

# 11th Annual MAHATMA GANDHI PEACE FESTIVAL & PEACE WALK

GAGE PARK, HAMILTON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2003  
10 A.M. - 4 P.M. FREE ADMISSION

## OCTOBER 4 EVENTS

Theme - "POWER TO THE PEOPLE: THE AGENDA OF THE PEACE MOVEMENT"

- 10 a.m. Meet in Gage Park; Information Fair about ongoing peace/social justice/human rights work in Hamilton; Free Refreshments
- 11 a.m. Special Guest Speaker
- 12 p.m. Peace Walk/Dance through the streets (to the beat of drums)
- 1 - 4 p.m. Free Lunch (vegetarian Indian food)  
Music and Dance presentations by local artists



## OTHER EVENTS



### The 8th Annual Mahatma Gandhi Lectures on Non-Violence:

#### Acharya Ramamurti

DIRECTOR-SHRAMBHARATI AND THE INSTITUTE OF GANDHIAN  
STUDIES(PATNA, INDIA)

#### "TOWARDS A NEW CULTURE OF PEACE"

Thursday, October 2, 2003 7:30 p.m.

McMaster University Health Sciences Centre Room HSC-1A1  
(Free Admission)

Acharya Ramamurti is the Director of Shrambharati (NGO, Patna) and the Institute of Gandhian Studies, Varanasi (India). Heeding to the call of Gandhi to serve the villages of India, in 1954 Ramamurti joined the newly established Gandhi Ashram at Khadigram in Bihar. He followed a motto of "four hours of bread labour and four hours of intellectual work" while guiding the work of the Khadigram Ashram which became one of the largest and nationally known peace and social movement centres in India. Over the years, Acharya Ramamurti has served the people of India by joining Vinoba's Land Gift Movement collecting land for the landless (1958-59), doing peace work in villages (1960-70), participating in the national movement for building a participatory democracy (1970-80), running "Earn and Learn" centres in thirty villages in Bihar (1980-90), and promoting peace education (1990-2000). In February, 2002, the Centre for Peace Studies, McMaster University, co-sponsored an International Peace Conference in Vaishali (Patna) which became the starting point of national Women's Shanti Sena (Peace Corps) training camps that have spread quickly to eight states in India. Acharya Ramamurti is ninety-one years young and shows no sign of slowing down!

### September 29th - October 3rd Mac Peace Week

McMaster University Campus

A number of events will be put on by McMaster's many  
Peace/Social Justice/Human Rights Groups

### September 27-28th Shanti Sena Peace Training Corps Workshop

Peace Training Workshop for  
Women and Men

based on the Women's Shanti Sena  
model from Bihar, India

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