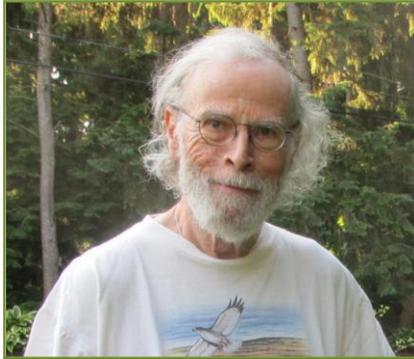


TWO SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS on ECOLOGY and SPIRIT with TOM SMALL
at the SAMBODH CENTER, 6363 n. 24TH ST, KALAMAZOO, MI

- **WHAT IT MEANS TO BE, IN THE SPIRIT OF GANDHI, AN "EARTH PILGRIM,"**
- **MAKING THE GREAT TRANSITION from "WAR with NATURE" to "PEACE with the EARTH"**



Dr. Small will speak about his experiences this past July in Devon, England, where he took part in a seminar at Schumacher College—"Earth Pilgrim," with Satish Kumar, a **disciple of Gandhi**, carrying the Mahatma's message of *ahimsa*, nonviolence to the earth. He'll also speak about his conversations with Rob Hopkins and Ben Brangwyn, co-founders of the worldwide Transition Network, a network of almost 2000 communities making the transition from a global economy of waste and destruction to a local economy of sharing and recovery.

❖ **Sunday, Sept. 16, 10:30 a.m.**

ARE YOU AN EARTH PILGRIM?

And What's Your Next Step?

A discussion and spiritual journey with Dr. Tom Small

"Peace with the earth comes first," says Satish Kumar, author of *Earth Pilgrim*. A pilgrimage is a dedicated journey. Every step touches the earth and is holy. But we don't have to leave home to be Earth Pilgrims; the holy land is always here and now. How can we, as pilgrims, performing our *dharma*, be followers of Gandhi, Vinoba Bhave, and Satish Kumar, dedicated to making peace with the earth and restoring the economy of nature. What shall be our next step in our journey together?

❖ **Sunday, Sept. 30, 10:30 a.m.**

CAN WE MAKE THE GREAT TRANSITION?

From Culture of Violence to Culture of Peace?

A discussion and earth-spirit exploration with Dr. Tom Small

We live in a time of multiple crises, under threat of financial and environmental catastrophe. How shall we remain hopeful, trusting that we can make a difference? The worldwide **Transition Movement** offers guidance to forming communities dedicated to making the *transition* to a new economy based on local self-sufficiency, mutual aid, and the zero-waste economy of nature. How can we begin to transform our relationships with each other and the earth as we journey from a culture making war on nature to one dedicated to healing nature's wounds—and our own.

NOTE: Some familiarity with the books *Earth Pilgrim*, by Satish Kumar, and *The Transition Companion*, by Rob Hopkins, would be helpful to the discussion but by no means essential. Just bring your hopes, your fears, your imaginations, and join the discussion.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER: Tom Small is a retired literature professor from WMU. He's co-founder of the Kalamazoo Area Chapter of Wild Ones, a national organization devoted to natural landscaping and restoring wildlife habitat, and co-author of *Using Native Plants to Restore Community*. He's a member and former presiding clerk for the steering committee of Quaker Earthcare Witness, the Quaker environmental organization for the Americas. An organizer for peace demonstrations and a consultant on nonviolence for the local Occupy movement, he's been a frequent speaker at Sambodh on ecology and Gandhian nonviolent action.