

Dana for World Peace

Part 2 by Rimban Katsuya Kusunoki

The NW District of BCA is going to hold its annual Convention in conjunction with the BCA National Council Meeting at the Hyatt Regency in Renton, Washington February 19 – 23, 2020. Seattle Betsuin is hosting both these big conferences. The theme is “Dana for World Peace”. We took this theme from the slogan of our sect, Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha. Our Gomonshu also mentioned this slogan in his New Year greeting message. (Please see the January Wheel of Dharma.)

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii celebrates their 130th anniversary this year and each district celebrated it. I was invited as a guest speaker to the Hawaii district’s anniversary ceremony which was held at the Hilo Betsuin in October. One of the programs on Saturday was “Interfaith Dialogue: Homelessness on the Big Island and of spirituality HOPE Service, Hawaii County, ministers”. Let me share my thought through this panel discussion.

It is not easy to solve homelessness. As Buddhism says, everything has causes and conditions, not just one cause and condition. Homelessness also has many causes and conditions. Therefore, the solutions must not be just one. There are many things to do to solve and improve homelessness. When we think about homelessness, we need to think of short-term, middle-term, and long-term solutions. One of the short-term solutions could be serving food for today and providing a place to sleep for tonight. Some members of Seattle Betsuin are volunteering at the Orion Center and food bank. In addition, homeless people need a variety of support: medical, educational, employment, and more. It is impossible for one person or one organization to provide all this support. Everyone has something that they can do and other things they cannot do. Everybody has their limited



Kemi Nakabayashi photo

ability. With realizing our limited ability, we need to think about what we can do and what we should do.

Prior to the panel discussion, I had a chance to talk about this topic with my wife. In our conversation, one assumption came up. “How many dharma school students become homeless after they graduate?” I don’t think anyone has counted the number, so I don’t know the exact number. But I don’t think it is many. If it is true, Dharma School could be one of the long-term solutions: to keep Dharma School going, and to increase attendance. Attending Dharma School could be one of the causes that allow students to avoid making wrong decisions and stepping onto a wrong path.

The guidance they learn at Dharma School and friends they meet at Dharma School could be the basis for their peaceful and stable lives.

Our founder, Shinran Shonin said in his letter, “May there be peace in the world, and may the Buddha’s teaching spread.” I believe that spreading the Buddha’s teaching brings world peace and people’s peaceful and tranquil life. Without having this belief, I cannot serve as a Buddhist Minister and continue being a Buddhist. This world becomes peaceful if everyone has the view and the way of thinking that Buddha Dharma teaches. As a Buddhist minister and temple, we should make the biggest effort to achieve it. I am not saying to convert people to Buddhism. It is important for more people to have and learn the Buddhist view and the way of thinking. Providing food and places to sleep for homeless people are

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Dharma Exchange Notes

by Meya Stout. 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.

Aug 18. Led by Rev. Matt May with “Buddhism on Air”. Regarding The Three Treasures, “taking refuge in the Three Treasures” is a trust and commitment. “I take refuge in the Buddha, I take refuge in the Dharma, I take refuge in the Sangha.” The Theravada Monk on the video explained that we recite these three verses when we have a chance; not just at rituals or ceremonies, but any time, even at school. The Three Treasures are chanted in Pali, Sino-Japanese (in the case of Jodo Shinshu) and other languages. Everything comes back to the Buddha, the Dharma, and the Sangha. The idea of having a body of knowledge that will help us navigate through life is why we are here, to follow the Buddha. The Pali chanting of the Three Treasures is repeated for a second and third time, showing that it doesn’t stop, is unending.

When we call out the Nembutsu, we aren’t calling out to Buddha, we are calling it back. For us to be together and say that this is what we want starts to change your mindset. It’s also about being grateful for what we have received.

There are 108 beads on the original onenju.

Rev. Rosalie appreciated the switching of pronouns in Rev. Irene’s Dharma message (given during the day’s morning service) in which she began with “he” and ended with “she” – very profound significance in having a direct connection not felt before, by her.

Aug 25 Rimban Kusunoki combined Dharma Exchange with Japanese Program in the hondo. He gave a preview of the presentation he would deliver at the World Buddhist Women’s Convention on August 31, 2019, Jodo Shinshu weddings and a video of a wedding he officiated in California. –IG

Sept 1. After-service programs and Dharma Exchange were cancelled due to ministers’ absence to attend the World Buddhist Women’s Convention in San Francisco.

Sept 8. Led by Rev. Don Castro (who founded Eco-Sangha). He talked about his Eco-Sangha Workshop, the Eco-Sangha Resolution and the term, *Mottai-nai*, which was used by the San Francisco Bud-

dhist Women’s Association and also by the Nisei. He recalled carefully stacked recyclables, overwhelming in number. He urged choosing recycled paper when choosing paper products. *Mottai-nai* is the opposite of entitlement. We aren’t entitled to things.

For Jodo Shinshu, it’s impossible to be selfless. But we can be self-effacing. As Buddhists, we hold onto the ideal of selflessness, like the Metta Sutra.

Love what you eat; Love to all sentient beings. It’s a contradiction, but in Jodo Shinshu it is honest because we show appreciation. We don’t follow the precept about taking life when we say, “*itadakimasu*, I don’t deserve it, but here I am taking it.” We live at the expense of other forms of life.

October 27. Led by Rinban Kusunoki. Rinban read section 33 from the Larger Sutra, which is about the human nature. That Sutra was speaking about his life, which then gave him a deeper appreciation for the 48 Vows. In the Larger Sutra, V1: Disciples of Bodhisattva’s names, Bodhisattva, Story of Dhar-makara Bodhisattva (Sanbutsuge), 48 Vows, Juseige, Beauty of the Pure Land. In the Larger Sutra, V2: Bodhisattva and Buddhas in the Pure Land, Human beings, Conclusion. From 2500 years ago to today, nothing has changed. Human nature is the same. This is talking about universal truth.

November 3. No DX. Temple clean-up.

November 10. Led by 2020 NW Convention program chairs, Dean O’Shields and Anna Tamura, entertained suggestions about “Dana for World Peace”, the Convention and NCM theme.

November 17. Led by Reverend Matt May *Buddhism On Air* – “The Second Mark of Existence” How shall we live this fleeting life? Reverend Ishikawa of Kyoto was originally a computer programmer between Japan and California. When her father was in critical condition and then died, this event led her to Lay Buddhism as a Minister. One day while walking, she was hit in the head with a metal chair that fell from the second story of a building. This was her pivotal point to turn to becoming a Buddhist Priest, and this was in 1996. She believes it is harder to be a nun than a monk. “Interdependence is about mutual self-respect.”

Reverend Matt stated, “You don’t discover religion when everything is okay. Those moments of crisis are what religions are made for.” ###

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important and necessary. I am full of admiration for these people's work. We should support these programs. Each government and organization have their own things to do. So, Buddhists and Buddhist temples also have our own things to do. Our first priority is to spread the teaching of Buddha and to provide Buddhist Education. No other organization can do this except Buddhist temples and sangha. Regarding Buddhist education for children, temples in BCA have been offering Dharma School for more than one hundred years. None of the other Buddhist temples and organizations have done this in the U.S. during this time. If we stop providing Dharma School and teaching Dharma to children, there will be no place for them to learn Buddha Dharma. So, Dharma School is our treasure and one of the practices of *Dana*.

We are Buddhists. Under the theme of "*Dana* for World Peace", what can we do? There must be something which only we can do. Providing food and donating money is not the only way to practice "*Dana* for World Peace". *Dana* has three aspect. These are *Zaise* (giving wealth), *Muise* (the practice of giving fearlessness), and *Hose* (Spreading the Dharma). We should not make light of *Hose* (Spreading the Dharma). I introduced Dharma School as an example of the practice of *Hose*-centered *Dana* in this article. Through thinking of "*Dana* for World Peace", it is necessary to think about how we can practice *Dana* which has three aspects of *Zaise* (giving wealth), *Hose* (Dharma Dana), and *Muise* (the practice of giving fearlessness).

Gassho, Rev. Katsu

Rev. Takashi Miyaji gives inaugural lecture for Seattle Buddhist Study Center

On Oct. 23, 2019 the first lecture of The Buddhist Study Center series was held at the Seattle Betsuin. Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji, minister of the Tacoma Buddhist Temple shared an impressive presentation entitled, Shin Buddhist Ethics - "Engagement with The Self".

He began by explaining the theory of Two

Truths. The are specifically known as Supramundane (*Shintai*)/spiritual law and Mundane (*Zokutai*)/law of the king. These truths have been used historically in Japan to balance a symbiotic relationship between the state and religious life of people. He pointed out the failure of this relationship which keeps the individual from a deep spiritual connection to life.

Rev. Miyaji stressed how Buddhism shouldn't become a relic to be viewed at a distance but, rather, it is the understanding that we are all embraced in dynamic reality and supported by Amida Buddha's great compassion.

In Jodo Shinshu we don't have a list of ethical "*do's-and-don'ts*". Instead, as Nembutsu followers our job is to keep the Primal Vow of Amida Buddha at our core. We can remember that when we see injustice, we should first use the view of the Buddha before reacting.

Although we may become angry and swept away by things we see in society, we should use self-reflection to temper our egos. As Shin Buddhist, we don't take official stands on some social topics based on our standards. Shin Buddhist should always pause and return to our doctrine to guide our actions.

When humans take hardline stances on certain issues, they tend to judge others. People may deepen divisions between each other which can lead to discrimination, hate and even wars. Ironically as we recognize our egos, this can help us build solidarity with others.

We are often like a group of people on a beautiful beach who are all looking at their cell phones. If one person happens to notice the sunset, waves and sounds of the gulls, they can step out of their small world of the cell phone into a larger world around them. Then this person can encourage their friends to look at the beauty around them. Even though others notice and may return to the small view of their phone, they have had a view beyond their self-centered perspective.

If we reconcile our shortcomings with self-reflection, we can become our authentic selves. Rev. Miyaji concluded his talk, saying that Nembutsu followers participate within great compassion, rather than trying to initiate it.

Participants shared that they enjoyed his presentation and look forward to upcoming lectures from The Seattle Buddhist Study Center.

Submitted by Dean O'Shields



Photo by Dean O'Shields

12月 Dana For World Peace -2

2020年2月19日から23日にかけて、米国仏教団の総会とノースウェストコンベンションがレントンにあるハイアットレガシーホテルで同時開催されます。そのテーマは “[Dana For World Peace](#)”です。これは、私たちの宗門、浄土真宗本願寺派が掲げているスローガンで、専如ご門主様も、今年の年頭のご挨拶で触れられております。

今年は、ハワイ教団(Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii)の130周年の年で、ハワイの各教区で記念法要が勤められました。私は10月にヒロ別院で開催された、ハワイ教区(ハワイ島)の記念法要に講師として呼んでいただきました。土曜日のプログラムの一つは、”Interfaith Dialogue: Homelessness on the Big Island and of spirituality HOPE Service, Hawaii County, ministers”というタイトルでホームレスのことについて話し合うパネルディスカッションでした。以下にそのパネルディスカッションを通して私が考えたことを皆さんにご紹介します。

ホームレスの問題を解決するのは簡単なことではありません。仏教の教えにもあるように、何事にも、様々な原因があります。原因が一つということはありません。ということは、解決策、対策も一つではありません。ホームレス問題への対策として、短期、中期、長期的な対策があると思います。短期的な対策としては、今日の食べ物、住む場所、寝床を確保することなどがあげられるでしょう。シアトル別院もOrion Center やFood Bankでのボランティア活動などに取り組んでいます。他にも、医療の問題、教育の問題、就業の問題なども挙げられます。一個人や一組織が、そのすべてに取り組むというのは大変難しいことだと思います。誰にでもできることとできないことがあります。できる能力というのは

限られています。それをふまえた上で、自分になにができるのか、何をしたらいいのかを考える必要があります。

パネルディスカッションの前に、妻とこの議題について話すことができました。その会話の中で、一つの仮定がうかびました。「はたしてダルマスクールに来た子供たちの何パーセントが、何人がこれまでにホームレスになったのだろうか。」実際に数えたわけではないのでわかりませんが、その数は、そう多くないように思います。もしそうであるならば、長期的な視野に立ったときに、ダルマスクールを続け、大きくし、その内容を充実したものにしていくことは、ホームレスになる人の数を少なくする効果があるといえるのではないのでしょうか。ダルマスクールに来ることが、何か誤った決断、誤った方向に行くことを避ける一つのきっかけになっているのかもしれない。ダルマスクールで聞いた仏教の教えや出遭った仲間が、より豊かな人生を送る土台となっているといえるかもしれません。

親鸞聖人のお手紙に「世の中安穏なれ、仏法広まれ」とお書きになられました。仏法が広まることが世の中の安穏に繋がる、人々の幸せで豊かな生活に繋がる、私はそう信じています。その信念をもって、日々仏教徒として、僧侶として生きています。仏教が教えてくれるものの見方、考え方をみんなが持って生きれば、世の中は平和になります。僧侶として、お寺としては、まずその実現に向けて最大限の労力を注ぐべきでしょう。なにもメンバーシップを増やすとか他の宗教の人を改宗させるとか、そういうことを言っているわけではありません。仏教のものの見方、考え方、生き方を一人でも多くの人に知ってもらおうというのが大切です。ホームレスの方々のためにシェルターを準備したり、食べ物を提供したりすることはとても大切な支援です。そのような援助をしてくださっている行政、各団体の方々には頭が下がりますし、お寺としてもできる限りの協力が必要だと思います。行政、各団体のそれぞれにできること、やらない

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The Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations October - November 2019

Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:

Given by:

Edward Hiroo –Memorial Service	\$ 1,000.00	Estate of Edward Hiroo
Mitzi Shimabukuro – Memorial Service	\$ 600.00	Estate of Mitzi Shimabukuro

In Memory of:

Given by:

Mort Bobrow	Donald & Karen Akira; Janet Baba; Reiko Hara; Gail Kaminishi; Ernest & Sanaye Nagai; Yoshio & Judith Nakamura; Stephanie Ojima; Louise Sakuma; Kiyoko Takashima; Shizue Yahata;
Mitsuko Fukuhara	Wayne Kuramoto; James Takano; Harry Yoshimura
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Marian Matsui	Donald & Karen Akira
Krista Nakano	Annemarie, Britt, Brittany, Hailey, Kelly, Laura, MaKenzie and Molly - in remembrance of Krista on her birthday
Masayuki Shimada	Kiyoko Takashima
Tomi Takano	Mutual Fish Co., Inc.

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Nelson Harano

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Lisa Butler	Appreciation for scholarship presented to Alaina Butler
Diane Deaver	Appreciation for adoption of Obutsudan
Donald & Karen Akira	Celebration of Ruby Nakamura's 90 th Birthday

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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 2019.

Victoria Hill, Gary Kato, Evan Ko, Greg Koba, Bill Komoto, Joe Naemura

We'd like to ‘WELCOME’ Victoria Hill and Evan Ko as new members of our Sangha

(compiled by Howard, Joan, Pauline & Steph)

Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association

Submitted by Nina Tomita-Kato

Photos by Tomi Zumoto

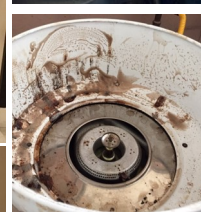
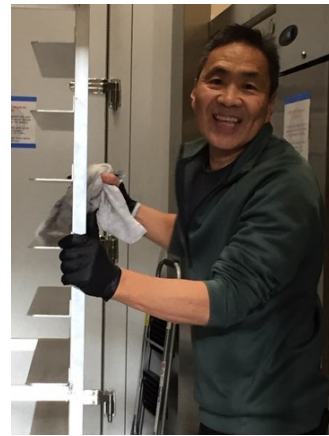
- Voted to donate to the following social services:
1. Wheel of Dharma 2. Shin Buddhist Grant
3. Bailey Gatzert 4. IDEC 5. Social Welfare
BCA
- New BOD for the 2020-2021 Year. List will be posted on the bulletin board.
- Urge you to ask friends and family to join SBBWA. It's a group of wonderful women who come from varied backgrounds and have so many talents and wisdom to share. See photos to show you the fun we can have.
- Please join us at the Merrill Garden services, Nikkei Manor services and St. Mary's food bank (4th Friday of each month 9AM). Please refer to the temple calendar for dates regarding the services.
- Our next Orion Dinner will be on June 12, 2020; if interested in joining us please contact Nina Tomita Kato.



Matsutake gohan, chikuzen-Ni, Shirae, Matsutake soup, veg/edamame, cookies, Mochi, tea.

Temple Clean-up Day Nov. 7

Photos by Tomi Zumoto



Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple Dues

Submitted by T. Moriguchi

At the November Seattle Betsuin Board meeting, temple directors approved the budget for the upcoming two-year budget cycle. Included in the budget is an increase in Sustaining Membership (formerly "ijikai") dues; the first increase in 13 years. 2020 Seattle Betsuin Sustaining Membership dues will be \$400.00 per adult member (formerly \$300). For members 70 and older, dues will be \$350.00 per adult member (formerly \$250). The \$100 increase equates to less than \$10.00 a month per person.

Over the past 13 years, temple expenses have continued to rise while income from dues has continued to decrease. Since the last dues increase in 2006, temple membership has decreased from 586 members to 372 for the current year, a revenue decrease of approximately \$50,000. This year, just over \$150 of each sustaining membership contribution goes directly to our temple's national organization, the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA), and regional Northwest District. These factors combined with decreases in other donations, including weekly ("Saisen") offerings; special service donations; and wedding, funeral and memorial services, led to the decision to raise membership dues in order to maintain the Betsuin's programs, personnel and facilities.

Dana (gifts) to the Betsuin are needed to maintain the temple's offerings. Please consider donating on a regular basis. The Betsuin is constantly updating and improving the religious programs, outreach capabilities, facilities and personnel in order to fulfill its mission to share the Dharma to all. The Board welcomes any feedback to make the Betsuin a welcoming and inclusive place for all.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Seattle Betsuin Board of Directors

シアトル別院の維持会費について

11月のシアトル別院の理事会議にて、先2年間の予算が決定致しました。そして、その予算には13年振りの維持会費の値上げが含まれる事になりました。2020年からの維持会費は、大人1名に付き\$400です。(2019年までは\$300)ま

た、70歳以上の方の維持会費は、1名に付き\$350です。

(2019年までは\$250) 1年間で\$100の値上げにはなりません。が、月平均にすると\$10以下です。過去13年以上、維持会費の収入が減り続ける一方で、お寺の経費は増え続けて来ました。最後に維持会費を値上げした2006年以来、お寺の門徒数は586名から372名へ減少し、収入は約5万ドルも減少しています。今年はシアトル別院の維持会費から、門徒一人当たり約\$150が、米国仏教団へと納められます。また、毎週日曜日の費銭、大法要時の寄付、結婚式、葬式、法事の際の寄付なども減少しております。これらが、維持会費の値上げの理由になっています。別院への布施は、お寺の維持に欠かせないものです。どうか、定期的な寄付のご協力を宜しくお願い致します。シアトル別院は、仏教伝道の為、より一層の仏教プログラムの提供、お寺の外へのアプローチの可能性の拡大、お寺の維持管理と人財育成を行って参ります。

理事会は、別院をより良い場にするため、門徒の皆様の貴重なご意見、ご感想を歓迎致します。

いつもご協力頂きありがとうございます。

シアトル別院理事会一同

2020 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 while listening to the Buddha Dharma. If you have a family member who passed away in the following years, you are encouraged to conduct a family memorial service in 2020:

<u>Year of Death</u>	<u>Service</u>
2019	1 st year memorial
2018	3 rd year memorial
2014	7 th year memorial
2008	13 th year memorial
2004	17 th year memorial
1996	25 th year memorial
1988	33 rd year memorial
1971	50 th year memorial

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

Ochigo for Eitaikyo Muen Hoyo and Anniversary of Seattle Betsuin on Sunday, November 17, 2019

photos by
Tomi Zumoto



Musical Notes

Submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi
 Rinban Kusunoki and family travelled to Los Angeles last month to attend and participate in the Kin-nara Gagaku/Bugaku Full Moon Day Concert at Senshin Buddhist Temple on November 10. Kusunoki Sensei's commitment to create and lead our Seattle Betsuin Gagaku Group has been tremendous with much time spent educating us on the instruments, traditions, and music. Recently, we welcomed Kayla to the Gagaku Group and are delighted to have the opportunity to have additional members learning sho (mouth organ). What a difference it made to add the sho to our performance for the Eitaikyo Muen Hoyo service! Thank you also to the Seattle Betsuin Ukulele Band and Bodhi Ensemble participants in the 11th annual Autumn Family Music Service, with special kudos to Mark Taylor for rehearsing and conducting the youth instrumentalists. Additionally, we always appreciate the support of the entire Seattle Betsuin sangha for our music services, but especially this year as we prepare to host the joint BCA National Council Meeting and Northwest District Convention in February 2020.



Left:
 Ayano with Yuiya, Mika, Evan, Kayla and Rinban Kusunoki perform for the Eitaikyo Muen Hoyo Service on Nov. 17



Right:
 Rinban Kusunoki explaining the sho to Dennis



Left:
 Rev. Castro with Ochigo participants, Kemi and Dennis playing ryuteki

JAN 25 "Mindful Eating – Compassionate Living"
 Saturday Seattle Buddhist Temple; Half-day retreat, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon
 Dr. Sharon Suh



Dr. Sharon Suh
 Professor of Buddhism,
 Seattle University;
 Certified Mindful
 Eating-Conscious Living
 Facilitator

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 visit our website:
seattlebetsuin.org/sbsc

Dharma School Report

Submitted by Joyce Tsuji

On November 17, 2019 Dharma School students dressed as celestial beings for the Betsuin Anniversary and Eitaikyo/Muen Hoyo service Ochigo procession. Thank you to the well-behaved participants, their parents for bringing the eager children, and the activity coordinators. They did a great job!

Dharma School would like to invite all of the Sangha to attend the Bodhi Day Potluck on December 8, 2019 at 11:45AM. We hope to see everybody there. Please bring your favorite dish to share.

Classroom Reports

First/Second Grade We have been very busy. We have a great class filled with bright and interested students. We have been discussing the Golden Chain! The kids filled out "All about me" posters where they listed favorite things and facts about themselves. We will be posting these in the hallway for our Kid of the Month. Then they made yellow links with their name and the names of others they are connected to, could have been a person or a thing. The chain of those links is up in our classroom so come take a look. We discussed keeping our link "bright and strong" by eating healthy and learning. Then we read the book "Stella Luna" and made a bat out of our handprints, this was to remind us to be kind and gentle to every living thing. Stella Luna was adopted by a bat family when she got separated from her mom. Also, the students very much enjoyed the Halloween party put on by the Middle School class. ###

Eco Sangha collection of clean, dry polystyrene/styrofoam for recycling will take place on Sunday, **December 15, 2019 at 11:30** in the rear parking lot after dharma exchange. Please do not bring items in advance as there is nowhere to store them at the temple.

The next collection will be in the Spring.

Accepted items:

- white, blue or black food trays, tubs and clamshells. **NO TAN**
- molded pieces used to protect electronics, etc **PLEASE CUT OFF ANY ADHERED CARDBOARD**
- bubble wrap - **please remove tape**
- bagged packing "peanuts"

Submitted by Gail Kaminishi

ければいけないことがあるように、お寺がお寺としてしなければいけないことももちろんあります。それは仏教教育であり、仏法を広めることです。これは、お寺がしなかったら、他のどの団体もできません。また、子どもへの仏教教育に関していえば、BCAの各お寺は、ダルマスクールを通して100年以上にわたって、青少年への仏教教育をやってきました。アメリカにある他のどの仏教教団もお寺も、このような長きにわたって子どもたちへの仏教教育を続けてきたところはないでしょうし、現在も、そのような団体はないように思います。私たちが、ダルマスクールをやめたり、ダルマスクールで仏法を伝えなくなったりしたら、ここアメリカで子供たちが仏法を学ぶ場がなくなってしまう。ですから、ダルマスクールはお寺がする布施の実践であり、宝です。

私たちは、仏教徒です。Dana For World Peaceというテーマのもと仏教徒の私たちができること、私たちにしかできないことは、何でしょうか。なにも食べ物やお金を施すことだけがDana For World Peaceではありません。Dana (布施) には、3つの側面があります。それらは、財を施す財施、相手の恐れを取り除く無為施、そして、仏法を施す法施です。その法施をないがしろにしてはいけません。ここでは、お寺がすべき法施を軸とした布施の実例として、ダルマスクールを挙げさせていただきました。Dana For World Peaceを通して、財施、法施、無為施という3つの側面を持った布施の実現について考えていきたいと思います。

Upcoming Dates to Note

Bodhi Day Service & potluck Sunday, December 8, 2019

Guest speakers, Rev. Brian Nagata & Rev. Y. Takemura

New Year's Eve Service Tuesday, December 31, 2019 7pm

New Year's Day Service Wednesday, January 1, 2020 10am

Betsuin New Year's Party Sunday, January 5, 2020 12N

Hoonko Service Sunday, January 12, 2020

NW District BCA Buddhist Convention "Dana for

World Peace" Feb 21-23, 2020, Hyatt Regency Lk Wa, Renton

Seattle Buddhist Study Center

2019 LECTURE SERIES 2020

OCT 23 Wednesday	"Shin Buddhist Ethics: Engagement with the Self" Seattle Buddhist Temple; 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji	 Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji Minister, Tacoma Buddhist Temple
JAN 25 Saturday	"Mindful Eating – Compassionate Living" Seattle Buddhist Temple; Half-day retreat, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon Dr. Sharon Suh	 Dr. Sharon Suh Professor of Buddhism, Seattle University; Certified Mindful Eating-Conscious Living Facilitator
FEB 2 Sunday	"Zen Master Dogen's 'Mountains and Waters Sutra'" Northwest Buddhist Convention; 11:00 am – 12:00 noon Rev. Dr. Jason Wirth	 Rev. Dr. Jason Wirth Professor of Philosophy, Seattle University and Soto Zen priest
FEB 22 Saturday	"D.T. Suzuki and the Remaking of Pure Land Buddhism" Northwest Buddhist Convention; 10:45 am – 12:00 noon Hyatt Regency Lake Washington at Seattle Southport, Renton Dr. James Dobbins	 Dr. James Dobbins Professor Emeritus of Religion and East Asian Studies, Oberlin College, Ohio
MAR 3 Tuesday	"Thirty Verses on Representation Only by Vasubandhu" Seattle Buddhist Temple; 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm Rev. Yuki Sugahara	 Rev. Yuki Sugahara Minister, Oregon Buddhist Temple
MAR 29 Sunday	"Reading Dogen and Shinran Together During the Ecological Crisis" Seattle Buddhist Temple; 11:00 am – 12:00 noon Rev. Dr. Jason Wirth	 Dr. Prem Pahlajrai Senior Lecturer, Hindi and Indian Philosophy, University of Washington
APR 25 Saturday	EcoSangha Seminar: "Small is Indeed Beautiful" Tea Ceremony by Chiaki Ito Seattle Buddhist Temple; 9:30 am – 3:00 pm Rev. Dr. Jason Wirth, Rev. Don Castro & Speaker TBD	
MAY 31 Sunday	"Early Hindu Philosophy and Buddhism" Seattle Buddhist Temple; 11:00 am – 12:00 noon Dr. Prem Pahlajrai	

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WINTER PACIFIC SEMINAR - 21ST CENTURY



“Fushidan Sekkyo”

DHARMA TALKS & STORY-TELLING IN JODO SHINSHU

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
Dr. Mark Blum



Dr. Mark L. Blum is a Buddhist Studies Professor and Shinjo Ito Distinguished Chair in Japanese Studies in the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures at the University of California, Berkeley. He is the author of *The Origins and Development of Pure Land Buddhism* (2002), co-editor of *Ren-nyo and the Roots of Modern Japanese Buddhism* (2006) and *Cultivating Spirituality: a modern Shin Buddhist anthology* (2011) and author of other works. He is currently working on completing *Think Buddha, Say Buddha: a history of nenbutsu thought, practice and culture*.

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Southern District Ministers

~ Presented in English and Japanese ~

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(Includes lunch)

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In Japan, Jōdo Shinshū priests often delivered Dharma messages in the form of fushidan sekkyō, which featured musical, often comical, forms of story-telling. Dr. Mark Blum will discuss this style of preaching and explain how, like rakugo (“fallen words”), a similar form of Japanese performance art, it is gaining in popularity today.

SATURDAY,
JANUARY 25, 2020
9:30 am - 3:30 pm

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“節談説教”

浄土真宗における節付説教と語りもの

講師

マーク・ブラム博士



マーク・ブラム氏は、仏教研究教授であり、カリフォルニア大学パークレー校の東洋言語文化学科、日本語専攻教授で伊藤真乗の権威者として著名である。『浄土教の起源と発展』(2002), 『蓮如と現代日本仏教のルーツ』(2006), 『精神主義：親鸞思想の現代的理解』(2011), その他、多くの著書がある。現在の研究テーマは、『仏を憶念、仏を称名：念仏想・行・文化の歴史』である。

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参加費: \$40 (昼食込み)

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日本では浄土真宗の僧侶がしばしば浪曲、講談、物語の語り手など話芸の母体となった節談説教という形で御法儀をお取次ぎされる。マーク・ブラム氏は、最近、日本芸能で人気を得ている落語のような節付説教について、その布教手段やスタイルを紹介されます。

2020年1月25日(土)

午前9時半 - 午後3時半

(開場 午前9時)

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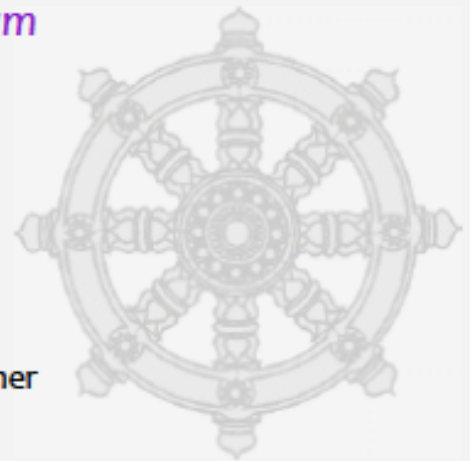
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Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Fujiwara Wondra
Resident Minister, Orange County Buddhist Church

*"Shin Buddhist Thoughts on World Peace
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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	9:00 am Meditation (MA Leonora Clarke) 10 am SUNDAY SVC (MA Leonora Clarke)/CHILDREN'S SVC 10:50 am DX (Dharmaion by Youth Minister's Assistants) DSDX (MA Rev Irene Goto) Japanese (Video) Temple Tour (MA Leonora Clarke) 11:45 am SBBWA Board meeting	2 Rinban's day off	3	4 10 am Sutra Svc & Dialogue 10:30 AM Gagaku practice 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service	5 9:30 am SHO practice 10:30 AM Gagaku practice 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service	6 12 noon Gojikai Svc & lunch mtng	7 9:30 am Book Study Group "Buddhist Ecology"
8	GUESTS REV BRIAN NAGATA & REV Y TAKEMURA 9:00 am Meditation (TBD) 10 am BODHI DAY SERVICE (REV BRIAN NAGATA) 10:50 am DX (Rev Brian Nagata) DSDX (MA Rev Irene Goto) Japanese (REV YOSHIKI TAKEMURA) Temple Tour (MA Rev Rosalie May) 11:45 am Bodhi Day potluck 1:30 pm Sangha Award class (Rinban & MA J Yokoyama)	9 Rinban's day off	10 11 am Japanese Play Group	11 10 am Sutra Svc & Dialogue 11 am English Play Group	12 10 am White River Japanese service	13	14 9:30 am SHO practice 10:30 AM Gagaku practice
15	9:00 am Meditation (TBD) 10:00 am SUNDAY SERVICE (Rinban Kusunoki) 10:50 am DX: "Dana for World Peace" (NW Conv Committee) DSDX (Rinban); Japanese (Video w/Rev R May) Temple Tour (MA Rev Irene Goto) 11:45 am Religious Dept mtng & SBBWA Cabinet mtng 1:30 pm Sangha Award class (Rinban & MA J Yokoyama)	16 Rinban's day off 10 am Shinran Shonin Monthly Memorial Svc 8 pm Newsletter deadline	17	18 10 am Sutra Svc & Dialogue	19 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service	20 11 am Japanese Play Group	21
22	9:00 am Meditation (TBD) 10:00 am SUNDAY SERVICE (Rinban Kusunoki) 10:50 am DX ("Buddhism on Air" - MA Rev Matt May) DSDX (MA Rev Rosalie May); Japanese (Rinban) Temple Tour (MA Leonora Clarke)	23 Rinban's day off	24	25 Christmas (Office closed) 10 am Sutra Svc & Dialogue	26 11:00 am Merrill Garden Renton visit (Rev Castro)	27	28 Last day to buy Betsuin New Yr Party tickets
29	No Dharma School 9:00 am Meditation (TBD) 10:00 am SUNDAY SERVICE (Rinban Kusunoki) 10:50 am Combined DX & Japanese Program (Gatha practice with Kemi Nakabayashi) Temple Tour (MA Rev Matt May) 11:45 am SBBWA Cabinet meeting	30 Rinban's day off	31 7 pm New Year's Eve service (Joya-e)	January 2020: Major Events Jan 1 New Year's Day Service (Shusho-e) Jan 5 Betsuin New Year's Party & Installation Jan 9-16 Goshoki Hoonko Services Jan 12 Hoonko Service Jan 18-19 Youth Minister's Assistants Retreat Jan 19 Lady Kujo & Lady Ohtani Memorial Svc			

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December 2019

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A Monthly Newsletter of
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Bodhi Day Service & Potluck Sunday

December 8, 2019
Guest Speakers Rev
Brian Nakata & Rev
Yoshiaki Takemura

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“Peace and Harmony” when we encounter the Dharma

Sundays... Please confirm at www.SeattleBetsuin.org “coming events” or
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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 and an opportunity to ask questions

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

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