

Dear all.

It is with sadness in our hearts that we have to inform you that the Celebration Congress 2022 is cancelled.

For many of you this may come as a disappointment and an unexpected surprise and therefore, we share with you our experiences and insights that have led to this decision.

First of all, let's go back in time and recollect what our initial vision was.

In the year 2022, Reiki will have its 100th anniversary. It is well known that Reiki has seen many changes in those 100 years in which hundreds of Reiki styles developed. This colorful diversity has historically led to even more perspectives and opinions regarding Reiki as well as to nuanced tensions in our community.

Attempts were started and are still in progress to reconcile these tensions, to heal all involved, to transform divergence into convergence and exclusivity into inclusivity. But, all this takes time. We wanted to make a contribution to these attempts.

We envisioned for all of us irrespective of style, a transcendence of our own practiced style and a coming together in the sacred space of oneness, of 'vision'. The vision, we believe, Usui sensei embodied and wanted to share with the world. We envisioned a 'circle of oneness' to be formed on Mt Kurama, standing hand in hand, showing inclusivity for practitioners and representatives of each and every Reiki style. The essence of the Celebration Congress unfolded; a gathering where Usui sensei's life and work, Reiki, the diversity between and inherent common values within Reiki styles, conciliation towards oneness, and the future of Reiki would be essential focal points. In this dream, we imagined that the worldwide Reiki community could stand side by side and appreciate the diversity. In so doing, they could have come with a joint statement about the future of Reiki based on the essence that every style inherently carries. In 2015/6, we started attempting to realize this dream through the path of reconciliation.

What is the current situation?

Regretfully as it is, in the last few years, we did not succeed in our attempts to create enough momentum to realize the Celebration Congress we had in mind. To us, it seems that now is not the right time for the Celebration Congress as we envisioned.

Based on the reflections above and on the current uncertainties of Covid-19, we ask ourselves the question, Is our dream achievable and realizable already in 2022? We have come to the conclusion: No, and therefore, we face no other option than to cancel the event.

Where do we go from here?

We have decided to go back to our original dream; to create a circle of oneness on Mt Kurama on **Sunday May 22, 2pm** with those of you who want to transmit oneness. No longer we will wrap this gathering in a congress or in an organized tour of any kind. Everybody is invited to join us in this circle.

Obviously, your contribution to this circle of oneness can be combined with a participation of the intended academic congress in Kyoto on the topic of Reiki, scheduled for May 28-29. Regardless of the cancellation of the Celebration Congress, we wholeheartedly support other celebration events organized around the 100 years of Reiki.

With love and gratitude,

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