

Thursday, September 11, 2008 at 6pm – 9pm
9-11 WTC Memorial
Annual Floating Lanterns Ceremony
at Hudson River @W. Houston Street
South Side of Pier 40 Building

Sponsored by the New York Buddhist Church,
Partner with Interfaith Center of New York,
and co-sponsored by New York Disaster Interfaith Services

- 6:00pm Preparation of Lanterns
 – Writing loved one's name(s) and/or message for peace
- 6:30pm Opening Music
 – Taiko by members of *Soh Daiko*
 – Song by *Japanese American of New York Chorus*
- Meditation & Prayer by religious leaders
- Greetings & Messages
- 7:45pm Floating lighted lanterns to Hudson River (-9pm)
- Sutra Chanting led by *Rev. TK Nakagaki*, NY Buddhist Church
- Song by *Takako Yamamura*, singer from Hiroshima, Japan
 - Song by *Russell Daisey* "Tower of Light"
 - Song by *Shinji Harada*, singer from Hiroshima, Japan
 - others

A traditional floating lanterns ceremony commemorating the victims for the WTC tragedy will take place on **Thursday, September 11, 2008** at the **Pier 40** (south side). The ceremony will be led by Rev. TK Nakagaki, head Buddhist minister of the **New York Buddhist Church**, assisted in the water by the **New York Kayak Company**.

Each year people in Hiroshima, Japan, gather to float lanterns in remembrance of the victims of the atomic bombings and all victims of war. The New York Buddhist Church continues this beautiful and moving tradition for the fourth time on the Hudson River with specific reference to the 9-11 tragedy. The event is free (donation is appreciated) and the public invited. **Information: 212-678-0305**, www.newyorkbuddhistchurch.org

The ancient custom of "Floating lighted Lanterns" in the waterways is a symbolic way of respecting the lives that have gone before us. Also, it can represent a light of hope for peace and harmony that is sent out over the waters of transmigration. As we pay respect to the lives which were lost at the World Trade Center, we offer the light of hope for a peaceful world in which no one else will suffer. This very colorful, but quiet and serene ceremony provides a place to reaffirm our commitment to building a peaceful future.

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