



Ganjin Lives, Part 1

By Rinban Don Castro

"How happy I am, Gutoku Shaku Shinran, to have now been able to meet with the holy scriptures from India and the commentaries by Chinese and

Japanese masters, which are difficult to meet, and to have already been able to hear their teachings, which are difficult to hear!"

The famous Chinese Buddhist monk Ganjin (688-763) is alive and well and living in America. In the course of this article I will tell you how he arrived here but, first, let me explain a little of this great missionary's life. Over the centuries, there have been many great Buddhist pilgrims and missionaries but the story of Ganjin is the greatest example I know of selfless courage in risking his life to spread the Dharma.

At the urgent request of the Japanese government, who didn't believe their monks were properly ordained, Ganjin was persuaded to make the perilous journey from China to Japan. I wouldn't be surprised if, in those days, the chances of surviving such a journey were 50/50. Ganjin, as an eminent monk, was forbidden by the Chinese government from leaving the country. Secretly, he outfitted a small fleet of boats and set sail in 743 CE. The fleet was destroyed by a storm and Ganjin barely escaped with his life. With single-pointed determination, Ganjin outfitted another fleet and sailed again. Again, he ended up back in China. Between 743-754 CE, Ganjin made six attempts to reach Japan, finally arriving there and establishing Toshodai temple in Nara in 759 CE, a beautiful national treasure that still thrives today.

To appreciate Ganjin's courage, imagine someone told you, "If you come to the temple today, you will learn from the greatest teacher of your life. However, your chances of returning home alive are only 50/50." How many of us would go? Essentially, Ganjin took his chances not once but six times! What was it like for him after each failure to again step off dry land onto a fragile boat? What is even more remarkable is that he did this not to get something but to give, not for his fellow countrymen but for a foreign nation. He didn't have to go. In China, he

was an eminent monk with many disciples and strong government support. Yet, although he didn't have to risk his life, Ganjin made the two to three months journey to Japan to spread the Dharma.

Next month: "Ganjin in America"

President's Message

The Seattle Betsuin Board recently decided to refer to the Betsuin as the Seattle Buddhist Temple instead of the Seattle Buddhist Church. Our legal name will continue to use "Church;" it would be a much bigger task to change that. But after years of using "Temple" and "Church" interchangeably, we will now officially prefer "Temple" over "Church."

Why does this matter? On one level it doesn't -- the words are synonymous. But on another level I think that the strong preference our *Sangha* members voiced for "Temple" over "Church" reflects a long-standing tension between wanting *Jodo Shinshu* to be authentic, but also American.

In his book *Mukashi Mukashi*, chronicling the Betsuin's history, Dr. Ron Magden wrote that in 1926 our temple's official name:

was altered from Homba Hongwanji to the Seattle Buddhist Church...This attempt to Americanize the church structure was never a complete success...And to this day, many prefer to call their religious home 'temple' rather than 'church.'

Back then, our *Sangha's* strong desire to have the respectability of Christian churches militated toward the use of "Church" and against "*Hongwanji*." And, though not addressed by Dr. Magden, I presume the ethnic associations of "Temple" versus "Church" might have made "Church" preferable.

Now, more than three generations and almost a century later -- after WWII, after tectonic changes in civil

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rights, after the rise of Japan as an economic power, and after assimilation of Japanese-Americans into the highest ranks of American society -- we want the pendulum to swing back a little.

Perhaps in 2100, our Sangha will move from "Temple" to "*Hongwanji*." Who knows? What's most important, I think, is to understand the interesting currents guiding our judgments, both today and in far less tolerant times.

The fact is that many devout Christians helped to establish the Betsuin, and helped Japanese-Americans assimilate in American society in Seattle and elsewhere. Selma Anderson was such a person. She was a Methodist teacher who, being fluent in six Asian and European languages, taught English to Japanese and Chinese immigrants at the turn of the last century. Dr. Magden recounts:

[Selma Anderson] had intended to convert her students to Christianity, but the peace of mind that her pupils exhibited caused Anderson to adopt Buddhism. When asked by a reporter... 'Which is the right faith?' she replied... 'I never say one faith is superior to another. I would first teach [my students] to be pure and clean. When they attain to that state they may select their own religion without danger of making an error.'

Being mindful of the kindness of individuals like Selma Anderson and the determination it took for our predecessors to establish our temple as an Americanized institution, I'm glad that "Church" will remain in our legal name. However, I am also glad that we are moving toward making our religious home as authentic as our modern American sensibilities will allow.

Gassho, Yukio

Dharma School Welcome back everyone!! The first day of Dharma School got us all off to a wonderful start with the hondo and halls filled with lots of excited children. We look forward to a terrific year. Thanks to everyone who came, registered their children and provided refreshments.

All Dharma school parents are welcome in the Memorial hall chapel for parent's meetings and Dharma exchanges this year during class time.

Dharma School hosted a Hatsumairi or "first visit to temple" ceremony on October 18. A big welcome to the participants and their families. Thanks go out to the volunteers who helped with the festivities, including picture taking, service program, certificates, and refreshments.

Special thanks go to the middle and high school classes for hosting another wonderful Halloween party full of games and treats for the younger Dharma school students. A great time was had by all!!

Classroom Reports

Pre-K & Kindergarten To celebrate Fall Ohigan, the children learned about why leaves change colors. They then made a tree using their hand for the branches and decorated it with red, yellow, brown and orange Fruit Loops for the leaves. Continuing with the observance of Fall Ohigan, the students learned that apples are a tasty part of Fall. We read a story about Clarence the Big Red Dog who went apple picking. The students then made an apple wreath in which they decorated a plate with green,

yellow and red apples. They tied a cinnamon stick to the wreath and a string was attached so that they could hang it in their home with the smell of cinnamon to fill the air.

The children are also practicing some of the themes from The Golden Chain. We read the story, "Be Nice to Spiders" and then created spiders and a picture as a reminder to be kind and gentle to every living thing (including spiders).

The Pre-K/K students learned the significance of the onenju and its use and care. They picked out the beads for their own personalized onenjus. The teachers look forward to a fun and exciting year exploring the Dharma with their students and families.

1st/2nd grade We've started off the new year with 15 very bright kids including several new students. We began by introducing ourselves, learning each other's birthdays and some of our favorite snack foods. Next we discussed good rules to have for the rest of the year so we can all be safe, considerate of each other and have fun. We have agreed on the ones we like for our class contract and all signed it. Finally we started our discussion on the Golden Chain, first making links with our names on them and those we feel linked to and then reading the story of "Stellaluna" the baby bat adopted by a bird family and making a bat out of our handprints to remind us to be "kind and gentle to every living thing and to protect all who are weaker than ourselves"

submitted by Joyce Tsuji

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Ohigan - Fall

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Hatsubon / Obon – Tomita, Paul & Mabel **Hanamatsuri** - Kawamoto, Masako

- HL

BON ODORI T-SHIRT CLEARANCE SALE – 2014 & PRIOR submitted by HL

There will be a sale of t-shirts from past Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple Bon Odori festivals. There are limited quantities on sizes and years that will be sold at clearance prices. Below is an estimate of what is available for years 2014 and prior. All t-shirts, youth and adult, will be sold at \$5.00 each. Look for the sale on November 8 at the Temple.

		Black 2014	White 2014	Black 2013	Black 2012	Black 2011	Black 2010	Cream 2009	Ash Grey 2008
Adult T-Shirt									
	Small			7	2			41	21
	Medium			4				41	12
	Large				4			39	11
	X-Large	54	12	5	76	62		51	36
	XX-Large	10	6	10		9		32	27
Youth T-Shirt									
	X-Small	2		25		5	5	37	24
	Small	14	4	16		7	18	43	22
	Medium	28	1	30	4			33	19
	Large	17		27	6			16	10

Designs:

2014 Horse **2013** Snake **2012** Dragon **2011** Rabbit w/ taiko drum **2010** Cat w/ fans
2009 Shinran Shonin **2008** Dancing Frogs

Fourth Annual Women in Buddhism Conference held on October 3, 2015

Is a daikon a Bodhisattva? Sensei Irene Goto opened the Seattle Buddhist Temple's fourth annual Women in Buddhism conference, "Everyday Bodhisattvas," with this question. She went on to say, "From the titles of the presentations today, I believe we will further our ability to recognize Bodhisattvas in our everyday lives. In simplest terms, a Bodhisattva is a being who helps others. But can only humans be Bodhisattvas?"



More than seventy attendees spent a Saturday in early October puzzling over this question as well as getting answers to many others.

From Seattle's new Associate Minister, Rev. Sala Sekiya, they gained a new appreciation of chanting, which she said was "a way of showing respect for the Buddha." The Sensei described chanting as "the music of nature" reminiscent of "wind, waves, and falling tree branches."

Linda Anderson Krech, ToDo Institute, offered strategies for maintaining healthy family relationships, based on a Japanese practice called Naikan. She presented three questions to prompt self-examination around our relationships with others. "What have I received from ____?" "What have I given to ____?" and "What troubles and difficulties have I caused ____?" When we answer these questions, we see we are indebted to others and we begin to turn our focus outward, away from ourselves.

Rev. Patti Nakai, Buddhist Temple of Chicago, acknowledged that women of the Baby Boom generation often become caregivers for their loved ones and the responsibilities of caregiving can feel burdensome. Sensei

offered this counsel: "Sometimes we do this work with a heavy heart and feel we're making sacrifices to do it. We see a lot of ego in these situations. We forget that the Buddha is supporting us, that we're receiving care and benefits in this life." We need to reframe negative thoughts about caregiving and say, "The causes and conditions around me are allowing me to do this work. The Nembutsu is not to take a load off my shoulders, but to help me carry a burden."

Later, each speaker identified a person -- and in one case a pet -- whom they viewed as an "everyday Bodhisattva."

But what about the daikon? Sensei Goto returned to this question at the end the day with an excerpt from an interview (recorded in the book Bodhisattvas Everywhere and translated by Rev Toshikazku Arai), in which Reverend Tokusō Sakakibara said:

'... I eat fish, meat, daikon. The daikon itself wants to live. It grows up. Blossoms with flowers, thinks of increasing its descendants – but we take the daikon at the prime of its life and eat it. So the things which I had thought of being in the world of animals have become things of my own world, of myself."I began to feel that everything such as fish, animals, daikon, etc., came to appear to me as bodhisattvas. They sacrifice their own bodies and lives in order to sustain my life... They never complain about this. In this way, to me, all these things that surround me are bodhisattvas.'

By Ann Oxrieder, Seattle Buddhist Temple

Cub Scout Pack 252 Wants You! All boys 1st grade through 5th grade are invited to be a part of Cub Scout Pack 252. The temple has been a sponsor of Scouting for over 60 years. There is no better way to help your son be successful in life. Scouting's vision is to prepare America's youth to be responsible, participating citizens, and it can all start right here! ● Thank you for supporting the recent popcorn fundraiser. Your support will enable our Scouts to buy new equipment and to pay for this year's Pack activities. ● We've got a full calendar of fun and adventure planned for the upcoming year including the traditional Pinewood Derby, Winter Camp at Camp Sheppard, Scout Day at Husky Football games, nature hikes, field trips, and many other fun activities. Meetings are held on Sundays, generally twice a month at the temple. Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 8. For more information, please contact the temple office or Cub master Mike Teramoto at mteramoto@yahoo.com

Troop 252 had a fun and productive summer; we earned over 50 merit badges at Camp Parsons. We kicked off our meeting on September 13 and made upcoming plans for the next couple of months. On the 27th of September we had our Court of Honor, which is an award ceremony for scouts. Then on October 4 the troop went to North Bend for a clean-up and spent the night so they can learn survival skills.

-Jacob

NyuButsuShiki held on September 27, 2015 in High School Classroom



The Middle and High School Dharma School classes, helped by parents, Reverend Sala Sekiya and Irene Goto Sensei, officially “opened their new shrine welcoming the Buddha”.
- IHG

Mochi and Okasane Sales for New Years:

Tickets for mochi will be available for sale starting in mid-November. Sales will be on Sundays in the Hondo foyer prior to Service or can also be purchased at the Temple office during regular business hours. Mochi will be made on December 19 and will be available for **pick-up on December 19 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM and on December 20 from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM**. After those two dates, mochi can be picked up during regular office hours. Mochi sales are primarily through ticket sales. Ticket sales are used to determine how much mochi will be made. Cash sales on December 19 and 20 are on an as-available basis and first-come, first-served.

Please bring your own bag at pick-up. Seattle Buddhist Church is following City of Seattle guidelines for plastic bags issuance.

For those wishing to reserve an Okasane for use to celebrate New Year's, there is an order book in the Hondo foyer.

Prices are: Plain Mochi - \$4.00 (dozen) Okasane - \$5.00 each.



Example Only

In addition, we are tentatively planning to have Chi-Chi mochi for sale on a first come - first served basis until supplies run out. These are not on a pre-order basis.

Thank you for your support as net proceeds will benefit Dharma School, Jr. YBA, Matsuri Taiko and other youth groups as appropriate.

Submitted by HL

Monthly Meals Project for Orion Center Homeless Youths

Thank you to all that supported the recent entertainment coupon book fundraiser. In total, over \$700 was raised to help pay for the meals that temple members, groups and friends have been preparing once each month at the YouthCare's Orion Center for homeless youths.

Please consider participating in this very rewarding service project of the temple. Your help is truly needed, and it is a fun and rewarding way to make a difference in our community. Volunteers are needed on the 3rd Friday of each month. Thank you to recent meal coordinators: Michi Vaart and SBBWA for September, and the Crew 252 for October. Please contact Mike Teramoto @ mteramoto@yahoo.com for more information or to volunteer.

Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association Submitted by Janet Baba

SBBWA Cabinet: Our present Cabinet has been serving our members for the past two years. They have carried out their duties and have fulfilled their service. I am greatly appreciative of our cabinet members for the numerous hours given to our organization. We accomplished much, due to their continued dedication.

Our 2015 officers:

Vice presidents: Nina Tomita-Kato, English; Machiko Wada, Japanese

Recording Secretary: Janie Okawa, English; Junko Nakano, Japanese

Treasurer: Gail Suzaka & Aiko Fujii

Corresponding Secretary: Kanako Kashima, English; Suzuko Terada, Japanese

Auditors: Darlene Shimizu & Kazumi Shimizu

FBWA Representatives' Meeting: Our Federation Meeting was held from October 9-10 at the DoubleTree Suites at Southcenter, Tukwila. This meeting was attended by 81 members and 56 voter delegates. Our speakers were Rev. Kodo Umezu, Bishop; Rev. Ron Kobata; and Dr. Kent Matsuda, BCA President. Shizue Yahata, FBWA President, led our Representatives' Meeting; our Vice President, Fran Shintaku, co-chaired the event with June Akita. This meeting precedes our upcoming FBWA Conference to be held from October 7-9, 2016, at the Westin Bellevue Hotel.

WIB Conference/Eshinni-ko & Kakushinni-ko Svc.: The 4th Annual Women in Buddhism Conference was held at the Seattle Betsuin on October 3. About 70 participants attended. Our Eshinni-ko & Kakushinni-ko and Shinran Shonin Service was held the following day. All donations from the service will be donated to our temple's youth groups.

Sokai & Irokai: SBBWA's Annual General Membership Meeting will be held in the Hondo on November 15, at 11:45 A.M. All members will receive an invitation with a list of our year-end activities & treasurer's report. Following the *Sokai*, we will have our *Irokai* luncheon for our present Board of Directors and Honorary Directors.

SBBWA Craft Class: Darlene Shimizu held a craft class for Seasonal Holiday items on September 30. Candy favors and Santa figures were made. Miyoko Tazuma, who will be teaching okazu cooking, will give our next class. This class is tentatively set for November 11, in the dining room. Class sign-up sheet is posted in the temple hallway.

In Appreciation: During the past four years, I've received an enormous amount of support from our members for our numerous activities and events. We had our own SBBWA activities, in addition to the NW District Cabinet duties last year. With the NW District, we participated in the FBWA Representatives' Meeting. Many members attended the 14th World Buddhist Women's Convention in Japan in 2012. On May 2015, 18 members traveled to Calgary, Canada for the 15th World BWA Convention. We've worked to support our own temple and were able to accomplish so much because of the generosity of our members' effort and time. I truly appreciate our SBBWA members, and would like to thank each one for their continued support. We worked together collaboratively to accomplish our goals. My sincere appreciation for your thoughtful dedication throughout my term of office. In Gassho, Janet Baba

Calendar:

SBBWA Board Meeting: Nov. 1

Sokai & Irokai: Nov. 15

SBBWA Board Meeting (Dec. Mtg.): Nov. 22

Musical Notes

The 6th annual fall Family Music November 22. Please join us for Bodhi Ensemble youth musicians Thank you to the ukulele players for Hatsumairi service last month and the children's service dates this fall.

Alina and Kayla provided the October 11 service when Bishop you also to Kristy for providing this fall.



Service is scheduled for Sunday, this special service featuring the and Seattle Betsuin Ukulele Band. providing the uplifting music for also covering the hondo services for

lovely flute accompaniment for the Umezu was our special guest. Thank service music for children's services

Submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi

The Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations September – October 2015

Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:

Kimio Kamimae – Funeral Service	\$ 600.00	Midori Kamimae
Masayoshi Kosai – 17 th Year Memorial	\$ 500.00	Hiroko Janet Kosai
George Fukeda – 1 st Year Memorial	\$ 300.00	Toshiko Fukeda
Nokotsudo for Dick Hara	\$ 300.00	Reiko Hara
Kito Kaneta – 7 th Year Memorial	\$ 75.00	Miyoko Kaneta

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In Memory of:

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Bishop Umezu delivers dharma talks at Family and Japanese Services and officiates

Kieshiki Affirmation Ceremony

Minister's Assistant Certification Ceremony

October 11, 2015



Doug McClean, Jamie Dee Huh, John Hatsuo Hamakami Sr., John Hatsuo Hamakami Jr.,

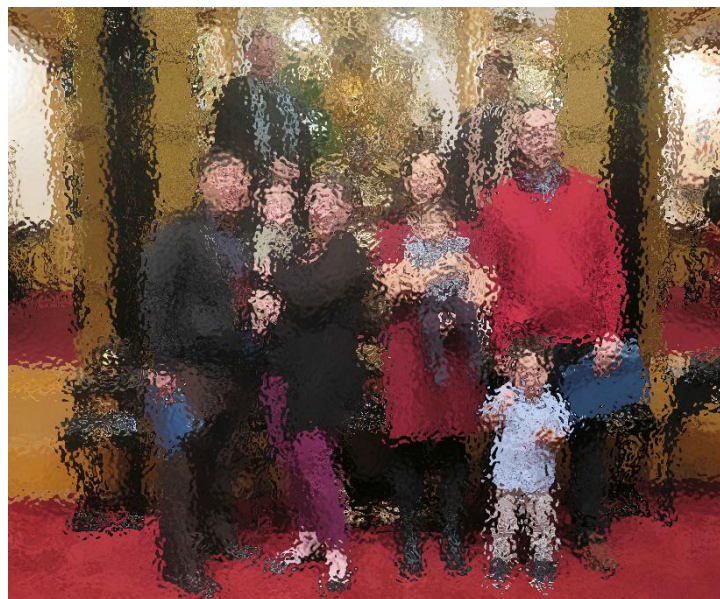
Minister's Assistant Doug McClean

Hatsumairi Ceremony on October 18, 2015

Hatsumairi or "First Visit"

is a Jodo Shinshu tradition that acknowledges the baby's first visit to the temple. Parents present their children before the image of Amida Buddha and members of the Sangha as an expression of their gratitude and desire to expose them to the teachings of the Buddha.

The Hatsumairi ceremony was performed during Family Service on October 18, 2015. Presented were: Sydney,



(parents: Philip & Penne) and Logan, (parents: Stephen & Sara). The Vow by the parents:
I make this solemn vow to do all in my power to guide the spiritual growth of my child according to the high ideals as set forth in the Teachings of the Buddha. Namu Amida Butsu, Namu Amida Butsu, Namu Amida Butsu. Welcome, Sydney and Logan; Congratulations, to the Robbins and Shinoda families. Submitted by Sat Ichikawa and IHG

Weekly Sangha email!

Ochigo Procession and Etaikyo/Muen Hoyo Service 1 November 2015

As part of the annual Etaiko/Muen Hoyo Service, the Dharma School will be having an Ochigo procession. This will be a very special and memorable event.

If you have a child between 4 and 9 years old, who would like to participate, please email or call the contact below. There are a limited number of costumes so participation will be determined on a first-come first-served basis.

Please contact [Yvette Terada](#) at 310-594-0012

Virtual Enrollment for Dharma School Continues!

New Dharma School students are always welcome! For more information on enrollment and registration, please contact [Yvette Terada](#) at 310-594-0012

Seeking Volunteers with Marketing/Communications/Web Publishing Interest and/or Experience

Do you have experience to share or want to learn how to write articles for the Temple newsletter, develop Temple brochures, or develop content for the Weekly Constant Contact Email News, or coordinate Temple "Town Hall" sessions? Need internship experience for your marketing or communications classes?

Come and become part of the Temple's Communications Team! Please contact [Sensei Irene \(newsletter@seattlebetsuin.com\)](#), [Ann Oxrieder](#), or [Calvin Terada \(calterada@comcast.net\)](#).

Join Jr. YBA at the Betsuin!

The Seattle Betsuin Jr. YBA is recruiting new members for the upcoming school year! Anyone entering the 7th-12th grade is welcome to join this organization. The purpose of the Young Buddhist Association (YBA) is to listen to the Buddha Dharma through different social and religious activities. Some activities include:

- **Summer weekend Retreat**
- **Spring Overnight retreat**
- **Bowling**
- **Family fun center**
- **Volleyball**
- **Helping at temple functions**
- **Dinner and discussion with ministers**

Registration forms can be obtained in the Temple office, or by contacting [Steph Ojima](#), or [Alex Sakamoto](#). Our second meeting will be held November 1 in the HS room at 10:30AM.

Seeking Additional Members to Receive this Weekly Message

Please forward this message or contact Calvin Terada at calterada@comcast.net or Joan Nakano at office@seattlebetsuin.com to have other family members added to the distribution list!

Notes from Dharma Exchange, a post-service discussion/dialogue.

Sept 27 - Rinban Castro conducted the DX today. Sat I. introduced his sister Nori and brother-in-law Milnen Kurashige from Venice, CA at DX today. They also have a son Scott who attends Betsuin service occasionally. . . Castro Sensei's wife Shuri has a guide dog named Sparky who was likened to a Bodhisattva in that he spends his entire life in service. . . MA Rosalie conducted the Children's Service and passed pictures of Rinban Castro, Rev. Ogui, Pope Francis, and the former Monshu so they will recognize them in the future. . . A participant asked if the historical Buddha mentioned Amida Buddha in his messages. Sensei said Shakyamuni Buddha did not use the word Amida. He explained further that Amida is Buddhahood as we understand and appreciate it. The dharma is what is important. Rev. Eiyu Terao was the founder of the Spokane Buddhist Temple in September 1945 in honor of his parents. Terao Sensei was quoted as saying Amida Buddha is a way to make the Dharma dynamic. . . Castro Sensei said sutras are still being discovered, and the UW is studying some recovered from the Gandhari Canon in Pakistan. He also referred to the Kalama Sutra which admonishes us to listen carefully to the sutras and test them for ourselves without regard to the source; e.g., reports, legends, traditions, scripture or scholars. . . He went on to say Kannon, the most venerated in parts of Asia, is a manifestation of Amida Buddha, who represents Wisdom and Compassion. . . Castro Sensei reminded us of the temple Sanjusangen-do in Kyoto where 1001 Buddhas with multiple arms flank the central Buddha who has many more arms. . . A participant said her young son is hyperactive and finds himself in trouble frequently. She explained to him that a puppy is normally wild and uncontrollable; however, with training he can overcome such behavior. She told her son that he is like the puppy and can learn to behave as well.

Oct 4 - Guest minister Rev. Patty Nakai of the Chicago Buddhist Temple (Higashi), founded in 1944, said a problem arose for the Sunday toban group when newcomers wanted to help. Problem was solved by having newcomers perform toban on a different Sunday. She said the temple is diverse with LGBT plus other Asians. . . Rev. Dr. Haneda encouraged Patty Sensei to study in Japan, but there were very few women in the program. She reported that the Nishi and Higashi met together for the first time at the New Hope Conference in the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkley in 2015. She remarked the Center has wonderful programs almost every weekend. She is hoping to promote Obon with the

Higashi and Nishi together. There are four Higashi temples in Mainland and five in Hawaii. While families are welcome at Nishi temples, others are not so welcoming -- children being excluded. Jodo Shinshu in Berkley is not well known, and they will soon be celebrating their 10th anniversary with outreach and many programs. . . Rev. Pratt, from Great Britain, with her resounding oratorical style has spoken at the Betsuin.

Oct 11 - Irene Goto Sensei and Matt May MA conducted the Dharma Exchange. Question: What is a Bodhisattva? A being who wants to attain enlightenment and take others with him/her. Also, one who benefits our life can be called a Bodhisattva. According to Sensei, Shinran Shonin and his wife Eshinni considered each other to be Bodhisattvas. Practicing the Six Paramitas leads to becoming a Bodhisattva. Australian, Rev. John Paraskevopoulos refers to "Call of the Infinite," which will be the topic of the next Book Study Group, Nov. 14. A participant heard him in Australia and found him to be a dynamic speaker. . . Sensei asked, when we criticize others, do we find ourselves doing the same thing as well? . . . Sensei is looking for ideas on how to encourage young people to attend the Women in Buddhism Conference.

Oct 18 - Hatsumairi was celebrated today with Rinban Castro officiating. There were two babies presented. Sensei said he saw a dog resembling his wife's guide dog, Sparky. The other dog was playing, running and having a wonderful time. Sparky, however, is a working dog and misses out on those activities. At Hatsumairi parents vow to afford the opportunity to their children of a Buddhist education. . . Dharma Exchange was conducted by Matt May MA, who asked a question about the experience of any of the participants during their own or their children's Hatsumairi. Sat's sister-in-law said their two children were brought by their father to the temple, and the tradition continued with the grandchildren being brought to the temple by their father. Further, Sat remembered that 10 babies were presented at the same time of his children's Hatsumairi. Mas said he was born and raised in Japan and knew nothing about Hatsumairi until he came to the U.S. . . Grace reported that of the over 100 children attending the Kids Summer Program (KSP) at the temple, many of them have no connection to Buddhism, but the KSP program is so well developed that it attracts people to the temple even though Buddhism is not taught at the KSP. . .

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Betsuin Events for November 2015

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SUNDAYS 10:55am Meditation

November 1

10:00 am EITAIKYO & MUEN HOYO SERVICE
with OCHIGO
Youth/Adult: IMOP Minister Rev. Chikako Tsuyama
Japanese: IMOP Minister Rev. Yugo Fujita
DSDX: Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara (Center for Buddhist Education) and Rev. Sekiya
DX: Rev. Tsuyama and Irene Goto Sensei
Meditation: MA Leonora Clarke

11:35 am Chibichan Basketball

11:45 am SBBWA Board Meeting

November 8 Rinban Castro at San Diego Buddhist Temple for Eitaikyo

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Youth/Adult: Rev. Sekiya

Following service: Temple Clean up - please help
No Japanese Language Service, DSDX, DX or Meditation

11:35 am Chibichan Basketball

November 15

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE & CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Children: Rev. Sekiya and Irene Goto Sensei

Youth/Adult: Rinban Castro

Japanese: Rev. Sekiya

DX: Rinban Castro

Meditation: MA Leonora Clarke

11:45 SBBWA General Membership Meeting

November 22

10:00 am FAMILY MUSIC SERVICE

Youth/Adult: Rev. Sekiya

Japanese Program and MA Matt May

DSDX: MA Doug McLean "Buddhism 101"

DX: Rev. Sekiya

Meditation: Rinban Castro

10:45 am SBBWA Board Meeting

November 29

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Youth: Rinban Castro

Adult: Rinban Castro

Japanese: Rev. Sekiya

DX: Rinban Castro

Meditation: Irene Goto Sensei

MONDAYS

November 2, 9, 16 Rinban Castro (Days Off)

November 16 10:00 am Shinran Shonin Monthly Memorial Service (Rev. Sekiya)

TUESDAYS

November 3, 10, 17 Rinban Castro (Days Off)

November 24

10:30 am Keiro Service (Rinban Castro and Rev. Sekiya)

WEDNESDAYS * 10:30am - call office to confirm

November 4 Rev. Sekiya (Day Off)

10:30 am Dharma Support Group* (Rinban Castro)

November 11 Office closed for **Veteran's Day Holiday**

November 18 Rev. Sekiya (Day Off)

10:30 am Dharma Support Group* (Rinban Castro)

November 25

10:30 am Dharma Support Group*

THURSDAYS

November 5 Rev. Sekiya (Day Off)

1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (Rinban Castro)

November 12 Rev. Sekiya (Day Off)

November 19 Rev. Sekiya (Day Off)

1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (Irene Goto Sensei)

November 26 Office closed for **Thanksgiving Day**

FRIDAYS

November 6 12:00 pm **Gojikai Service/Luncheon Meeting**

November 13 Rev. Sekiya (Day Off)

November 27 Office closed day after Thanksgiving

SATURDAYS

November 7 Rinban Castro to San Diego

November 14 9:30 am – 12:30 pm Book Study Group - *Call of the Infinite* by John Paraskevopoulos

November 21

9:30 am – noon Minister's Assistant Training

December 2015: Major Sunday Events

Friday, December 4 Gojikai Hoonko Service

Saturday, December 5 Book Study Group

Sunday, December 6 Bodhi Day Service

Sunday, December 13 Betsuin Annual

General Meeting

Friday, December 31 New Year's Eve Service 7PM

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2015 November Events at Seattle Betsuin

- November 1** Eitaikyo & Muen Hoyo Service with Ochigo, Guest Speakers IMOP ministers, Rev. Yugo Fujita in Japanese and Rev. Chikako Tsuyama in English.
- November 8** 10:00AM Family Service, Rev. Sala Sekiya delivering dharma message in English followed by Temple Clean up – please come and help.
- November 14** 9:30-11:30AM Book Study Group – *The Call of the Infinite* by John Paraskevopoulos
- November 15** 11:45AM SBBWA General Membership Meeting
- November 22** 10:00AM Family Music Service, Rev. Sala Sekiya delivering English dharma message
- November 26, 27** Office closed for Thanksgiving Day Holiday

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