



Ohigan by Reverend Jim Warrick



Although this article will be published in the April newsletter, I am challenged to write it in March. Since the Spring Equinox occurs on March 20 this year I thought I might write about it and its importance to many Buddhists.

The word *equinox* comes from Latin words which literally

means “equal night”. On the equinox, the length of day and night is nearly equal in all parts of the world.

In this modern world, it is easy for many of us to feel loosely bonded to the world's cycles. As many of our duties tend to stay the same through both heat and cold, the equinoxes and solstices may carry little weight. In Seattle, we seem to have two seasons, raining and not raining. Yet the seasons do shift, daylight waxes and wanes, and, sometimes extravagantly and often subtly, nature changes her face.

I grew up in the Great Smoky Mountains of North Carolina. We were subsistence farmers. Very much unlike the large corporate farmers you see today that usually produce one or two cash crops each year. We grew anything that would grow in that climate and could be eaten. We also kept horses for use in plowing and harvesting. We had cows for milking, pigs for meat and chickens for eggs and meat as well.

Our farm was in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains. Some of the terrain was rocky and steep. So rocky in fact that whenever someone would ask my dad “Mr. Warrick what do you grow on your farm?”

Dad would always say “well mostly rocks”.

In Western North Carolina the beginning and end of each season is well defined. The winters are cold, spring weather is cool and mild, and the promise of new life can be seen everywhere. Blooming cherry, apple, and other fruit trees can be seen on all the farms. The woodlands come alive with the blooming of the white and red or Cherokee dogwood, the state flower of North Carolina. The summers are hot and the corn grows tall and sweet. In the fall the hills are ablaze with the autumn color. The maple, sweetgum and sassafras provide brilliant red colors. The poplar, hickory and birch turn yellow. Other trees provide gold and orange color.

At that time and in that place people seem to be more aware of the seasons. Winter as a time of waiting, spring as a time of sowing, summer as a time of growing, and autumn as a time of harvesting.

Spring and Fall Equinox is a time when the weather is normally neither too warm nor too cold and the days and nights are of equal length. Harmony pervades throughout the universe.

For many Buddhists the equinox is the time to set aside a special day twice a year, in Spring and Fall, so that they may reconsider the Buddhist teachings, reflect upon themselves, and pay respect to the innumerable people from the past to the present who have come into their lives and in some way or other influenced it to be better.

The equinox is the perfect time of year for us Jodo Shinshu Buddhists to gather before the sacred shrine of Amida Buddha to meditate on the harmony of nature and devote ourselves to realizing this harmony within.

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...Minister's Message continued

The Japanese term *higan* literally means "other shore", in contrast to *higan*, "this shore" of the mundane world. Therefore, *higan* refers to the Pure Land of Perfect Enlightenment, which exists far from "this shore" of samsara.

Shakyamuni Buddha [Founder of Buddhism] was born in this world, on this shore. Observing profoundly the suffering of this world of illusion, he reached that distant shore of nirvana. He showed all humankind the means of crossing the ocean of darkness to the realm of light on that shore, *higan*.

In the month of April we celebrate the birth of Shakyamuni Buddha. Our celebration is called Hanamatsuri and I hope you all can attend.

Namo Amida Butsu

Rev. Jim Warrick

Rev. Warrick shares ministerial duties with Reverend Kusunoki. After studying for several years and serving as a minister's assistant, in 2003 Warrick sensei received Tokudo ordination as a Buddhist priest from our mother temple, the Nishi Hongwanji in Kyoto, Japan. He continued his studies and in 2008 Warrick Sensei received Kyoshi certification from the Nishi Hongwanji and was recognized by the Buddhist Churches of America as a part-time volunteer Kyoshi minister at the Seattle Betsuin. - SeattleBetsuin.com

2018 FAMILY MEMORIAL SERVICE SCHEDULE

In the Jodo Shinshu tradition, family memorial services are held on designated anniversaries to express gratitude and recall cherished memories of our loved ones. If you have a family member who passed away in the following years, you are encouraged to conduct a family memorial service in 2018:

Year of Death

2017	1 st year memorial
2016	3 rd year memorial
2012	7 th year memorial
2006	13 th year memorial
2002	17 th year memorial
1994	25 th year memorial
1986	33 rd year memorial
1969	50 th year memorial

Please call the Temple office at (206) 329-0800 to schedule a service.

-JN

Volunteers Wanted!!

Hanamido Decorating 4/7/18

Sangha members are invited to decorate the Hanamido (flower shrine) Saturday, April 7, 2018, for our Hanamatsuri service the following day. We will meet for dinner at 5:30 (take out available) and begin decorating around 6:00. Please contact [Kathy Hasegawa](mailto:Kathy.Hasegawa@seattlebetsuin.com) if you are interested in participating.

Website Revamp

We are looking to form a small group of people to review and update the Betsuin website and come up with an overall communications strategy for all of the temple's communications (e.g. social media, website, emails, newsletters). If you are interested please go to communications@seattlebetsuin.com to volunteer.

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We would like to “thank” the following regular members, for contributing their minimum annual Sustaining Membership dues (the basic dues toward the Temple maintenance/operations). These are the most recently paid members for the fiscal year of **2018**.

Sue Fujino, Helen Gota, Loraine Jacobs, Dale & Shizue Kaku, Yoshio & Judith Nakamura, Eric & Betty Nakashima, Hisashi & Sadako Nishimura, Mabel Nishizaki, Mari Ohara, Pauline Sakuma, Franklin Shinoda, Leslie Sumida, Theodore & Akiko Taniguchi, David Tyner III, Sam & Masako Uchida, Machiko Wada, Henry & Christine Watanabe

We'd like to ‘welcome’ Loraine Jacobs and David Tyner III as new members of our Sangha.

(compiled by HL, PS, JN, & SO)

UPDATE: Scholarships administered on behalf of the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist

Temple are available to Seattle Betsuin Regular Members. Submitted by Tina Ko

Must be present at Sunday May 27, 2018 Sunday service to read essay as a Dharma talk.

Must agree to remain involved with the Seattle Betsuin for 1 year.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS: The Seattle Betsuin Tsujihara Family Memorial Scholarship Grant is open to graduating high school seniors who have been active and shown leadership in the Seattle Betsuin organizations and activities.

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High school and college applicants or their parent(s) must be a Regular Member of the Seattle Betsuin.

- **The deadline to submit applications is Monday, April 16, 2018 by 2:30pm to the Seattle Betsuin temple office.**
- Electronic submissions are not accepted.
- For applications or questions, please contact the temple office 206-329-0800 or email: office@seattlebetsuin.com.

Book Study Group submitted by Leonora Clarke

The Contemplation Sutra is our selection for our April 14 meeting. If you have a copy of the three Pure Land Sutras, no need to buy another book. We also picked out several reading options for our future Book Study sessions. Please let me know if any of these sound good to you. A Life of Serendipity by Alfred Bloom, Common Ground Between Buddhism and Islam, The Hidden Lamp - all available from BCA*. First Buddhist Women is available online (this one is a little more expensive, but there are some used copies and an electronic version is also available.) It would be fun to read Sharon Suh's book Silver Screen Buddha, but it is also a little expensive. Everyone is invited to attend; there is no charge. **Memorial Hall Chapel, 9:30 - 11:30am, Saturday, April 14**



*Buddhist Churches of America

Mrs. Toyoshima hand knitted many scarves and hats, donated to BWA to distribute to homeless people. Last month we took over 40 pairs to the Spokane chapter when we visited for the NW Convention. They distributed them to homeless youth and were very appreciative. This month Gail K. is heading to Mongolia to volunteer. She is taking as many pairs as she can fit into her luggage. Mrs. Toyoshima's knitting skills are priceless and appreciated by those that receive them and by our association. All the scarves and hats are well done and cute with various colors and patterns. Her dedication and hard work are appreciated. If you have yarn to donate, please let us know.

BWA members visiting retirement homes: Rev. Castro conducted the monthly service at Merrill Garden in Renton last month. Some of us attended the service with over 13 resident members. The service was enjoyed by all of us. We reunited with some of the members who we haven't seen for a while. Services at Keiro and Nikkei Manor are held monthly as well. If you like to join the services, please check the calendar.

Omigaki workshop: Onaijin experts from Japan gave us a lesson on how to clean the Onaijin items. They also provided us with polishing wax and gloves. Almost 10 of us worked hard learning the new technique of polishing and most of the ornamental items are shining. Reverend Miyaji, Tacoma's new sensei, joined us as well.

Salmon Dinner: Thank you to the members who were able to help with the salmon dinner. Manju making took over a week with different processes. Ohagi was made fresh Saturday morning. Preparation of the Tsukemono cabbage began one week in

advance. Miso soup was prepared by the SBBWA members as well. Our members volunteered with Pie baking, making of salad dressing, and other important duties, as well.

BWA new member service and fellowship luncheon: will be held on April 29. Deadline for the bento purchase will be April 20. Please look for the letter inviting you to the event. We will also have a table on Sundays for your convenience.

Membership dues: BWA membership are due this month. Please send your check to the church or pay at our table at Sunday service.

Thank you, Miyoko-san, for preparing Ohagi for Ohigan. She donated all the ingredients.

General Donation: Gratefully appreciated.
Leanne Nishi-Wong - for Subsidy
Yasuko Natsuhara - General
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Wanted: Kimono, Yukata, Obi, & Zori, for Bon Odori Sales

SBBWA is asking for gently used kimono, yukata, obi & ties, geta, zori, & hair ornaments for sell at our Bon Odori Japanese Items & Craft Booth. We are also seeking a few selected Japanese items as dishware and artwork. Please label your donations with your name and contact information. Donation items can be brought to the temple office. Thank you!



Cutting cabbage for tsukemono, ladies with Dean.

Musical Notes

submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi

Don't forget to mark your calendars for Hanamatsuri service on April 8 and the Earth Day Music Service on April 22! We are fortunate that the Seattle Betsuin Ukulele Band continues to support these special services.

We look forward to welcoming Shinji Eshima to Seattle for the Pacific Northwest Ballet premiere of his ballet music *RAKU*, performed this month as part of the *Emergence* program. Shinji is a bass player for the San Francisco Ballet and Opera orchestras and also the composer of the gatha *In a Quiet Valley*. If you are not already part of the group ticket opportunity, there are still available tickets to the run of performances. Please see the PNB website for more information: <https://www.pnb.org/season/17-18/emergence/>

SAVE THE DATE:

Sunday, May 20, 2018

We will be having a Sangha Sharing event at the temple after service.

Please join us for lunch and an afternoon of workshops and demonstrations led by fellow Sangha members. Have an **activity/workshop/demonstration** you would like to share or would like to help with the planning of the event?

Please contact Claire at
murata.claire@gmail.com

The Betsuin gratefully acknowledges the donations received for the following special services.

If your name is not listed, the donation may have been received after the deadline for this newsletter and will be listed in the next edition. Please accept our apologies for any inadvertent misspelling of names:

Ohigan – Spring Special Service: Aisaka, Steven; Anonymous, ; Arinobu, Gene & Yuki; Baba, Janet; Bobrow, Patricia; Deguchi, Mae; Desaki, Yasuko; Driscoll, Irene Goto -; Fujino, Suteko (Sue); Fujita, Florence; Fukeda, Toshiko; Habu, Gordon & Mae Yamasaki -; Hamakawa, Ron; Hamatani, Gary & Sandee; Hara, Reiko; Harada, Setsuko; Hatai, Susan; Hirata, Michiko; Hoshino, Alan A. & Lori; Isomura, Toshiko; Kaku, Dale & Shizue; Kaminishi, Gail; Kaneta, Miyoko; Katayama, Mary K.; Kato, Kazue (Katie); Kato, Nina Tomita -; Kawahara, Ritsuko; Kawamoto, Masako; Keltner, Marc & Janice; Kogita, Takako; Kojima, Esther; Kubo, Masako; Kunihiro, M. Carolyn; Kuramoto, Wayne; Kuwahara, Kinue; Mamiya, Haruko; Mano, George & Irene; Mano, Mariko; Matsui, Tsugio Jack; Mayeda, Julie; Mizumori, Sheri; Mori, Paul Bruce & Teresa; Murakami, Ron & Karen; Naemura, Joseph & Janie Okawa; Nagai, Ernest & Sanaye (Sunnie); Nakabayashi, Kemi; Nakamura, Ruby; Nakamura, Yoshio & Judith; Nakanishi, Kiyoko; Nakano, Craig & Joan; Nakano, Junko; Namekata, Tsukasa & Keiko; Natsuhara, Terrie; Nishizaki, Mabel; Ohtani, Michiye; Okada, Barry & Marlene; Okada, Emiko; Parke, Troy & Mayumi Terada -; Ramsey, Charlotte Miya; Sako, Masako; Sakuma, Pauline; Shibata, Dennis M.; Shimbo, Ben & Etsu; Shimizu, Roy & Kazumi; Shimizu, Sato & Darlene; Shinoda, Franklin; Shintaku, Frances; Sumida, Leslie; Tahara, Masaru & Anna; Takashima, Kiyoko; Taketa, Haruso & Sonoe; Taketa, Susan; Tamekuni, Masao & Frances; Tanaka, Rikuko; Tanemura, Kevin; Tanemura, Peggy; Taniguchi, Theodore & Akiko; Tanino, Katsumi & Teruyo (Terrie); Tazuma, Grace; Tazuma, Miyoko; Terada, Allan & Kayoko; Terada, Calvin J. & Yvette; Terada, Ronald & Suzuko; Teramoto, Margaret; Teramoto, Stuart; Uchida, Sam & Masako; Umeda, Susanne; Uyenishi, Tazuko; Wada, Machiko; Watanabe, Henry & Christy; Wong, Leanne Nishi -; Yahata, Shizue; Yamashita, Dennis & Elaine Aoki -; Yokota, Sumie; Yokoyama, Kevin & Kari Ann; Yutani, Nobuo; Zumoto, James & Tomiko;

Nivana Day Service: Kunihiro, M. Carolyn; Sumida, Leslie

Ho'Onko Service: Beard, Clara; Chinn, Connie Ozeki -; Ramsey, Charlotte Miya; Sumida, Leslie;

Dharma Exchange Notes

Dharma Exchange is a mix of discussion and educational programming that takes place in the dining room downstairs. Join us — we enjoy coffee and donuts almost every Sunday.



February 25, 2018 - Doug McLean held forth with his Buddhism 103, the last class in the series. Doug stated Buddhism 101 dealt with basic Buddhism; 102 with Mahayana Buddhism, and 103; with Jodo Shinshu exclusively. . . Jodo Shinshu (Pure Land) came from China to Japan and is involved with three main Sutras (See P. 3 in handout). Doug recounted that Jodo Shinshu is the largest sect in Japan, and that 30-40% of the population is Jodo Shinshu. Shinran followed Honen who was devoted to Amida Buddha. Both were exiled for radical ideas by bureaucratic Japan that was in turmoil. Pure Land is not exclusive to Jodo Shinshu. In order to reach the Pure Land it is essential to be devoted to Amida Buddha and to aspire to rebirth in the Pure Land.

Following are the steps to becoming a Buddha:

1. All living beings
2. Enter the stream committed to the Dharma
3. Become a monk and a fulltime Buddhist
4. Become an arhat, a noble one starting Enlightenment
5. Become a bodhisattva
6. Become a fully Enlightened Buddha

The Pure Land is a safe and wholesome place to continue learning more about the Pure Land. It is inspiring.

The three primary sources for Pure Land Buddhism (See P. 5 in handout):

- Sutra on the Buddha of Immeasurable Life
- The Amitabha Sutra
- The Contemplation Sutra from China

Shan-dao (613-681) related the story of the Two Rivers and the White Path, and how a man fleeing the bandits was urged to cross over to the safety of the other shore. (P. 7 in handout) Shakyamuni Buddha was on one side and Amida Buddha on the other side, and both encouraged him to cross. Amida's name, the Nembutsu, (P. 8 in handout) is explained in The Contemplation of Amida Sutra (P.5 in handout).

March 4, 2018 - Tetsu K. indicated the film, "Rite of Passage" by Janice D. Tanaka will be shown at the Nissei Vets. Rinban Kuksunoki indicated how

much he really enjoyed and appreciated the NW Buddhist Convention in Spokane. He mentioned how much time was spent on his many activities. He will leave on March 5 for Japan to attend the third Memorial Service for his father. He commented that in today's busy families they seldom get together with weddings and funerals being the exceptions. He does not feel connected to his many distant relatives, and does not think of that. He conducts a service every morning and chants the Juseige. His son joins him and carefully watches everything. Sensei feels this way his son will learn about Jodo Shinshu. He also reads his father's favorite poem after the Juseige. It only takes a minute and is important to him. Because we cherish birth and death in Jodo Shinshu, Sensei conducts a service in the Nokotsudo for the deceased. A participant said her husband died 24 years ago when the three children were young. They always celebrated his birthday, and the children still feel a closeness to him even though they were so young when he died. Another participant said her aunt chanted the Shoshinge every night at bedtime. Sensei recommended that we all make time for one minute each day to read a selected passage. . . Sensei distributed a page outlining The meaning of Jodo Shinshu Rituals; The Five Right Practices of Shan-dao (613-681); Three Kinds of Sutra Chanting; and Four Kinds of Nembutsu .

March 11 - There were technical difficulties with trying to show "Buddhism on Air," and Rev. Jim Warrick thinks he will be able to show the 5th installment a following Sunday. Meanwhile, he will entertain comments and questions today from the floor. . . A participant found the Dharma message today extremely interesting. He lived in Asia for 10 years and became Buddhist after being raised Catholic. He felt some confusion about what people believed. The 18th vow was meaningful to him. . . Do we believe we will be born in the Pure Land upon death? We have to answer that ourselves, said Jim Sensei. A participant preferred "True entrusting" over "believe." Buddhism is personal and we need to come to our own conclusions about what to believe. Further, Sensei said when we pass over, it is not important to dwell on what happens. Tetsu K. feels Buddhism allows me to understand compassion, gratitude and morality toward others. We do the best we can in our life. Sensei noted that "anjin" means peace of mind and "Shinjin means true entrusting.

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Dharma School News

submitted by Joyce Tsuji

Thank you everyone for making the Betsuin Salmon Dinner Fundraiser a success! Your hard work is much appreciated. Looked like everybody - diners and workers, had a good community time there,

On March 4, many Dharma School students with family and friends went to *The Journal of Ben Uchida: Citizen 13559*. Seattle Children's Theater put on an emotionally powerful play, which sparked meaningful dialogue between family members, as well as our adults in the parent DX. Many of our temple members and community friends were deeply affected by Executive Order 9066, having very similar experiences as the characters in the play who were uprooted and incarcerated during WWII. We look forward to more opportunities to explore, learn and enjoy time together.

Classroom Activity Reports

Pre-K/K class talked about the significance of the Wheel of Dharma and Eightfold Path then colored and labeled a Wheel of Dharma made of hearts. The students made candles to celebrate the new lights on the naijin and continued to work on their coloring books about the naijin. The following week the students learned about gratitude and read the book "Thanks – Learning to Appreciate Gratitude for Children". They made doorknob hangers with a hand in gassho, holding an onenju made out of small pom pom balls. To celebrate Ohigan, the children talked about the Spring Equinox and with the change in the weather, other things that change. They listened to the story "From Caterpillar to Butterfly" learning how a caterpillar turns into a beautiful butterfly. They then made a picture of a butterfly, using their own feet for the wings.

1st/2nd grade class looked at Right Meditation by reading the book *Each Breath a Smile*, which shows children learning to meditate. Then we drew pictures of what that looks like. Then it was Girl's Day and we read a book about a girl celebrating it traditionally in Hawaii. We colored a doll bookmark and enjoyed some kompeito a spiky sugar candy eaten on that day. We looked

at a book showing the elements of our shrine in the Main Hondo and then wrote down what we could detect there with our senses. For example, "My eyes can see....." etc. Finally, we observed Ohigan by reading the Three Bears story, talking about the Equinox and doing things not too much and not too little but in the middle path to be happy.

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March 18, 2018 - Guest minister Rev. Ogui of the White River Temple opened his Dharma Exchange message with, "Who brought you over here?" If we were Zen we would not ask that question. He followed with Three important things:

- 1 - Don't be too serious
- 2 - Don't lose your heart (sincerity).
- 3 - Don't lose your sense of humor.

He went on to say, "It's time to enjoy your life; you worked so hard and saved money so use the money and enjoy it. He said his favorite song is "Life is But a Dream." He asked, "How's your life?"

He came to the US from Japan when he was 17. He spent time in several temples including San Francisco, Cleveland and Chicago. He visited a person close to death with Aids in the hospital. When he was asked to pray, Sensei said, "Jodo Shinshu Buddhists do not pray." When the person told Sensei he was dying, Sensei said "Me too, I might get in an accident." He told the person, "Sorry, I don't find any words to pray." Sensei felt the visit was not a good one. Next day, he got a call and the person wants to see him again. The patient said, "I could not sleep last night. What you said was true. Please come back." The patient was served lunch, and Sensei asked, "Where did that piece of beef come from? The patient had never thought about it. The patient cried. Sensei went back to the temple, and two days later the patient died. The nurse said to Sensei, "What did you do or say? He changed completely and seemed more grateful." The patient sent Sensei a note that said, "Because I had Aids I was able to meet with you," and he enclosed \$126.00. Sensei spent it all. Then he sang, "Row, Row your boat . . . life is but a dream. He concluded by saying, "That is my understanding of Buddhism and Life."

Gassho,
Pat Bobrow



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Rev. Koshin Ogui and and Mrs. Mayumi Ogui

were guests for Spring Ohigan on March 18. Rev. Ogui, past Bishop of BCA and current resident minister at White River Buddhist Temple, Auburn, WA, delivered dharma messages during service and Dharma Exchange. He, with Mayumi, will return to Kyoto, Japan at the end of April after 56 years in the USA.

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Submitted by Irene Goto



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Message from Chairperson submitted by Alan Hoshino



Spring is here and the cherry blossoms (Sakura) are blooming in the temple's Wisteria Plaza Park. The temple has been abuzz with activity as winter's darkness and precipitation gives way to longer daylight hours and hopefully a lot more sun!

If you ate at and/or volunteered to help put on our Salmon Dinner spring fundraiser, thank you very much for your support of the temple. As a non-profit we're dependent upon both donations and fundraising events to provide the resources needed to operate and sustain the temple. We have several projects underway including a major renovation of the large parsonage so Rev. Kusunoki, Ayano and Yuiya can finally move out of the cramped "short term" (it's been a year already) temporary housing into their permanent home. We're also working hard on the preservation of the temple's archive collection. Last month we were fortunate to have Professor Kosuke Harayama from the National Museum of Japanese History (Sakura City Japan), Professor Yoshiyuki Asahi from the National Institute for Japanese Language and Linguistics (Tokyo) and Dr. Kaoru (Kay) Ueda from the Hoover Institute (Stanford University) spend several days at the Betsuin assessing our archives. Collectively they put in about 100 hours of work opening 156 boxes and categorizing what they found to help us understand what we have in our collection. All of this was funded by their respective institutions who paid for their time and their travel costs to come to Seattle. We still have about 1/3 of our collection to assess but their efforts have given us a huge boost which we'll be following up with the help of Caitlin Oiye Coon, Densho's resident archivist.

Have you noticed the new look and feel (actually sound) in the temple's main hall (Hondo)? Among the projects that were completed last two months was a lighting upgrade in the altar (Naijin) which emulates the flickering flame of oil lamps and a new gong used

during sutra chanting which has a beautiful tone. Both of these projects were funded by extremely generous donors. An anonymous donor funded the lighting upgrade and Karen and Yukio Morikubo have made a challenge/matching gift pledge encouraging everyone to make a donation to help fund hondo upgrades Rev. Kusunoki wants and will match these donations dollar for dollar up to \$5,000. Thank you so much Karen and Yukio and our anonymous donor!!

February was a busy month for meetings including a NW District Council meeting and meetings with BCA Bishop Kodo Umezu and BCA President Ken Tanimoto held in Spokane in conjunction with this year's Northwest District Buddhist Convention. The following weekend it was off to Sacramento for me and temple vice chairs Calvin Terada & Tyler Moriguchi to attend the BCA National Council Meeting. There 170+ temple representatives, ministers and BCA staff met to discuss and approve BCA's upcoming plans. This year's big issue was a proposal to sell the BCA's headquarters building in San Francisco to help pay off a large chunk of the debt remaining from the building of the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley. The Buddhist Church of San Francisco made an impassioned plea to the delegates to not sell the building which is adjacent to and connected with their temple and when the dust settled it was decided to not authorize the sale. As a result, an ad-hoc committee was formed to study the financial situation and our own Tyler Moriguchi has been drafted to serve on that committee.

Wishing everyone a wonderful spring season and a very Happy Flower Festival (Hanamatsuri) to celebrate the Buddha's birthday!



HANAMATSURI LUNCHEON

Sunday, April 8, 2018 11:45 AM

All Betsuin families and friends are cordially invited to attend the Hanamatsuri Luncheon on Sunday, April 8, at 11:45 AM in the gym. Dharma School will be preparing and hosting this complimentary luncheon. Please join us in celebrating the Buddha's birthday and enjoying the fellowship of our Sangha on this joyous occasion. - JN

APRIL 2018 SEATTLE BETSUIN SCHEDULE

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	9:00 am Meditation (MA Leonora Clarke) 10 am CHILDREN'S SERVICE (MA Jason Y. & Rinban) 10 am SUNDAY SERVICE (Rev Irene Goto) 10:50 am DX (Rinban Kusunoki) DSDX (Revs Matt & Rosalie May) Japanese DVD (MA Leonora Clarke) 11:45 am SBBWA BoD meeting	2 Rinban's day off	3	4 10 am Morning Service	5 Rinban in Vancouver BC 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service	6 Rinban in Vancouver BC 12 noon Gojikai Svc & lunch mtng (Rev Irene Goto)	7 5:30 pm dinner followed by Hanamido decorating
8	9:00 am Meditation (MA Leonora Clarke) 9:15 am Kambutsu (Sweet tea offering) 10 am HANAMATSURI SERVICE (Rinban Kusunoki) 10:50 am DX "Buddhism on Air" (Rev Warrick) DSDX (Revs Matt & Rosalie May) Japanese (Rinban Kusunoki) 11:45 am Hanamatsuri Luncheon	9 10:30 PM Keiro Hanamatsuri Svc w/Nichiren & Koyasan	10 9:30 a - 12:30 p Omigaki (polishing altar fittings)	11 10 am Morning Service	12	13	14 9:30-11:30 am Book Study "Contemplation Sutra"
15	9:00 am Meditation (MA Leonora Clarke) 10:00 am SUNDAY SERVICE (Rinban Kusunoki) 10:50 am DX Dharmathon (Youth Minister's Assistants) DSDX (Revs Matt/Rosalie May); Japanese DVD 11:45 am All Sangha potluck to welcome Ayano's mother 5:00 pm NW District Minister's meeting	16 Rinban's day off 10 am Shinran Shonin Monthly Memorial Svc 8 pm Newsletter deadline	17	18	19 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (Rev Irene Goto)	20	21 YBA Spring Retreat
22	9:00 am Meditation (MA Leonora Clarke / Rev Castro) 10:00 am EARTH DAY MUSIC SERVICE (Rinban Kusunoki) 10:50 am DX "Buddhism 103" (MA Doug McLean) DSDX (Rev Rosalie May); Japanese (Rinban) 11:45 am SBBWA Cabinet meeting	23 Rinban's day off	24 10:30 am Keiro Service	25 10 am Morning Service	26 11:00 am Merrill Garden Renton visit (Rinban)	27 FDSTL Conf in Foster City, CA	28 FDSTL Conf in Foster City, CA
29	FDSTL Conference in Foster City, CA 9:00 am Meditation (MA Leonora Clarke) 10:00 am SUNDAY SERVICE (Rinban) 10:50 am DX "Chanting & Music" (Rinban & Kemi) DSDX (Matt or Rosalie); Japanese DVD (Leonora) 11:30 am SBBWA New member service and luncheon	30 Rinban's day off				May 2018: Major Events May 4-7 Dr. Haneda seminar series May 13 Rennyō Shōnin Memorial Service May 20 Gotan-e Service May 27 Scholarship Awards Service May 28 Nisei Vets Memorial Day Service at Lakeview Cemetery	

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Sundays... Please confirm at www.SeattleBetsuin.org “coming events” or
call the temple office 206.329.0800

9:00 am - 9:40 MEDITATION in Memorial Hall Chapel east wing

10:00 am - 10:35 SERVICE - in *hondo* (main hall)

10:35 am - 10:45 SANGHA GATHERING - offer incense, “meet and greet”

10:50 am - 11:30

CHILDREN’S DHARMA SCHOOL classes during the public school year
JAPANESE PROGRAM in *hondo* (main hall) with a message in Japanese
DHARMA EXCHANGE – a mix of discussion and educational programing;
downstairs dining room

PARENTS’ DHARMA EXCHANGE in Memorial Hall Chapel - discussion
among young adults and parents while children are in class.

TEMPLE TOUR

11:30 - 12:00 REFRESHMENTS and Social in dining room downstairs

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