



The New York Buddhist Church

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PRESS RELEASE

EVENT LISTINGS – Japanese Floating Lanterns, Pier 40, September 11th

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Friday, September 11, 2009 6pm – 9pm

9-11 WTC Memorial Floating Lanterns Ceremony (Hudson River)

**South Side of Pier 40 (W. Houston St. & West Street)
Subway: #1 to Houston Street**

- 6:00pm **Preparation of Lanterns** – writing loved ones' names and/or message for peace, assisted by New York de Volunteer
- 6:30pm **Opening Music** (Taiko drums by *Soh Daiko* members, “Global Harmony” by *Shinji Harada*, well-known Japanese pop singer from Hiroshima, Japan, Eriko Fukui, a young wonderful flutist from Japan)
Interfaith Meditation & Prayer by religious leaders, assisted by Interfaith Center
Buddhist Sutra Chanting & Greetings/Messages
Chorus by the Japanese American Association of New York Chorus
- 7:45pm **Floating lighted lanterns on Hudson River**, assisted by NY Kayak Company

A traditional Japanese floating lanterns ceremony commemorating the victims of the WTC tragedy will take place on Friday, September 11 at Pier 40 (south side) led by Rev. T.K. Nakagaki of the New York Buddhist Church with the assistance of 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 moving tradition for the sixth time on the Hudson River to honor the victims of 9/11. The event is FREE and members of the public are invited come early to write loved ones' names or a peace message on a lantern.

This event is sponsored by the *New York Buddhist Church* in partnership with the *Interfaith Center of New York*, co-sponsored by the *New York Disaster Interfaith Services*, and supported by *NY de Volunteers* and the *New York Kayak Company*. It is also supported by the *Buddhist Council of New York*, *New York City Downtown Boathouse* and the *LIC Community Boathouse*.

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