



On the Occasion of

The Eightieth Anniversary
of
The Hiroshima & Nagasaki Atomic Bombings

A BLESSING SERVICE FOR PEACE

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

Three O'clock in the Afternoon

Japanese Tea Garden, Golden Gate Park

75 Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive
San Francisco

In Partnership with

The San Francisco Interfaith Council
The Japanese American Religious Federation of San Francisco
The Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco
The San Francisco Office of Protocol
United Religions Initiative
Gardens of Golden Gate Park

Gathering & Reflective Selections

Sister Kyoko Kimura, Harpist
SFIC Board Member / Brahma Kumaris Meditation Center

Welcome

Phil Ginsburg, General Manager, San Francisco Recreation and Park Department
Stephanie Linder, CEO, Gardens of Golden Gate Park

Introductory Welcome

Michael Pappas, Executive Director
San Francisco Interfaith Council

Remarks on Behalf of the City & Introduction of the Consul General of Japan

Penny Coulter, Chief of Protocol
City and County of San Francisco

Remarks by Consul General of Japan in San Francisco & Recognition of Hibakusha (Survivors)

Consul General Yo Osumi
Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco
Mr. Jack Dairiki, accompanied by his wife, Jun
& Ms. Seiko Fujimoto, Hibakusha

Musical Selection

Traditional Koto Instrument
Ko Ishikawa

**History of the Gift of Ginkgo Saplings to the Japanese Tea Garden & Conveying of the
Gorbachev/Schultz Youth Award by Voices for a World Free of Nuclear Weapons**

The Rt. Rev. Bishop William Swing
Founder & Past President of United Religions Initiative
Haneen Khalid, Award Recipient

**Interfaith Peace Blessings & Recognition of Survivors
of Hiroshima & Nagasaki Bombings**

Representatives of the Japanese American Religious Federation of San Francisco

Buddhist: Rev. Elaine Donlin, Buddhist Church of San Francisco

Christian: Rev. Dr. Grace Suzuki, Christ United Presbyterian Church

Independent: Rev. Joanne Tolosa, Konko Church

Closing Musical Selection

Sister Kyoko Kimura Harpist
SFIC Board Member / Brahma Kumaris Meditation Center

Concluding Remarks // Instructions

Michael G. Pappas, Executive Director
San Francisco Interfaith Council

Viewing of the Ginkgo Trees

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