

4. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

Manifesto 2000 International Year for the Culture of Peace

Justine Mowat and Patricia Morrison notified the Committee that the United Nations' General Assembly has designated the year 2000 as the "International Year for the Culture of Peace and Non-Violence". The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) has created "Manifesto 2000". The Manifesto was produced by a group of Nobel Peace Prize Laureates, outlining six principles for people to adopt in order to create a culture of Peace and Non-Violence. They reported that the Dalai Lama and Nelson Mandela were two of the first signatories to the Manifesto. The United Nations hopes that over 100 million signatures will be gathered worldwide, on-line, to present to the General Assembly on 19 September 2000.

The six principles are:

- Respect all life
- Reject violence
- Share with others
- Listen to understand
- Preserve the planet
- Rediscover solidarity

The speakers reported that the UNESCO New Zealand steering committee is currently awarding monthly Peace Builder Awards for communities and individuals who draw attention to the UN year. The city of Palmerston North has received such an award.

The speakers also signalled that due to the significance of the year 2000 internationally, and the 150th celebrations in Canterbury, efforts are being made to reach as many people as possible to promote a culture of peace and non-violence. The Council could assist by supporting the manifesto by way of promotion/publicity, etc.

The Committee **decided**:

- (i) To endorse the principles of Manifesto 2000 International Year for the Culture of Peace and Non-Violence.
- (ii) That Julie Macdonald, Community Adviser, follow up appropriate ways and means for such endorsement to be signalled to the community at large.