

## Swims for the International Year of Peace

During 1986, four members of the Peace Meditation group, staff members of the United Nations Secretariat and UNICEF, undertook a number of "Swims for Peace" to draw attention to the United Nations International Year of Peace. Their first swim was on 1 January in the frigid waters off Hiroshima, Japan, and five days later they swam in Nagasaki Harbour. Encouraged by a letter of appreciation from the Office of the Secretary-General commending the "intrepid endeavors" and "admirable commitment, which you and your colleagues in the Meditation Group share for the principles of the United Nations Organization and its International Year of Peace," the swimmers traveled to a total of 35 sites around the globe—all at their own expense—to swim for peace. The enthusiastic response, reflected in the over 50 newspaper articles that covered the swims, inspired them to continue in 1987. A list of these swims is given below.

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- 1 January—Miyajima Island, Hiroshima, Japan
- 6 January—Fukuda Beach, Nagasaki, Japan
- 8 February—Fernandina Beach, Fernandina, Florida
- 8 February—Savannah Beach, Savannah, Georgia
- 9 February—Jacksonville Beach, Jacksonville, Florida
- 9 February—Ocean Front, Plaza Hotel, Daytona Beach, Florida
- 15 February—Lake Pontchartrain, New Orleans, Louisiana
- 15 February—Edgewater Mall Beach, Gulfport-Biloxi, Mississippi
- 16 February—Mobile Yacht Club, Mobile, Alabama
- 16 February—Stewart Beach, Galveston, Texas
- 22 February—Horseshoe Bay, Bermuda
- 1 March—Boca Chica Beach, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
- 1 March—Laguna de Candado, San Juan, Puerto Rico
- 2 March—Cruz Bay, St. John to Sapphire Beach, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands
- 8 March—27th St. Ocean Front, Virginia Beach, Virginia
- 8 March—Johnny Mercer Pier, Wrightsville Beach, Wilmington, North Carolina
- 9 March—Pavillion Ocean Front, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
- 9 March—Battery Shore Front, Charleston, South Carolina
- 15 March—Lake Pleasant, Phoenix, Arizona
- 15 March—Tiajuana Beach, Tiajuana, Mexico
- 15 March—La Jolla Cove, San Diego, California
- 16 March—East Beach, Santa Barbara, California
- 16 March—Santa Monica Pier, Santa Monica, California
- 22 March—Danalo Beach, Ponteranas, Costa Rica
- 23 March—Fuerte Amador Beach, Panama City, Panama
- 23 March—Langosta Beach, Colon City, Panama
- 21 December—Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 25 December—Salinas Beach, Viña del Mar, Chile
- 29 December—Laguna Carén, Santiago, Chile
- 31 December—Valdivia River, Valdivia, Chile

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- 2 January—Las Molinas de Niebla, Valdivia, Chile
- 7 January—Copa Cabaña Beach, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 9 January—Montevideo, Uruguay
- 11 January—Lake Titicaca, La Paz, Bolivia
- 13 January—La Playa Herradura, Lima, Peru