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Dear members and friends,

On May 1ST, 2011, the Washington Buddhist Vihara will be celebrating Vesak, to commemorate the Birth, the Enlightenment and the Passing away of the Buddha. This is undoubtedly the most sacred day of the Buddhist calendar. The Washington Buddhist Vihara has put together a very stimulating program that would enrich the lives of all participants.

Three great Meditation Masters, Most Venerable H.Gunaratana Nayaka Thera, the head of the Bhavana Society, Ven. R. Somaloka Thera, head of the Katumbu Meditation Center in Australia and Ven. Mandawela Pannawansa Thera, the Meditation Master of the Washington Buddhist Vihara will be moderating the sessions. Please come and experience the spiritual bliss at the Vihara and pay your greatest homage to the Buddha, by following his teachings. There will be Dhamma discussions, Meditation sessions and Dhamma Sermons included in the agenda as usual.

A special dais (MAL ASANAYA), an expanse of space, to offer flowers to the Buddha will be dedicated in memory of late Mr.H.W.Perera - beloved father of Mrs. Manjula Somawardena will be declared open by 10.30 am.

A colorful VESAK procession going around the block will start by 10.30 am.. Please bring your kids with bicycles or tricycles decorated with flowers and Buddhist flags and so on to participate in the procession.

The program will be conducted in English.

Please come prepared to observe 8 or 10 precepts, and be present by 9 am.

With Metta,

Dhammasiri
Bhante Dhammasiri

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