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his mission to try to spread peace in this violent, troubled world. Nichidatsu Fujii, who worked with Mohandas Gandhi in the 1940s died last year at the age of 100, but since the founding of the order there have been more than 70 Peace Pagodas built worldwide.

Building Peace Pagodas is a practice taken from the Lotus Sutra, the holy book of Buddhism, which dates back 2,500 years. The Buddhists see the Peace Pagoda as more than just a monument to peace, "...conceived as a prayer for peace, a tangible structure that manifests the dedication of our lives to justice and peace."

The dedication ceremony, despite the rain, was a wonderful assembly of people from many nationalities, many cultures, and many religions. Appropriately, the opening greeting was given by Slow Turtle, a native American whose people were responsible for helping the Buddhist monks to locate a sacred site for their Peace Pagoda. The dedication featured many important speakers from the peace movement and included Bob Jennings, who was the Master Engineer for the construction. The monks and the Peace Pagoda community welcome all visitors to the pagoda site at 100 Cave Hill Road in Leverett, Massachusetts.

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See you at the Marriott/Copley Place on November 25th, 26th!
And do bring a friend or colleague!

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