Will Speak At Phillips

Peace Pilgrim Still A Wanderer After 22 Years, 25,000 Miles

You may see her walking through your town or along the highway — a silver-haired woman dressed in navy blue slacks and shirt, and a short tunic with pockets all around the bottom in which she carries all her worldly possessions. It says “Peace Pilgrim” in white letters on the font of the tunic and “25,000 Miles On Foot For Peace” on the back.

Peace Pilgrim is the name the lady goes by now. She talked about peace Friday morning at the Christian Church in Waukomis and will speak to various classes on Phillips’ campus Monday.

Although she has finished walking those 25,000 miles, she continues to walk, saying: “I shall remain a wanderer until mankind has learned the way of peace, walking until I am given shelter and fasting until I am given food.”

She walks without a penny in her pockets and she is not affiliated with any organization. She walks as a prayer and as a chance to inspire others to pray and work with her for peace.

With bright-blue eyes and a broad smile, she claims “there is a magic formula for resolving conflicts. It is this: ‘Have as your objective the resolving of the conflict — not the gaining of advantage.’” She also says conflicts can be avoided if people would concern themselves with not offending instead of worrying when they are offended.

Peace Pilgrim has been walking the throughfares across the United States for 22 years. “Thirty-seven years ago my life wasn’t happy,” she claims. “I was wealthy and my life was full of material possessions. That is when I stopped living to get and started living to give.”

For 15 years she struggled with her inner self. When she felt she had found herself, she took to the roads to carry her thoughts of peace to others.

The lady says, “Human potential is the main topic I talk about. Most people only scratch the surface of their potential. After people learn to use more of their potential, they can begin growing spiritually. They can find inner peace by understanding certain universal laws. Only when mankind understands these laws, can our world be at peace.”

Peace Pilgrim would like to see the U.S. form a peace department to do research on peaceful ways of solving conflicts and to deal with national problems. She also believes a world language would help the nations of the world to form peaceful coexistence.