

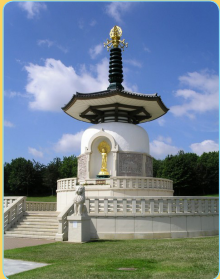
**Pacific Northwest
PEACE PAGODA
A Vision and Commitment
to World Peace**



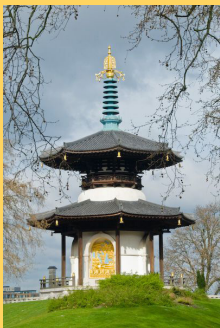
**Kyoto
Peace Pagoda**



**Tokyo Peace
Pagoda**



**Milton Keynes
Peace Pagoda
NW of London**



**London Peace
Pagoda
Thames River,
Battersea Park**

About Peace Pagodas

The Peace Pagoda is a visible prayer to awaken humankind to peace. While Japanese in origin, it gives universal form to our desire to dedicate our lives to peace and justice.

It is said that as one views the Peace Pagoda, "It appears to arise, as a prayer, from the very elements surrounding it—the earth, air, water, and sky. Everyone, regardless of their creed, may feel its appeal to the sacredness of all life."

Since 1947, seventy-five Peace Pagodas, also referred to as stupas, have been built in Asia, Europe, and the United States by the Nipponzan Myohoji Order.

Peace Pagodas in the West

- Willen Park, Milton Keynes, England (1980)
- Vienna, Danube River (1983)
- London, Battersea Park, Thames River (1985)
- New England Peace Pagoda, Leverett, MA (1985)
- Grafton, NY (1993)
- Comiso, Sicily (1998)

Bainbridge Island Peace Pagoda

Peace Pagodas are typically located in public parks or other prominent locations. Locally, the challenge has been to find a suitable location.

Nipponzan Myohoji has long desired to build a Peace Pagoda on the West Coast and in 1981 decided on the Puget Sound area.

The pagodas contain relics; they are not designed for people to enter. The site plan will include Japanese-style garden landscaping while retaining some of the natural landscape. The wood carving below the tile roof will be made by artisans in Japan using a traditional medieval Japanese design.

The Peace Pagoda in a Japanese garden setting fits well with the goals of the City Comprehensive Plan along with our community commitment to value the arts and humanities, to enhance quality of life and broaden mind and spirit of our citizens and visitors. It will be an asset to the Island for generations to come, similar to the Bloedel Reserve and our many parks which are natural retreats of beauty and serenity.



**Nipponzan
Myohoji
Temple**

**Bainbridge
Island, WA**

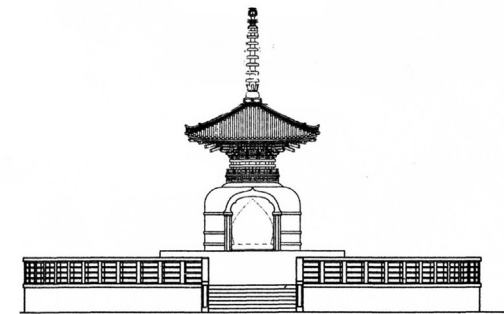
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Since June 2003, Br. Senji Kanaeda has been in full-time residence. A former teacher, he was ordained in 1995. He is originally from Usa City on the island of Kyushu, Japan.

Br. Gilberto Perez was born in Cuba and grew up in Spanish Harlem. He was ordained in June 2005 and worked for many years as a telecommunications engineer.

Br. Nissin Gyotoku, who helped build the temple with local architect Ron Konzak, visited this community regularly for 22 years. He lives on Kyushu Island in Japan and cares for the temple and Peace Pagoda at Mt. Aso.

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Architectural Drawing of the West Coast Peace Pagoda