



Na Mu Myo Ho Ren Ge Kyo

# International Peace Walk

In Commemoration of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Nuclear Bombing of Hiroshima



MARCH 12, 2005: Y-12 National Security Complex, Oak Ridge TN

to

MAY 1, 2005: NPT Review, UN Headquarters, New York NY

- \* In 1964 there were five declared nuclear weapon states – the United States, The former Soviet Union, the United Kingdom, France and China. The predication was that in two decades the number would grow to 20 or 30 countries.
- \* In 1968 the U.S., the Soviet Union, and England signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). In 1970 the NPT began to be enforced and committed the five major nuclear weapons states to eventual nuclear disarmament. *To date 187 countries signed the treaty.*
- \* In 2002 U.S. released a Nuclear Posture Review reversed their position, which undermined the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. The U.S. decided to include nuclear weapons in the full range of weapons to be used against countries with which the U.S. has major disagreements.
- \* **In May 2005 the United Nations will hold a review in New York City, regarding the future of the Nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty.**

*The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, the central international agreement guiding the elimination of nuclear weapons, is on the verge of collapse. The chief cause is U.S. nuclear policy that, by openly declaring the possibility of a pre-emptive nuclear first strike and calling for resumed research into mini-nukes and other so-called useable nuclear weapons, appears to worship nuclear weapons as God. (Tadatoshi Akiba, mayor of Hiroshima, in his Peace Declaration for August 6, 2003)*

*The city of Hiroshima, along with the Mayors for Peace and our 611 member cities in 109 countries and regions, hereby declare the period beginning today and lasting until August 9, 2005, to be a Year of Remembrance and Action for a Nuclear-Free World. Our goal is to bring forth a beautiful flower for the 75th anniversary of the atomic bombings, namely, the total elimination of all nuclear weapons from the face of the Earth by the year 2020. (Tadatoshi Akiba, mayor of Hiroshima, in his Peace Declaration for August 6, 2004)*



Y-12 National Security Complex was a main facility for creation of the Atomic Bombs that were used on the cities of Hiroshima & Nagasaki.

In 2004 the Y12 National Security Complex in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, completed life extension upgrades on every W87 (MX missile) warhead in the US arsenal Y12 makes the thermonuclear part of the bomb. They intend to upgrade the B61 bomb.

Moved to carry the Mayor of Hiroshima's plea for action, and the nuclear free visions of communities world wide, an international group will walk to the United Nations remembering Hiroshima, Maralinga, Chernobyl, Three Mile Island, uranium mines, waste sites, depleted uranium weaponry, and the urgent danger we face with increased nuclear proliferation. This walk will visit the mayors of the cities along their route. They will ask these cities to join the "Program to Promote the Solidarity of Cities toward the Total Abolition of Nuclear Weapons. The cities that join this effort will join the ranks of the European Parliament and the U.S. Conference of Mayors both of which have passed resolutions supporting efforts to abolish nuclear weapons

The International Peace Walk is co-sponsored by the Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance (OREPA), FootPrints for Peace, Nipponzan Myohoji (an international Buddhist organization), International Peace Pilgrimage, and the Mayors for Peace Campaign.

- ☒ We will walk approximately 15 to 20 miles per day
- ☒ Drug and alcohol use are strictly forbidden
- ☒ You are welcome to join the walk for any amount of time you would like
- ☒ Suggested donation of \$1 per day, no one turned away for lack of funds

**For more details and information on how to contribute to or join this pilgrimage please contact:**

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# Route Schedule and Information

Saturday	March 12	Y-12, Oak Ridge TN	
Sunday	March 13	Y-12, Oak Ridge TN	Community vigil
Monday	March 14	Knoxville TN	20 miles
Tuesday	March 15	Blain TN	18 miles
Wednesday	March 16	Avondale TN	17 miles
Thursday	March 17	Mooreburg TN	16 miles
Friday	March 18	Striggensville TN	17 miles
Saturday	March 19	Churchhill TN	17 miles
Sunday	March 20	Kingsport TN	9 miles
Monday	March 21	Kingsport TN	<b>Restday</b>
Tuesday	March 22	Bristol VA	18 miles
Wednesday	March 23	Abington VA	19 miles
Thursday	March 24	Sevenmile Ford VA	18 miles
Friday	March 25	Atkins VA	16 miles
Saturday	March 26	Wytheville VA	21 miles
Sunday	March 27	Pulaski VA	20 miles
Monday	March 28	Radford VA	20 miles
Tuesday	March 29	Radford VA	<b>Restday</b>
Wednesday	March 30	Shawsville VA	18 miles
Thursday	March 31	Roanoke VA	19 miles
Friday	April 1	Villamont VA	17 miles
Saturday	April 2	Bedford VA	15 miles
Sunday	April 3	Lynchburg VA	20 miles
Monday	April 4	Amherst VA	15 miles
Tuesday	April 5	Roseland VA	15 miles
Wednesday	April 6	Roseland VA	<b>Restday</b>
Thursday	April 7	Charlottesville VA	20 miles
Friday	April 8	Ruckersville VA	18 miles
Saturday	April 9	Oatlands VA	<b>Run Day</b> 78 miles
Sunday	April 10	Lucketts VA	17 miles
Monday	April 11	Frederick MD	20 miles
Tuesday	April 12	Frederick MD	<b>Restday</b>
Wednesday	April 13	Thurmont MD	16 miles
Thursday	April 14	Greenmont PA	18 miles
Friday	April 15	Heidlersburg	16 miles
Saturday	April 16	Beavertown PA	15 miles
Sunday	April 17	New Cumberland PA	15 miles
Monday	April 18	Harrisburg PA	<b>3-Mile Island</b> 20 miles
Tuesday	April 19	Harrisburg PA	<b>Restday</b>
Wednesday	April 20	East Hanover PA	13 miles
Thursday	April 21	Fredericksburg PA	14 miles
Friday	April 22	Hamburg PA	20 miles
Saturday	April 23	Allentown PA	23 miles
Sunday	April 24	Bethlehem PA	18 miles
Monday	April 25	Bethlehem PA	<b>Restday</b>
Tuesday	April 26	West Portal NJ	18 miles
Wednesday	April 27	Whitehorse NJ	16 miles
Thursday	April 28	N Plainfield NJ	19 miles
Friday	April 29	Hillside NJ	17 miles
Saturday	April 30	Fort Lee NJ	19 miles
Sunday	May 1	Central Park NY	7 miles
Monday	May 2	UN Building, NY	2 miles