**ROTARY PEACEMAKERS COMMITTEE**

**VISION, MISSION, AND OBJECTIVES**

**VISION:**

The Peacemakers Committee envisions that all Rotarians will become peacemakers themselves and that, through us, there will be a more harmonious and peaceful world.

**MISSION:**

The primary mission of the Peacemakers Committee is to develop “peace through understanding” throughout Rotary and throughout the world. We believe that our mission can best be accomplished by instilling peace within: • Ourselves • Our families • Our Community

As peacemakers, we are guided by the core values of fairness, justice, compassion, forgiveness, and respect for the dignity of others, as well as by the virtues of humility and courage. A peacemaker understands that true peace and harmony begins with oneself.

**OBJECTIVES:** **Educate – Engage – Encourage -- Empower**

a)educate and empower youth, adults, organizations, and communities on constructive ways to prevent, manage, and transform conflict and to demonstrate and use ways to build peace

b) engage, inspire, and enhance the capacity of individual, communities, Rotarians in RCOH, as well as in all D5000 clubs, to transform conflict and build peace.

c) provide opportunities for group activities, and programs to support peacebuilding, learn conflict resolution and mediation skills, and express peacemaking as a core value.

d) recognize peace-advocates in Hawaii

• Enhance the capacity of individuals /communities to transform conflict and build peace

•Train community members in skills of peacebuilding and conflict resolution

• Provide opportunities for group activities and other programs that support peacebuilding, conflict prevention, and collaboration

• Educate youth on constructive ways to prevent, manage, and transform conflict

• Recognize peace-advocates in Hawaii

*“Peace is not the absence of war;*

*it is a virtue, a state of mind, a disposition for benevolence, confidence, justice.”*

-- Baruch Spinoza (1632—1677)