

## **Swiss Peacemaker Nicholas of Flue**

## Niklaus von Flüe – Bruder Klaus, 1417-1487

As you may already know, this coming weekend (15th -16th of June) Switzerland is hosting the international conference for a future peace in Ukraine. It will occur just a few miles from where the 15th century Saint, Nicholas of Flue (Brother Klaus), acted as a peacemaker in times of trouble for people in Switzerland and Europe. His advice saved Switzerland from war in 1481. Since then, he has been known as a peacemaker with influence throughout the world.

## Invitation to a Mindful Walk to the Ranft, personally or virtually – June 14, 2024

## Stans – Ranft, starting 4 pm in Stans, silent arrival at the Ranft 11 pm

We, the Nicholas of Flue and Dorothee Wyss Foundation (Förderverein Niklaus von Flüe und Dorothee Wyss) seek to preserve and promote the peace-making heritage of Nicholas of Flue. That is the motivation for us along with other organizations to invite you and all who seek peace, to participate virtually in a meditative peace walk from the parliament building in the capital of the state Nidwalden, where the international peace conference will be held. to the hermitage of Brother Klaus in the Ranft (approx. 5 hour walk).

As this is the first official international conference to begin a process of peace, we find it especially important to ask as many people to support it as possible. With this idea in mind, we decided to make it a hybrid event. This event will now include the possibility to participate online. It will include live inputs, time for quiet reflection and to listen to each other online.

So many are saying, «What use is such a conference? They can never create peace!» Those of us who have worked for questions of peace and justice for many years know otherwise. As Pope Francis mentions in Fratelli tutti in Nr. 231: «There is an 'architecture' of peace, to which different institutions of society contribute, each according to its own area of expertise, but there is also an 'art' of peace that involves us all.»

Thanks for sharing this event with others, attending personally if you can and engaging to make peace and justice real in our world.

Zoom-Link to participate virtually: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84568595053?pwd=8v5cqDzKRd3tswXobFVMKuT2Ihirf8.1 Meeting-ID: 845 6859 5053 / Passcode: 727960