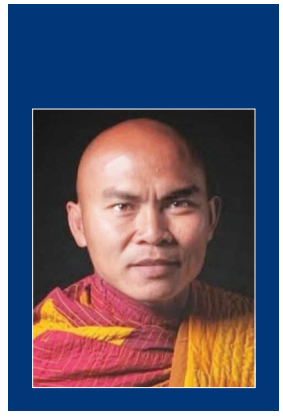


A HISTORIC PILGRIMAGE OF 2300 MILES IN 110 DAYS: “WALK FOR PEACE”



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led by Venerable Bhikkhu Pannakara across the United States of America.

Venerable Bhikkhu Pannakara, also known as (Su Tue Nhan) was born in 1981 in Dak Lak, Vietnam, and immigrated to the United States of America in 1997. He earned a degree in Information Technology Engineering from the University of Texas at Arlington. He later served as a leader of the Buddhist Youth Association at Lien Hoa Temple in Irving, Texas, under the guidance of Venerable Khantidammo Phap Nhan.

Venerable Bhikkhu Pannakara was a devoted disciple in the lineage of His Holiness Vamsarakhita, the first Sangharaja of the Vietnamese Theravada Buddhist Sangha. He was ordained as a novice monk at Hung Dao Temple in Fort Worth, Texas, and received full ordination during the Vesak full moon in 2010.

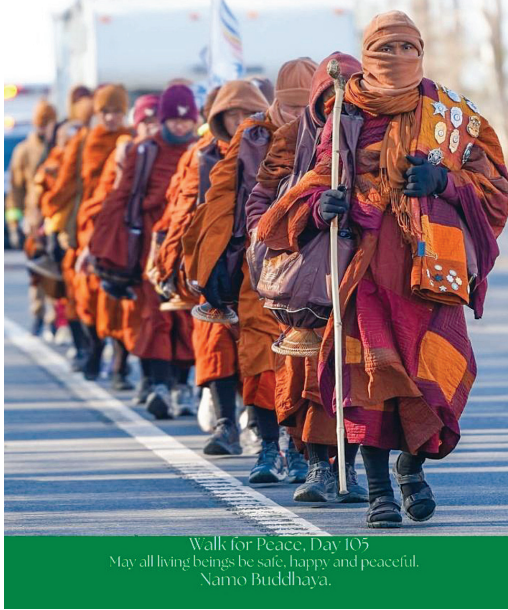
In 2013, he was appointed deputy abbot and administrator of Hung Dao Temple. He later founded the Huang Tu Charity Foundation to serve communities worldwide. The Foundation’s humanitarian work has reached many countries across Asia, Africa, and the Americas, focusing on clean drinking water, schools in remote villages, disaster relief for floods, earthquakes, and storms, and providing food, medicine, clothing, shelters, and recovery assistance.

In 2020, with the blessing of his teacher,

Venerable Bhikkhu Pannakara initiated the Dhammacetiya Project, which includes the construction of a marble stupa complex and the multilingual translation of the Tripitaka beginning in 2022, supported by monastics, lay practitioners, and local authorities.

Venerable Bhikshu Pannakara also joined a Dhutanga Pilgrimage with approximately 100 ascetic monks, traveling across India and Nepal for about 3,400 kilometers over 112 days along the Buddha Circuit including Buddhagaya, Saranath, Kushinagr, and Jetwan. They carried only three robes and an alms bowl, slept under the open sky,





and lived solely on daily alms offered by lay supporters. This profound journey became part of his spiritual diary.

Currently, Venerable Bhikkhu Pannakara is leading a historic pilgrimage titled **“Walk for Peace”** across the United States of America. The journey began in Fort Worth, Texas, on October 26, 2025, and spans approximately 2,300 miles to Washington, D.C. The route passes through Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, and concludes in Washington, D.C., with an expected completion in mid-February 2026. The pilgrimage includes 18 monks and a beloved peace dog named Aloka.

The mission of this historical milestone **“Walk for Peace”** Buddhist pilgrimage is to share a message of love, peace, compassion, mindfulness, awareness, and social harmony. Venerable Bhikkhu Pannakara is widely respected as a brilliant young scholar, the founder of the Huang Tu

Charity Foundation, and a dynamic spiritual leader guiding this peace journey.

On November 19, 2025, near Dayton, Texas, a tragic accident occurred when a truck struck the group’s scout vehicle, seriously injuring two monks. As a result, Venerable Bhikkhu Maha Dam Phommasam lost a leg. Despite this hardship, the pilgrimage did not end. In January 2026, the monks courageously resumed the walk, continuing through snow, ice, and freezing conditions across North Carolina and Virginia. During this time, peace dog Aloka also underwent leg surgery.

Supporters of the peace walk have stood silently along roadsides, offering flowers, fruits, and drinking water. As of February 9, the pilgrimage reached Richmond, Virginia, with hundreds of thousands of silent followers accompanying the journey toward Washington, D.C. This stands as a historic peace walk on American soil.

Venerable Bhikkhu Pannakara was honored on February 9, 2026, with a lieutenant’s pin presented by the wife of a courageous officer who gave his precious life during the tragic events of September 11. May her husband’s memory continue to shine as a light of peace, bringing celestial joy and everlasting bliss.

The **“Walk for Peace,”** led by Venerable Bhikkhu Pannakara, completed the 2,300-mile pilgrimage from Fort Worth, Texas, to Washington, D.C., arriving on February 12, 2026, after 110 days of walking. The group included 19 monks and their beloved rescue dog, Aloka.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all followers, well-wishers, writers, police officers, safety departments, communities,



and churches who provided safety, food, medicine, shelter, love, and compassion throughout this journey, especially during the harsh freezing weather.

Welcome to everyone to join the Peace Offering Program as follow:

1. Feburary 12, Thursday, 9:00AM
2. "Walk for Peace," continue in Maryland.
3. The walk starts from Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium.
4. 10.00-10:45AM Peace gathering at the

- steps of the Maryland State Capital.
5. 12:30PM Departure to Fort Worth, Taxes.

May Buddha bless you all for peace & prosperity.

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