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Dear Members of the New York Dharma Center,

Happy New Year, everyone!
I hope you enjoyed the holiday season.

My name is Tomokazu Hatakeyama. I have recently been appointed as successor to Rev. Fujita for the role of Minister of the New York Dharma Center



I earlier served as the Minister of New York Dharma Center for five years from 1998 to 2002. This will be my second appointment, but I would like to undertake this position with a fresh approach.

Last month, I attended the joint retirement and appointment ceremony with Rev. Fujita – at New York Chapter and at Chicago Chapter – to officially assume the role. I received such warmhearted welcome from the members I met for the first time and the members I hadn't seen for a long while and gratefully started anew.

As for Rev. Fujita's retirement, I heard how she had earnestly practiced together with and through her encounters with all of you and how she had sincerely engaged in the administrative challenges she faced. I wish to convey my gratitude for the opportunity to witness Rev. Fujita's deep faith and her passionate ways and to thank her for her devotion with hopes that she will enjoy her retirement.

With great appreciation for the various efforts she had accumulated until now, I hope to take the next step.

The Dharma Center's facility has been wonderfully renovated beyond recognition and the 2nd floor repair work is in progress. From now on, let us just move forward together.

This year is the 60th anniversary of dissemination in the United States, and thus a major milestone.

With the aspiration for true liberation according to Buddhism, I wish to cherish my encounters and walk the Buddha Way together with all of you, step by step.

At present, I am still in Japan preparing for my new position. But I look forward to arriving in New York as quickly as possible after my visa is issued.

May I please ask you for your kind support.

Gassho

New York Dharma Center Minister
Rev. Tomokazu Hatakeyama

Schedule for Special Practice of the L.S.

Date	Item
1/28(Mon)	The Sutra of Innumerable Meanings 1,2,3. The Sutra of L.S. Introduction
1/29(Tue)	The Sutra of L.S. 2,3
1/30(Wed)	The Sutra of L.S. 4,5,6,7
1/31(Thu)	The Sutra of L.S. 8,9,10,11,12,13
2/1(Fri)	The Sutra of L.S. 14,15,16,17,18
2/2(Sat)	The Sutra of L.S. 19,20,21,22,23,24,25
2/3(Sun)	The Sutra of L.S. 26,27,28 The Sutra of Meditation on the Practice of Budhisattva Universal Wisdom