My wife, Leah, and I are deeply honoured that so many of our friends should wish to see the establishment of a Peace Centre in my name.

It is not my Peace Centre, but it is being established to espouse many of the values that I believe are central to our humanity. I therefore endorse its establishment enthusiastically.

Most people in the world live in situations of misery, poverty, suffering, injustice, oppression and desperation with little hope that their experience will change. These are God’s children, we are all members of God’s family, they are our brothers and sisters. I would like this Centre to become a beacon of hope. A place where we can be challenged to transform the experiences I have just described.

As God’s agents our primary purpose is to declare his love to the world. I pray that the Centre will be a tangible expression of that purpose and will become a place of transformation for us all.

God bless you

+Desmond M Tutu Archbishop Emeritus

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*Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God - if there is this love among you, then all will know that you are my disciples.*