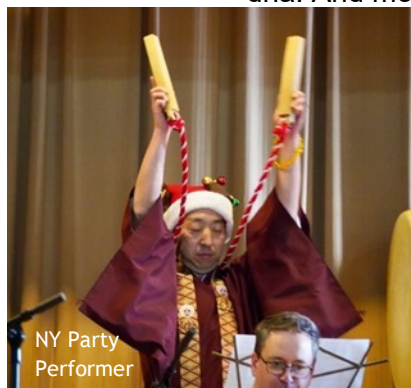


Dana for World Peace

Part 4 by Rimban Katsuya Kusunoki

The BCA National Council Meeting and the NW Convention is coming around the corner. They will be held on Feb 21st - 23rd at the Hyatt Regency Lake Washington. You can find the details on the Seattle Betsuin website (<https://seattlebetsuin.com/convention/>). I hope many people come to the convention and enjoy the Dharma.



For this convention we would like to try a new approach. We will not print any sutra for the services in the program booklet. We will provide a limited number of service books for those who have not brought one. I would like to ask you to bring your own service book which includes "Juseige" and "Amida Sutra." (Don't forget to write your name on it.) Please use a small bag or *Furoshiki* to bring your service book.

In the past, we have always included the sutra chanting in the program booklet. I always have my question and concern about it. Because of the improvement of technology, it is very easy to print anything. It is very convenient, but at the same time, we don't cherish these printed materials. The sutra teaches about the Dharma, which is one of the three treasures. However, do we treat the program booklet as a treasure? Didn't you just throw it in a trash can? Because the sutra are the words of the Buddha, we should treat them with proper respect. One of my teachers told me that we should show our respect and shred it. It is a minimal level of our etiquette. Another person said, "if so, we should digitize sutra and use cellphone and tablet to chant a Sutra. We can also show the Sutra on a big screen". Because of technology's improvement, we may start doing them in the near future. However, I still have some doubts to do them when I think about how I use my cellphone. I use my cellphone in a bathroom and drop it

easily. I don't think I treat my cellphone as my treasure. I also have a concern to use a big screen. If we do so, people face the screen and not to Amida Buddha. And more, I don't think we can nurture our re-

spect and appreciation to Buddha and Dharma through using a big screen. For these reasons, I decided to use service books at the convention. I think it is still the best way to keep our treasure.

The theme of this convention 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 2019 new year greeting message. Because

Seattle is the host, I have been writing my Newsletter article on this theme since November. I hope my articles also help you think about this theme.

As I mentioned before, Dana has three aspects. These are *Zaise* (giving wealth), *Hose* (Spreading the Dharma), and *Muise* (the practice of giving fearlessness). We need to understand these three aspects to practice *Dana*.

There is a representative figure in our sect who truly made a lot of effort to practice *Dana*. Her name is the Lady *Takeko Kujo* (1887-1928). BWA in Japan annually conducts her memorial service (*kisaragiki*) on February 7th. Each local temple in BCA also conducts her memorial service around that day. One of her great deeds is that she supported the victims of the Great Kanto Earthquake of 1923. She was also

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one of the victims, but still she devoted herself to help other victims. We learn from her deed what Compassion is. Another of her great deeds is that she worked hard to establish a school for women (current Kyoto Women's University). During that period, aspects of male chauvinism remained strong, so women had only limited opportunities to take education. Because of that, she made a huge effort to establish the school. Here are the founding philosophy and educational goals from their website. "It is based on Buddhist principles espoused by a Japanese monk named Shinran Shonin (1173-1263). These principles advocate the fostering of human spirituality through learning and through enhanced sensitivity towards the lives of others". Because of her achievement, more women were able to get more opportunities to learn Shinran Shonin's teaching and to have more opportunities to study.

Supporting the victims and working to establish the school are different work, and both are practical ways of *Dana*. There is no fixed way. Any deeds coming from the three aspects of Dana is true Dana. People sometimes forget about *Hose* (Spreading the Dharma), so please always be aware of *Hose*. What *Dana* do you or your temple do? How can you and your temple improve your *Dana*? Also, What *Dana* can you and your temple launch? Through this convention, we all learn what *Dana* is, contemplate what we can do, and start practicing *Dana*.

Dharma School Notes

We hope everyone enjoyed the New Year's festivities. Thank you to all who contributed to the motion to make all the set-up, food, and entertainment possible. Special thanks go to the 3/4/5 dharma school class for their great Year of the Mouse & kagami mochi centerpieces. They looked very nice!

We would like to invite everyone to a vegetarian potluck in honor of Nirvana Day on February 16 in the gym starting at 11:45. Please bring a vegetarian dish to share.

Classroom Reports

1/2 grade class. We have been discussing gratitude and made holiday ornament gifts for our loved ones. We made a Year of the Mouse calendar and scroll depicting Shinran Shonin for Ho-onko while talking about his life. Thank you to Ami's parents for teach-

ing the class calligraphy while Joyce and Dave were out of town.

3/4/5 class This month, the 3-5 grade Dharma school class will be studying Impermanence through Haiku. Students will reflect on 2019, observe nature and the temple, and consider aspects of their lives that are constant as well as those that are changing. With change there is adapting and they will be encouraged to express their gratitude through poems. Submitted by Joyce Tsuji

Dharma School Dharma Exchange

was led Rev. Kusunoki on January 12, 2020, Ho-onko, teaching about Shinran Shonin's life with the aid of Jodo Shinshu - A Guide, published by Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha. Photos by Kemi Nakabayashi.

Children's Service

was held on Sunday, January 19, 2020. The chapel was filled with children seated on the floor, parents seated on pews, and Young Adult Minister's Assistants seated in chairs on the naijin. Dharma School students, Zoe Hasegawa and Kira Nakashima served as service chairpersons. Emily Ko led chanting of Juseige. Bodhi Ensemble with Mark Taylor provided music to "Golden Chain". YAMAs Vicky Shinkawa gave the dharma message, Mia Li led after service activities. The children enjoyed activities that required teamwork and communication, a demonstration of interdependence. They concluded with Gassho and incense-offering before students were dismissed to their classes. Submitted by Irene Goto



Musical Notes

Submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi

January was a tremendous month for music at Seattle Betsuin after enjoying the Bodhi Ensemble founding members led the gathas for New Year's Eve service. Many people remarked on the "best ever" entertainment at the New Year's Party. Thank you to Matsuri Taiko, Hieu, the Seattle Ukulele Band and Sangha Singers, and the ensembles organized by Kayla and Emily K.

When the Seattle Betsuin Gagaku Group performed for Hoonko service, Yuiya made his conducting debut as well as service performance debut on recorder with me for *Ondokusan III*. Thank you to Yoko Yanari for providing piano accompaniment for the Lady Takeko Kujo and Lady Yoshiko Ohtani Memorial Service. The combined BCA National Council Meeting and Northwest District Convention come next. We promise lots of musical offerings there as well!



Kayla's group performing *Sleigh Ride*



Paul Mori, left; Mas Tamekuni, right



Bodhi Ensemble founding members for New Year's Eve service



Seattle Betsuin Ukulele Band and Sangha Singers leading the sing-along of *Hey Jude*



Seattle Betsuin Gagaku Group performing for Hoonko service

New Year's Party photos are courtesy of Joe Gotchy



Seattle Matsuri Taiko's skit at the New Year's Party



Rev. Castro's always ready to eat!

Dharma Exchange *is a mix of dis-*

ussion and educational programming that takes place in the dining room downstairs. Join us — we enjoy coffee and donuts almost every Sunday after service.

December 15, 2019 Rev. Kusunoki on “Dana for World Peace.”

December 22, 2019 Rev. Matt May on “Buddhism on Air”.

December 29, 2019 Kemi Nakabayashi on Gatha practice

January 5, 2020 Rev. Castro on Chapter 12 of Tan-nisho, or as he describes, “No Buddhist Left Behind.” Rev. Castro mentions *goenmonburo*, sentence of public death by boiling water in the 16th century; Jo-do Shinshu priests cooked vegetables in the boiling baths.

January 12, 2020 Rev Matt May on “Buddhism on Air”.

January 19, 2020 YMA Devon Matsumoto writes of this day’s Dharma Exchange: *Young Adult Minister Assistants’ Dharma talks were given by Josh McKinney (Seattle), Allison Tanaka (from Sacramento Betsuin), Marissa Wong (Sacramento Betsuin), and myself (Mountain View Buddhist temple).*

Josh’s talk centered around the English translation of the Juseige. He talked about Shin follows entrusting to Amida and for us to read Juseige and incorporate it into our own lives.

Allison’s was about kind acts. She referenced the Bush fires in Australia and how the government had sent for veggies to be dropped via airplane over lands affected by the fires so that the endangered animals had something to eat.

Marissa’s revolved around identity. She talked about her move to Japan for half a year and how it helped her grow and explore her own identity.

My talk was oriented towards social justice and working towards removing barriers of marginalized people so that they can hear the dharma when they are ready.

Follow-up discussion on these talks were said to be thoughtful, impressive and positive in nature.

Submitted by Irene Goto

Buddhist Book Study of Saturday, January 11, 2020

Attendees: Shirley Shimada, Margaret Gotchy, Marlene Okada, Wayne Suyenaga, Eileen Kanemoto, Karen Akira, Malcolm Kanemoto, Rev. Castro, Irene Goto.

The Book: They Called Us Enemy, a graphic novel by George Takei. The book prompted accounts by several of the 10 in attendance, who experienced internment during WWII.

Karen was born in Minidoka; Marlene was interned at Jerome and Rohwer.

Marlene says, “I was born at the Fresno assembly center which was at the Fairgrounds and they let my mom go to the county hospital across from the fair grounds to deliver me. I was only a few months old when they bussed us to Arkansas. I developed pneumonia when I got there. Mom had a tough time. Her regular doctor offered her to stay with them until I was a little older, but she did not want to be there alone so she went with her family.

Wayne’s grandfather was interned at federal camps in Louisiana, Montana and New Mexico because he was teaching Japanese at a plantation school on the Big Island of Hawaii. The school was not allowed to re-open after the war so the family moved to Honolulu.

Stories of Tule Lake pilgrimage also surfaced. Shirley said that experiencing the Tule Lake pilgrimage was “well worth it.” She adds, “I went on the Tule Lake Pilgrimage with my husband whose family was sent first to Rowher and then to Tule Lake. He remembers being frightened at Tule Lake where he saw violence that he had not experienced at Rowher. It was fun to have George Takei and his husband there on our pilgrimage where he shared his talents. Now a large group of Japanese Americans have formed *Tsuru for Solidarity* to point out the horrible conditions on the southern border, objecting specifically to the use of former concentration camps to imprison refugees seeking asylum in the US.”

Discussion of current racial discrimination included the recent incidents of Iranians residing in the US being detained at the Canadian border and other accounts that happened in Kansas, Texas, Florida, and Seattle.

The next study will be Gratitude: It’s Source and Power by Taitetsu Unno on Saturday, February 1, 2020 from 9:30 – 11:30 in Memorial Hall, usually in the chapel. Let us know if you would like a copy. All are welcome to attend.

Submitted by Irene Goto

The Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations December 2019 - January 2020

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Camp Fire News

Submitted by Jenni Chinn

Little Turtles (K/1st) submitted by Akiko Yabuki

After joining Turtles for Aquarium Field Trip to learn Marine animals in December, we met and learned about music. We made a tambourine and performed for turtle group.

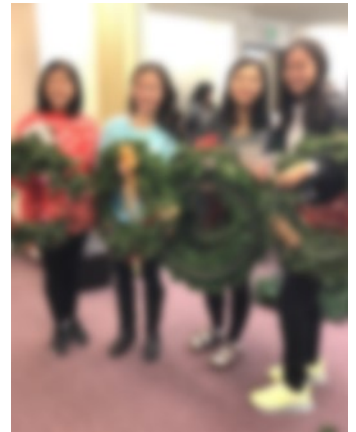
Big Turtles (2/3) submitted by Akiko Yabuki

After Wisteria visit and Aquarium Field Trip, we met and decided our group's 5 promises - Turtles' Rules : 1) Responsible 2) Help each other 3) Have good attitude/fun 4) Respect 5) Work as Team

* Both Turtles & Little Turtles are selling Camp Fire Candies Sundays 1/26-2/16 before and after service at Church Foyer. Thank you for your support!

Dolphins (9/10) submitted by Lacey Brundige

This past December, Camp Fire went to Wisteria View Manor to spread the holiday spirit and decorate their building. We sang a variety of holiday songs which were accompanied by the Seattle Betsuin Ukulele Band and shared a holiday story. We provided refreshments and handed out small gifts. The residents seemed to enjoy our performance and were so appreciative of our visit.



ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE...

We would like to “thank” the following for contributing their 2019 sustaining membership dues (the basic dues towards Temple maintenance/operations and programs). This completes our 2019 membership list. Our count has been submitted to the BCA. Our count for 2019 is 392.

**Alan & Lori Hoshino, Mas Koba, Howard & Marie Kosai-Luke,
Ryan & Stacy Nakata, Seon (Angela) Sanchez**

And as we begin 2020, we'd like to 'thank' the following for contributing their annual Sustaining membership dues.

**Michele Anciaux-Aoki, Gary & Sandee Hamatani, Cynthia Hinds, Kevin Nagai, Sanaye Nagai,
Kemi Nakabayashi & Jim Norton, Roy & Kazumi Shimizu Masaru & Anna Tahara, Kevin
Tanemura, and Peggy Tanemura.**

We'd like to 'WELCOME' Jim Norton as a new member of our Sangha

(compiled by Howard, Joan, Pauline & Steph)

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ENGLISH PLAYGROUP DATES:

WEDNESDAY - 1/15/2020
WEDNESDAY - 2/26/2020
WEDNESDAY - 4/22/2020

11:00AM - 2:00PM



PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH ON PLAYGROUP DAYS AND REMEMBER THAT THIS IS NOT A DAYCARE. BRING YOUR CHILDREN OR GRANDCHILDREN AND STICK AROUND TO GET TO KNOW OUR AWESOME MEMBERS!



PARKING IS AVAILABLE IN THE BACK ALLEY OF THE TEMPLE, ON THE STREET OR IN THE WISTERIA VIEW PARK LOT

New Year's Eve Service

Joya-e, rang out the old year with ...a toast and *tonjiru* by the Kusunokis for all... and for all a good night. The bell was rung more than 108 times, that means it was a good turnout!



Photo by Joe Gotchy



Photos by Irene Goto

Young Adult Minister's Assistants retreat at Seattle Betsuin January 17, 18, 19, 2020



Rimban Kusunoki, Allison Tanaka, Trevor Yokoyama, Emily Ko, Josh McKinney, Marissa Wong, Devon Yokoyama, Vicky Shinkawa, Mia Li. Photo by C. McKinney

The weekend of January 18, 2020 marked the 3rd ever Young Adult Minister's Assistant (YAMA) retreat. At this retreat, eight of the Seattle Buddhist Temple's YAMAs stayed over-night at the Temple, deepening their understanding of Buddhism throughout the weekend. The two day retreat consisted of three workshops and a visit to the nearby Konko Church of Seattle.

The first workshop was a lecture led by Reverend Miyaji in which he talked about Buddhist history and beliefs from a doctrinal perspective. He covered topics of general Buddhism, Karma, Pure Land Buddhism, and how Shin Buddhist beliefs relate to social issues.

Reverend Kusunoki led the chanting of the Larger Sutra Volume one, and Connor McKinney led a Dana for World Peace discussion. The weekend ended with the YAMAs leading children's service, followed by a Dharmathon where four of the YAMAs gave Dharma talks. Lastly, a big thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to instruct, organize, and cook for the YAMAs. These events would not be possible without your help.

Submitted by Josh McKinney

[Editor's Note: Please see Children's Service on p. 2 and Dharma Exchange notes on p. 4 for other YAMA activities of the week-end. - IHG]

Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association

The SBBWA has been very busy this December and January, 2020.

In December, besides the Social Committee visits to members unable to attend service, we participated



in St. Peters' Annual Multicultural Holiday Arts and Craft Fair. A big thank you for the dozens of volunteers who sewed, donated homemade items, or came to help at the table. We made over \$500! The warm friendly atmosphere was highlighted by the last performance of the Aloha Ukulele Band (with Mas Tamekuni), and reconnecting with old friends.

On January 17, we sponsored (four times a year) a hot dinner for homeless young people at the Orion Center. We appreciate the generous help of Dennis Shibata and Dean O'Shields! (After dinner they transition into the Young Adult Shelter where twenty youths can enjoy a hot meal, work on goals with their case managers, and sleep safely at night. For more information on how you can support them see their website: <https://youthcare.org/homeless-youth-services/engagement-services/youthcares-orion-center/>)

Speaking of generous help, BWA members made *kuromame* and *kimpira* with Ritsuko Kawahara for the New Years' Party; *zenzai* & *nigome* for Hoonko with Suzuko Terada; and sponsored the Lady Kujo and Lady Ohtani service (Etsuko Shimbo).

Machiko Wada is helping any members wishing to register for the NWD Convention after Dharma Exchange.

Our annual Sokai and Irokai (general membership meeting and lunch) is on February 2, 2020. All members are invited to come.

BWA members, Nina Tomita-Kato, Kanako Kashima, Anna Tamura, and Susie Yamane represented the temple and BWA



at the Tzu Chi Foundation's annual New Year Blessing Ceremony event. Ka-

nako said, "It was really interesting. We thought it was an organization similar to our BWA, but they include men and do global relief work in areas that have experienced disasters."

Submitted by Janie Okawa



THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE IS SEEKING SANGHA MEMBERS

to help evaluate the current Sustaining Membership (formerly "Ijikai") dues model and what changes, if any, should be made to make temple membership more inclusive while supporting temple operations. We will be considering pledge based membership model used at other temples and also membership levels for students as well as those with fixed incomes.

You do not need to be a sustaining member to participate. Please contact Tyler (communications@seattlebetsuin.com) if you are interested in participating.

Gassho,
Tyler Moriguchi, Membership Committee

Seattle Buddhist Study Center will be hosting Dr. Jason Wirth of Seattle University. Dr. Wirth will be examining Master Dogen's writings while framing them in light of our current environmental crisis. No registration is required for this event and we welcome all who are interested to attend Seattle Betsuin's service at 10:00am prior to the lecture. We look forward to seeing you there! For more information go to:

Marketing@SeattleBetsuin.org

Mindful Eating - Possible Second Session with Dr. Sharon Suh Due to the popularity of this topic, we have decided to set up a second Mindful Eating seminar if we find that there is enough interest. Please email connor@seattlebetsuin.org if you were hoping to register for this event, but were not able to do so this time around.

Seattle Buddhist Study Center
2019 LECTURE SERIES 2020

FEB 2
Sunday

**Zen Master Dogen's
"Mountain and Waters Sutra"**



Seattle Buddhist Temple
11:00 am – 12:00 noon

In 1241, the great Kamakura Soto Zen Master Dogen gave a talk about the forces of nature as a sacred sutra.

We will examine this remarkable and increasingly timely writing in light of the current ecological crisis.

Rev. Dr. Jason Wirth is a professor of Philosophy at Seattle University and Soto Zen Priest.

Rev. Dr. Jason Wirth
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“Prayers for the World”

On Thursday, February 20, there will be an *Institute of Buddhist Studies* Symposium called “Prayers for the World” featuring Reverend Doctors David Matsumoto, Mutsumi Fujiwara Wondra and Tacoma Buddhist Temple’s own Takashi Miyaji! This event is free and open to the public and for those that have the time we encourage you to attend this enlightening session. Invite your friends! It’s free and open to the public!



SYMPOSIUM



“Prayers for the World”

“May there be peace in the world and
may the Buddha’s teachings spread.” - Shinran Shōnin

PRESENTERS:

Rev. Dr. David Matsumoto

President, Institute of Buddhist Studies

*“Living with Prayers for the World: As We
Take Amida Buddha’s Vows As Our Own”*



Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Fujiwara Wondra

Resident Minister, Orange County Buddhist Church

*“Shin Buddhist Thoughts on World Peace
in the Age of Buddhist Modernism”*



Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji

Resident Minister, Tacoma Buddhist Temple

*“How Shinjin Can Help Us Live in the
21st Century”*



*How might the teachings and
life-values of Jōdo Shinshū guide us
in the pursuit of world peace?*

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portant features of the Jōdo
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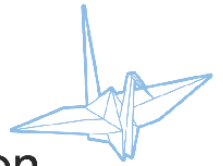
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Save the Date!

2020 BCA National Council Meeting &
73rd Annual Northwest District Convention



DANA FOR WORLD PEACE

February 18-23, 2020

Hyatt Regency Lake Washington at
Seattle's Southport

Ministers Meeting: February 18-20, 2020

IBS/CBE Symposium: February 20, 2020

National Council Meeting: February 20-23, 2020

NW District Convention: February 21-23, 2020

Registration:

<https://seattlebetsuin.com/convention/>

This year, the NW Convention will be held in conjunction with the BCA National Council meeting. Many BCA ministers will be in attendance! Reconnect with old friends and make new ones!

#DanaForWorldPeace



NW Convention Registration is Open. Go to <https://seattlebetsuin.com/convention/> to register Now, before rates increase on February 1!

Registration for the 73rd Annual NW District Buddhist Convention is officially still open. This year, we are aiming to have all registrations done electronically. The registration link as well as instructions, workshop information, schedules and information you'll need prior to registering are available through the temple website under "News and Events" or via <https://seattlebetsuin.com/convention/>.

Those registering for convention can ignore all BCA/NCM (National Council Meeting) information. Since the event is being combined this year we are handling all registrations through one form. This combined event also gives us a rare chance to see minister's from around the country! Be sure not to miss out on this opportunity.

Registration costs will increase by \$50 across the board on February 1st, 2020 so sign up soon!

Hotel Reservation Link

The block of rooms at the Hyatt Regency priced at \$109, \$119, \$129 & \$139 per night is now full. [Rooms are still available at the Hyatt starting at \\$177. Reservations can be made at https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/SEARL/G-SEBU/](https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/SEARL/G-SEBU/). Prices went up again on [1/21/20](https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/SEARL/G-SEBU/). For those driving and staying at the Hyatt, complimentary overnight self parking is available on Friday and Saturday nights. Tuesday through Thursday self parking is \$16 per day plus tax.

More hotel rooms have been made available. Arrangements have been made for rooms priced at \$119/night at both the Residence Inn by Marriott and the Hampton Inn & Suites which are 0.3 miles from the Hyatt. Both hotels offer a complimentary shuttle to the Hyatt and free breakfast. This price is **good through 2/7/20 subject to room availability**.

[Room reservations at the Residence Inn by Marriott may be at https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1579203688831&key=GRP&app=resvlink](https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1579203688831&key=GRP&app=resvlink).

The suites have a sofa with a pull out queen bed and a full kitchen. Parking is \$7/night.

[Room reservations at the Hampton Inn & Suites starting at \\$119/night may be at https://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp/groups/personalized/S/SEARNHX-SBC-20200218/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG](https://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp/groups/personalized/S/SEARNHX-SBC-20200218/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG).

A variety of room types are available (King, Queen/Queen, Deluxe, etc.). Free parking is available at this hotel.

NOTE: The hospitality will remain open until 11:00pm each evening for the week of convention. Thank you to all our volunteers who work to make the hospitality room happen.

You can find a preliminary workshop schedule for our Saturday programming at the bottom of this page.

Please check www.SeattleBetsuin.com/Convention for updates.



2020 BCA National Council Meeting &
73rd Annual Northwest District Convention



DANA FOR WORLD PEACE

Preliminary NW District Convention Schedule

(Some activities and times are subject to change)

Thursday, February 20th

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM IBS/CBE Symposium (free & open to the public)
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Dinner on own
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM BCA Endowment Foundation workshop
9:00 PM - 10:00 PM Hospitality

Friday, February 21st

7:00 PM - 7:55 PM Temple Safety & Security workshop (BCA)
8:05 PM - 9:00 PM Membership & Propagation workshop (BCA)
8:05 PM - 9:00 PM Minister's Assistant Program workshop (BCA)
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Zumba & Crafting Workshop
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM YBA & YABA Activities TBD
9:00 PM - 10:00 PM Hospitality

Saturday, February 22nd

7:00 AM - 9:00 AM Breakfast on own
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Oshoko / Incense Offering
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Morning Service
10:15 AM - 11:15 AM Breakout session 1
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Breakout session 2
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM Lunch
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM Breakout session 3
2:45 PM - 4:00 PM Dana for World Peace
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM No host cocktail hour
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM Combined Convention/BCA NCM Banquet
8:30 PM - 10:00 PM Hospitality

Sunday, February 23rd

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM Breakfast on own
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM BCA National Eitai-kyo Service

BCA Sessions not part of the NW District Convention

- 1) *BCA Ministers' Kyokuchō meeting**: Tuesday afternoon
- 2) *BCA Ministers' Association meeting**: Wednesday all day & Thursday morning
- 3) *BCA Nat'l Council Mtg*: Friday (8:30 A–4:00 P) & Saturday (10:15A–12:30 P)

* attendance limited to BCA Ministers

73rd NW Convention Workshop Schedule Saturday, February 22, 2020

Workshops Session 1 10:15 - 11:15am

“Engaged Buddhist Women and the Bōmori”

Professor Jessica Starling of
Lewis and Clark College

“Sing Namō Amida Butsu”

Kemi Nakabayashi

“EcoSangha and Earth Dana”

Rev. Don Castro

Youth Session - “Discussions on Temple Dana”

Seattle Young Adult Minister’s Assistants
(YAMAs)

Break 11:15 - 11:30

Workshops Session 2 11:30am - 12:30pm

“World Peace Begins with Me”

Rev. Jim Warrick

“Dana Dharmathon”

Seattle Betsuin Minister’s Assistants

“Otera de Asobu, Let’s Play at Temple”

Ayano Kusunoki and Kaori Miyaji

“Sing Namō Amida Butsu”

Kemi Nakabayashi

Japanese Session - “「お聲明からの学び」

Oshomyo karano manabi”

Rev. Anan Hatanaka

Youth Session - “Sustainable Arts and Crafts”

Rev. Fred Pelger

Break (Lunch) 12:30 - 1:30

Workshops Session 3 1:30pm - 2:30pm

“Panel on Buddhist Parenting”

Rev. Diana Thompson, Rev. Yuki Sugahara,
Crystal Inge and Diane Deaver
Facilitator: Ann Ishimaru

“D. T. Suzuki (1870-1966) and the Remaking of Pure Land Buddhism”

Professor James Dobbins of Oberlin College

“Archiving History”

Tom Ikeda of Densho

“Jodo Shinshu Rituals - Melodic Chanting of the Juseige”

Rev. Sala Sekiya

Japanese Session - “Dharmathon”

Rev. Masanori Watanabe, Rev. Yugo Fujita, Rev.
Yushi Mukojima

Youth Session -

“Panel on the Roads to Tokudo”

Rev. Ryuta Furumoto, Rev. Kazuaki Nakata,
Rev. Melissa Opel

Facilitator: Jason Yokoyama

Combined Workshop Session 4

“Dana for World Peace” Convocation

Facilitator - Professor Erik Hammerstrom

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 1	<i>March 2020: Major Events</i> Camp Fire Sunday Service						1 9:30 am Book Study <i>Gratitude</i> by Taitetsu Unno
March 3	SBSC lecture by Rev Yuki Sugahara, Oregon						
March 15	Spring Ohigan Service						
March 21	Salmon Dinner Fundraiser						
March 22	Scholarship Awards Service						
2		3 Rinban's day off	4 11 am Japanese play group	5 10 am Sutra Svc & Dialogue	6 9:30 am SHO practice 10:30 am Gagaku practice 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor service	7 Noon Gojikai service & lunch meeting	8
9:00 am	Meditation (MA Leonora Clarke)						
10:00 am	SCOUT SUNDAY SERVICE						
10:50 am	DSDX (MA Matt May, Meya Stout) Japanese (Rinban Kusunoki)						
11-noon	DX (SBSC lecture Rev Dr Jason Wirth, Seattle U)						
12:10pm	SBBWA Annual Gen'l Meeting & luncheon						
1:30 pm	Sangha Award class (Rinban Kusunoki)						
9		10 Rinban's day off	11	12 10 am Sutra Svc & Dialogue	13 Japanese svc at WRBT CANCELED	14 11 am Japanese play group	15 9:30 am SHO practice 10:30am Gagaku practice 12:30 pm SBSC meeting
9:00 am	Meditation (Wayne Suyenaga)						
10:00 am	SUNDAY SERVICE (Rinban Kusunoki)						
11:00 am	Betsuin Annual General Meeting (all after service programs canceled) Temple Tour (MA Rev Matt May & Meya Stout)						
11:45 am	Religious Dept meeting						
1:30 pm	Sangha Award class (Rinban Kusunoki)						
16		17 Presidents' Day <i>Office closed</i> 8 pm Newsletter deadline	18	19 BCA Minister's Assoc Meeting Hyatt Lake WA Hotel, Renton 10 am Sutra Svc & Dialogue CANCELED	20 BCA Minister's Assoc Meeting Hyatt Lake WA Hotel, Renton 1:30 Service at Nikkei Manor	21 BCA Nat'l Council Mtng & NW District Convention Hyatt Lake WA Hotel, Renton	22 BCA Nat'l Council Mtng & NW District Convention Hyatt Lake WA Hotel, Renton
9:15 am	Gagaku rehearsal						
9:00 am	Meditation (Keith Nitta)						
10:00 am	NIRVANA DAY/PET MEMORIAL/SHINRAN MEM Dharma talk (Rinban Kusunoki)						
10:50 am	DX ("Dana for World Peace"-Rinban/Connor/Dean) DSDX (Meya Stout) Japanese (Matt M & Devon M) Temple Tour (MA Rev Irene Goto)						
11:45 am	Vegetarian potluck						
23		24 Rinban's day off	25	26 10 am Sutra Svc & Dialogue 11 am English play group	27 11:00 am Merrill Garden Renton Service	28	29 Rinban at Yakima Buddhist Temple Sukiyaki Dinner
BCA National Council Meeting & NW District Convention							
10:00 am SUNDAY SERVICE at Hyatt Lake WA Hotel, Renton (No service at Betsuin)							

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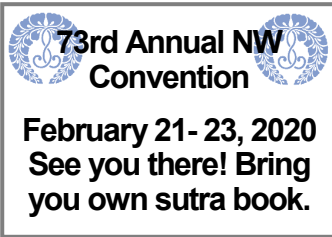
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Sundays... Please confirm at www.SeattleBetsuin.org “coming events” or
call the temple office 206.329.0800

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; **see p.4**

PARENTS’ DHARMA EXCHANGE in Memorial Hall Chapel - discussion
among young adults and parents while children are in class; **see p.2**

TEMPLE TOUR and an opportunity to ask questions

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

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