

Remembering Hiroshima and Nagasaki

A memorial for all the victims of the nuclear age



6-7 p.m. ~ Wednesday, August 6th ~ 2008

Japanese American Historical Plaza

Waterfront Park in Portland, NW Naito Parkway at Couch Street

Hiroshima Day marks the anniversary of the nuclear attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, August 6th and 9th, 1945. Those two bombs killed over 200,000 people. Each year we remember the victims with reflections, music, and a call to action. The tragedy of Hiroshima and Nagasaki is not just Japan's, but it is the world's. Therefore, it is the responsibility of all nations to prevent another nuclear disaster for the safety and well-being of all our children. We urgently need to remind Oregonians and our lawmakers of the horrific consequences of nuclear weapons. We cannot let the memory of Hiroshima fade and allow our leaders to make this grave mistake again.

Program

Mikio Ohgushi, Dharma Rain Zen Center

Dr. Charles Grossman, Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility

Tom Potter, Mayor for the City of Portland

Pamela Vergun, editor of *A Dimly Burning Wick: Memoir from the Ruins of Hiroshima*

Tom Carpenter, executive director of Hanford Challenge

Paulann Petersen, award-winning poet, Friends of William Stafford

Music by Portland Taiko drums and Portland Gay Men's Chorus

Ceremonial Shrine offered by SGI-USA Buddhist Pioneering Women.

The event is free and open to the public. Seating is on the grass; bring a blanket or chair.

Co-Sponsors: Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility, Japanese American Citizens League, Portland Branch of WILPF - Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, PSU Center for Japanese Studies, Peace and Justice Works, Veterans for Peace - Chapter 72, Sisters of the Road, Portland Peaceful Response Coalition, Multnomah Meeting of Friends, SGI-USA Buddhists, Metanoia Peace Community, Hanford Watch, Hanford Challenge, Portland Taiko, Portland Gay Men's Chorus, Dharma Rain Zen Center, Richmond Japanese Immersion School, Nikkei Fujinkai