



**You are Warmly Invited  
A Celebration of the Birth of the Buddha  
Sunday, June 14, 2026  
2:00 pm - Light Refreshments to Follow  
New England Peace Pagoda  
100 Cave Hill Rd. Leverett MA 01054**

This is a beautiful spring-time ceremony, held outside, with everyone being invited to bathe the little statue “Baby Buddha” with sweet tea, reminiscent of the legends that sweet nectar poured down from the heavens when the Buddha was born in the garden of Lumbini. It bespeaks the preciousness and sacredness of everyone’s life, indeed, all of life. As we celebrate the Birth of the Buddha, let us bring our hearts and minds together for the awakening of reverence for life in ourselves, in our country, and in our world.

*“Upon birth, Lord Buddha raised his right had, pointed to the azure sky, and with his left hand pointed to the earth, uttering the following gathering with a voice like a lion’s roar: ‘...The threefold world is a realm of suffering, from which I shall emancipate all beings...’. On this day, 32 wonders manifested between heaven and earth, one of which was the miracle that no voice of grief could be heard (throughout the universe), where all sentient beings (became) suffused with joy.”*

*(In today’s world) distorted views have fueled tempests...which are fomenting the great conflagration of perpetual strife and hostility, and is about to destroy the (realm) in which humanity has been sustained.... Adopting the demeanor of Tangyo-Raihai ( only practicing revering the Buddha Nature, Sacred Nature of each person) is a model of conduct and standing firm in the conviction of the precept against taking life. Humankind...must find the way to avert annihilation in order to build a peaceful world where the spiritual force of non-violence prevails over the violence of murderous wars....”*

Most Ven. Nichidatsu Fujii, Founder and Teacher, Nipponzan Myohoji - Feb. 25, 1973  
Land Purifying Ceremony for Lumbini Peace Pagoda, Nepal, place of Buddha’s Birth

***Recent Auspicious Events of Nipponzan Myohoji***

On May 23, 2026, the Pacific Northwest Peace Pagoda in Poulsbo, Washington, held its long-awaited inauguration, more than 40 years in the making. Monks, members of the Indigenous community—the Suquamish Tribe, and local people, with guest from all over the world attended the celebrations. This Peace Pagoda stands next to the Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor, which houses the Trident nuclear submarines and the largest concentration of deployed nuclear weapons in the United States. The Peace Pagoda is a collaborative effort between Bainbridge Island’s Nipponzan Myohoji Buddhist Temple and the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action.

On May 30, the Great Smoky Mountains Peace Pagoda in Newport, Tennessee hosted a Welcome Buddha Ceremony, celebrating the installation of four new Buddha statues as construction continues

***Many more good things are in the works in our local community!***

Palms Together,  
Monks of the Leverett Peace Pagoda  
Na Mu Myo Ho Ren Ge Kyo