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### The World March for Peace and Nonviolence

Oct 2, 2009 Wellington, New Zealand to Jan 2, 2010 Punta de Vacas, Argentina www.worldmarchusa.net • theworldmarch.org

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#### MEDIA ALERT

# The World March for Peace and Nonviolence – March and Press Conference at City Hall

**What:** The World March for Peace and Nonviolence -- a global initiative to abolish nuclear weapons and end violence – comes to NYC and thousands of people will walk across the Brooklyn Bridge to City Hall to show their support.

When: Monday November 30

1 p.m. Brooklyn Borough Hall1:30 to 2:45 Crossing Brooklyn Bridge

• 3:00 pm Press Conference **Where**: Brooklyn Borough Hall to City Hall

**Who**: International team of of 25 marchers and New Yorkers representing more than 100 cultures, including hundreds of students and teachers, religious leaders, organizations, Consuls and city officials.

**Why:** This historic 93-Day march, crossing the 6 continents, began in New Zealand on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 and will end on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 in Argentina – involving over a million people in more than 100 countries.

**Endorsements**: Presidents of 11 countries; Desmond Tutu, Jimmy Carter, Noam Chomsky, Cornel West, Dennis Kucinich, Daniel Ellsberg, Cate Blanchett, Martin Sheen, Yoko Ono. For a complete list, go to www.theworldmarch.org

**Visuals:** International March team, flags and signs from over 100 countries, large puppets, Santa Claus for peace, 400+ children marching carrying their homemade messages, dancing and drumming groups.

<u>Click here</u> for a three-minute video clip to experience the overwhelming support the World March for Peace and Nonviolence has received at its many stops around the globe.

### Organizations Participating in the Brooklyn Bridge March (note: this list is growing daily)

1199SEIU

Art of Living Foundation

Babylon Green Party

Binghamton Region Sustainability Coalition (BRSC)

**Brooklyn for Peace** 

Broome County Peace Action (BCPA)

Broome County Veterans For Peace (BCVFP)

Centro Guatemalteco Tecun Uman

Centro Hispano Cuzcatlan

Cinema Arts Centre

Clergy for Peace

Code Plnk LI

Code Pink NYC

Community for Human Development

Community of Mindfulness NY/Metro

Community of Silo's Message

Convergence of Cultures

**Ecuadorian International Center** 

Friends of Franz Jagerstatter

Haitian People's Support Project

Harpur Palate Literary Magazine

Hindu Temple of North America

Binghamton Political Initiative (BPI)

International Network for Peace

Iraq Veterans Against the War (IVAW)

Legend Institute

Light Millennium

Long Island Alliance for Peaceful Alternatives

Long Island Yoga Center, Babylon, NY

Manhattan Peace Action

Military Families Speak Out

NYC Green Party

Pax Christi LI

Pax Christi NYC

Peace Action Manhttan

Peace Action New York State

PeaceSmiths

Queens Community House

Reaching Critical Will (WILPF)

September 11<sup>th</sup> Families for Peaceful Tomorrows

Sisters of St. Joseph, Brentwood, NY

SOA Watch LI

St. James Peace and Justice Committee

Suffolk Peace Network

Teachers for Peace

United Methodist Social Justice Network (UMSJN)

**United Sikhs** 

**UUCB Social Justice Committee** 

Veterans for Peace

Veterans For Peace LI Chapter 138

Woodstock Council for World Peace

World Can't Wait

World Heritage Cultural Center

World Peace Prayer Society

World Without Wars and Violence

## Student groups from:

Hunter College - CUNY
Queens College - CUNY
CUNY Graduate Center
Pace University
Cornell University
Columbia University
International High School at Prospect Heights
Brooklyn International School

### **RELATED EVENTS** - See attached press release

**Riverside Church**, November 30, 7pm. Official welcome and cultural event for the International Team of Marchers with talks and audio-visual. Free.

**Ground Zero**, December 1, 12 noon. Co-sponsored with September 11th Families of Peaceful Tomorrows. A ceremony to honor the victims of 9/11, decry the violence and address the theme of reconciliation.

United Nations, December 1, 3:15 pm. Meeting with the Secretary General of the United Nations, Ban Ki-Moon