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**SYMPOSIUM ON “THE RELEVANCE OF GANDHI AFTER 9/11” WILL BE  
HELD AT RAMAPO COLLEGE**

(Mahwah) - A symposium, “The Relevance of Gandhi After 9/11,” will be held at Ramapo College of New Jersey on Friday, October 7 and Saturday, October 8. The conference will take place in the Pavilion on the College campus. There will be two public presentations on Friday at 4 and 7 p.m. and one on October 8 at 9 a.m.. The presentations are open to all who are interested in Mahatma Gandhi’s contemporary relevance.

The symposium will explore whether Gandhi’s social vision of moral self-rule and self-reliance, and his traditional religious teachings of truth-force and non-violent political action, are relevant for a post 9/11 world. The speakers will comment on Gandhi’s unique notion of freedom as engaged social praxis, how it relates to his critique of modernity and defines his problem solving practices. Speakers will reflect on the question are “rational ideologies sufficient for world citizens today in the context of an ongoing ‘war on terrorism?’”

Scholars and activists participating in the symposium are:

- Arun Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, who conducts training programs in nonviolence and conflict resolution at the M. K. Gandhi Institute for the Study of Nonviolence at Christian Brothers University in Memphis, Tennessee.
- Siddhartha, author and founder of Fireflies Ashram, which is trying to find a new paradigm of social transformation inspired by Gandhi, that involves re-

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interpreting religious and cultural practices to incorporate the dimensions of personal growth, compassionate action and connectedness with nature.

Ramapo students now go to Fireflies Ashram for a 15-week semester abroad.

- Mary Evelyn Jegen, a Sister of Notre Dame, the author of several books. She teaches about Christian spirituality and social concerns at Creighton University and in the Education for Parish Service program in Washington, D.C.
- Ward Morehouse, president of the Council on International and Public Affairs, a founder of the International Coalition for Justice in Bhopal and a member of the regular panel of jurists for the Permanent People's Tribunal headquartered in Rome that most recently organized a session of the Tribunal in Bombay, India on people's law.

The symposium is sponsored by Ramapo College's Institute for Environmental Studies, the Office of International Education and the philosophy convening group of The School of American and International Studies. For registration information, call Dr. Trent Schroyer at 201.684.7740.