

The Walk for "Sanctuary Cities - Sanctuary World" holds unwavering belief that every human is sacred and should be secure from attack, and that this entire beautiful natural world is sacred and inviolable.

We walk for the safety of all immigrants and for us all. We walk for a demilitarized country and demilitarized world.



"The word 'sacred' is non-existent in the vocabulary of materialism, not to mention the jargon of the military, whose profession specializes in murder and destruction ... Words like 'sanctity' describe the quintessence of spirituality, particularly in a religious and moral society. It is what imbues life to such a society. No religion or ethics is devoid of the concept of sanctity. (let us) aspire to sanctify the entire globe, to realize the transformation of this world full of violence and suffering that is in itself already the Pure Land, Heaven on Earth..."

Most Ven. Nichidatsu Fujii,
Founder and Teacher of Nipponzan Myohoji,
Delivered in a talk entitled "Sanctuary" in 1981

"The Church has been involved in nonviolent peace-building strategies in many countries, engaging even the most violent parties in efforts to build a just and lasting peace...Jesus himself offers a 'manual' for this strategy of peacemaking in the Sermon on the Mount...Let us never tire of repeating: 'The name of God cannot be used to justify violence. Peace alone is holy...."

- Excerpts from "Nonviolence - A Style of Politics for Peace" by Pope Francis, January 1, 2017

"We must rapidly begin the shift from a 'thing-oriented' society to a 'person-oriented' society. When machines and computers, profit motives and property rights are considered more important than people, the giant triplets of racism, materialism, and militarism are incapable of being conquered."

Martin Luther King, Jr

16th Annual "Walk for a New Spring"



March 10, 2017 - April 8, 2017
Leverett, MA - Washington, DC

Please join us for the organizing or to walk part of a day or pilgrimage all the way on this journey of transformation.

For more information or to volunteer your time and energy to this effort, contact

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THE ABOVE TWO CHINESE CHARACTERS COMPRISE THE MEANING "CRISIS." WHEN TRANSLATED INTO ENGLISH THE FIRST CHARACTER MEANS "DANGER", THE SECOND MEANS "OPPORTUNITY."

As crises arise from many directions, people are opening their hearts, making great effort to move the crisis conditions from "danger" to "opportunity."

Before our eyes, immigrants are feeling the violence or imminent threat of violence of arrest and deportation. Families traumatically wrenched apart; deported people often facing unlivable situations upon return, sometimes even death.

This is not what this country should be.

The monks and friends of New England Peace Pagoda wish to dedicate our 16th annual Walk for a New Spring to "Sanctuary Cities - Sanctuary World." For 3 weeks we will walk in Massachusetts and for 1 week in Washington DC to show active solidarity with immigrants, to honor the many people, faith communities and other communities and political leaders who are coming together across all lines to commit to sanctuary for our immigrant brothers and sisters.

We call also for a "Sanctuary World" - a world free of the terrifying oppression of war and weaponry. Domestically and internationally - let the US begin our destined and true path of demilitarization and the building of a peaceful country.

Refuse
to
Sacrifice and Destroy
the People
&
the Earth
Our Ultimate Sanctuaries

2017 Walk for a New Spring Schedule (Subject to Change)

1	Fri 3/10	Joining Native Nations March - Washington, DC In Solidarity with the Spirit of Standing Rock		
2	Sat 3/11	Travel Day		
		Walk	Begins	
3	Sun 3/12	Amherst	Hadley Congregational Church	Northampton
4	Mon 3/13	Leverett	N. Amherst Survival Center	Holyoke
5	Tue 3/14	Holyoke	Chicopee	Springfield
6	Wed 3/15	Springfield	W. Springfield	Westfield
7	Thurs 3/16	West Field	Lee	Great Barrington
8	Fri 3/17	Great Barrington	Lenox	Pittsfield
9	Sat 3/18	Pittsfield	Buckland	Greenfield
10	Sun 3/19	Greenfield	Athol	Orange
11	Mon 3/20	Orange	Gardner	Winchendon
12	Tues 3/21	Rest Day	Rest Day	Rest Day
13	Wed 3/22	Winchendon	Leicester	Worcester
14	Thurs 3/23	Worcester	Foxboro	Attleboro
15	Fri 3/24	Attleboro	Warren	Fall River
16	Sat 3/25	Fall River	New Bedford	Fairhaven
17	Sun 3/26	Fairhaven		Plymouth
18	Mon 3/27	Plymouth	Lawrence	Lawrence/N. Andover
19	Tues 3/28	N. Andover	Newburyport	Ipswich
20	Wed 3/29	Ipswich	Essex	Salem
21	Thurs 3/30	Salem	Chelsea/Everett	Boston/Cambridge
22	Fri 3/31	Boston	Cambridge	Dorchester
23	Sat 4/1	Travel		
24	Sun 4/2	Hagerstown, MD	Harpers Ferry	DC Dojo
25	Mon 4/3	Fredrick	Chua Xa Loi Temple	DC Dojo
26	Tues 4/4	Wash, DC	MLK 50 th anniversary	Riverside Speech
27	Wed 4/5	Capital Hill	Reception	Congress
28	Thurs 4/6	Work camp	DC dojo	Painting/cleaning
29	Fri 4/7	Work Camp	DC dojo	Prepare for Flower Festival
30	Sat 4/8	Washington, DC Dojo	Flower	Festival