

May 7, 2024

Aloha Scott and Pete,

Sorry that I have not been able to send any responses back to the calls or emails, but I wanted to reassure you that I have received all your correspondences.

I have also been relaying all your messages to the committee that handles our lantern floating, and was informed that someone will be in touch with you.

Regards,

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Aloha Reverend Hayashi ~

Appreciate your courtesy to respond to Pete and I. Thank you for relaying our concerns to the committee. We respectfully await their response ASAP. We hope to avoid unpleasantness. Time is of the essence, as they say. We are now less than 20 days from this year's event. The committee's delay forces us to resort to actions of Civil Disharmony, such as blocking the park or rallying opposition during the event.

We ask ONLY to ENLARGE the love, peace and unity between Japan and USA; between Christians, Muslims, Jews, others and Buddhists. We ask ONLY to be friends, good & great friends; to live, love and laugh together, not have disagreement and negativity.

You know our cause is morally just. Decoration Day is ONLY for military. Memorial Day is ONLY for the brave, heroic men & women who fell in battle, while serving to protect the freedoms, way of life that you, I, Pete, Her Holiness Shinto Ito and your distinguished Shinnyo-en Buddhist Order enjoy. They gave ALL so we may live freely!

Together, hand and hand all together, *laulima*, we CREATE Memorial Weekend. We do something NOBODY in USA has done. We have ENLARGED the love in a world so desperately in need of love.

We MUST have a decision at this time. Negative emotions are growing. These feelings cannot be put back into the bottle once they begin to rise. With the cooperation of Shinnyo-en, we stop this cancerous spread. We turn negativity into Positive Light and further enlightenment.

You are a great Buddhist teacher. We call on you now to use the tremendous love you have in your heart for peaceful, harmonious relations with ALL human beings in the world and JOIN us in making this right.

With sincere Love & Aloha and deepest respect for the teachings of Buddha ~

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