

TAKE 5: STOP THE VIOLENCE! CAMPAIGN The Implementation of a Community Violence De-Escalation Strategy

The **Take 5: Stop The Violence Campaign** brings an intentional focus on Self Control to the conversations about Gun Control and Violence Prevention. Because a significant percentage of violent crimes (via guns or any other means) occur during the escalation of simple 'everyday personal-conflict encounters', a key element for the de-escalation of any such situation is to make 'easy-to-use' tools for that process accessible and available.

The *Take 5: Stop The Violence!* Campaign is a sequence of concerted efforts designed to saturate the market with a message Proposing Personal Pause, Teaching Tangible Tolerance and Cultivating a Culture of Peace (Count "1, 2, 3, 4, Take 5"). This Campaign is offered as a behavioral health approach to what is, at its root, a behavioral health issue. Where it is not a 'fix all' solution to the multi-faceted violence epidemic that plagues us, our active promotion of the practice of "Taking 5" is a simple hands-on way to begin the process of adjusting the hardwired default settings in our communities from 'entitled reactivity' to 'pro-active peacekeeping' ...one person at a time...one situation at a time...one community at a time.

You are invited to be a part of the circle of individuals and organizations gathering around promoting *The Practice of Peaceful Self-Restraint* as a common tool in the effort to *Stop The Violence* and *Cultivate a Culture of Peace*. Please join us at the PHILLY PASS THE PEACE RALLY on Saturday, September 28, 2024 to announce the launch of the Take 5: Stop The Violence Campaign, the ceremonial signing of the Passion For Peace Pledge, and mark the release of my latest music project entitled The Permanently Peaceful Project – It will also be a reception to bring together Philadelphia's Community of Peacemakers.

PHILLY PASS THE PEACE RALLY PASSION FOR PEACE PLEDGE SIGNING CEREMONY

Sponsored by: TAKE 5: Stop The Violence Campaign and PEACE AND HARMONY RECORDS

Saturday, September 28, 2024 @ 12:00n - 4:00p Berean Presbyterian Church - Anderson Hall (Diamond Street Entrance) 2101 North Broad Street - Philadelphia, PA 19122

11:45a Gathering Rhythms

12:00n Press Conference re: Take 5: Stop The Violence Campaign Launch & Coalition

12:30p Passion 4 Peace Pledge Signing Ceremony

12:45p Campaign Soundtrack Release Performance Set

1:00p Peacemakers Reception / Passion For Peace Pledge Signing /Refreshment Reception 4:00p Closing Ceremony

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PASSION FOR PEACE (P4P) PLEDGE

I PLEDGE TO SEEK PEACE OF SPIRIT, BODY AND MIND
I PLEDGE TO KEEP SEEKING UNTIL PEACE I FIND
I PLEDGE TO LEAVE ALL NEGATIVITY BEHIND
AND MOVE FORWARD WITH A PASSION FOR PEACE
AND SO IT IS.

Signed:

Please consider joining the Community of those who are taking this pledge and signing in person at our Event or online https://Take5StopTheViolence.com/pledge

