



Speech by Fermina Stevens, Executive Director of the Western Shoshone Defense Project, at the Nevada National Security Site



At the close of NDE's Sacred Peace Walk, April 3, 2026.

https://youtu.be/A_t_CAwg1nM?si=6qljjj_UJ8ZpntMk

“The United States does not make treaties with a conquered people, they make treaties with nations. We come here in peace and friendship. You come here with weapons.

“All we want is clean, healthy land and water for future generations. You come to destroy that. These are the differences between us and you.

“We are looking out for our future. You are destroying the future when you test underground and you're destroying your own aquifer. What is that going to do to your children, your great grandchildren?

“What do they have to look forward to when this place is completely decimated because of the choices that are being made by you and the United States government?

“This land belongs to the Western Shoshone nation as determined by two United Nations committees that determined the Western Shoshone human rights were violated by the United

States in the so-called 'taking' of our land. They violated our right to due process, they violated our right to property and they violated our right to equality before the law. That means this land is still ours.

"I don't care what your boss says. I don't care what the United States says. This is Western Shoshone Treaty territory and all we want to do is protect land and water for future generations and hopefully that happens so that your children are also protected.

"Make right decisions, gentlemen."

MARK YOUR CALENDAR JUSTICE FOR OUR DESERT, October 9-12, 2026

Once again, NDE is scheduling its annual fall event, Justice for our Desert, on the long weekend of Indigenous People's Day, the second Monday of October. Plans are forming for a weekend of education and reflection on the beauty of the Nevada desert and the threats that it is facing.

Our observance coincides with the annual Las Vegas Paiute Tribe Snow Mountain Pow Wow and other events in the region that we plan on joining. In a "Columbus Day" proclamation made last year, the president called "upon the people of the United States to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities." There is no more appropriate ceremony to observe the day than one at the gates of the "Nevada National Security Site," operated by the US government on stolen Western Shoshone land and we plan on ending our observance there on Monday.

A video of last year's event at the gate is posted here, <https://youtu.be/vhv2IOE1uPM?si=5mXpGD8o1x9a52MQ>

For more information or to register, contact us at info@nevadadesertexperience.org

Reflection: Sacred Peace Walk 2026



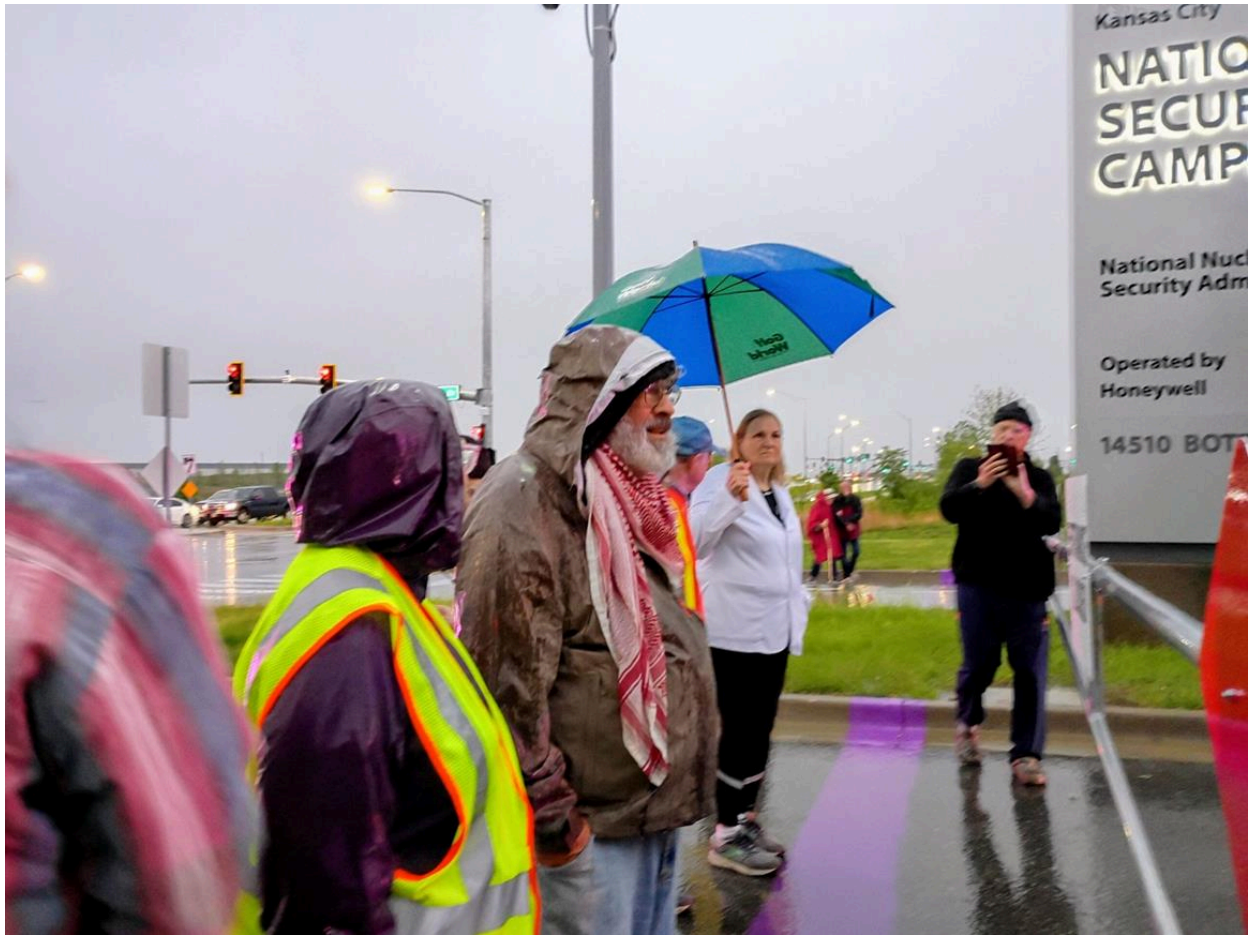
"This past Holy Week (March 28-April 3), I had the privilege of participating in the annual Sacred Peace Walk in Nevada, on the unceded land of the Piaute and Western Shoshone Nations. Little did I know going into it that I would return home a changed person."

by Sam Chawla-Rios Pax Christi USA Young Adult Caucus

<https://paxchristiusa.org/2026/06/03/reflection-sacred-peace-walk-2026/>

CORRECTION- The link to Abby Rampone's reflections on the 2026 Sacred Peace Walk in the previous issue of this newsletter was faulty. Please read her article at [Love in Community](#)

April 27 Direct Action Protest at Kansas City Nuclear Bomb Plant



The line begging to be crossed at Kansas City's "National Security Campus" where 80% of the electronic and mechanical parts for U.S. nuclear weapons are produced, including the triggering and guidance systems, is purple. The same line that marks the entrance of the Nevada National Security Site where those bombs are tested is white. Both sites are operated by the same agency of the Department of Energy, the National Nuclear Security Administration, NNSA, and to the same end- modernizing and "improving" existing nuclear weapons systems and building new ones. "The NNSA will sustain the stockpile for decades," they say, intent on reversing decades of progress toward nuclear disarmament and putting the planet in peril. More than thirty activists from around the midwest, Catholic Workers and others, joined members of [Peace Works KC](#) at the gates of the "campus" before dawn on April 27. Nine were arrested for crossing that line, including NDE's Brian Terrell. Prosecutors declined to file charges.



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