

A Happy New Year

by Rimban Katsuya Kusunoki

I wish you a happy new year. I would like to walk the path of Namoamidabutsu each single day in 2019, as well.

It is my second time to welcome a new year in Seattle. I still feel cold in Seattle because I have lived in warm areas most of my life. Since I came here I've bought a winter coat, a pair of gloves, a hat, and a pair of feathered slippers to keep myself warm. Before, I used to think, "Who wears this kind of slippers?" But now, I wear them every day. I am getting used to living in Seattle. I am getting settled down to serve the Betsuin. In 2019, I will try my best to keep the Betsuin active and a comfortable place for the Sangha. I will also work hard on spreading Buddha Dharma in 2019!

Thirty-one of us traveled to Japan from November 19 to December 1 in 2018. We visited Tokyo, Nagasaki, Fukuoka, Onomichi, Uwajima, Dogo Onsen (Hot Spring), and Kyoto. We visited Tsukiji Hongwanji in Tokyo and our mother temple, Nishi Hongwanji in Kyoto. We also visited Arita pottery and porcelain in Saga, Uwajima Fish cake factory in Ehime, and Gekkeikan Sake factory in Kyoto. We enjoyed tasting all food and drinks as well as visiting these places. In Onomichi; we visited Rev. Kaki-hara's home temple, Eishoji temple. Rev. Kaki-hara



had served as the resident minister of Tacoma Buddhist Temple until December 31, 2017. When we attended morning service at the Hongwanji in Kyoto, we met Rev. and Mrs. Ogui who reside in Kyoto now. We also met Rev. and Mrs. Yukawa from Tacoma who were visiting Rev and Mrs. Ogui. In my



hometown Nagasaki we went to the Nagasaki China Town for dinner with my family and my wife's family. My wife's parents took us to a Karaoke bar afterwards. We also attended my family's temple Kōgenji's Sunday Service. We chanted a Sutra together and greeted the Amida Buddha at the Kōgenji Temple. After that,

there was some entertainment programs. We showed a slideshow to introduce the Seattle Betsuin's activities, sang two English gathas (Nembutsu, Bodhi Tree), and danced one Obon dance, "electric slide". A lot of Kōgenji members also joined and danced together. The Kōgenji temple members also entertained us. My nieces danced a traditional Japanese dance. The Kōgenji BWA members introduced a Japanese folktale "UGUME NO YUREI" (The Motherly Ghost). The Dharma School Students performed the Dragon dance. Some of our



tour members also tried to perform the dragon dance. At the end, they served us *udon* noodles, curry rice, *oden*, etc for our lunch. We really enjoyed these fun times. The entire tour was very enjoyable and meaningful. Please ask the tour members how we enjoyed the tour. Now, I would like to introduce a Dharma message which my older brother gave both in English and Japanese on that day.

Dharma Talk 11/25/2018 by Rev. Naoya Kusunoki:
Welcome to Japan. Welcome to Nagasaki. And, Welcome to Kōgenji temple. I am Rev. Naoya Kusunoki. I am the 17th resident minister of Kōgenji temple. Our sangha and I are really happy to see all of you today. This temple is about 385 years old. During the past years, resident ministers have made an effort to keep the Nembutsu (Namoamidabutsu) here. In the history of 385 years, A Japanese folk tale "UGUME NO YUREI (The Motherly Ghost) has been told at this temple. Our temple members will tell you this story later using picture cards. Let me introduce to you a parable story.

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A man lived in a village on a mountain. He went to visit a city and later, met his friend who lived near the ocean. They talked, and after a while, they started arguing.

The man who lived on a mountain said, "The sun rises from the mountain and sets into the mountain, right?"

His friend who lived near the ocean said, "No! You are wrong! The sun rises from the ocean and sets into the ocean doesn't it?"

They argued about where the sun rises from and where the sun sets to.

Another friend who lived in a city came and said, "No! You are both wrong. The sun rises from a high building and sets into a high building."

All three people had different ideas of where the sun rises from and sets to because they all lived in different locations. However, there is only one sun. They all talked about the same sun. Wherever the sun rises, the sun provides us warmth and brightness.

Japan and the U.S. are different countries. However, we all receive the same Nembutsu, (Namoamidabutsu). We together appreciate the Amida Buddha's great compassion.

Gassho,

Thank you, Mae, Joan, Kemi, Yukio, for sharing your various Japan journey photos posted in this newsletter.



Dharma School News

submitted by Joyce Tsuji

A delicious Bodhi day potluck was chaired by Dharma School parents. We would like to express our gratitude to all who made contributions to this event.

Classroom Reports

PreK/Kindergarten Class The Pre K/Kindergarten class heard the story "Bear Says Thanks". They talked about what they were thankful for and to remember the things that they are grateful for, they made a "Thankful Tree". The leaves indicated things that they were thankful for.

In observance of Bodhi Day – the day that the Buddha became enlightened, the children made a Bodhi Tree Ornament.

In continuation of understanding and learning about gratitude, the children listened to the book "Thanks, Learning to Appreciate Gratitude for Children". They talked about all the many things they are grateful for. They colored pictures of things they are thankful for, cut up the pictures, and put them in their own "Gratitude Can" to remember how fortunate they are.

The Pre-K/K class listened to the book Amida's ABCs by Rev. Diane Johnson. They talked about the Three Treasures and how they are interconnected. Following the discussion, the students colored pictures representing each of the Three Treasures and glued them to a diagram showing how they interconnect.

1st/2nd Grade We discussed being thankful for Thanksgiving, read the book "Thank you Thanksgiving", decorated a pumpkin with Thanksgiving stickers and wrote what we are thankful for in our thank you books. We also talked about interconnectedness from the Golden Chain and had the kids think of things they were connected to. This is a big word in Buddhism and not an easy concept to grasp. We will continue to define words to make sure the students understand them.

Then for Bodhi Day we read about the Enlightenment of Siddhartha. The class made a Bodhi tree from their handprint with him seated under it. You can see these in the upstairs hallway.

Finally, the kids also made a 2019 calendar with an origami pig face on it.

SAVE THE DATE



Guest speaker - Gregg Krech of the Todo Institute,
will present *Naikan - the process of inner reflection*.

For more information contact Jill at 2019fdstlconference@gmail.com.

8-17-18

72nd Annual Northwest District Buddhist Convention



"Compassion, Gratitude, Community"

DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Seattle Airport - Southcenter

16500 Southcenter Parkway, Seattle, WA 98188

February 15 - 17, 2019

Guest Speaker Rev. Matthew Hamasaki of Sacramento Betsuin

Adult (Includes Saturday Lunch & Banquet Dinner) \$125

YBA (Includes Saturday Lunch & Banquet Dinner) \$100

Dharma School (Includes Saturday Lunch & Banquet Dinner) \$75

Banquet Only - \$75

Sunday Bento (optional) - \$10

Registration for convention is available online through eventbrite.com
<http://bit.ly/2019conventionregistration>

Participants will register and pay using the website. Each temple should designate a point person to help guide computer novice temple members through the process.

For questions email convention@WRBT.org

Follow our Facebook event for more updates

Registration will close **December 31, 2018**



JANUARY 2019 CLASSES SHINRAN SHONIN AND JODO SHINSHU BUDDHISM

Join us in learning about the life of Shinran Shonin (1173-1263), the founder of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. All classes are taught by Reverend Katsuya Kusunoki, Head Minister of the Seattle Buddhist Temple.

The class will start with the early life of Shinran Shonin and advance to his time spent as a monk on Mount Hiei to his encounter with Honen Shonin.

This will be the first in a series of classes that will explore the rich teachings of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism this year.

These free classes will be held in Memorial Hall Chapel and are open to the public. We hope to see you there!

Time: 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Dates: Jan. 9, 16 and 23rd 2019

Wed. Jan. 9, 2019

The Life of Shinran Shonin and
Jodo Shinshu Part 1

Wed. Jan 16, 2019

The Life of Shinran Shonin and
Jodo Shinshu Part 2

Wed. Jan 23, 2019

The Evolution of the Hongwanji
("The Temple of the Primal Vow")

Please invite your friends and
family to these engaging classes!

SEATTLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE

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2019 Seminars at Seattle Betsuin

Friday/Saturday, February 22,23

WINTER SEMINAR Class #1 "Kyo - Teaching"

First of 4 classes by Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara on Kyōgyōshinshō
(教行信証), (Teaching, Practice, Shinjin, Realization),
magnum opus of Shinran Shonin Friday: 10am 2pm in Japanese
Saturday: 10am -12pm in English



Saturday, April 20

Rev. Dr. Duncan Williams and EcoSangha

Friday - Monday, May 3 - 6

SPRING SEMINAR

Rev. Dr. Nobuo Haneda



Friday/Saturday, October 11,12

FALL SEMINAR Class #2 "Gyo - Practice"

Second of 4 classes by Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara on Kyōgyōshinshō



SBBWA Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's

Association submitted by Nina Tomita-Kato

- Thank you all for helping us with the creation of crafts for the St. Peter's Holiday fair. It was a success and St. Peter's were so hospitable.
- Orion Center meal will be served on January 18, 2019.
- January 20, 2019 will be our memorial service for Lady Kujo and Lady Ohtani. We will also be having our annual Sokai/Irokai meeting and luncheon. Letters will be sent out.
- We will register you for the N.W. convention and offering a \$25.00 subsidy for our members. Registration will happen in the lobby on Sundays. Deadline is December 31, 2018.
- We will begin registration for the World Convention in January, 2019 in the lobby.
- "Thank you," to the hospitality Committee for your efforts during this month.
- Facial tissue will be gifted to the Care Facilities where many of our members reside.
- We will be making donations to following organizations/programs: Dana Fund, Bailey Gatzert, Shin Buddhist Grant, Wheel of Dharma, Mary's Place.
- We will be having a rummage sale on March 30, 2019. All Asian and Hawaiian Goods- sale. Proceeds will benefit organizations/programs and add to our subsidy fund. We would appreciate gently used or new items such as *kimono*, *yukata*, *obi*, furniture, dishware, etc.



About the 2019 WBWC: Keynote Speakers

What does it mean to "live the Nembutsu"? The 16th World Buddhist Women's Convention features two distinguished keynote speakers, each exemplifying a bold, distinctive life journey inspired by the Nembutsu. Reverend Yukiko Motoyoshi, resident minister of the Buddhist Church of Stockton, was born in Japan to a temple family, grew up in Hawaii, and, in the 1970s, became one of the

few female Jodo Shinshu ministers serving in Hawaii, and now the mainland U.S. Keiko Toro, also born to a temple family in Japan, has forged her own path in academia, and now, as an independent scholar researching Jodo Shinshu Buddhism globally. Each speaker will present a keynote message on the Convention theme, "Live the Nembutsu," in both English and Japanese (with Portuguese translation).

More of "Live the Nembutsu" on p. 6


16th World Buddhist Women's Convention

August 30 – September 1, 2019
San Francisco Marriott Marquis
San Francisco, California

Keynote Speakers:


Reverend Yukiko Motoyoshi
Minister, Buddhist Churches of America

Professor Keiko Toro
Independent Buddhist Scholar



Live the Nembutsu

Vivemos no interior do Nembutsu
お念仏に生かされて



Registration: www.wbwcconvention.org | info@wbwcconvention.org
Presented by the Buddhist Churches of America | Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations

Enlightenment for all of us submitted by I. Goto



had done or not done. (*Ajatasatru: The Story of Who We Are* by Shoji Matsumoto and Ruth Tabrah, 1988)

Kinue Kuwahara is shown preparing labels for her Bodhi Day exhibit depicting characters in the Contemplation Sutra. Modeling clay enhanced the carefully chosen gourdes to resemble Ajatasatru, Queen Vaidehi, King Bimbisara, Devadatta, Kisagotami and her dead baby and our own Puget Sound Orca whale that carried her dead baby for 2 weeks. *Sakyamuni* was able to say 'yes' to his past, to accept its regrets and failures by realizing that the Vow itself had rescued him, and would rescue all beings from drowning in the regrets and failures of what they

The Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations November - December 2018

Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:

Joyce Ding – Memorial Service	\$ 400.00	Guy Ding
Hasegawa Family Memorial Service	\$ 400.00	Kathy Hasegawa
Hiroko Hasegawa – In Memory of	\$ 100.00	Kathy Hasegawa
Mineko Okamura – In Memory of	\$ 100.00	Trisha Morton
Ray Okamura – In Memory of	\$ 100.00	Trisha Morton

Given by:

In Memory of:

Given by:

Joyce Ding Diane Inaba, Andrea Mano, Kemi Nakabayashi, Connie Toda

Endowment:

Kinue Kuwahara

General Donations:

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Live the Nembutsu

On August 30 – September 1, 2019, the Buddhist Churches of America Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations (BCA FBWA) will host the 16th World Buddhist Women's Convention at the San Francisco Marriott Grand Marquis in San Francisco, California.

Approximately 2,000 women and men of many generations are anticipated to gather from Japan, Canada, Brazil, Hawaii, and throughout the US mainland to explore and experience the Convention theme: "Live the Nembutsu."

The World Federation of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha Buddhist Women's Association held the 1st World Buddhist Women's Convention in Kyoto, Japan in 1961, and since then, the various member countries have had the honor of hosting the convention, held every 4 years or so. The Convention is an opportunity for Jodo Shinshu followers to gather together on an international level; meet new people, learn together, share experiences, and spread the circle of Dharma followers today and for generations to come. Originally, the Convention was held for

women only; however, over the years, it has welcomed all, men and women, in the Jodo Shinshu Sangha or spiritual community.

The World Federation of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha Buddhist Women's Association

The objective of the World Federation is based on the doctrine of Jodo Shinshu as its principle:

- To promote close liaison among all members of the Buddhist women's associations throughout the world;
- To awaken the self-consciousness of Buddhist women;
- To advance a worldwide Buddhist women's movement; and
- To work towards the welfare and peace among all mankind.

The members are:

- Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha Buddhist Women's Federation of Japan;
- Honpa Hongwanji Mission, Hawaii Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations;
- Buddhist Churches of America Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations;
- South America Honwanji Buddhist Women's Federation; and
- Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada Women's Federation

Musical Notes submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi

Happy New Year to all! I hope that you were able to attend or tune in online for the special music presented Seattle Betsuin in November and December. After the 10th Annual Autumn Family Music Service, the Seattle Betsuin Ukulele Band led the service music on Thanksgiving Sunday. For Bodhi Day, the Bodhi Ensemble, directed by Mark Taylor, led the sangha in the singing of Linda Castro's gatha *The Bodhi Tree*. Thank you to Jim Norton for the arrangement and a job well done to all the youth performers: Hieu, Madelyn, Allison, Tula, Alina, Mika, Maia, Kaya, Drew, and Emi. The strings with Alina on flute were also supported by Claire Murata on cello for the closing gatha *Nembutsu* by Osamu Shimizu. As wonderful as it was to see the younger youth musicians play temple ensemble music for the first time, we are always happy to see founding Bodhi Ensemble alumni return and provide music for New Year's Eve service.

2019 has the potential to be an exceptional, music-filled year. Rinban Kusunoki continues to develop the Seattle Betsuin Gagaku Group. Come to Hō-Onko service to hear them perform again! We have various other vocal and instrumental opportunities for all ages. As evidenced by the Seattle Betsuin Japan tour group's performance of vocal music and leading the Electric Slide bon odori at the Kusunoki family temple Kōgenji temple in Nagasaki, I know we have lots of hidden talent in our Sangha!

In addition, in the Bay Area this year's Shin Buddhist Choirfest, organized by Berkeley Buddhist Temple, will be held again at Mountain View Buddhist Temple on Saturday, June 8. The mass choir selections include a 4-part harmony arrangement of *Arigato* and dii Lewis' modal arrangement of *Ondokusan II* both of which will also be performed at the World Buddhist Women's Conference over Labor Day weekend in San Francisco.

Please contact me if you are interested in attending the Choirfest in June with me. I will be the accompanist for the 3rd mass choir selection Michael Jackson's *Heal the World*. The day of music is a lot of fun! Or if you plan to attend the World Buddhist Women's Conference, we will be reviewing the music in Seattle this spring and additional voices will be appreciated.



The Bodhi Ensemble conducted by Mark Taylor at Bodhi Day Service



Seattle Betsuin Japan Tour group perform *Nembutsu* by Chizu Iwanaga and *The Bodhi Tree* at Kōgenji Temple



Evan on ukulele and Kemi on keyboard lead the singing of *We Are One* at Kōgenji Temple in Nagasaki

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 after service until 12Noon.

November 25, 2018 Minister's Assistant Rev. Matt May showed another installment of Ken Tanaka's "Buddhism on Air" series. During the earlier Sunday Service, Assistant Minister Rev. Rosalie May gave a dharma talk about her gratitude for the ancestors of Seattle Buddhist Temple that have enabled the temple to exist today and that have allowed her to be part of the temple.

December 2, 2018 Minister's Assistant Rev. Fred Pelger from Tacoma Buddhist Temple, with assistance of his spouse Les, displayed and explained various Buddhist attire. During the Sunday Service earlier, Rev. Pelger gave a dharma talk about his gratitude for being accepted by the Tacoma Buddhist Temple's sangha and the journey that brought him to that temple.

December 9, 2018 Minister's Assistant Rev. Matt May showed another installment of Ken Tanaka's "Buddhism on Air." During Sunday Service earlier, Assistant Minister Rev. Irene Goto gave a dharma talk about her appreciation for friendships she has made over the period of 30 years since she started attending Seattle Betsuin. Her past experience might be helpful to newcomers and old-timers to create friendships at the temple in the future.

December 16, 2018 Minister's Assistant Leonora Clarke introduced Wayne Suyenaga who presented his slides and documentary of his pilgrimage to Kumano Kodo in Wakayama, Japan the past October. Additionally for this article, Wayne writes, "One aspect of the Kumano Kodo pilgrimage area that I didn't have time to mention and which may be of interest is the role played by Bikuni (Buddhist nuns of Kumano) in popularizing the Kumano pilgrimage for other women. Their movement was active between the 16th and 18th centuries. A search of "kumano bikuni" or "kumano bikuni nuns" leads to articles <http://dspace.library.uvic.ca:8080/handle/1828/4677> and http://kumano-world.org/english/sankei_mandala.html."

submitted by Irene Goto

ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE...

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.

Jeanne Deaver, Larry Imamura, Howard & Marie Kosai Luke, Noboru Kawada, Isako Kajimura, Haruko Kobuki, Ryan & Stacy Nakata, and Mary Yoshida

*We'd like to 'welcome'
Jeanne Deaver
as a new member of our Sangha*

On behalf of the Sustaining Membership Committee, we would like to 'thank' all of you who continued to support our Betsuin with your annual contributions during the 2018 fiscal year. With the beginning of the New Year, we appreciate your continued efforts to support the Temple maintenance/operations with your annual contributions (the minimum or with additional funds) during 2019. ~H.L., J.N., P.S., S.O

2019 Book Study Group

- Saturday, January 12, 2019 9:30AM - Awaken to Your True Self by Hideo Yonezawa
- February 2 - Searching for Mary Foster by Patricia Masters

Book Study Group meetings take place in the Memorial Hall from 9:30-11:30am. There is no cost to attend. Everyone is welcome, whether you have or have not read the book!

- Leonora Clarke

Tuesday, September 3, 2019

**His Eminence Gomonshu
to visit Seattle**



Message from Chairperson Alan Hoshino



Happy New Year! On behalf of the Board of Directors I would like to thank all of you for your help and support last year, ask for your continued participation and support and wish you good health and well being in 2019. 昨年は大変お世話になりました。本年もどうぞよろしくお願います。皆様のご健康をお祈り申し上げます。

This year we have a lot on our plate. Spreading the Buddha Dharma remains our major focus. Rev. Katsu is starting the year with a series of educational classes focused on Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. This month he's covering Shinran Shonin, the founder of our sect, and the evolution of the Temple of the Primal Vow, our mother temple the Hongwanji. In March he's offering a three class series delving into the nature of the human being, Amida Buddha and the Primal Vow. In May sensei is offering a five class series examining Jodo Shinshu Buddhism and how we can apply its teachings to our lives. Sensei and our dedicated team of minister's assistants are planning a full year of classes, workshops, seminars and other opportunities to hear the Dharma including hosting guest speakers throughout the year. I encourage you to participate in these programs and ask for your help promoting them by liking them via social media.

To provide a venue for our educational, social and cultural programs we are continuing our renovations and upgrades to the temple's facilities and infrastructure. The renewal of the large parsonage will free up the previously renovated small parsonage for hosting guest speakers and becoming a venue for new programs. Our Archives team led by Andrea Mano and Dana Nakashima is moving to the next phase of our archives and record keeping project organizing our collections and consolidating our storage to free up needed space throughout the temple. In partnership with Densho we are renovating the main floor of our former day care building into a state of the art center for learning & teaching using digital media. Our longer term project under the watchful eyes of Ken Kubota is to complete the

design for a planned seismic upgrade of the unreinforced masonry next year to make the temple safer when the "big one" hits and yes, now that we know the extent of our structural renovations we'll be taking a hard look at an elevator.

Administratively we have major initiatives underway to modernize, automate and organize the temple's records and our internal processes. The goal is to maximize the results we achieve from all the hard work our volunteers and staff do for us. Led by Betsuin Treasurer Howard Luke and all of the affiliated organization and committee treasurers we are consolidating all bookkeeping and financial reports into a single bookkeeping system (Quickbooks). Led by temple Vice Chair Tyler Moriguchi and our marketing specialist Connor McKinney we will implement a Customer Relationship Management (CRM) database (likely to be Salesforce) and integrate it with our digital communications and social networking platforms as well as with Quickbooks. In the past we've relied upon numerous lists kept by many different individuals. By storing and managing all of this information centrally, in the cloud, our staff and volunteers will be able to work smarter and faster and provide our Sangha with a better experience.

Obviously, financing all of this is a challenge. We are truly fortunate that previous generations of our Sangha and temple leaders had the foresight to think of the future and today, because of their actions, we're able to fund a substantial portion of our needs. Now it's up to us, the current Sangha, to follow through and take action to ensure that those who follow us will enjoy similar circumstances. Later this year you'll hear more about our plans to tap into our resources and to launch a major campaign to fund our renovation project. In the mean time I encourage you to participate in our new programs and to lend a hand where you can. Thank you for your past support of the temple and I trust we can count on your continued support in this new year!



2019年1月 シアトル別院

新年あけましておめでとうございます。今年もよろしくお願いいたします。

シアトルに来て2回目のお正月を迎えています。これまでずっと比較的暖かいところに住んでいた私にとっては、まだまだシアトルの冬は寒いな、と感じます。ですの
で、コート、手袋、帽子、毛のついたスリッパなどを買って、防寒対策に努めています。これまでは毛のついたスリッパなんて誰がはくんだろう、と思っていましたが、今では、私の愛用品の一つになりました。気候にも少しずつ慣れてきて、シアトルに腰を据えて生活できるようになってきました。2019年も元気にお寺を盛り上げて、仏法の伝道に励んでいきたいと思います。

11月19日から12月1日まで、31名の参加者とともに、日本ツアーへ出かけました。東京に始まり長崎、福岡、尾道、宇和島、道後温泉、そして京都を訪れました。築地本願寺や京都の本願寺での参拝はもちろんのこと、有田焼、宇和島かまぼこ工場、月桂冠なども訪れ、試食や試飲も楽しみました。尾道では前タコマ仏教会の駐在開教使の柿原先生のお寺も訪ねました。京都のご本山でのお朝事では、小杭先生ご夫妻、湯川先生ご夫妻にもお会いすることができました。私の故郷長崎では、長崎の中華街で私の家族、妻の家族も参加してのディナーパーティーをしました。ディナーの後は、妻の両親とともにカラオケバーで盛り上がりました。私の自坊光源寺の日曜礼拝にも参拝しました。一緒にお経を称え、仏さまにご挨拶をした後は、楽しいエンターテインメントがありました。シアトル旅行団からはスライドショーでのシアトル別院の紹介、英語の仏教讃歌の披露、また、盆踊りでするエレクトリックスライドもみんなで踊りました。光源寺の側からも、日本舞踊、紙芝居、龍踊りが披露されました。昼食にうどん、カレーライス、おでんなどをいただき、光源寺の門徒さん方とも楽しいひと時を過ごしました。全体を通して、とても楽しく

充実したツアーでした。ぜひ参加した面々にツアーの様子を尋ねてみてください。光源寺の日曜礼拝でした私の兄が日英両語で法話をしてくれました。その法話を紹介させていただきます。

ようこそ日本へ、ようこそ長崎へ、そして、ようこそ光源寺へ。

私は光源寺17代目の住職 楠 直也です。光源寺の門信徒一同、皆様にお会いできるのを楽しみにしていました。光源寺は385年前にできました。歴代の住職がずっと南無阿弥陀仏のお念仏を大切に守ってきました。その中で「産女の幽霊」という話が伝わるようになりました。その話はあとで紙芝居で紹介します。さて、こういう話があります。

ある山に1人の男がすんでいました。ある日、町にでかけました。町で海に住んでいる友達にであいました。話をしているうちに喧嘩になりました。町に住んでいる友達がやってきて話を聞きました。山の友達がいました。

「太陽は山から昇って山に沈むよね？」

海の友達がいました。

「それは違うよ。太陽は海から昇って海に沈むよね」

2人は太陽がどこから昇ってどこに沈むかで喧嘩をしていたのです。

すると町の友達はいました。

「両方とも違うよ」

「太陽はね、ビルから昇ってビルに沈むんだよ」と

三人とも太陽を見る場所が違うので、それぞれの答えを持っていました。でも、どこから見ても太陽は同じです。どこから昇っても明るさと温かさを私に届けてくれます。

日本とアメリカ 場所は違っても、南無阿弥陀仏のお念仏は全く同じです。

一緒に阿弥陀さまのお慈悲をいただきましょう。合掌

JANUARY 2019 SEATTLE BETSUIN SCHEDULE

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	February 2019: Major Events		1 Office Closed	2 Rinban's day off	3 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service (Rinban)	4	5
February 3	Scout Sunday Service		10 am New Yr Day Service	Morning service CANCELLED			
February 3	Betsuin Annual General Meeting @ 11am						
February 10	Nirvana Day/Pet Memorial Service						
February 15-17	NW District Convention @ Doubletree						
February 22 & 23	Winter Seminar w/Rev Kiyonobu Kuwahara (Berkeley Buddhist Temple)						
6		7 Rinban's day off	8	9 10 am Hoonko Morning Svc (Amida Sutra) 7-8 pm Buddhist Study Class #1	10 10 am White River Japanese Service	11 10 am Hoonko Morning Svc (The Larger Sutra Part 1)	12 9:30-11:30am Book Study 10 am Hoonko Morning Svc (Ojoraisan) 11 am Gagaku practice
9:00 am	Meditation (MA Leonora Clarke)						
10 am	SUNDAY SERVICE (Rinban Kusunoki)						
10:50 am	DX (Rev. Castro) DSDX (Rinban Kusunoki) Japanese (Video - MA Rev Rosalie May)						
12 noon	Betsuin New Year's Party & Installation						
13		14 10 am Hoonko Morning Svc (The Larger Sutra Part 2)	15 10 am Hoonko Morning Svc (The Contemplation Sutra)	16 10 am Hoonko Morning Svc (Shoshinge) 7-8 pm Buddhist Study Class #2	17 11 am Japanese Play Group 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service 7 p Cabinet Mtng	18 Rinban's day off	19 Youth MA Retreat
9:00 am	Meditation (TBD) Gagaku rehearsal						
10:00 am	HOONKO SERVICE (Rinban Kusunoki)						
10:50 am	DX ("Buddhism on Air" by MA Rev Matt May) DSDX (MA Rev Rosalie May) Japanese (Rinban Kusunoki)						
20		21 Rinban's day off	22 10:30 am Keiro Service	23 10 am Morning Service 7-8 pm Buddhist Study Class #3	24 Rinban at JSC	25 Rinban at JSC	26 Rinban at JSC
9:00 am	Youth MA Retreat Meditation (MA Leonora Clarke)						
10:00 am	CHILDREN'S SERVICE (Youth MA)						
10:00 am	LADY TAKEKO KUJO & LADY OHTANI SERVICE	8 pm Newsletter deadline					
10:50 am	Dharma Talk (Rinban Kusunoki) DX (Dharmathon - Youth MA) DSDX (Matt May) Japanese (Video - MA Leonora Clarke)						
11:45 am	SBBWA Sokai followed by Irokai						
27		28 Rinban's day off	29	30 10 am Morning Service	31 11 am Merrill Garden Renton visit (Rev Castro) 11 am Japanese Play Group		
9:00 am	Rinban at Yakima for Hoonko Meditation (MA Rev Irene Goto)						
10:00 am	SUNDAY SERVICE (MA Rev Matt May)						
10:50 am	DX (MA Rosalie May) DSDX (TBD) Japanese (Video - MA Rev Irene Goto)						
11:45 am	SBBWA Cabinet meeting						
1:30 pm	Sangha Award class #1 (MA Jason Yokoyama)						

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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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