside the garden will be removed, experts will be contacted about the dying dogwood tree and shrubbery, and steps will be taken to revive these plants. Every measure will be taken to save the dying dogwood tree as a dogwood tree is very appropriate for a church garden. See attached sheets "The Legend of the Dogwood Tree" in the Addendum for details. As few plants as possible will be removed from the garden during the restoration process as a measure of respect to the church and the existing caretakers of the garden. See attached sheets "The Need for Repair in the Current Garden" for photographs and details of what this step of the project will involve.

**Step 2: Insertion of Benches**

The one bench in the current garden would be appropriately complemented by one or two additional benches. If benches similar to the existing bench can be found, then they will be added in the back right corner of the garden, and along the left side. If similar benches cannot be found, permission will be sought from the caretakers and the Trustees to remove the existing bench and new benches will be inserted in its place. See attached sheet "Project Goals" for photographs and details.

**Step 3: Garden Additions and Accessories**

Though additions to the garden will be minimal due to lack of space, a planter box containing appropriate flowers will be inserted behind the dogwood tree between the tree and the shrubbery. This box may also be used to disguise a metal grate that will be inserted in place of some bricks to allow water to reach the roots of the dogwood tree. Appropriate flowers may also be added within the circle of plants in the center of the garden. See attached sheet "Project Goals" for photographs and details about additions to the garden, and "The Need for Repair in the Current Garden" for details about the metal grate.

**Step 4: Time Capsule**

A time capsule will be planted in the center of the garden beneath the base of the peace pole. Church members will be able to request to include small items or messages of peace inside the capsule. The purpose of the capsule is to send a message of peace to the future, and it is not intended to be used as a "church heritage" capsule. A capsule with that purpose already exists on church grounds. What the time capsule will be made of has yet to be determined. Various options have been considered each with their own advantages and disadvantages. See attached sheet "Time Capsule Options" for details.

**Step 5: The Peace Pole**

The peace pole will be inserted in the center of the circle of plants that can be found in the middle of the garden. The languages that will be included on the pole will be determined by polling the church congregation, with English

being included by default. Unless there is a demand for more than four languages on the pole, a four sided cedar pole will be inserted, though six and eight sided poles are available. At the request of the Trustees, a pole with languages engraved directly in the pole rather than on plaques will be sought. Details about the pole that has been unofficially selected for the garden can be found in the "Project Goals" section.

**Step 6: Dedication Ceremony**

A ceremony will be held for the dedication of the garden and the peace pole. Local clergy, political leaders and other persons will be asked to attend and/or speak at the ceremony. State leaders may also be invited. The ceremony will be staffed by volunteers from Troop 30 and/or other troops. Refreshments may be provided.

## **Project Time Schedule, Hour Count, and Participants**

### **Planning, Seeking of Donations and Consultation, and Fund Raising:**

Time Period: July to Early September

Estimated Hour Count: 50-75 Hours

Hours Spent to Date: 15-20 Hours

Participants: Woody Underwood, Mitch Underwood Jr.

### **Physical Work**

Time Period: Mid to Late September, Likely in One Weekend

Estimated Hour Count: 50-75 Hours

Hours Spent to Date: N/A

Participants: Woody Underwood, Mitch Underwood Jr., 1-4 other adults,  
10-15 scouts, tentatively third party workers for stonework

### **Dedication Ceremony**

Time Period: Early October

Estimated Hour Count: 40-60 Hours

Hours Spent to Date: 1-2 Hours

Participants: Woody Underwood, Mitch Underwood Jr., 1-4 other adults,  
10-15 scouts

Actual ceremony will be approximately one hour.

## **Funding the Project**

### **Major Purchases and Estimated Cost**

1. Peace pole, \$300
2. Time capsule, \$100
3. Various plants, \$50-\$200
4. Planter box, \$30-\$150
5. Concrete benches, \$250-\$1,000
6. Refreshments for dedication ceremony, \$100-\$200

### **Funding Plans**

Donations will be sought to pay for all supplies. An anonymous individual has already volunteered to donate the peace pole. Local businesses will be asked to donate other supplies. The Trustees of the church have mentioned that funds may be available for supplies that cannot be donated.

### **Fund Raising**

Fund raising will most likely not be necessary. The needed supplies are fairly common and will likely be donated with much difficulty. If donations cannot be found, fund raising projects could include selling advertisements in the pamphlets that will be distributed at the dedication ceremony, or working with the church to arrange a tag sale, supper or other fund raiser. Also, if funds are unavailable for the time capsule but there is sufficient interest from the congregation in having one, a small fee might be charged to put a message in the capsule. If there is a demand for a larger peace pole (six or eight sides), the person(s) requesting the additional languages may be asked to provide the extra cost.

### **Excess Funding**

If extra funds remain after the completion of the project and no use in the garden can be found for them, the funds will be entrusted to the church to be used for garden maintenance and improvement in the future. All funds that were donated for the garden will be put towards the garden.

## Time Capsule Options

Any of several different materials may be used to create a time capsule. Below is an overview of different materials and the positive and negative aspects of each. These will be carefully considered when determining what material to use for the capsule.

### **Option 1:** Schedule 40 PVC Pipe

Advantages: Inexpensive, easily sealed, available in many sizes

Disadvantages: Decomposes over time, releasing hydrochloric and acetic acid, which can damage archived documents

Note: This option has been eliminated.

### **Option 2:** Polyethylene Pipe

Advantages: Relatively inexpensive, relatively stable, has history of being used as time capsules

Disadvantages: Polyethylene usually has comparatively thin walls, thus subject to damage

### **Option 3:** Polypropylene Pipe

Advantages: Relatively inexpensive, relatively stable, has history of being used as time capsules, thick enough to be threaded for proper sealing

Disadvantages: Difficult to obtain in appropriate diameters, possibly difficult to properly seal if threading is not possible

### **Option 4:** Glass Bottles

Advantages: Inexpensive, readily available, last indefinitely

Disadvantages: Freezing and thawing of soil can cause bottle to break

### **Option 5:** Aluminum or Stainless Steel

Advantages: Most common type of time capsule, most resistant to degradation

Disadvantages: Very expensive to purchase and to seal



Note: This type of capsule is preferred if the funding is available.

Other time capsule considerations include determining how to archive documents and items put into the capsule so that they will not degrade. Usually chemical packets are put in the capsule along with the documents to soak up oxygen and water. Another method is to purge the capsule with nitrogen, though this is rather technically difficult and expensive. The type of paper used must also be considered. Only dried, acid-free paper will last for extended periods in a capsule. One possibility, since this paper is costly, is to have church members leave messages on regular paper and then create a photographic record or group compilation of these papers.

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Cleveland, Marjorie, et al. "SCMRE Time Capsules." Smithsonian Center for Materials Research and Education. Aug. 2002. The Smithsonian Institution. 13 Aug. 2003  
<<http://www.si.edu/scmre/takingcare/timecaps.htm>>

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## The Need for Repair in the Current Garden



Weeds currently growing between bricks will be removed.



Weeds growing in garden itself will be removed.



Expert advice will be sought to determine the cause of this damage and methods to correct the problem.



The dogwood tree in the garden is in bad shape. This may be because the roots can not get water. Expert advice will be obtained and suggestions on how to improve the situation will be sought. One suggestion already brought forth is to remove some bricks and replace them with a grate that will allow water to reach the roots.

**Project Goals**  
Current Garden:



Garden After Project Completion (Simulated):



**Maintenance and Restoration:** Weeds will be removed, and plants will be restored. This can be seen in the pictures on the previous page; the weeds and debris in front of the circle have been removed, and the bushes on the left restored. For more information on what will be restored see "The Need for Repair in the Current Garden".

**Benches:** The existing bench in the garden is an ornate concrete bench that was inserted at the creation of the garden. If identical benches can be found, they



will be added in the locations pictured in the simulation above. If matching benches cannot be found, the existing bench will be replaced (with consent from the Trustees), and similar benches will be inserted in those three locations. The picture to the left is a close-up of the existing bench.

**Garden Additions and Accessories:**

A planter box will be inserted behind the dogwood tree



between the tree and the shrubbery. The shape of the planter has yet to be determined. The simulation shows a circular planter, though a rectangular one may be more

economical and space-efficient. The plants to be planted in the planter will be determined in collaboration with the Trustees and other appropriate representatives.



**The Peace Pole:** The pole will be planted in the center of the garden. A four-sided, sandblasted, engraved red cedar pole like the one to the right is what will most likely be used. The languages on the pole will be determined by polling the church. This pole is durable and relatively maintenance free, though a clear resin coating should be applied every three to eight years. See attached pages "Peace Poles" in the Addendum for more information about peace poles in general.



**Time Capsule:** A time capsule will be inserted beneath the peace pole. Since it is underground, it is not shown in the simulation of the complete garden. A stainless steel time capsule such as the ones to the left would be preferred, though another option from the "Time Capsule Options" page may be used instead based on funding availability and the difficulty of sealing the capsule.

## **Addendum**

The following pages are taken from various websites. The information from these sites was either referred to within the previous pages or is helpful additional material. Citations to the sources of this information have been included.

## The Legend of the Dogwood Tree

There is a legend about the dogwood tree that makes it appropriate for use in a religious peace garden. The following is quoted.

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Two thousand years ago, few trees in the Middle East were big enough to construct anything. However, one tree was valued above the others for its thick trunk and fine, strong wood.

When the Romans came to rule over Jerusalem, their government used this same timber to build the crosses for executing criminals. A group of workers were assigned to gather wood for the crosses. Before long, every Roman official knew the best wood came from these gatherers of execution wood, so those workers became popular.

One day, the wood gatherers received a special request. An officer of the Roman court came and said, "The King of Jews is to be put to death. Deliver an extra-large cross made from your finest wood." So, a fresh tree was cut from the forest of the trees with thick trunks and fine, strong wood. An extra-tall (and extra-heavy) cross was quickly made and delivered.

Three days after the death of Jesus of Nazareth, the chief wood gatherer got alarming news. "All of our finest trees are withering!" the messenger whispered.

The wood gatherer hurried to the forest and saw that it was true.

Several years later, the chief wood gatherer heard that, every spring, many people visited the old forest that had once made his job so easy. Despite his advancing years, he set out to discover why. He saw the remains of forest, now like a salty bottoms, with only a few trees still standing tall, bare, lifeless and rotting.

But what was this? As he drew closer, his feeble eyes could make out the people walking among thousands of beautiful, flowering bushes. Seeing one of his own workers there, the old man said, "No one could ever make a cross out of this twisted wood. Our finest tree has gone to the dogs!" He noticed the beautiful white flowers, each blossom looking as if it had been burned from the touch of a miniature cross.



### There Is A Legend

At the time of Crucifixion the dogwood had been the size of the oak and other forest trees. So firm and strong was the tree that it was chosen as the timber for the cross. To be used thus for such a cruel purpose greatly distressed the tree, and Jesus nailed upon it, sensed this.

In His gentle pity for all sorrow and suffering Jesus said to the tree:  
"Because of your regret and pity for My suffering, never again shall the dogwood tree grow large enough to be used as a cross. Henceforth it shall be slender and bent and twisted and its blossoms shall be in the form of a cross--two long and two short petals. And in the center of the outer edge of each petal there will be nail prints, brown with rust and stained with red, and in the center of the flower will be a crown of thorns, and all who see it will remember."

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"Legend of the Dogwood Tree." Promise of God. 18 Apr. 2003. Deerlake Web Design. 12 Aug. 2003 <<http://www.promiseofgod.com/dogwood/>>

# PEACE POLES

MAY PEACE PREVAIL ON EARTH

A Peace Pole acts as a silent prayer and message for peace on Earth.



## What is a Peace Pole?

A Peace Pole is a hand-crafted monument that displays the message and prayer *May Peace Prevail on Earth* on each of its four or six sides, usually in different languages. There are more than 200,000 Peace Poles in 180 countries all over the world dedicated as monuments to peace. They serve as constant reminders for us to visualize and pray for world peace.

Usually a Peace Pole is eight feet tall (2m 50cm) with the bottom "planted" in the ground, although many indoor Peace Poles are supported by stands. It may be constructed from any material that is environmentally sound. In the United States, most Peace Poles are made from western red cedar, a wood that is a renewable resource. Peace Poles may be made from any local hard wood, or from plastic or metal.

## When and Where to Plant a Peace Pole



Peace Poles are often planted to commemorate special occasions, such as holidays, anniversaries, events and festivals. Or any date may be chosen to dedicate a place to peace.

A Peace Pole may grace a town square, a school, a park, a place of worship, an office or a garden. Or they can put forth your community as an example of how to live in peace. Whatever the location, the presence of a Peace Pole announces that this is a special place, dedicated to peace on Earth.

Planting a Peace Pole is a way to bring people together on an inspiring project to join in a network of peace consciousness that is emerging all over the world. It is a wonderful project for any community group, from children to senior citizens.

### Peace Poles Around the World

When you plant a Peace Pole in your community, you are linking with people all over the world who have planted their Poles in the same spirit of peace. Every Peace Pole proclaims the prayer *May Peace Prevail on Earth* in the language of the country and often several other languages as well.

The more than 200,000 Peace Poles around the world are on all continents, in every country you can think of. They are in simple places, such as churches and gardens, and extraordinary ones, such as at the Pyramids of El Giza, Egypt or the Magnetic North Pole in Canada. They are promoting healing of conflict in places like Sarajevo and the Allenby Bridge between Israel and Jordan. The photos above and below are at the campus of the School of Metaphysics in Windyville, Missouri.



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### **Your Peace Pole Dedication Ceremony**

A Peace Pole dedication ceremony is an exciting event, whether it is planned for a public place where hundreds of people will attend or a private backyard. Every dedication ceremony is a unique outcome of the shared experience of those who plan the program, as well as those who attend. Here are some suggestions that you may consider in the creation of your Peace Pole dedication ceremony:

- Invite your community to participate in the ceremony, including children and senior citizens, representatives of various faith communities and/or ethnic groups, schools, clubs, scouts and local media. Community leaders and clergy love to be asked to make speeches!
- Explain the history and origin of the Peace Pole Project, how you learned about it, why the particular languages were selected, and the significance of the site and date.
- Choose, if you like, an inspiring spiritual passage, litany, poem or prayer for the occasion.
- Have the peace messages on the Pole read in the four (or more) different languages by designated individuals with a connection to each language or culture.
- Invite local groups to provide entertainment, such as a church choir or a children's dancing school. It is nice to end with everyone singing together.

#### **Tips:**

Some Peace Poles are already placed in the ground prior to the ceremony and unveiled during the dedication. Or you may choose to have a group planting, where

everyone gets to heave a shovelful of dirt.

Various items may be planted along with your Peace Pole.

A dedication plaque is particularly appropriate for Peace Poles in public places, so that everyone will know what your Pole stands for.

Plan a re-dedication ceremony for the following year.

Remember that your Peace Pole dedication or re-dedication can include any elements you bring to it. Whatever you do, the important part is to hold a prayer for world peace in your heart and send it around the world. You will make it special - you will be a bringer of peace.

You cannot go wrong if you plan your Peace Pole dedication with lots of love!

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"Peace Poles." The World Peace Prayer Society. The World Peace Prayer Society.

13 Aug. 2003 <<http://www.worldpeace.org/peacepoles.html>>

### Peace Pole Data

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**Extraordinary Locations:**

Magnetic North Pole, Canada	Confucious Burial Site, Taiwan
Pyramids of El Giza, Egypt	Gorky Park, Russia
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## Photos Section

The following three pages contain photographs showing work on the garden as it was completed beginning on October 2, 2004, and ending on August 13, 2005.



Groundbreaking Day – October 2, 2004



Fall 2004 Progress



Spring 2005 Progress



Summer 2005 Progress (Planting Grass)



Time Capsule Burial



Finished Product



## Additional Materials Section

The following pages include additional materials relating to my Eagle Scout Service Project. Some have been referenced in the Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook, and others are included just as supplements to show the work that has been done.

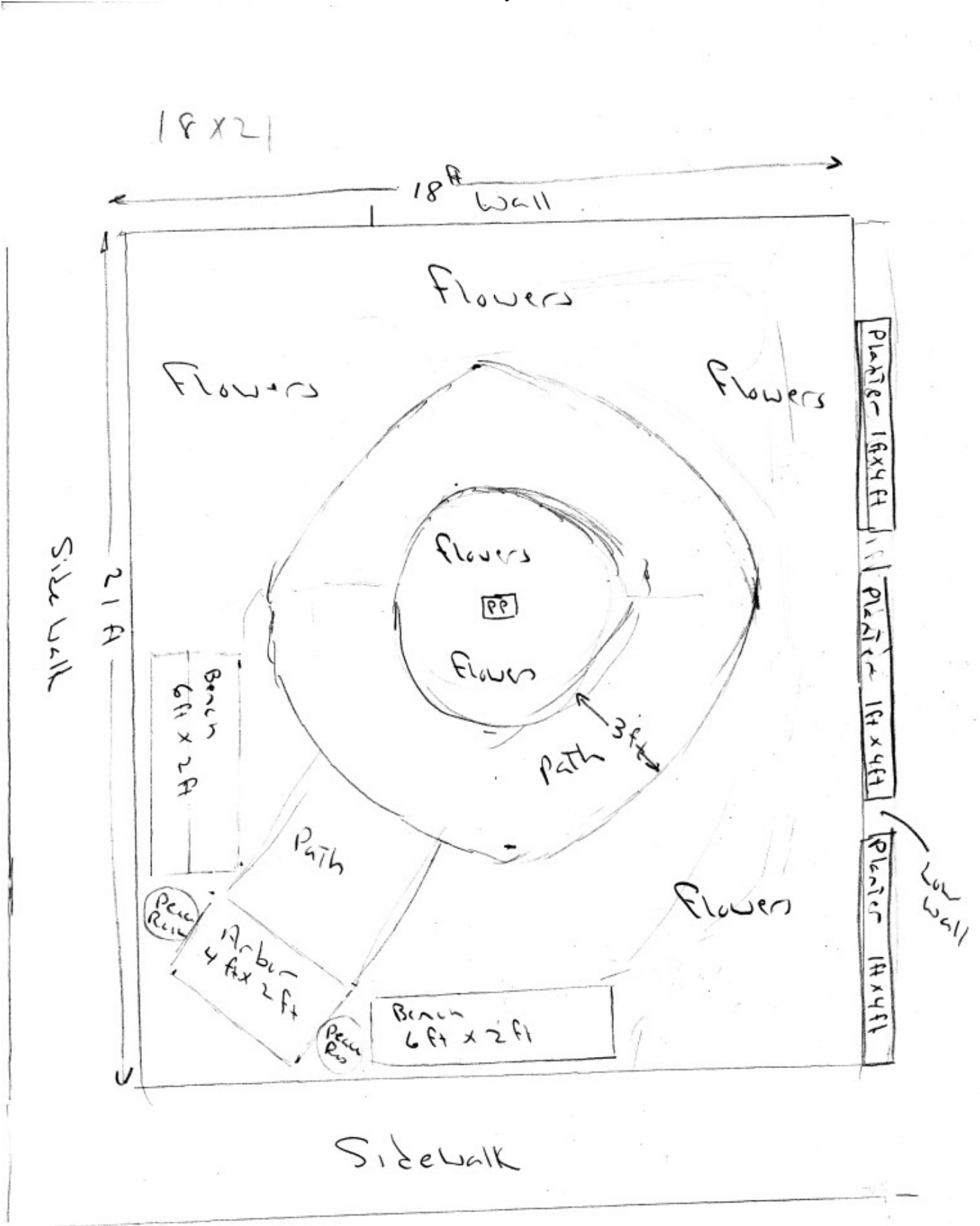
These documents are listed in the order they were referenced in the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook.

### Table of Contents:

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- PowerPoint presentation used to present project to church
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  - Bulletin handed out at the garden dedication ceremony
  - Article from the November 14, 2004 New Britain Herald about my project
  - Letter from Connecticut Governor M. Jody Rell for the time capsule (example of a letter from a dignitary)
  - Overview of contents placed in the time capsule/my letter of peace to the future

Other materials, including additional pictures, videos, and a project news section may be found at <http://eagle.underwoods.org/>.

Garden Layout Plan



Speech Presenting the Project to the Plainville United Methodist Church Congregation  
August 15, 2004

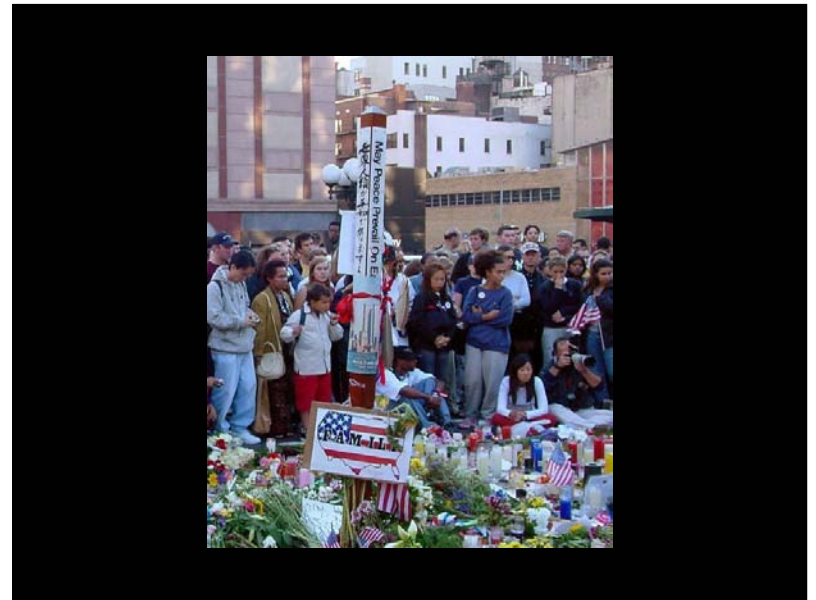
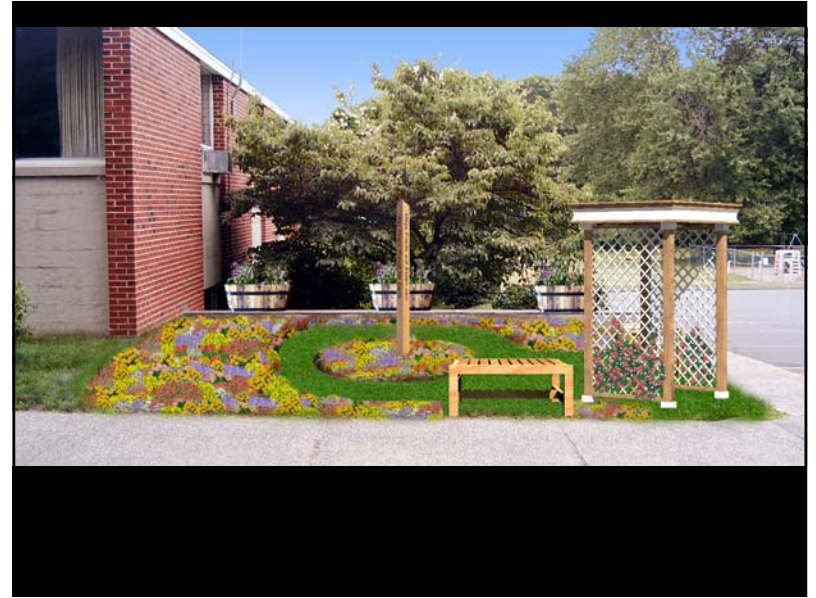
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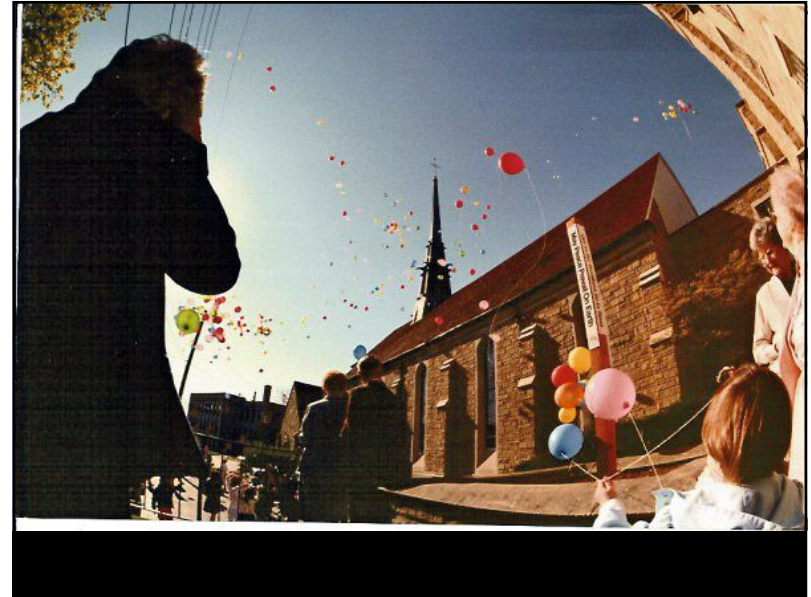
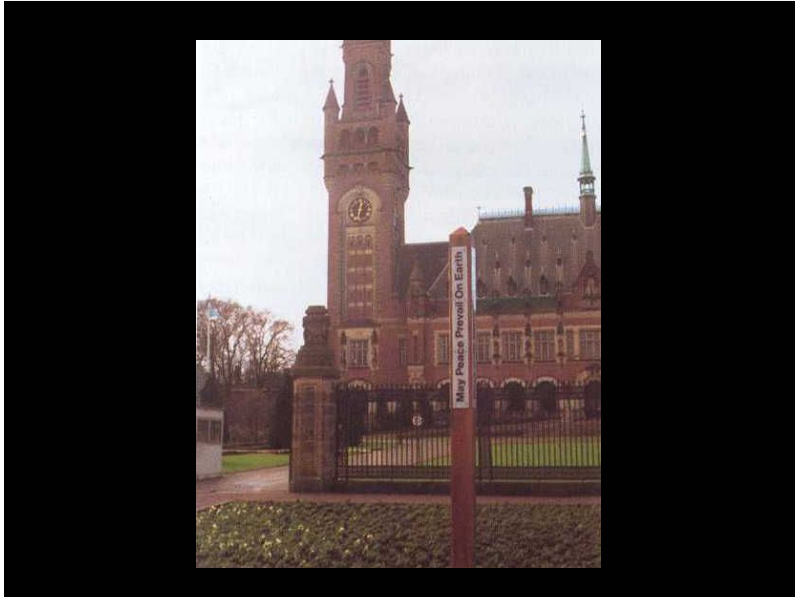
Many of you out there probably already know who I am, but for those of you who don't, my name is Woody Underwood and I'm a Life Scout in Troop 30 in Plainville. The Life Scout rank is the second to last rank in the Boy Scout program. As you may have heard of recently when Justin Quinlan did his project in the Memorial Garden, in order to obtain the rank of Eagle Scout, a scout must complete a service project that benefits a religious institution, school, or the community. I've chosen to do my Eagle Project here at the church. I'm sure you've all seen this grassy area at the corner of the parking lot before. My Eagle Project will convert this area into a peace garden. [Next slide.] The main feature of the peace garden will be something called a peace pole. [Next slide.] Peace poles are poles, like the one on the screen, that are approximately eight feet high. They have anywhere from four to twelve sides, and can be made from any number of materials. Each side of a peace pole says "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in a different language. The pole that will be planted in the Plainville United Methodist Church peace garden will be a four sided, western red cedar pole.

You might ask, why should the Plainville United Methodist Church have a peace pole?. The answer lies in the fact that thousands of parks, churches, and other organizations have planted peace poles worldwide. [Next slide.] The pole in this picture is at the former site of the World Trade Center. Other poles are found at the Atomic Bomb Dome in Hiroshima, on the shores of the Jordan River, and at the Magnetic North Pole. More than eighty peace poles were planted at the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics- one for each participating country. [Next slide.] There are peace poles at the Hague in the Netherlands, and even at other United Methodist churches just like ours. [Next slide.] This pole was planted at the First United Methodist Church in Ashland, Ohio. [Next slide.] The Plainville United Methodist Church peace pole will be part of our contribution toward world peace. Coupled with the other aspects of the garden, peace roses, a beautiful place to meditate on world peace, and even a peace time capsule to send messages of peace to the future, I will be converting an unused grassy area to a place that can be appreciated by both our congregation and the other groups that use our church as a meeting place.

However, there are some aspects of the garden that have not yet been decided. Most importantly, in which languages should the message on the peace pole be inscribed? English will of course be included, but we need to decide which three other languages would be most fitting to our church. In order to determine this, I've left some small sheets in the narthex that I encourage you to fill out by simply writing the name of one or more languages you would like to see included on the peace pole. The languages that receive the most votes will be included. If there are enough languages that are desired, we have the option of including up to eight languages on the pole, though that would result in higher project costs. I would also encourage you to look through the formal proposal for my project, which can also be found in the narthex. My project website, <http://eagle.underwoods.org/> has even more information about my project, photos of the site, and the computer simulation that's on the screen right now.

Thank you for your time, and please feel free to come to me with any questions you might have.





<http://eagle.underwoods.org/>





Friday, July 23, 2004

Dear «Inside\_Name»,

As you may know, in order to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, a Boy Scout must plan and carry out a leadership service project that benefits a religious institution, school, or the community. I am currently planning an Eagle Project at the Plainville United Methodist Church at 56 Red Stone Hill in Plainville, CT.

I will be creating a peace garden on church grounds. A peace garden consists of a garden with something called a "peace pole" in the center. A peace pole is an eight-foot high pole, usually made of western red cedar, with four to eight sides that says "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in a different language on each side.

In order to make my peace garden a reality, I need to cover nearly \$1,300 in expenses. While some supplies might be donated by local businesses, the majority of the items I need for the project remain as expenses that I must cover.

I am asking for your assistance in helping to make my project successful. Though I primarily need money for purchasing supplies, any assistance would be greatly appreciated. All donations will be used in full toward the garden, its dedication ceremony, or its maintenance.

As a thank you to contributors, their names will be printed in the handouts at the dedication ceremony, and placed in the time capsule which I will be burying beneath the peace pole. We expect the time capsule to be opened fifty years following the dedication ceremony (Spring, 2055).

I'm sure you may still have questions about my project, and therefore I have set up a website where you can learn more about it. The website, <http://eagle.underwoods.org/>, contains pictures of my project, and access to the official proposal which was submitted to and approved by the church, my scoutmaster, my troop committee, and the Nathan Hale District, Connecticut Rivers Council, of the Boy Scouts. Also available is a materials list, so that you can get an idea of where your donations will be going.

If you have any questions about my project, please don't hesitate to contact me at home, (860) 747-9829, on my cell phone, (860) 306-9234, through the mail, 22 Canterbury Lane, Plainville, CT 06062, or through e-mail, [woody@underwoods.org](mailto:woody@underwoods.org).

You can also contact the Plainville United Methodist Church at (860) 747-2328, or through the mail at 56 Red Stone Hill, Plainville, CT 06062. You can contact my troop committee chairperson, Mr. Mike Pannone, at (860) 410-1056.

If you would like to contribute, please make checks payable to Mitchell Underwood and send your donations to:

Woody Underwood  
22 Canterbury Lane  
Plainville, CT 06062

Thank you for your support!

Woody Underwood  
BSA Troop 30

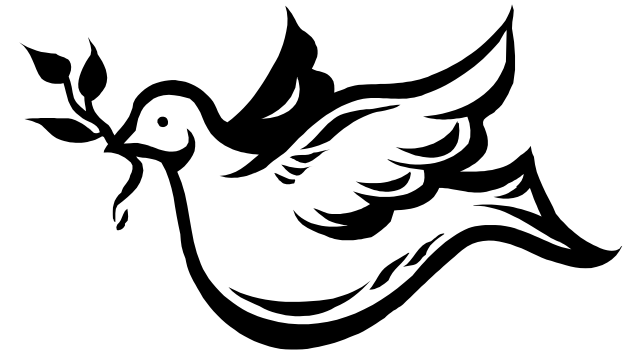
**I wish to thank the following list of contributors who helped to make this garden possible.**

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Plainville High School Cross Country Team  
Troop 30 BSA  
Troop 478 Girl Scouts of America  
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# May Peace Prevail on Earth

A Service of Dedication

November 13, 2004



**BOY SCOUTS  
OF AMERICA**

# May Peace Prevail on Earth

A Dedication of the  
Plainville United Methodist Church  
Peace Garden  
November 13, 2004

## Remarks

Woody Underwood

### Commitment for Peace (Responsively)

*The following is from the “Decalogue of Assisi For Peace” sent by Pope John Paul II to all the heads of state and government of the world February 24, 2002*

Leader: In the face of violence and terrorism

**People: We commit ourselves to proclaiming our firm conviction that violence and terrorism are incompatible with the authentic spirit of religion, and, as we condemn every recourse to violence and war in the name of God or of religion, we commit ourselves to doing everything possible to eliminate the root causes of war and terrorism.**

Leader: When differences threaten to tear us apart

**People: We commit ourselves to educating people to mutual respect and esteem, in order to help bring about a peaceful and fraternal coexistence between people of different ethnic groups, cultures and religions.**

Leader: When understanding and trust are nowhere to be found

**People: We commit ourselves to fostering the culture of dialogue, so that there will be an increase of understanding and mutual trust between individuals and among peoples, for these are the premise of authentic peace.**

Leader: When some say: “But they’re not like us”

**People: We commit ourselves to defending the right of everyone to live a decent life in accordance with their own cultural identity, and to form freely a family of his or her own.**

Leader: When others say “It’s hopeless”

**People: We commit ourselves to frank and patient dialogue, refusing to consider our differences as an insurmountable barrier, but recognizing instead that to encounter the diversity of others can become an opportunity for greater reciprocal understanding.**

Leader: When the whole world seems to talk only of revenge

**People: We commit ourselves to forgiving one another for past and present errors and prejudices, and to supporting one another in a common effort both to overcome selfishness and arrogance, hatred and violence, and to learn from the past that peace without justice is no true peace.**

Leader: For the lonely and disenfranchised

**People: We commit ourselves to taking the side of the poor and the helpless, to speaking out for those who have no voice and to working effectively to change these situations, out of the conviction that no one can be happy alone.**

Leader: In support of the peacemakers

**People: We commit ourselves to taking up the cry of those who refuse to be resigned to violence and evil, and we desire to make every effort possible to offer the men and women of our time real hope for justice and peace.**

Leader: In the midst of hostilities

**People: We commit ourselves to encouraging all efforts to promote friendship between peoples, for we are convinced that, in the absence of solidarity and understanding between peoples, technological progress exposes the world to a growing risk of destruction and death.**

Leader: To the leaders of the world

**People: We commit ourselves to urging leaders of nations to make every effort to create and consolidate, on the national and international levels, a world of solidarity and peace based on justice.**

### Prayer for Peace (The Prayer of Saint Francis)

#### Processional Hymn “Let There Be Peace On Earth” #431

Return to the Order of Worship as printed in your bulletin.

May God shield thee,  
May God fill thee,  
May God watch thee.  
May God bring thee  
To the land of peace,  
To the country of the King,  
To the peace of eternity.

*From A Gaelic Blessing*

## Local News

# Plainville teen's project plants seeds of peace

By JC REINDL  
The Herald Press

PLAINVILLE — There's more than one way to wish for world peace.

And Woody Underwood from Boy Scout Troop 30 can tell you there's definitely more than eight.

For a project to attain Eagle Scout ranking, Underwood, 16, gave an opinion poll to members of Plainville United Methodist Church this fall, asking them in how many languages the phrase "May Peace Prevail on Earth" should appear on a

wooden peace pole he planned to install on the property.

Once he tallied these results, Underwood was astonished to discover his church had requested nearly 25 different languages. Because a four-sided peace pole similar to the one he proposed can only fit eight separate phrases, Underwood knew his project had hit a snag.

Still hoping to satisfy parishioners' wishes, Underwood said he chose to add four additional languages onto the eight-foot wooden pole by purchasing Peace Pole

Makers USA's more expansive six-sided model.

Underwood handled this unexpected cost by expanding his letter-writing donation campaign to raise the several hundred dollars not covered by a \$750 gift from an anonymous benefactor. About 65 family members, friends and business es eventually donated to the peace pole project, which now incorporates 12 different languages from Polish to French to Arabic, he said.

While a peace pole is new to Plainville, they are common in numerous states and countries throughout the world.

Underwood created a

"Peace Garden" around the pole, which serves as a reminder for people to visualize and pray for world peace, according to Underwood. The garden is situated in an approximately 375-square-foot plot featuring benches, planter boxes, an archway and a variety of plantings.

With the help of about 15 members of his Boy Scout troop and Plainville High School cross country teammates, Underwood built and created the garden's furniture and landscaping over a patch of grass at the southwest corner of the church during a Saturday in early October.

The pole was installed last week, he said.

His Eagle badge efforts were on display Saturday afternoon during the peace garden's dedication ceremony at the church. Saturday's ceremony coincided with the church's celebration of being located on Red Stone Hill for 40 years.

To honor both events, Underwood said he included a time capsule as part of his Eagle Scout project. The capsule will contain messages of peace written on index cards by church members, he told the audience, "so that the congregation of this church 50 years from now can share

in the hopes of peace of this congregation today."

Underwood said he has been planning the peace garden for about 18 months, and hopes to receive Eagle Scout ranking this spring. He attributes inspiration for the peace pole idea to his father, Mitchell Underwood Jr., who is Troop 30's assistant scoutmaster.

"With the world in the condition its in, and with all the hostility we see around, (a peace pole) would be a good thing to leave for the church," the scout's father said. "It's kind of like planting the seeds of peace."

## Many area municipalities are using vacuums to pick up Autumn leaves

By PENNY RIORDAN  
The Herald Press

NEW BRITAIN — As the city looks at whether to expand its leaf program to include vacuuming equipment, other municipalities in the area have found those programs to be successful but not without cost.

In Middletown, "everything else comes to a halt and we around six weeks doing a lot of

in larger municipalities like New Britain the services are mixed.

Bristol provides curbside pickup of bagged leaves as well as New Britain Hartford has added more leaf vacuums this year to clear their 211 miles of road.

In Plainville, it takes public works employees 40 days to clear 70 miles of road with two to three leaf machines at a time.

New Britain's Mayor

costs would be an additional \$200,000.

Based on the amount spent in Middletown and Plainville for similar equipment, the city's estimate appears to be accurate.

The Common Council has also asked the department to look into the leaf vacuums, based on the complaints they have heard from constituents.

But, as public works employees have advised elected officials, it is a costly tran-

## Middlesex Hospice to remember those who have died in past year

By SZYMON TWAROG  
The Herald Press

MIDDLETOWN — The Middlesex Hospice will hold its 20th annual Service of Remembrance today at 2 p.m. in Mercy High School's auditorium.

The service is to honor the memory of the 400 patients who died while in the hospice program from Oct. 1, 2003 through Sept. 30, 2004.

"Rituals are part of the bereavement and it does not just include funerals," said

Mercy High school has hosted the service for the last few years, according to Doyle.

"We moved around as was needed. We quickly outgrew a lot of the past churches," said Doyle. "We need a place that is big enough, handicap accessible and has enough parking. Mercy fits the bill perfectly."

The service will be a non-denominational remembrance and will include a candle lighting for each of the patients. The Middlesex Hospital Vocal Chords will be on hand to offer music. Following the



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M. JODI RELL  
GOVERNOR

July 7, 2005

Mr. Woody Underwoods  
22 Canterbury Lane  
Plainville, Connecticut 06062

Dear Mr. Underwoods:

Today we live in a world where there are great fears instilled in Americans of a corrupted world. Whether those fears are of terrorism or simply having your personal home or car broken into, there is an urgent need for change. When put into the correct perspective, these fears stem from few incidents which overshadow all the progress this generation is making. Diseases are being cured, democratization is spreading to part of the world we never thought possible, and there is so much that Americans have to be thankful for.

The best way to encourage change and this positive momentum is for citizens young and old to step forward and initiate transformations in their own communities. The contributions that everyone makes, both big and small will help bring the state and the nation back to a place where security is no longer a question.

Volunteerism and peer leadership organizations are already providing Connecticut residents an opportunity to make a difference in the fight for peace. The government cannot bring about these revolutions on their own; actions have to occur with the support and encouragement of the people.

My administration continues to work diligently in order to renew faith in the Connecticut Government and turn the political system away from its former fraudulent image. Each day that passes brings new hope for a brighter and more peaceful future. I wish you nothing but the best of luck as you continue your work on the Peace Garden. I am very proud of the citizens in Connecticut who are working hard toward a more peaceful world.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Jodi Rell".

M. Jodi Rell

Governor

August 11, 2005

To the people of 2055:

This time capsule was buried on August 12, 2005. It contains messages of peace to the future and was part of the Peace Garden Eagle Scout Project done by Mitchell "Woody" Underwood.

This capsule was made possible by generous material and labor donations from O&G Construction, Torrington Supply Co., Mega Machinery Co., and the Town of Plainville. The interior pipe is made of polypropylene, and had an estimated material value of around \$500 including the pipe ends when the capsule was buried. The exterior pipe is made of PVC sewer pipe, which was in use throughout the United States in 2005. The estimated material value of the PVC pipe at the time the capsule was buried was about \$25 including the pipe ends.

The dual pipe design of the capsule was selected with the hope that the exterior pipe will protect the capsule from freezing and thawing and other environmental dangers, while the interior pipe will protect the capsule against acids and other harmful chemicals released by the less stable PVC outer pipe. The polypropylene inner pipe was selected because of its use across the United States as a suitable material for acid drain pipes.

Inside the capsule, you will find many documents and personal hopes for peace in 2055. All documents have been placed in Avery DiamondView Sheet Protectors as an additional form of protection from moisture. These sheet protectors are made of polypropylene, just like the inner pipe, and were considered to be safe for long-term archival in 2005.

You will also find three miniature DVD discs in this capsule. Each is contained in a plastic jewel case, and held shut with clear packaging tape. DVDs were, in 2005, the newest format for storing both electronic computer data and videos. The discs in this capsule are 80mm in diameter. Most DVDs in 2005 were 120mm in diameter. The 80mm discs were selected for the capsule because the 120mm discs would not fit in the limited space of the inner polypropylene pipe.

The jewel cases containing the discs were labeled in blue permanent ink on August 10, 2005 to show the contents of the discs they held. Should the ink wear off, a description of the discs' contents is below.

There are two types of DVD discs in this capsule. While physically the same (all are DVD-R recordable discs), they were meant for playback/reading in different types of devices. DVD-Video discs should be playable on nearly all DVD players made after 2004, and around 98% of players made before that. Other discs were meant for reading on a computer.

Disc in orange jewel case: DVD-Video - Contains a 10 minute time-lapse video of the first day of work on the site of the peace garden at the Plainville United Methodist Church. The people in the video are primarily volunteers from Boy Scout Troop 30. The 10 minute video shows around 4 hours of work in fast-motion, around 25 times actual speed.

Disc in blue jewel case: DVD-Video – Contains three videos, including the history of the Plainville United Methodist Church, video of the Plainville United Methodist Church’s 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, and a recording of the dedication ceremony for the Peace Garden. When played on a DVD player, this disc should display a menu. Using the DVD player’s remote control, you can select the video you would like to see, and then press the Play or Enter button to see it.

Disc in purple jewel case: Data DVD – Contains electronic copies of everything contained in this capsule, a Microsoft PowerPoint XP (a.k.a. PowerPoint 2002) file used to present the project to the church, and an archived copy of the project website. Electronic copies of the time capsule contents are in the following formats:

- Messages of peace to the future are scanned images saved as BMP (uncompressed), and JPEG (the standard for most images in 2005).
- Other documents (project proposal, speeches, etc.) are saved in both Microsoft Word XP (a.k.a. Word 2002) format, and Adobe Acrobat PDF format. Any of the many available PDF readers should be able to read the PDF files. Any version of Microsoft Word since version 1997 should be able to read the Microsoft Word files
- The website is stored in HTML format. HTML stood for Hypertext Markup Language and was the standard for websites in 2005.

It is necessary to find a computer to with the correct configuration in order to read the disc in the purple jewel case. Most Microsoft Windows-based computers from between 1997 and 2006 should be able to read the disc so long as they are equipped with a DVD-ROM drive and the software described above.

The exact contents of the capsule follow:

- 3x5 handwritten notecards with messages of peace to the future
- Letter from CT Governor Jody Rell (2005- )
- Letter from Plainville State Representative Betty Boukus
- Copy of the proposal for this project
- Copy of the speech used to present the project to the congregation
- Copy of the bulletin from the dedication ceremony for the peace garden
- Plainville, CT “Great for a Break” brochure
- Tomasso Nature Park brochure
- 2003-2004 Plainville brochure from Chamber of Commerce
- Plainville demographics information
- 3 DVD discs in plastic jewel cases

- This letter
- Several packs of silica gel desiccant

Should any of the contents of this capsule become damaged over time, a copy of all materials was filed at the Plainville Historical Society in mid-August 2005.

I hope and pray that you opening this capsule in 2055 are members of a world that has made progress toward achieving world peace.

Sincerely,

Mitchell "Woody" Underwood  
Boy Scout Troop 30  
Plainville United Methodist Church