

Come Walk With Us  
in PEACE  
at the 1st Annual



Sunday, October 5th  
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

*Starting at:*  
**Glen Rhodes United Church &  
Pakistani Community Centre  
1470 Gerrard Street East**

*Community Partners:*  
**Eastminster United Church  
Glen Rhodes United Church  
Madinah Masjid  
Pakistani Community Centre  
The Danforth Jewish Circle**



### **Guiding Principles of the Danforth Multifaith Peace Walk**

1. We honour the special kinship of the Children of Abraham—Jews, Muslims and Christians.
2. We yearn for more respect and shared learning amongst all the world's faith communities.
3. We uphold the value of peace and peace action as expressed through the teachings of our respective faiths, the principles of non-violence, and the pursuit of restorative justice and reconciliation.
4. We are committed to lifting up the voices of women and nurturing the cultural diversity of our community.
5. We recognize the interdependence of life on earth and our obligation to live in harmony with our environment.
6. We practice the rite of pilgrimage as an act of peacemaking. Only together will we build a culture of peaceful co-existence.



On October 5th, 2008  
the 1st annual Danforth  
Multifaith Peace Walk

will follow a ritual of pilgrimage to gather together the children of Abraham (Muslims, Jews and Christians) and a broad spectrum of interfaith communities to give witness to our shared belief that **peace is possible**.

### **We will embark**

on a two-kilometer pilgrimage from church to mosque to synagogue...and welcome each other into our houses of prayer to honour each other and pray for peace. Traversing the distance between our houses of faith on foot will help us to realize that the distance between us is not as great as we might have believed...



## Danforth Multifaith Peace Walk Route

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Begins at 1:00 p.m. at: Glen Rhodes United Church & Pakistani Community Centre (A) 1470 Gerrard Street East

Proceeds to: Madinah Masjid (B) 1015 Danforth Avenue  
- at approx. 2:15 p.m.

Last stop: Eastminster United Church & Danforth Jewish Circle (C) 310 Danforth Avenue  
- at approx. 3:30 p.m.



Please join us in the Hurndale Room at Eastminster for refreshments & music after our closing prayers.

## Items to Bring

- **Weather appropriate dress, water bottle, & sensible walking shoes.** (The route is approximately 2 kms.) Women should bring a head covering when you enter the mosque.
- **Wear white if you can.** It will unify us as a multifaith group by signifying the spiritual aspect of the event, i.e., this is *not* a political protest. Wearing white also has religious significance for both Muslims and Jews.
- **Carry a banner or any homemade sign** for peace that is significant for you. We suggest using words of peace...“Peace,” “Shalom,” “Salaam.” NO POLITICAL BANNERS PLEASE. This is a spiritual pilgrimage.
- **An open heart & mind.**

## The Meaning of Pilgrimage

The Danforth Multifaith Peace Walk follows the way of pilgrimage. Pilgrimage is a devotional practice that has profound meaning for the children of Abraham and people of other spiritual traditions as well. In Islam, hajj is one of the five pillars of faith and is performed by millions of Muslims each year. In Judaism the word “hag” refers to the three pilgrimage holy days, Sukkot, Passover and Shavuot. During pilgrimage time, daily work is set aside. The community dons special garb and walks on foot to a sacred site for the purpose of purifying one’s life and reaffirming one’s religious pledge to be a blessing of compassion and peace in the world.

## Other Information

- There will be “Peace Walk Monitors” to assist participants along the walking route.
- “Peace Vans” will also accompany the participants in order to assist those who cannot walk or those who need a break from walking along the way.
- Drinks will be available throughout the walk and there will be a culminating gathering with refreshments at the end of the afternoon (Hurndale Room, Eastminster Church).

Come walk with us during this unique gathering and historic community event

*The Danforth Multifaith Peace Walk is sponsored by:*

Eastminster United Church (416) 463-2179  
Glen Rhodes United Church (416) 465-3755  
Madinah Masjid (416) 806-7864  
Pakistani Community Centre (416) 857-3874 or (416) 602-2131  
The Danforth Jewish Circle (416) 580-6303

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