



IN REMEMBRANCE AND REFLECTION Commemorating 80 Years Since the End of World War II

A Narrative from a Hiroshima Hibakusha & an Exhibition on the Atomic Bombing

On the occasion of the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II, we gather in solemn remembrance of all those whose lives were profoundly affected by the consequences of war. We reflect on the immense human cost of conflict, and through the preservation of historical memory, we seek to deepen our understanding and commitment to peace.

Guided by the Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha, we rededicate ourselves to building a community—and a world—where every life is equally valued and embraced. May this gathering inspire us to walk together on the path toward a more peaceful and harmonious society.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2025

COMMEMORATION SERVICE

At 5:00 p.m.

Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin
(Access to parking is from 1742 Lusitana Street)

Guest Speaker: Ms. Sadae Kasaoka

Ms. Kasaoka was exposed to the atomic bomb when she was 12 years old in her first year of girls' high school. At the moment of the explosion, she was at home, which was 3.5 km (2.2 miles) away from the hypocenter.

ATOMIC BOMB PHOTO POSTER EXHIBITION

In the Hawaii Betsuin Social Hall from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Event Organizers:

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii—Office of the Bishop and Peace Day Committee
Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin
Honolulu District Ministers Association

With special cooperation from the
Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation and Ms. Sadae Kasaoka

End of WWII Commemoration Service, speaker:
Ms. Sadae Kasaoka, a Hiroshima Hibakusha

WHEN: August 14, 2025 @ 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

WHERE:

Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin
1727 Pali Highway
Honolulu HI 96813
(enter parking from 1742 Lusitana St.)

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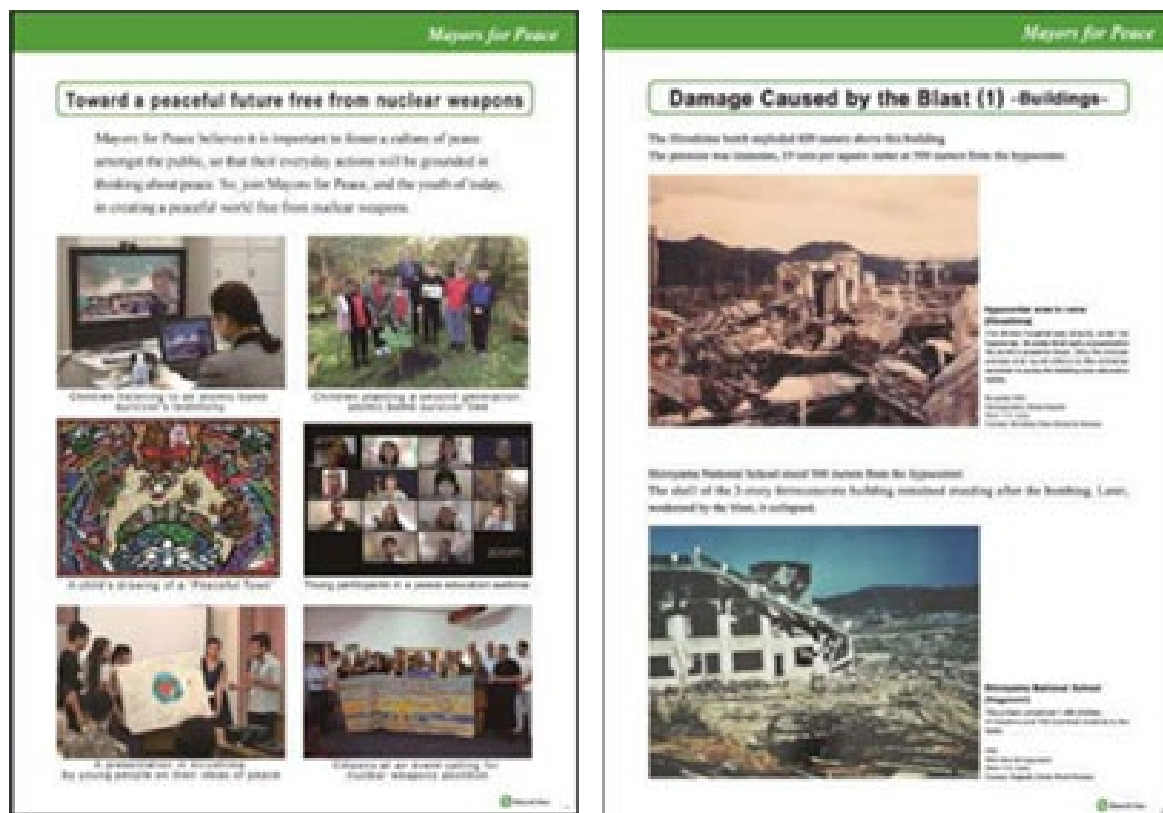
***With guest speaker Sadae Kasaoka, a
Hiroshima Hibakusha****

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****A Hibakusha is a person directly affected
by the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and
Nagasaki in 1945. Ms. Kasaoka was***

exposed to the atomic bombing of Hiroshima when she was 12 years old in her first year of girls' high school. At the moment of the explosion, she was at home, which was 3.5 km (2.2 miles) away from the hypocenter. Please join us to hear her story.

Poster Exhibition from 1 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



In connection with the 5 p.m. commemoration service, there will be an [Atomic Bomb Photo Poster Exhibition](#) in the Hawaii Betsuin Social Hall from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Those attending the service may wish to come early or stay after to view the exhibit. *Parental discretion is advised.*

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No registration or RSVP needed. This is Rick & Hawaii Betsuin's invitation. Mahako Nui Loa.