After Stuellen Treadwell welcomed everyone, United Nations Association of the United States of America, San Diego Chapter president Bettina Hausmann read a statement of this year’s theme. City Councilmember Colin Parent gave the proclamation and a Peace Pledge was delivered by Kids for Peace. After the various religious prayers, the entire group held hands in a circle and sang “Let There Be Peace on Earth.”

Over 180 people gathered at Aztec park on Sept. 18 for the UN International Day of Peace. The event was put on by the Interfaith Council of La Mesa and featured speakers from a broad range of religious beliefs, including Buddhism, Hindu, Mormon, Judaism, Muslim, Sikh, Baha’i, Christian and Native American religious beliefs.