

Proposal presented by Margaret Troff

Special Session meeting, 1/6/74

THE WORLD FRIENDSHIP CENTER

A CENTER FOR WORLD PEACE THROUGH RELIGION

THE WORLD FREINDSHIP CENTER is a campus oriented ecumenical Center where persons from around the world may freely meet, develop friendships, and exchange concerns, interacting in an atmosphere designed to create confidence, inspire trust, and stimulate the development of the spiritual fruits of justice, love, hope, and peace. A unique dimension of the WORLD FRIENDSHIP CENTER is the focus on the role of religious belief, practice, and custom as a key resource for the production of better international relations and the advent of peace. THE WORLD FRIENDSHIP CENTER will be concerned with both the unique and common roles of world religions, in the eternal quest of all peoples to live together in friendship and peace.

ORGANIZATION: THE WORLD FRIENDSHIP CENTER will organize as a non-profit religious foundation, under the Code of Iowa. A Board of Directors, representing a cross-section of the larger community, will include as far as possible, persons from various religious traditions. The Board of Directors will be responsible for the financial support of the WORLD FREINDSHIP CENTER.

SCOPE OF PROGRAMS: THE WORLD FRIENDSHIP CENTER will seek to undertake and carry out those programs and projects which will seem most likely to advance and fulfill the mandate of its objective. The varied dimensions of its programs may include educational, experiential, research, reporting, and involvement activities. Stress would be placed on openness to all religious groups and individuals. Opportunities would be provided, as resources permit, for the broadest range of meetings, discussions, ceremonies, worship, meditation, conferences, institutes, symposiums, rituals, and other involvements for the advancement of the theme of world peace through friendship and understanding.

FINANCES & SUPPORT: The financial direction of the WORLD FRIENDSHIP CENTER would be the responsibility of the Board of Directors, including the obtaining of funds, and the managing and reporting of funds received and used. For income tax purposes, tax-free status would be sought. Gifts, grants, and bequestes will be sought from interested persons and entities. Some income may derive from the nature of the activities and projects. As the building is on the National Historic Register, the foundation will seek the federal funds which are available for repair up to 50% of the cost of the building.

OFFER: The foundation offers \$150,000.00 for the purchase of the real estate described in the call for the special meeting to be held Sunday, January 6, 1973, at 7:00 P. M.