

2023 PACIFIC NORTHWEST INTERFAITH PEACE WALK

For Abolish Nuclear Weapons & End All Wars

Jul. 27-30 & Aug. 3-7, 2023

Salem-Portland-Vancouver (WA), Tacoma-Lake Forest Pk.-Seattle-Bainbridge Is.- Suquamish-Poulsbo-Ground Zero Ctr.

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	29 Sat. Portland, OR	5 Sat. Poulsbo – Ground Zero Ctr.
	30 Sun. Vancouver, WA	6 Sun. Lake Forest Pk- Seattle (Lantern Ceremony)
	8/3 Thu. Tacoma	7 Mon. GZ-Bangor Submarine Base

This annual Peace Walk is organized (or sponsored) by Nipponzan Myohoji Buddhist Order, Eugene, Portland, Vancouver & Tacoma Catholic Workers, Ground zero Ctr. For Nonviolent Action Veteran For Peace, Indian People Organizing for Change(California) & more
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This will be the 19th peace walk (since 2005) in Pacific Northwest directed to Ground Zero center. We continue to walk, listen, and share the voices of war survivors and world citizens. Our tie to the Marshallese community in Salem has been strengthened through the march. The steps that we take a small like a ripple in the ocean, yet it is certainly a way to teach the promise of peace on this earth. We will walk about 13 miles a day. Work for peace by walking even one day, or one hour. or talking at our evening potluck. Bring personal gear and smile with you! All are welcome.

The smallest contributions gratefully received.



Prime Minister Modi worships the statue of Gandhi in Hiroshima.

On May 20, 2023, a bust of Mahatma Gandhi was presented on the riverbank adjacent to the Atomic Bomb Dome, an iconic symbol of Hiroshima. Positioned approximately 200 yards away. Indian Prime Minister Modi, a guest for the G7 Hiroshima Summit, had the honor of unveiling the statue. During the ceremony, participants remarked on the profound significance as the silent cries for the abolition of nuclear weapons and an end to war conflicts seemed to resound from the souls of the atomic bomb victims, hidden beneath the ground, unheard but deeply felt.

On this memorable day, Setsuko Thurlow, a passionate advocate for the Nuclear Prohibition Treaty, called for concrete progress towards the elimination of nuclear weapons. However, the G7 merely expressed its commitment to "curb the use of nuclear weapons" and enhance "nuclear forces and strategies as a deterrent," without presenting a clear roadmap for achieving nuclear disarmament. Many attendees perceived the bust as an emphatic counterpoint, sounding an alarm and serving as a significant marker in response. **[Photo in Hiroshima]**