On July 4th, with about a dozen others, we'll begin a pilgrimage across America: 2800 miles, from Eugene to D.C.

A recent <u>brief interview</u> with our founder gives a good overview of this work. She is an ordained lineage-holder in the Zen Buddhist tradition, and served as an interfaith chaplain for nearly ten years. She was my mentor and colleague at the hospital where I served as chaplain intern and then staff for three years. She will be walking the entire way.

We are looking for drivers to support our Walk. They will staff our "SAG wagon" - our support RV.

I'm thinking that the Starr King newsletter and network might be a great way to get the word out to folks who might be interested - recent graduates and/or seminarians looking for community ministry internships, for example.

An ideal driver might be a creative or academic, an intern, retiree or recent graduate: someone eager for adventure, spaciousness, time. Someone with a hunger for meaningful engagement in these challenging times.

Our nonprofit is called <u>Liberty Walks</u> - our trek is an act of faith in "We the People." Nonpartisan and nonsectarian, we are promoting civic-minded connection step by step and state by state, across America. As we walk across America, we hope to spark community and a new collective vision for the commonweal.

Drivers will be in charge of providing respite and aid as needed, getting groceries and supplies, scouting the route ahead to assure roadways are open and pedestrian-friendly, and establishing connections with host communities.

Driving schedules will provide a lot of flexibility: time to reflect and write, to create art or to explore the land.

Drivers must have a superlative driving record, familiarity with basic RV operation, and excellent communication skills. Your flexibility, compassionate and caring heart, sense of adventure and creativity are essential.

Liberty Walks will provide RV expenses (gas, maintenance), food and RV lodging, and a possible honorarium in appreciation of your contribution (typically volunteer appreciation gifts are \$1000/month).

Please email a letter of interest to Esther Tishman: esty@libertywalks.org.