

Peace Road proposal plan for North America

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Dear All,

Several of you have kindly asked for more details about the Peace Road plan for 2015, in response to my email last week.

Basically, it is all up to us. Our section of the Peace Road follows True Father's dream of being able to travel an International Highway from Santiago in Chile up through the Americas, across the Bering Strait and down to Korea. The South American and Central American legs will be completed by July 25th, with some overlap: South America: May 30-July 7; Central America: June 8-July 25

The international organizers want to publicize the dates of the whole tour and our dates are missing. Therefore I want to give them that information (even tentatively) ASAP. Even if it changes a bit a little later, that is still better than an information vacuum. Events in the USA can be held anytime from now up until July 31. That last weekend, July 31st to August 2nd will see the final events take place in Kodiak and/or Anchorage.

Last year, we incorporated the Peace Road into the "God's Hope for America" Pilgrimage and I myself rode in Baltimore, New York and Chicago. It was healthy and fun. In Baltimore, about 10 people rode laps around a lake; in New York, we rode around Central Park; in Chicago we rode along the shore of Lake Michigan. Some people had their own bikes; most were rented at an average of \$15 an hour.

It is not necessary that every mile (3518) from San Diego to Anchorage is covered, but it would be nice if a few key cities could do something. The organizers are also interested in the possibility of a symbolic ride East to West, from Washington and New York to San Francisco. This is a voluntary program that is intended to be completely locally. No one is coming from out of town, or being mobilized.

Banner and flyer designs are available online. We can cover the cost of the banner. Hold the event, take photos, and you're done. It's a good chance to invite people to do something different. And, it doesn't have to be a push bike either. Motorcyclists are welcome, especially for the longer runs between cities. Anyone who wants to ride Alaska Avenue from Seattle to Anchorage, we can help pay for gas!

To get started, please could you reply to this email by answering just two three questions TODAY

- 1) Can your community support Peace Road 2015 by holding a local event? YES or NO
- 2) If yes, provide the proposed date _____ and a ONE SENTENCE description of what you'll do

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