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## Trail of Tears Prayer Journey

George Augustus Stallings, Jr.

May 14, 2013

Dear ACLC Clergy and Partners,

### "Trail of Tears" Pilgrimage Co-sponsors

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for World Peace  
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Next month, a small group of pilgrims will undertake the prayerful retracing of one of the routes of the "Trail of Tears." The pilgrimage will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> in Georgia at New Echota, the original Capitol of the Cherokee Nation, pass through Chattanooga, Memphis, and Little Rock, and conclude on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, the new Cherokee Capitol. The next day the pilgrims will join a Native American Pow-Wow with Chief George and Eleanor Akeen.

In 1838 an estimated 15,000 Cherokee people were forced to abandon their homes in Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee and Alabama. Traveling in seventeen detachments they journeyed the 800 miles to Indian Territory in Oklahoma by foot, horse and wagon, and by boat. During the winter of the eight month journey, they endured the harshest weather without adequate clothing and food, and many hundreds died along the way. So The Cherokee named this removal from their home the Trail of Tears.

Retracing the Trail of Tears will afford better understanding and compassion for the suffering of the Native men, women and children who made this sorrowful journey. Gifts will be offered along the way to tribal organizations, and it is hoped that through this initiative some of the wounds from this sad history can be healed.

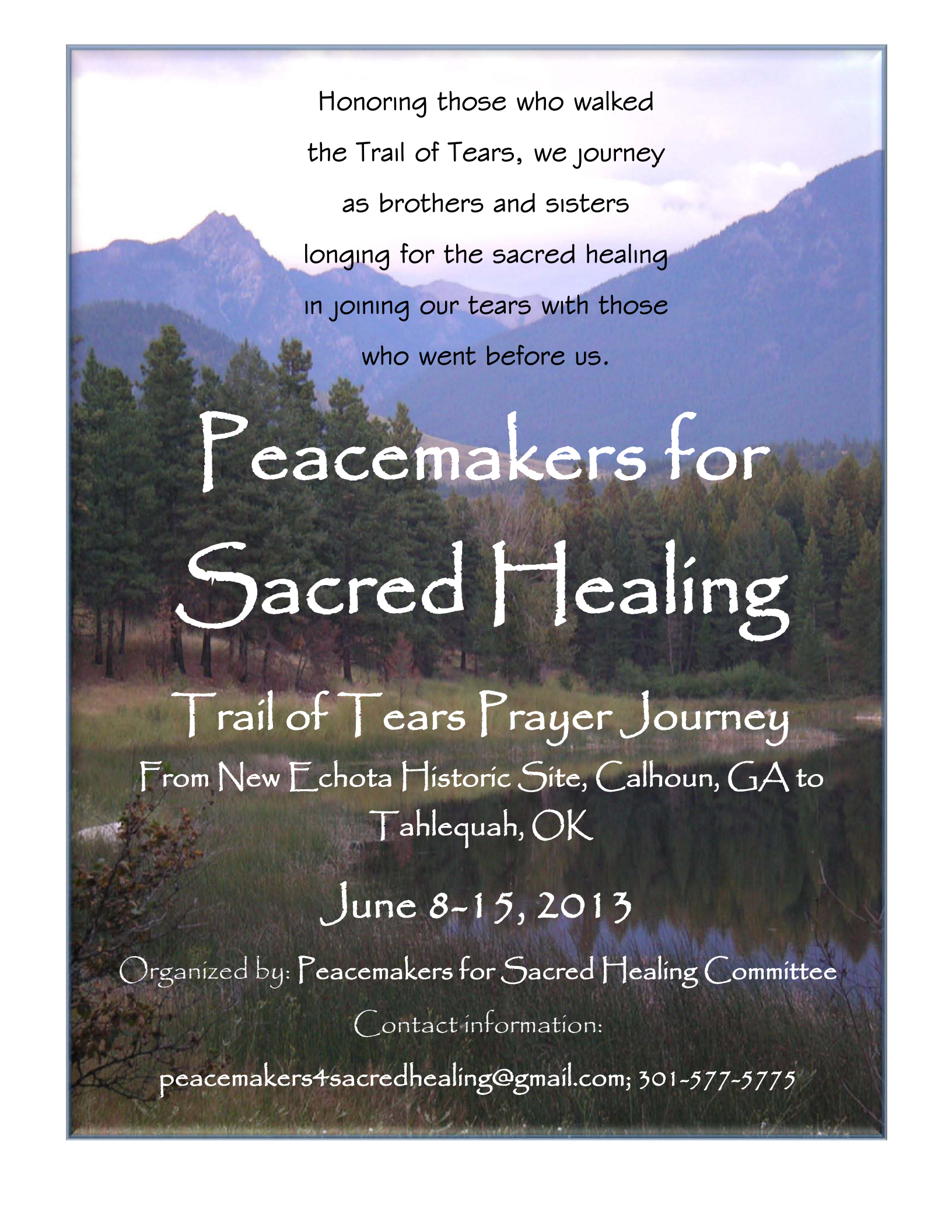
You can partner with the pilgrims in several ways. You can join with them in prayer; join them as they visit various historic sites; or financially support the pilgrimage with your donation.

You may send your tax deductible contribution to the address above, making your check payable to ACLC – Trail of Tears fund. Or you may complete the attached credit card form and either mail it, email it, or fax it to ACLC.

We thank you in advance for partnering with this worthwhile pilgrimage. And may God bless you, your family and your ministry.

Fraternally,

Archbishop George Augustus Stallings, Jr.  
National Chairman

A scenic landscape featuring a range of mountains in the background, a dense forest of evergreen trees in the middle ground, and a calm body of water in the foreground reflecting the sky and trees. The sky is a mix of light blue and white, suggesting a clear or slightly hazy day.

Honoring those who walked  
the Trail of Tears, we journey  
as brothers and sisters  
longing for the sacred healing  
in joining our tears with those  
who went before us.

# Peacemakers for Sacred Healing

Trail of Tears Prayer Journey

From New Echota Historic Site, Calhoun, GA to  
Tahlequah, OK

June 8-15, 2013

Organized by: Peacemakers for Sacred Healing Committee

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