

# NICHIREN BUDDHIST ORDER OF NORTH AMERICA

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## **Relief Fund for Earthquake, Tsunami and Radiation Leak that hit Northeastern Coast of Japan**

Dear Dharma Friends,

A 9.0 Richter scale earthquake and subsequent aftershocks shook the northeastern coast for six minutes which caused a tsunami that devastated entire areas. This tsunami also created another catastrophe with radiation leakage from several nuclear reactors near Fukushima.

There are hundreds of Nichiren Shu temples along the coast line. As I left Japan on the third day after the quake, Nichiren Shu Shumuin was not able to contact many of these temples. I know some of temples in Tokyo were also damaged, such as big cracks formed on the walls and roof tile fell off. Even today, after a week from the turmoil, we have not received news on how damaged the temples are and of the members in the area.

On the third day after the quake the Ronald Regan aircraft carrier group stationed offshore to the devastated coast, delivered supplies to the people in the area by helicopters. All kinds of relief are coming to Japan from around the world.

The explosion at the nuclear reactors affected everyone, including businesses with shortage of power. Workers are not able to commute to work since the trains are operating sporadically.

“*Ganbare Nippon! Ganbare Northeast Coast of Japan!*” was on the front page of a British newspaper. With the same spirit, we Nichiren Shu members would like to create a Fund to assist with the disaster relief.

Any amount of money will be accepted. Please write your check addressed to “NICHIREN ORDER OF NORTH AMERICA” or “NONA.” In the memo area please note: “for earthquake/tsunami fund” and send it to your local Nichiren Shu temple/church/Sangha. There will be a world minister’s meeting held at headquarters in a couple of months. We would like to donate the accumulated amount of the contributions at that time.

I deeply appreciate your support.

With Gassho,

Bishop Shokai Kanai  
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