

9th Annual Unity Walk

Sunday, September 8, 2013

12:00 pm Registration Begins – Washington Hebrew Congregation, 3935 Macomb Street NW

12:00-1:30 Information Hall Open – Visit and learn about regional and national organizations dedicated to interfaith work, dialogue and service.

1:00 Doors Open – Main Sanctuary at Washington Hebrew Congregation

1:15 Welcoming Performance – **Kwame Ansah-Brew**, *Come Dance Besa*

1:25 Video Tribute – The 9/11 Unity Walk and the vision of His Excellency Nelson Mandela

1:30 Opening Ceremony Begins

- African Drumming Procession- led by **Kwame Ansah-Brew**, *Come Dance Besa*
- Mistress of Ceremonies – **Jan Du Plain**, *Du Plain Enterprises, Inc.*
- Muslim Call to Prayer – **Joshua Salaam**, *ADAMS*
- Opening Remarks - **Rabbi Bruce Lustig**, *Senior Rabbi, Washington Hebrew Congregation*
- Award Presentation – **Kyle Poole**, *Founder of 9/11 Unity Walk*
- Special Remarks – **Ambassador Ibrahim Rasool**, *Embassy of South Africa*
- Performance - **DC Youth Poetry Slam Team** performs “Points of Light”
- Introduction - **Faith Guides**, new feature for the 2013 Unity Walk
- Closing Remarks and Meditation – **Sister Jenna**, *Director of Meditation Museum*

2:00 9/11 Unity Walk Begins – Participants are invited to walk at their leisure, and explore the following program components as they wish:

- **NEW! Faith Guides** – Participants may choose to ask questions or walk with our designated Faith Guides to learn about their various faiths.
- **Open House Tours** – Every house of worship and faith community along Embassy Row offers participants the opportunity to witness and learn about their buildings, faiths and practices.
- **NEW! Service Projects and Activities** – Participants who wish to have a more engaged experience with fellow walkers can join a number of service-oriented and interactive activities along the walk route.

Session 1: 2:00-2:45

- **Embassy Pentecostal Evangelical Church, Open House** - “Blessings, Speaking in Tongues and Miracles,” 355 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
- **Annunciation Catholic Church, Open House** - Guided tours of the church, 3810 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
- **Sikh Gurdwara, Open House – Newly Re-opened!** - Guided tours and turban tying demonstration, 3801 Massachusetts Ave NW
 - ** **Delicious Indian Food!** - Sikh Langar is a traditional family-style meal, welcoming of all faiths and backgrounds (NOTE: Shared Meal will be offered again at 2:45)
- **Washington National Cathedral, Open House** – Tours of the Cathedral, 3101 Wisconsin Avenue, NW
- **St. Alban’s Episcopal Church, Open House**- Tours of the Church, 3001 Wisconsin Avenue, NW
 - ** **NEW near this location!** - **Mantra Meditation** - Engaging chanting by the Hare Krishna community, Bryce Park 3601-3699 Garfield St NW (Massachusetts Avenue, NW)
- **St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church, Open House**- Experience the sacred architecture, iconography, and liturgical chant of Saint Sophia Cathedral, the crown jewel of Byzantine Orthodoxy in our nation's capital. 2815 36th Street, NW
 - ** **NEW! Gleaning Project**, sponsored by the **Society of St. Andrew** – Walkers are invited to stop here and help bag 40,000 Maine potatoes, to be donated to DC Central Kitchen and Capital Area Food Bank (NOTE: This project will be available until 4:00 for those who wish to contribute later in the day).

Session 2: 2:45-3:45

- ** **NEW at this location!** – **Tai Chi Demonstration** provides walkers with an opportunity to briefly experiment with this ancient art, Green space before Community of Christ.
- **Community of Christ, Open House** - Guided Tour, 3526 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
 - ** **NEW at this location!** – **Dances of Universal Peace** invites walkers to observe and/or participate in a variety of simple dance movements set to various faith music, focused on unity and connecting with one another, Park across the street from Community of Christ.
- **St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Cathedral, Open House** – Guided Tour of sanctuary filled with beautiful iconography, 3500 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
- **Soka Gakkai International, Buddhist Cultural Center, Open House** – “A Chance to Chant,” 3417 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
- **Embassy of the Vatican, Open House**- Greeting from Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, invitation to tour the Pope’s chapel and opportunity to participate in a service project in the Embassy’s gardens, 3339 Massachusetts Avenue, NW

**** NEW at this location!** - **Service Project** supported by the Young Adult Initiative of the Archdiocese of Washington, will involve assembling trail mix bags to be distributed to Friendship Place, a resource center for the homeless in Washington, DC

- **Khalil Gibran Memorial Park**– 3100 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
 - ** NEW! Yoga** on the lawn leading to the Khalil Gibran Memorial Park
 - ** NEW! Guided Dialogues** led by InterFaith Conference of Metropolitan DC – listen or participate in guided dialogues around topics of interfaith understanding and compassion.
- **Islamic Center of Washington, Open House**- Guided tours of the Mosque, 2551 Massachusetts Avenue, NW

3:45 Main Program Resumes - Islamic Center of Washington, 2551 Mass. Avenue, NW

- Sound of Silence, Buddhist singing bowl - **Bhante K. Uparatana Nayaka Thera**
- Mistress of Ceremonies – **Jan Du Plain**, *Du Plain Enterprises, Inc.*
- Opening Remarks – **Imam Abdullah Khouj**, *President, Islamic Center of Washington*
- Performance – **Mosaic Harmony Choir**
- Special Remarks – **Ambassador Nirumpama Rao**, *Embassy of India*
- *Special Remarks-* **Rosa Dajal**, *President, Women’s Muslim Association*
- Blessings by Various Faith Leaders – **Bishop Budde**, *St. Albans Episcopal Church*, **Anne Golightly**, *Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints*, **Rabbi David Shneyer**, *Am Kolel Jewish Renewal*, **Bhante K. Uparatana Nayaka Thera**, *Buddhist Chaplain, American University/ President, Maryland Buddhist Vihara in Wheaton, MD*
- Closing Performance, **Mosaic Harmony Choir**
- Call to Process, Shofar - **Rabbi David Shneyer**, *Am Kolel Jewish Renewal Community*, and **Arun Gandhi**

4:15-4:45 Procession – led by **Arun Gandhi**, **Grandson of Mahatma Gandhi** to the Gandhi Memorial, Massachusetts Avenue & 21st Street, NW

- Opening Remarks – **Arun Gandhi**, *Total Nonviolence*
- Special remarks – **9/11 Unity Walk Honoree, Rev. Clark Lobenstine**, *Executive Director, Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington*
- Closing Remarks – **Capital Area Interfaith Youth (CAIF)**, *Partner of 9/11 Unity Walk*
- Performance and Engagement – **Rabbi David Shneyer**, *Am Kolel Jewish Renewal Community*