

## Hiroshima: tug at conscience

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For the past week, Dave Robinson, Pax Christi USA Executive Director, has been in Japan, first as part of an international and interfaith consultation on the peace clause, [Article 9](#), [1] of Japan's constitution, and most recently as a guest of anti-nuclear activists in Hiroshima.

In Hiroshima earlier this week, Dave wrote:

My dear friends,

Today I visited Hiroshima. Words cannot express the deep feelings aroused by standing on ground zero. Shortly after emerging from the Peace Museum, I met with Bishop Joseph Misue. He gave me a book of Haiku that his Justice and Peace Council published only last week. In that book, I found the words that filled my heart but escaped my mind as I sobbed in front of Sadako's sandals, encased in glass alongside her medical log. I share it here as a testament to my witness:

The atomic museum,  
the cries of the heart's ears,  
the scent of the lily.

peace,  
Dave

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[1] [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Article\\_9\\_of\\_the\\_Constitution\\_of\\_Japan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Article_9_of_the_Constitution_of_Japan)