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"*Blessed* are they who have seen reality, for they know that not the garment of clay but that which activates the garment of clay is real and indestructible."

Peace Pilgrim

Peace Efforts in September

"144,000 Sun Dance enlightened teachers will totally awaken in their mind bodies. They will begin to meet in their own winged serpent wheels and become a major force of the light to help the rest of humanity to dance their dream awake. A Sun Dance teacher is any human being who has awakened, who has gained the dream mindbody and who honors all paths, all teachers, and all ways."

From the book "A Hopy Prophecy"
(Acom Publishing, Glastonbury, p. 24)

September has become an extraordinary month for Peacemaking around the world. In a blend of energies of peacemaking with people from around the world James Twyman, founder of the Beloved Community, led various events this year.

Assisi Retreat: On September 6-13, James led a very special peace retreat. During this retreat, on the 11th, over a half million people walked from Perugia to Assisi, Italy. The Assisi retreat participants met the Tavoladellapace group in Assisi and walked with them the last half mile.

Peace Walk: September 12-20. On September 12 an international group of spiritual peacemakers departed from Assisi for a special pilgrimage to Rome. Many of the retreat participants joined the walk that followed in the footsteps of St. Francis.

Rome: September 20-22. The culmination of the previous two events was the Papal Audience in Rome on September 21, the "International Day of Peace" where James, joined by Earthdance International founder, Chris Deckker, presented the names of those who joined in a prayer for peace to Pope Benedict XIV (their goal was to collect 144,000 signatures of those committed to pray together on September 17). The following day they took the list of names to members of the United Nations at the Peace Festival/United Artists for Peace conference that was taking place in Assisi.

Other Important Peace Events

There were hundreds of events taking place around the world between September 11 and 21, including a Department of Peace conference, led by Marianne Williamson and Earthdance International coordinated a global peace event that took place in hundreds of cities around the world to dance and pray for peace the weekend of September 17. The highlight of the Earthdance International event

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was a simultaneous dance-floor link up, when every event across the world played the Prayer for Peace. Morning in the Australian rainforest, midnight in London, and sunrise over the Himalayas. The Prayer for Peace is a profound and powerful moment that unifies our intentions for World peace and healing.

The list of events that took place globally on September 21 can be seen at:
www.idpvigil.com/commitments/commitment2005.php

Dedication of the Peace Pilgrim Park

Egg Harbor City, New Jersey

July 12, 2005

By Mayte Picco-Kline

In a joyful gathering of about 200 people, a local park was dedicated to Peace Pilgrim in her natal city. There now stands a terracota statue of Peace Pilgrim designed by artist Sally Laird MaInerney and is surrounded by colorful peace tiles created by Egg Harbor City schoolchildren.

This project was initiated by Barbara Reynolds, who was inspired when she discovered Peace Pilgrim's writing about five years ago. It all started with her desire to educate the children of Egg Harbor City about a truly remarkable woman, who graduated from their schools.

The dedication program included a Proclamation by City Mayor Joe Kuehner, declaring July 12, 2005 as Peace Pilgrim Day. And from now on, each Monday after Mother's Day will be celebrated in her honor.

Here are some of my comments during my welcoming talk:

For more than two decades since the Peace Pilgrim book was published Egg Harbor has received the beautiful vibrations and deep appreciation of many people for nurturing the early years of an exceptional human being. You are now a living part of the group consciousness that symbolizes PEACE.

In her own distinctive way, Peace Pilgrim spoke of the power to follow our inner guidance, our light within, our best teacher. In a world striving to live in peace but also experiencing the struggles of conflict, her contribution to humanity goes beyond words. In her own way, she dramatized for us all that can be accomplished when we live in harmony with the universe. "The way of Peace is the way of Love," she often said. And Peace gave emphasis to the need to practice our dearest beliefs.

Today we are celebrating the life and work of an inspiring lady, whose messages have a

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transformative power for the good of the whole.

… a unique being who in truth has become immortal through the seeds of peace she planted for us all to nurture through the years.

… immortal, by setting an example of the joys of inner peace.

… immortal, through her book and spiritual little classic, "Steps toward Inner Peace" which continues to touch the lives of people every day all over the world.

… immortal, through the acknowledgment and honors she has received throughout the years, including a nomination for the Nobel Peace Price and the statue that stands at the University for Peace of the United Nations in Costa Rica.

… and immortal now, this day, as we dedicate this beautiful park… and highlight her place of birth for generations to come.

I wish to honor her memory by sharing some of her golden thoughts:

She often said:

"I began to really live life when I began to look at every situation and think about how I could be of service in that situation. I learned it is through giving that we receive the worthwhile things of life."

"What we dwell upon we help to bring into manifestation."

"One little person, giving all of her time for peace, makes news. Many people, giving some of their time, can make history."

Thank you all for being here and for your own contribution to PEACE."

After the welcoming speech and two Proclamations, we enjoyed a reenactment of an interview with Peace Pilgrim by local students, we listened to inspiring poetry of Peace written by Rittenberg Middle School students, an explanation of the Peace Pole by Barbara Reynolds, whose dream about a Peace Pilgrim Park came true that day, a statement from the Peace Pilgrim Board, a Peace song by a teenager and we shared the planting of a dogwood tree.

"As long as this does something to carry on her message, she would be happy," said Helene Young, Peace Pillgrim's sister.

Sabian Corner

The ideal in eternal steadiness

As the life of the aspirant expands into more varied experience with the consequent necessity for developing larger skills, he is held steady by fidelity to his ideal.

Affirmation for Health

"I am the temple of the illimitable now."

Marc Edmund Jones

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Welcome

A warm welcome to our newest friends in the *Enlace Internacional* circle: Adah Sorensen and Delle Fowler Frech in the United States, Daniela Arceyut in Costa Rica, Soraya Mujica in Ecuador and Emma Avila García.

Connecting to the Internet

Sabian Assembly
www.sabian.org

Friends of Peace Pilgrim - Connecticut
www.peacepilgrim.com

Friends of Peace Pilgrim –
(to solicit Peace Pilgrim materials)
friends@peacepilgrim.org

Enlace Internacional - english and spanish
spanish – www.peacepilgrim.org/news_sp/enlace34.htm
english - www.peacepilgrim.org/news_sp/enlace34e.htm

Emmisary of Light – Peace Prayers
www.emissarybooks.com/peace.html

We, The World
www.wetheworld.org

Earth Dance
www.earthdance.org

World Peace Prayer Society
www.worldpeace.org

Pathways to Peace
www.pathwaystopeace.org/index2.htm

Artistic Expressions

Vallecitos Hill

(extract)
- written on a mountain when he saw a comet for the first time in his life

"Cathedral of snows,
your majestic presence
emphasizes our smallness.
Light of anointed man,
shared peace,
ancestral silence,
bread of unified humanity,
embrace our wills to World service.
Natural splendor.
Fifth essence,
that contains all things.

Let us care for our surroundings,
and sing to Love.

It is possible to embrace the Earth
with Planetary conscience."

Néstor Hugo Almagro
Mendoza, Argentina

"Clouds" – photo by Mayte Picco-Kline

I feel a complete protection on my pilgrimage. God is my shield. Those who walk safely are those who walk humbly and harmlessly with great love and great faith.

Stephen Awudi Gadri
Koforidua, Ghana

"... because of the warmth of his smile, the melody of his voice, his luminous glance, or his comforting presence can be enough to renew our hopes and to find the course once again, so longed for... "

shared by Guillermo Calderón,
México, D.F.

The Challenge of Strengthening Peace

by Flory Mata, United States
Latin American Director
Worldwide Council for Peace and Liberty

{extract from a writing for an international conference in Costa Rica circa 2002}

From the depths of our hearts was born the idea to unite an enormous group of people to work for the well-being of humanity, moved solely by love, with the desire to celebrate a successful, conscientious and humanitarian service for humanity, in favor of PEACE.

Now is the moment, today is the day to become true servants of humanity, true guardians of the planet, true brothers.

Peace is something we all search for, an experience we yearn for in this life and beyond, and those who understand and live peace within themselves can teach how to attain it.

We are living difficult times, where wars between brothers for lack of understanding, tolerance or respect for others ideas or beliefs are taking the lives of innocents.

The Worldwide Council for Peace and Liberty is sharing light with those who have in their conscience a deep love for everything that surrounds us and for all those that are with us in this experience of life, at this historical moment. We think that peace in the world is possible and we are here to demonstrate that what we need the most in our lives is PEACE, and are ready to live it, to practice it and to teach it.

Most of us are conscious that we live in a world of polarities, of opposites that complement each other for the attainment of balance, a universal balance. The opposite of war is peace, and it is necessary to explain at this moment that we do not have to understand war solely as the fighting, the confrontation, and the violence that is experienced in battlefields, so abundant these days. Wars exist in our own homes, between members of a family, between brothers... Emotional wars and mental wars also exist, and these wars generate others, where conflicts are mind to mind, hand to hand, rifle to rifle, tank to tank, missile to missile.

If we are at PEACE there is no enemy.

Peace and war are two states of a same condition: the condition of being alive. They are two ends of a same thread: the thread that ties us to the Earth. LET US DECLARE PEACE TO THE WORLD, becoming members of a group of human beings of Good Will to whom the Angels announced the arrival of the Messiah.

Our weapons are within ourselves. Greatest of all, the most powerful is LOVE. "ONE with God is the majority" and TWO or more with God are the totality. If we unite like true brothers,

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soldiers all within an army of LIGHT, PEACE will be a tangible, visible reality, sooner than we can imagine.

Let us begin now, remembering that many people in the past fought and many died because they firmly believed in PEACE as a gift of God, something we all can enjoy. Jesus and other grand teachers brought a message of love and peace. Sir Winston Churchill said: "War is an invention of the human mind; and the mind can also invent Peace." Many other people throughout history have worked to teach us how to live in peace and freedom, Gandhi was one of them; some were even sanctified and they have left countless prayers, documents, decrees, books and poems to manifest peace in our lives. We believe the moment has arrived to use all this cumulative information, wisdom, and energy that has been bequeathed to us throughout history. It is time to anchor in our minds and hearts a profound desire to live at PEACE.

It is time to focus and actively work for world-wide PEACE, let us enjoy Heaven on earth, let us be conscious this is the best legacy we can leave to future generations.

May PEACE be with you all.

The Inner Way

Look at the patterns that emerge. Are your days balanced?

- Are there some things you can delegate, eliminate, or otherwise simplify?
- Is there anything missing from your life?
- Can you make room for it by scaling down your involvement in other areas?

Think of yourself as an architect designing a beautiful living structure.

"The Tao of Inner Peace"
by Dianne Dreher

Our prayers and love go to those who are living with the consequences of hurricane Katrina in the United States in hope of a nascent strength.

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Iniciatives of our Circle of Friends

Some comments from our circle of friends who feel inspired to share the Peace Pilgrim messages with those who are receptive:

- "In my pastoral that is the Mexican Nocturnal Adoration, I have used Peace Pilgrim's concepts, particularly Steps Toward Inner Peace with a group of about 50 people that we have formed." I continue sharing Peace Pilgrim's messages in my monthly discussions. *(Zeferino Cisneros, Chihuahua, México)*

- "I have given Peace Pilgrim's phrases to my medical students and they were very happy. We made a day of the dialogue." *(Victoria Novik Assael, Chile)*

Reflections

(We invite you to participate in this section by selecting a phrase or sentence from the Peace Pilgrim materials. Please indicate source and page.)

- The price of peace… is faith – faith that if we obey God's laws we will receive god's blessings. *(Hna. Magdalena de Jesús, Chile)*

- There is a great freedom in simplicity of living, and after I began to feel this, I found harmony in my life between inner and outer well-being. Now there's a great deal to be said about such harmony, not only for an individual but also for the life of a society. *(Arco Iris Rosemary Southwell, Africa del Sur)*

- Solve the problems that life sets before you, and you will find that solving them contributes to your inner growth. *(Emilia Kuri, México)*

- You have a part in the scheme of things. What that part is you can know only from within yourself. You can seek it in receptive silence. *(Mayte Picco-Kline, Estados Unidos)*

Send your questions concerning inner peace, contributions and artistic expressions to Mayte Picco-Kline. Enlace is published three times yearly. If this is the first time you've received it and wish to be a part of our circle of friends, please send a confirmation note.

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