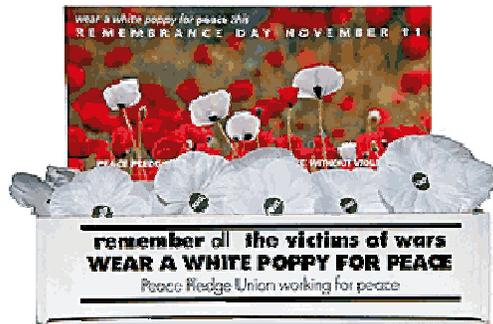


UNITARIAN PEACE FELLOWSHIP



ANNUAL APPEAL 2015

We are pleased to announce that the recipients of our 2015 Unitarian Peace Fellowship annual appeal will be the Peace Pledge Union.



If you would like to find out more about the charity and their approach please visit their web site:

www.ppu.org.uk

President's Message:

Today, late in October, I have received information from the Department of Culture, Media and Sport who are responsible for the Remembrance Sunday Ceremony at the Cenotaph on Whitehall, in London on 9 November 2014. I will be representing the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches at the Cenotaph.

This annual ceremony reminds us of the horrors of war. Each year we remember members of our families who have died in conflict. In my thoughts this year will be the sixteen young men named on the memorial in Upper Chapel, Sheffield who died in the First World War. Red poppies are a symbol of remembrance. I will wear a red poppy at the Cenotaph in their memory.

The Peace Fellowship's appeal for 2015 is for the Peace Pledge Union. Founded in 1934 by Dick Sheppard, who was a military chaplain in World War One, it is the oldest secular pacifist organisation in Great Britain campaigning for a warless world.

Our turbulent world needs organisations, such as the Peace Pledge Union to remind us that the quest for peace has to be never-ending.

A survivor of the Rwanda massacre in 1994 when she was only 18 said "War is mad, crazy; and it makes you crazy as well. All you can think about is whether in a minute it will be your turn to die"

White poppies are a symbol of peace and have been adopted by the Peace Pledge Union. White poppies made their first appearance on Armistice Day 1933. The white poppy's aim is to promote debate and to represent a commitment to work for a world where conflicts will be resolved without violence and with justice.

Unitarians believe that all lives are of equal worth. Espousing support of the Peace Pledge Union in these turbulent times is a just and worthy commitment. Please give generously to the Peace Fellowship's Annual Appeal mindful that building a culture of peace is a right to which all humanity is entitled.

Marion Baker,
President of the General Assembly of Unitarian & Free Christian Churches