2012 Dakota Commemorative March

**Schedule**

**November 7** Opening ceremony and morning prayer for the walkers at the Lower Sioux Agency Historical Site on Highway 2 near Morton Minnesota. They will then walk from the agency to New Ulm.

**November 8** Walk from New Ulm to Mankato.

**November 9** Walk from Mankato to St. Peter, to the Treaty Site

**November 10** Walk from the Treaty Site, to Henderson, to Belle Plaine

**November 11** Walk from Belle Plaine to Jordan

**November 12** Walk from Jordan to Shakopee

**November 13** Walk from Bloomington, to the Wildlife Refuge, across the Mendota Bridge to Fort Snelling State Park, the site of the Dakota concentration camp of 1862-63. A closing ceremony will be held near the State Park Visitor Center, tentatively set for 12:30 p.m. but timing will depend on when the walkers arrive. A feast will follow at St. Bonaventure Catholic Church in Bloomington.

A support van will accompany the walkers. If you are looking to contact the walkers on any given day, call the van at 612-964-2984.

Note: The commemorative march is a spiritual and reflective experience for participants. The group will stop approximately every mile for a ceremony. Participants will place in the ground a prayer flag bearing the name of two families from the forced march of 1862, and the group will offer prayers. Please read the separate cultural protocols on how to respectfully observe the ceremony.