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# Crowd gathers at La. State Capitol for world peace

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BATON ROUGE, LA (WAFB) - A crowd gathered at the Capitol Sunday to discuss how to be more aware of violence around the state and around the world.

It was the opening ceremony for Louisiana World Peace Day. Many gathered in the rotunda as the faith community lit candles and said prayers for peace. Organizers say they hope the people will be inspired to reflect on their own behavior.

World Peace Day is observed on Oct. 1 each year.

This year, children were asked to write essays and draw pictures on how they envision peace for the world.

"Children and youth get it," said Rev. Robin McCullough-Bade with Interfaith Federation. "They really understand that we shouldn't be hurting and harming each other. And so we hope they will find ways to provide alternative ways, rather than war, the way to peace."

The artwork will be on display at the State Capitol throughout the month of October.

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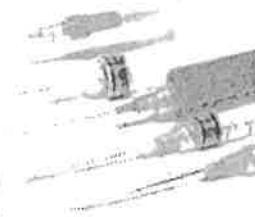
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