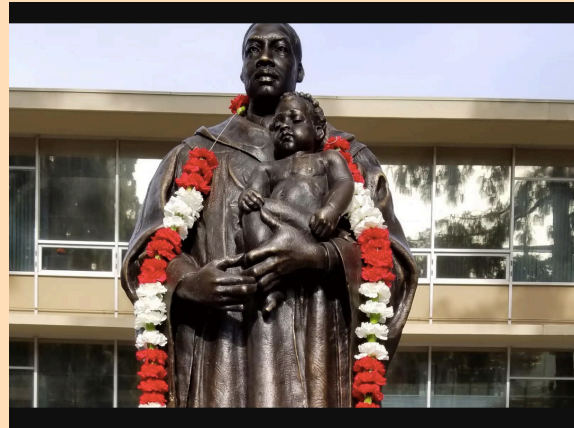


M.K. Gandhi Center: Inner Peace and Sarvodaya, Jain and Hindu Dharma Initiative,  
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# Gandhi-MLK Peace Pilgrimage

A walk for peace, chanting, & interfaith prayer



Please join us for Peace Walk  
(Fresno State Peace Garden )

**Friday, October 25, 2024**

4:30 PM

## Event Schedule

- 4:30 - Gather in the Peace Garden (near Fresno State Library)
- 4:35 - Meditation by Dr. Veena Kapoor (Brahma Kumaris Meditation Center, Fresno)
- 4:40 - Peace Garden Tour of Monuments - Dr. Sudarshan Kapoor and students
- 5:00 - Return to the Gandhi Monument
- 5:05 - Welcome - Dr. Veena Howard
- 5:10 - Remarks - President Saúl Jiménez-Sandoval
- 5:15 - The Gita Chanting by Chinmaya Mission Fresno Children
- 5:25 - Interfaith Peace Prayer - Peace Pilgrims (all are welcome to join)
- 5:35 - Q&A with the Peace Pilgrims and Peace Walk around Fresno State campus (map will be provided)

Open and Free to Public ( free parking after 4:00pm)

For any questions contact: Dr. Veena Howard, Director, M.K. Gandhi Center  
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We are thrilled to announce the upcoming Gandhi-MLK Peace Pilgrimage, a journey dedicated to promoting nonviolence, global peace and harmony across the USA, Canada, and the UK.

Founder and Chief Initiator: Vishwamitra Yogesh (Yogesh Mathuria), a Global Peace Promoter & Wellness Coach, is the visionary behind this pilgrimage.

Co-Pilgrims: Joining Vishwamitra Yogesh are our dedicated co-pilgrims:

**Nitin Sonawane:** Age 33, Gandhi Peace Walker, Engineer and Social Activist from Pune, India. At the age of 25, he embarked on a global peace movement, cycling through 20 countries and covering 25,000 km, and walking 20,000 km across 30 countries in Asia, North and South America, Africa, Europe, the Middle East, and Central Asia, including Pakistan and Afghanistan.

**Rev. Kanshin Ikeda:** A 45-year-old peace walker and Buddhist monk from the Nipponzan Myohoji Buddhist Order in Tokyo, Japan, is a devoted follower of Rev. Nichidatu Fujii Guruji, known as the "Gandhi of Japan," who was the founder of the Nipponzan Myohoji Buddhist sect and dedicated his life to international peace, significantly contributing to Mahatma Gandhi's independence movement in India and globally.

**Thubten Samten:** A Buddhist monastic whose dedication to peace began in the 1960s. Her path has since been enriched by activism and teaching meditation in various settings. Before ordination, Nyingje served as a hospital chaplain, teacher (from preschool to university), and therapist, with a focus on supporting women in prison, working at a rape crisis center, and assisting survivors of war and torture.

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-Dr. Veena R. Howard, Professor of Philosophy

