

Tuesday, September 11, 2007 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 9-11 Memorial Ceremony

- Interfaith Prayers and Meditation by Religious Leaders
Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Shinto, etc.
- Buddhist Chanting - Greetings / Messages
- Music Performances

Featuring: Soh Daiko (Japanese drum), *Namgyal Korko* (Tibetan Horn)
Takako Yamamura (singer from Hiroshima), *Russell Daisey* (keyboard & vocalist), *Sheriff Darron McKinney* (saxman), *Shinji Harada* (Japanese well-known singer song writer) *Sumiko Tajih*i (violinist) & Children's Chorus: **IMPACT**, and **New York Men's Choir**

8:00pm Floating lighted lanterns to Hudson River

A traditional floating lanterns ceremony commemorating the victims for the WTC tragedy will take place on **Tuesday, September 11, 2007** 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 **Interfaith Center of New York**.

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 e 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.

This event is supported by **NY de Volunteers** and **New York Kayak Company**. Also supported by the **Buddhist Council of New York** and **LIC Community Boathouse**, and **Downtown Boathouse**.