



# Wheel of the Sangha

May peace and tranquility  
prevail throughout the world

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*Embrace true and  
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**Seattle Betsuin Mission**  
*Promote, protect, and  
share the Buddha,  
Dharma and Sangha*

## June 2011: Major Events of Interest

Saturday, June 4 Japanese Seminar with Rev. Eijun Kujo,  
English Study Group 9:30 – 11:30  
Sunday, June 5 All Sangha Memorial Service with Rev. Eijun Kujo  
Sunday, June 12 Awards and Recognition Service (Last DS day)  
Sunday, June 26 Bishops'/Rinbans' Memorial Service  
Mon.-Fri., June 27 – July 1 Kids Summer Program (KSP)

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## Events

### SUNDAYS

#### June 5

10:00 am ALL SANGHA MEMORIAL SERVICE

Youth/Adult: Rev. Kujo

Japanese: Rev. Kujo

Dharma School DX: Rev. Warrick

DX: Rinban Castro

#### June 12

10:00 am **AWARDS & RECOGNITION SERVICE** (Last Day of Dharma School)

Youth: Rinban Castro

Adult: Rev. Warrick

Japanese Program

Dharma School DX: Rinban Castro

DX: Rev. Warrick

11:45 am SBBWA Board Meeting

12:00 pm Religious Dept. Meeting

#### June 19

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Adult: Joe Schwab

Japanese Program

DX: Rinban Castro

#### June 26

10:00 am **BISHOPS'/RINBANS' MEMORIAL SERVICE**

Adult: Rinban Castro

Japanese Program

DX: Rev. Warrick

### MONDAYS

June 27 Mon. – Fri. July 1 **KSP** 9:30 am – 3:00 pm  
(Kids' Summer Program)

### TUESDAYS

June 28 10:30 am Keiro Service & **KSP**

**WEDNESDAYS** June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29\*\*10:30am Dharma Support

#### June 1

7:30 pm Dharma School Board Meeting

June 29 **KSP**

### THURSDAYS

#### June 2

1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service

#### June 16

10:00 am Shinran Shonin Monthly Memorial Service (Rinban Castro)

1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (Rinban Castro)

7:30 pm Betsuin Cabinet Meeting (Rinban Castro)

#### June 23

7:30 pm Betsuin BoD Meeting (Rinban Castro)

June 30 **KSP**

### FRIDAYS

(July 1 **KSP**)

#### June 3

12:00 pm Gojikai Service & Meeting

### SATURDAYS

#### June 4

9:30 am – 12:30 pm Book Study Group (Rinban Castro)

10:00 am – 3:00 pm Japanese Seminar/Rev. Eijun Kujo

June 25 9:00 am – 6:00 pm SBBWA Outing to LaConner (Rinban Castro)

## **July 2011: *Major Events of Interest***

### **Obon Services**

**Saturday July 9** 12 N at Mount Pleasant cemetery (Queen Anne); 1PM at Washington Memorial Park (SeaTac); 3:30PM at Lake View cemetery (Capitol Hill)

**Sunday July 10** 10AM **Obon/Hatsubon** service at the temple; 1PM **Obon** service at Evergreen Washelli cemetery (Northgate); 3PM **Obon** service at Sunset Hills Memorial Park (Bellevue)

**Bon Odori Festival 2011** (Seattle Seafair Event)

**Saturday July 16 & Sunday July 17**

### **Workshops/Retreats**

**Friday July 29, 7PM – 9PM & Saturday July 30, 9:30AM – 3:30PM** Retreat preparation workshop “If Life is a Nightmare, Wake Up to a Dream” with Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi.

**July 22 – 24 NWYBL Retreat**

## **Minister's Message**

### **With Our Mind, We Make the World**

By Rimban Don Castro

June is a busy month at the Betsuin. On June 5 we will observe All Sangha Memorial Service with Rev. Eijun Kujo. We will read the names of all those Sangha members you wish to fondly remember. Following Memorial Day by less than a week, we will again be reflecting on those who have made our life possible through their love and dedicated service. Later in the month on June 26 we will honor our deceased bishops and rinban; and, of course, don't forget Father's Day on June 19. We will be exercising our memory continually throughout the month. But, isn't that normal? Don't we spend most of each day planning or remembering?

There is an expression, “You are what you eat.” If this is true, I must be very sweet. Buddhism, however, teaches us that we make our world with our mind. Several years ago, there was an interesting study at the University of Oregon (The Seattle Times, 11/28/05, page B2) that demonstrated, “the level of mental awareness, or ‘visual working memory,’ depends on the ability to filter out irrelevant information...The results run contrary to the popular concept that memory capacity depends solely on the amount of information you can cram into your head at one time.” On reading the newspaper article describing

the research, I wondered, “what is relevant or “irrelevant information”? With all the things that vie for our attention, we had better pay attention to what is important. For Shinran Shonin, our spiritual life is “that matter of first importance” for it informs every other aspect of our life. It is our spiritual life that enables us to determine, in the most important sense, what is relevant or irrelevant; in other words, what is worth remembering and what should be filtered out. Come to our memorial services and remember those who are most important to us. Rebuild as they have done after too many other national tragedies. This is what I see in the photos of tsunami survivors standing in gassho in front of the foundation of their house that was washed away. With no caption to the photo, I don't know what family members they may have lost. I place that photo in front of our naijin (shrine) before each of the 7 day memorial services that we at Seattle Betsuin have been holding each Friday for the victims of the earthquake and tsunami. Life goes on, and by the time this article appears in our newsletter, we will have completed the course of seven weeks of memorial services. I hope it has been a healing journey for all of us who have participated and rung the Bonsho bell after the service each Friday.



**♫ Musical Notes** The ukelele group (Sat Ichikawa, Brandon Harano, Evan Ko, Mas Tamekuni and Tak Matsui) with Steve Yamasaki on soprano sax delighted the sangha on Mother's Day Sunday with *In a Quiet Valley* and *Arigato*. Mas reported that the musicians had a lot of fun. To view and hear *Arigato* again, please check out the Temple website [www.seattlebetsuin.org](http://www.seattlebetsuin.org) for the YouTube link. Bravo!

In order to accommodate others interested in singing in the Betsuin choir, we would like to offer more flexible rehearsal options to anyone interested. Specifically, for the Atomic Bomb service on August 7 when Socho Ogui will be here, we would like to sing *Sen no Kaze*, the popular Japanese tune translated as *A Thousand Winds*, again with any additional adults and children willing to learn the choir arrangement. Please contact Terrie Tanino or Kemi Nakabayashi, if you would like the music to practice during the upcoming months on your own and with the choir for that service. We hope to have a similar plan for music for O-Higan service on September 18, after Dharma School reconvenes this fall. *Submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi*



## Camp Fire USA

This year, two Camp Fire groups, the Starlights and Rainbows, will be supporting The Asian Counseling and Referral Service (ACRS) Walk for Rice Event. This event takes place on Saturday morning, June 18, at Seward Park. The event benefits the ACRS Food Bank, located in the International District and serving over 5,000 local residents in need with familiar foods of Asian diets including rice, tofu, ramen, vegetables and other basic food staples. We would like to invite everyone to join our team or make a contribution: **Seattle Buddhist Church Camp Fire** at [www.WalkForRice.org](http://www.WalkForRice.org). Thank you for your support. *Submitted by Lori Chisholm*

During the past month, the girls of Starlights 2nd and 3rd have met twice. May Honmyo led the girls on a Trail to the Future – "Let's Have Fun". Everyone played Balloon Up (players holding hands try to keep a balloon in the air), Alphabet Actors (teams make letters in the alphabet with their bodies) and All Together (partners back to back try to stand up). The girls talked about rules, teamwork and how it feels to be on a team.

At another meeting a special guest, Melinda Mizuta, came from ACRS to chat about how ACRS helps people and how the girls can help ACRS. *Submitted by D. Shibata*

**Dharma School** Please join us for the last day of Dharma School on June 12 for attendance awards, and high school graduate recognition.

Some belated but heartfelt gratitude goes to Elliot and his crew for creating the beautiful hanamido that was displayed during the Hanamatsuri service as well as Ron and his team for the delicious brunch they prepared for the Sangha. A DS family donated the star magnolia tree which was seen during the service next to the hanamido. This tree was planted in Wisteria Park near the Shinran statue in celebration of Earth Day.

Rev Jim and Ron conducted a short service after which the students and parents participated in the planting of the tree.

Nine Dharma School Federation of Dharma Conference in Fresno, The theme of the was the focus of keynote Buddhist Church of how technology can help us Workshop presenters has been changed by use this knowledge to share in some very amazing their personal laptops in the explore Jodo Shinshu interactive experiences on were sent home with flash templates and resources to School lessons and to help their students through the Buddha Dharma.█



teachers attended the School Teachers' League California May 29 - April 1. conference – “Connected” – speaker, Rev. Harry Bridge, Oakland, who explained to connect with each other. explained how education technology and how we can and experience the Dharma ways. The teachers used workshop sessions to websites and to engage in their computers. Teachers drives loaded with create and share Dharma them get “Connected” with

The DS students conducted a service for Keiro Nursing home residents on Gotan-e. The service was led by the high school class and included chanting, a gatha, incense offering and gifts for the attendees.

We hope everyone has a great, fun-filled summer!! See you in September. *Submitted by Joyce Tsuji*

### Dharma School Classroom Reports

Pre-K/K After helping to plant a tree in Wisteria Plaza Park, the Pre-K/K students observed Earth Day by listening to a story and coloring a book about helping to save the earth. The class talked about what to expect when visiting a nursing home and how to show compassion towards others. The children decorated door hangers which they gave to the residents at Keiro following the service conducted there in May by Dharma School. On Mother's Day, the students made gifts and cards to honor their mothers or other special people in their lives after listening to a story about giving gifts of love.

First/second grade We started off Spring with a discussion about the Dana paramita and what kinds of things the students could give which did not cost money. The students then had fun making the Hanamatsuri centerpieces. We talked about Earth day and did some word searches related to it. We read the book Yoko to emphasize the Northwest district theme “Harmony in Diversity” because it illustrated how we can have different likes and still get along. The students created some handprint lilies for their mothers as gifts. Many of our students also went to Keiro to participate in that service.

**The Seattle Buddhist Temple Study Group** will meet at its regular time on Saturday, June 4, 2011 at 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. to view and discuss a video. The title of the video will be announced on the Temple website ([www.seattlebetsuin.com](http://www.seattlebetsuin.com)) and at the Sunday services. Bring a brown bag lunch and stay afterward for discussion and fellowship. *Submitted by Laverne Imori*

**Rev Dr Mark Unno** just held a seminar at Seattle Betsuin on the seasons of compassion, life and death. It was profound and beautiful. Please look for comments on the talk in next month's newsletter. At this time I want to thank all the participants for their attendance, attention and their dana. People at the temple always impress me with their spirit of cooperation. In particular I want to thank Laverne Imori who gives help and support without hesitation. Thank you all for making this possible. *Submitted by Gail Kaminishi*



## **Betsuin Archives Committee is seeking members who served in the U.S. Armed Forces**

It isn't too early to think about Obon season and that means that the Betsuin Archives Committee wants photos of members who served in the U.S. Armed Forces, both active and in reserves, in uniform.

We've currently some 95 photos and are looking for more. This display always attracts attention each year. We'd like to continue to honor those members who have served our country. Please submit photos to the Betsuin office:

Attn: Betsuin Archives Committee - Sat Ichikawa. Thank you. Sat

**SAVE THE DATES! Saturday, July 30, 2011** for a FULL, One-Day, All-Day Workshop "If Life is a Nightmare, Wake Up to a Dream" with Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi. This is preparation for a week-end retreat **Saturday-Sunday, September 24-25, 2011** "Practicing No Practice" at the Bastyr University conference center with Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi. Contact Gail Kaminishi to help promote these events.

**SAVE THE DATE! Saturday August 13, 2011 10AM – 4PM** for a seminar in Japanese with Rev. Dennis Hirota of the Nishi Hongwanji in Kyoto Japan.

## **Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association**

### **SBBWA President's Message Submitted by Shizue Yahata**

The SBBWA welcomed three new members this year at the new members service and luncheon: Kanako Kashima, Linda Higa, Emory Pearson and Dawn Keely (2010 new member). We are very fortunate to have these talented women join us. Also honored was Centenarian, Tsuneko Hirabayashi, who was not able to attend the luncheon. A big thank you to our vice presidents, Janet Baba and Machiko Wada for taking on the task to organize this annual event. Also kudos to Terrie Tanino and Kiyo Takashima for helping with the new members, Ritsuko Kawahara for ordering the bentos, Louise Akizuki for making the corsages for the new members and Fumi Groves for making the programs and name tags.

Thirteen members of the SBBWA attended Shinran Shonin's 750<sup>th</sup> Memorial Service and the 14<sup>th</sup> World Buddhist

Women's Convention in Kyoto, Japan. Two of our members, Kinue Kuwahara and Frances Shintaku, had the honor to participate in the ENGI procession for the 750<sup>th</sup> Shinran Shonin Memorial Service.

### **Donations - Submitted by SBBWA Treasurer Shizue Kaku**

In Memory of Masako Shibuya - Gene & Paula Shimada

New Members Luncheon - Ruth Aoki, Marian Asaba, Sachiko Fujita, Kanako Kashima, Masako Kubo, Yasuko

Natsuhara, Dorothy Nishimura, Setsuno Noshio, Naomi Takemura

### **SBBWA Activity Report Submitted by Mabel Nishizaki**

Wednesday, June 8, from 9:30 - noon in the dining room: Mrs. Shimizu will teach how to make easy mizuhiki bookmarks and hair ornaments.

Wednesday, June 22, from 9:30 - noon in the dining room: Projects to get ready to sell at Bon

Odori - origami bookmarks, origami cards, and magnetic bookmarks.

Signup sheets are posted in front of the office.

### **SBBWA Calendar**

Sunday, June 12  
Saturday, June 25

*Submitted by Joan Nakano*

SBBWA Board Meeting  
LaConner/Deception  
Pass Day Trip



**ALL SANGHA MEMORIAL SERVICE      SENBOKAI-IN TSUITO HOYO**  
**Sunday, June 5, 2011   Service at 10:00 AM**

The annual **ALL SANGHA MEMORIAL SERVICE** will be held on **Sunday, June 5, 2011, at 10:00 AM**. This important service is dedicated to honoring the lives and contributions of all those who were members and friends of the Seattle Betsuin or one of its affiliated organizations.

We invite families of these members to submit your loved ones' names to be read during the service and we ask that you attend in their honor. **Please fill out the section below and return to the Betsuin office by Sunday, May 29, 2011.** We cannot guarantee that names received after the deadline will be read. The names will be called in the order received.

In Gassho, *Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple, 1427 S. Main St, Seattle, WA 98144, (206) 329-0800*

Name of Deceased

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Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Walk for Rice on Saturday, June 18 - Join/Support a Temple Team!** Walk for Rice, a fundraiser for the food bank of Asian Counseling and Referral Service (ACRS), is the morning of Saturday, June 18 at Seward park. This is a festive, all-ages event that includes a 2.5-mile walk around a flat and scenic loop followed by Taiko and other entertainment plus refreshments.

The temple has two teams participating: "Seattle Buddhist Church" and "Seattle Buddhist Church Camp Fire." There is still time to join a team or make a general donation in support:

- 1) Visit [www.walkforrice.org](http://www.walkforrice.org)
- 2) In the Team Rank box, click "more"
- 3) Click "Seattle Buddhist Church" or "Seattle Buddhist Church Camp Fire"
- 4) Join and/or donate

Or, mail in a paper donation form (available in the lobby) and write in the team name.

Day-of registration at the event begins at 8 a.m. and the event is over no later than 1 p.m. Carpooling, metro, and use of a free shuttle service from ACRS is encouraged due to very limited parking.

We would like to walk together as a church team (details of where to gather are forthcoming). Also, if you would like to help make a temple banner (e.g., painted canvas) that we can walk with -- or know of an existing banner -- please contact the temple office. Thank you! *Submitted by David Atcheson*

**Simple things you can do** Offer a ride to someone when going to temple, the grocery store, a meeting, etc. Alternatively, ask for a ride and offer a monetary gift, treat the driver to a meal or a small gift. Start an exchange with trusted friends and family members -- it can be a clothes group, or handbags, tools, china dishes, games, whatever. Then, when you need something, you know you can borrow it rather than buy something you rarely need to use. You save money and create less waste in the end. Establish rules of replacement if items are broken.



If you are downsizing or moving, take into consideration the walkability of your new area. (If you do a search for Seattle walkability you will come up with sites that rate different areas for their ease of walking to shops and attractions.) Also consider the steepness of hills and your ability to bicycle around. *Submitted by Gail Kaminishi*

## The Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations – April - May 2011

### Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:

### For:

### Given by:

Masako Dodobara	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Memorial Service	\$ 300	Kenny & Yoshie Dodobara
Takao Aoki	49 <sup>th</sup> Day Memorial Service	\$ 300	Ruth Aoki
Steve Iwago	Funeral Service	\$ 300	Mary Hirata
Sam Takashima	33 <sup>rd</sup> Memorial	\$ 300	Kiyo Takashima
Nokotsudo		\$ 300	Reiko Hara
Mitsue Matsui	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Memorial Service	\$ 200	Takashi Matsui
Edward Kido	13 <sup>th</sup> Year Memorial Service	\$ 200	Momoko Kido
Nokotsudo		\$ 100	Tamako Niwa Kano

### Remembrances for:

### Given by:

Kyoko Hayashi	William & Jean Ishii
Shozo Kiyomizu	Frances Kobayashi

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*Donations*



*-Donations continued*

Mitsue Matsui

Hajime & Michiko Hirata

Masako Shibuya

Ruth Aoki; Craig & Tina Fujii; Lucy Fujii; John & Rose Fujinari; Sue Fujino; Nobuichi & Sachiko Fujita; Mitsuko Fukuhara; Gary & Sandee Hamatani; Marisa Johnson; David Johnson & Amy Inokoji; Kachi Lilly Ikeda; Hal Ise; Linda Ishii; Noboru & Hatsuye Kawada; Daisy Kuramoto; Therese Law; Yoshiko Mamiya; Jack T. Matsui; Marian Matsui; Joseph Matsuzaki; Julie Mayeda; Mutual Fish Company, Inc.; Yuri Nakata; Marianne Osaki; Jeffrey & Charlene Pimentel; Jona Sasaki; Celia Sekijima; Alice Shibuya; Janet Shibuya; Judy Suto; Martha Taniguchi; Marcia Usui; Samuel & Matsue Watanabe; Fumiko Yamaguchi; Harry Yoshimura

Tsukiyo Takano

Janet Baba

**Temple Supervision:**

Yakima Buddhist Church

\$ 100

**General Donations:**

Nikkei Concerns	\$ 225	Appreciation for Facility Use
George & Irene Saito	\$ 77	77 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
Takako Uchida (Wapato)	\$ 25	Appreciation for Newsletter
Deloris Lucrisia	\$ 10	General Donation

**Onenju Sales:**

\$ 70

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## FROM SBC RELIGIOUS DEPARTMENT

**Dharma Study Group** will meet at its regular time on Saturday, June 4, 2011 at 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. to view and discuss a video. The title of the video will be announced on the Temple website and at the Sunday services. Bring a brown bag lunch and stay afterward for discussion and fellowship.

**Newcomers Welcome and Q&A after Dharma Exchange** will be offered by Ministers Assistants in

training, Laverne Imori and Irene Goto, on the first Sunday of each month.

**Donate Your Used English Buddhism Books For Bookstore** Deposit in box in foyer.

**Jodo Shinshu Meditation Service** Buddhist Education House: 1441 S Main St Each Sunday 8:45 - 9:30 AM Sutra Chanting, 20-Minute Meditation, Discussion. *Submitted by Irene Goto*

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**AV Volunteers Wanted** The temple is planning to add video capabilities to the Hondo (large screen and projector) and update the Hondo's PA system accordingly. If you or some-one you know is in the AV business and are interested in bidding on this project please notify the temple by e-mail at [religiousdepartment@seattlebetsuin.com](mailto:religiousdepartment@seattlebetsuin.com). The temple is also looking for volunteers to form a group of trained AV operators who are willing to take turns supporting Sunday services, weddings, funerals, memorial services and other events requiring AV in either the Hondo or the auditorium. Please send an e-mail to the religious department to get on the list. – Alan Hoshino

**Onenju Are Available For Purchase** for children, women, and men in the temple office. Heirloom and modern beads have been restrung by Pauline Sakuma into beautiful new onenju.



Please visit the office to see the variety of styles available. Proceeds go to Seattle Betsuin. - jn

## **The Betsuin gratefully acknowledges the donations received for the following special service** (please accept our apologies for any inadvertent omissions or misspelling of names):

**Japanese Earthquake/Tsunami BCA Campaign (approximately \$21.5K was raised from the Seattle Temple. This will be combined with donations from other BCA Temples. Separately, approximately \$1.5K was raised from the 49<sup>th</sup> Day services and these funds directed to the American Red Cross for their Japanese Earthquake/Tsunami relief efforts. Donations for the American Red Cross are not listed):**

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## **BCA Center for Buddhist Education presents 5th Annual Baby Boomers' Seminar**

B.Y.O.B.- Bring Your Own Buddhism - Sharing Our Pathways

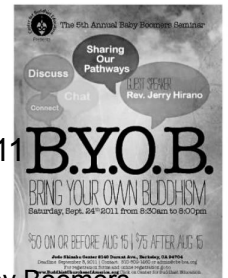
September 24, 2011 8:30 am - 8 pm

Jodo Shinshu Center, 2140 Durant Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94704

Registration Fee: \$75

Early discount: \$50 if registration and payment received by August 15, 2011

Deadline: September 3, 2011



Dear Friends,

"Dharma epiphanies" have been occurring during the planning discussions for the upcoming Baby Boomers Seminar. I am always amazed and learn a lot from listening to these personal stories.

The Baby Boomers' planning group is made up of past attendees and others, including those who grew up active within BCA temples and others who are newly involved. They are helping us plan a fun-filled dharma-rich seminar for those born in the post-World War era. If you are a baby boomer, please consider joining us. If not, please share this with baby boomers you know.

We came up with the title B.Y.O.B. - Bring Your Own Buddhism - Sharing our Pathways, to encourage everyone to come with their own life lessons and ongoing challenges; and to be open to learning from each other.

We are lucky to have Rev. Jerry Hirano of the Salt Lake City as our guest speaker. In addition to his talk, the one-day seminar will include interactive workshops, great food and time for reconnecting/networking in a fun setting.

If you have any questions about the event, please feel free to contact us. We would love to hear from you. Thank you for considering this. In gassho,

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## **Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course - 2011 Fall Enrollment - Now Open**

The Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course Office is now accepting applications for their fall 2011 enrollment. The popular 2-year, computer-based program continues to offer online instruction in the origins and development of Buddhism, Shinran Shonin's life and teaching, sutras & masters of the Pure Land tradition and history of Jodo Shinshu.

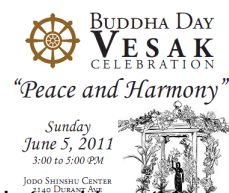
An excellent opportunity for beginners or for those who have already studied Jodo Shinshu, the program reaches out to people all over the world. Students come from Brazil, Canada, Germany, Malaysia, Belgium, Poland, Japan, as well as, Hawaii and the BCA. With over 80 students enrolled, the course has much to offer those interested in deepening their understanding of Buddhism and Jodo Shinshu. The course instructors consist of 14 ministers and professors who specialize in the subjects taught. An optional August Workshop at the Jodo Shinshu Center is held every year.

For more information, please visit the course website at: [www.JSCC.cbe-bca.org](http://www.JSCC.cbe-bca.org)  
Applications may be submitted online at course website. Deadline: August 15. Course starts September 1.

Questions may be directed to: Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course Office, 2140 Durant Ave., Berkeley, CA Tel: 510-809-1441, email: [jssc@cbe-bca.org](mailto:jssc@cbe-bca.org)



**Buddhist Churches of America**  
**CENTER FOR BUDDHIST EDUCATION**  
**E-NEWS - May 2011**



Greetings!

We are so fortunate to have many historic opportunities to share Shinran Shonin's teachings this year! As BCA temples wind down from April Hanamatsuri celebrations (Jodo Shinshu commemoration of Buddha's birth), Gotan-E (Shinran Shonin's Birthday) in May, and continue to participate in the 750th Memorial Commemoration of Shinran Shonin in Kyoto, Japan, many are also participating in Vesak/Buddha Day commemorations with the broader Buddhist community locally and worldwide.

All these events take place while the day to day work of maintaining our temples continues, as well as extraordinary responses to tremendous tragedies such as the Northern Japan earthquake and tsunami.

CBE is honored to be sharing Shinran's message with many audiences within and beyond our BCA community. Below are details on Rev. Umezu's participation, on behalf of Socho Ogui, in the United Nations' International Day of Vesak, which celebrates the 2600th anniversary of the Buddha's birth, enlightenment and death. On June 5 a local Buddha Day/Vesak Celebration will be co-sponsored by the Buddhist Council of Northern California, the Institute of Buddhist Studies and CBE here at the Jodo Shinshu Center.

We also wanted to encourage you to check out the May issue of Tricycle magazine, which features Shinran Shonin on the cover, and an interview with Rev. Patricia Usuki, entitled "The Great Compassion."

Our CBE programs are more opportunities for us to reflect on the teachings of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. Please think about joining us for Pacific Seminar 21st Century - The Path to the Pure Land - "Why is the Nembutsu relevant to my life today?" on June 24-26, here at the Jodo Shinshu Center. If you are a baby boomer (born in the post-World War II era), please check out the 5th Annual Baby Boomer Seminar, "BYOB: Bring Your Own Buddhism," on September 24. And, for a more in-depth study and discussion, enroll in the highly popular Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course, an affordable, accessible online course, offered in partnership with the Nishi Hongwanji.

Your support as participants, volunteers, CBE 500 Club members, "dharma car" donors, and more -- is sincerely appreciated. Special thanks to our CBE Network members at each temple who are helping us get the word out and acting as resource people. Let us continue to build our dharma team for 2011!

Gassho/Palms together, CBE Staff

### **Buddhist Churches of America participates in the United Nations International Day of Vesak**

Rev. Kodo Umezu presents a message on behalf of Socho Ogui. May 16, 2011 - The United Nations began observance of the annual International Day of Vesak at its Headquarters in New York City, as well as at other UN offices internationally. Established by UN Resolution (A/RES/54/115) in 1998, the 2011 Vesak commemorates the 2600th anniversary of the birth, enlightenment and death of the Buddha. In addition to today's program a week of educational and cultural programs have been organized by the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka and other UN members.



Representing the Buddhist Churches of America, Rev. Kodo Umezu, Director of the BCA Center for Buddhist Education, delivered a message during the Interfaith session of this event (delivered after 4 pm EST). Rev. Umezu attended in the absence of Socho Koshin Ogui who is currently in Kyoto, Japan, participating in the Nishi Hongwanji's 750th Memorial of Shinran Shonin, founder of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism.

Visit <http://www.un.org/webcast> for webcasts of opening presentations. Rev. Umezu's message was in the Interfaith section which may be available at a later date.

### **Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in the news! "The Great Compassion" Interview with Rev. Patricia**

**Kanaya Usuki** The May issue of TRICYCLE magazine spotlights Jodo Shinshu Buddhism with the New York Buddhist Church's statue of Shinran Shonin's on its cover and an interview with Reverend Patricia Kanaya Usuki, resident minister of the San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple (<http://www.sfvhbt.org>) in San Fernando, California. Rev. Usuki was the guest speaker for CBE's recent seminar, Crossing Over to Shin Buddhism. The interview is conducted by Jeff Wilson (Buddhism of the Heart) and is also online by joining the Tricycle website. The editor encourages feedback online and through letters. Enjoy!

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**Notes on Dharma Exchange** *Dharma Exchange takes place from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. after Sunday Service in the dining room. All are welcome to attend this opportunity for discussion and questions typically led by Reverend Castro, Reverend Warrick, or Minister's Assistant Joe Schwab.*

**April 24, 2011** – Minister's Assistant Joe Schwab was in charge this Sunday, and he talked about the tour of the largest organic farm in the US in Wapato, WA. . . Castro sensei related his preference for the word "refuge" rather than "faith" in Buddhism. The question was raised, "What happens when you die?" Sensei said, "I don't know." Rev. Jim Warrick discussed faith, true entrusting and saying the name. . . A well-publicized story was told about a nine year-old boy and his near-death experience who was later revived. He said he saw religious figures, St. Peter and Jesus as well as his own father who was praying for him in a chapel. . . Jim sensei asked, "Where is the Pure Land, and "Do we have to die to get there?" Answers from participants range all the way from 5 miles west of Alki Pt in West Seattle to a state of mind; and no, we don't have to die to get there according to research. . . The event, Walk for Rice in Seward Park is scheduled for Saturday, June 18. It was recommended we meet at the temple to carpool because of parking difficulties. . .

**May 1** - Rev. Jim and Joe MA indicated Buddhism was well represented at the Royal wedding in London by a monk from the Vihara Monastery. . . The author of *Stroke of Insight* was 37 when she had a stroke. Her experiences very much paralleled enlightenment. . .

**May 8** - Jim sensei approached the idea of Jodo Shinshu and humor. It started with Shinran who was exiled, defrocked, and his name was removed. Conclusion: he had to have a sense of humor to endure. The concept of the myokonin started during Shinran's time, and included non-violence, fearlessness, uprightness, patience, loneliness, modesty, and non-intellectualism. . . A well-known myokonin was Saichi during the 1930s. . . The mother of haiku poet Issa (1763-1827) died when he was three. He was raised by his grandmother and evil stepmother. He left home at an early age and never reconnected with his father. He lived in poverty, was married three times and had four children. Many of his poems express the characteristics of the myokonin. He wrote of animals, insects, fireflies, etc. Ann O. passed out some haiku by Issa to be read and discussed by participants next Sunday.. .

**May 15** - Participants read Issa's haiku and Castro sensei, Ann O. and participants made comments about his intent.

In gassho, Pat Bobrow

*Kobayashi Issa*