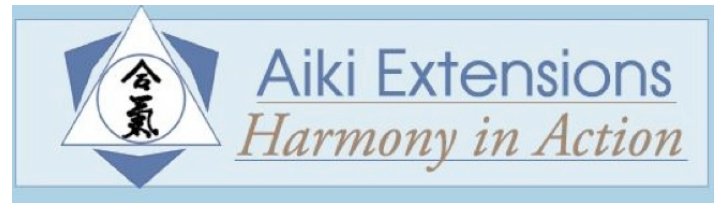


INTERNATIONAL AIKI PEACE WEEK
September 20 thru 26, 2010



March 9, 2010

Dear Dojo-cho or Chief Instructor,

As you may know, September 21 is the United Nations International Day of Peace. Every year, hundreds of organizations and citizen groups worldwide honor that day with thousands of Peace Day events. We believe that Aikido practitioners around the world, inspired by the unique embodied peacemaking legacy of O'Sensei Morihei Ueshiba, will want to be part of the global celebration. This represents an opportunity to increase public awareness of Aikido as a joyful practice of reconciliation, compassion, and nonviolence. We also believe this celebration transcends the divisions of different schools, styles, and organizations, and that our collective action will give each of our efforts far more impact than they would have in isolation.

Aiki Extensions (an international nonprofit organization dedicated to the application of Aiki principles in situations outside the dojo) is organizing **International Aiki Peace Week** and we would like you to join us. All you have to do is sign up on www.aikipeaceweek.org, and commit to teaching peace-focused Aikido classes during the week of Sept 20-26. Dojos will be encouraged, but not required, to offer a class for the general public that teaches Aiki principles as a way of managing conflict and preventing violence.

A list of participating dojos on the event website will help members of the public find dojos that are sharing Aikido's peacemaking message. Aiki Extensions will provide a downloadable press kit with ideas for generating coverage from local TV and newspapers, as well as Aiki-peacemaking lesson plans for those who'd like them.

If you would like to know more about Aiki-Extensions, please go to www.aiki-extensions.org.

If you would like your dojo to be part of this exciting worldwide event, please [sign up online](#) or email AikiPeaceWeek@aiki-extensions.org, telling us your dojo name and address, sensei's name, and a phone number.

On behalf of the PeaceWeek Committee and the entire membership of Aiki Extensions,

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