

Dana for World Peace

Part 5 by Rimban Katsuya Kusunoki



Photo by
Joe Gotchy

In January, I had a chance to attend the White River Buddhist Temple's Hoonko Service. I thought it was a rare and precious opportunity, so I joined their meditation service. After the meditation service, one lady asked me, "A Jodo Shinshu (Shin Buddhist) minister told me that you as a Jodo Shinshu follower should not do meditation because it is not the Jodo Shinshu practice. Is this right?" I sometimes hear this kind of question. Here is my reply. "It is true

that Meditation is not the Jodo Shinshu practice. In Jodo Shinshu, listening to the Dharma is very important. But when our mind is busy, we cannot listen to anybody's talk and guidance. We meditate to calm down our mind and prepare ourselves to listen to the Buddha Dharma. With this understanding, I think we can do meditation. We have to be careful of growing our vanity and arrogance through practicing meditation. If it is so, we should change the way of practice or stop doing it. If the meditation practice causes the three poisons (Greed, Anger, Stupidity), don't do it. We should practice meditation focusing on Wisdom and Compassion." I am still learning how I should understand practicing meditation. Each minister and teacher have different understandings. I would like to hear their thoughts.

This conversation with this lady gave me an opportunity to rethink the NW Convention theme, "Dana for World Peace." People associate "Dana for World Peace" with a lot of issues like homelessness, immigrants, refugees, war, poverty, hunger, climate change, air pollution, pollution of the sea, etc. There is no end to thinking about issues in this world. Some issues are very sensitive and related to politics. We, as Jodo Shinshu followers, or a temple, sometimes think about how to make our decisions when we en-

counter these issues. Some people may say we should take action right away, and some people may say we should not be involved with these issues. Whatever we do, we have to have a core belief which we rely on. The core belief is "Dana". If we are mindful of and are learning the heart of Dana from our deed, our deed must be following the reason and true meaning of "Dana for World Peace." However, if we do the same deed and the deed causes the three poisons, the deed doesn't follow the reason and true meaning of "Dana for World Peace." We need to stop doing it or change the way we do it.

We are all living in different places and surroundings. We all have different issues. Even though we encounter the same issue, we all have different views. When time, politics, and trends change, the issues on which people focus also change. This is the world in which we live now. Therefore, we need guidance which leads us in the right direction. We need guidance which is not wavering. The guidance is Buddha Dharma, Nembutsu teaching. We always have to remember that Buddha Dharma is the center of our life.

When we speak of "Dana for World Peace", whatever we do, Dana is the core belief of our deed. Our deed should not cause the three poisons. If our deed causes the three poisons, it is no longer Dana. The three poisons are the cause of our human sufferings. Peace does not follow the three poisons. Peace follows spreading the heart of Dana. This is the Buddhist standpoint.

Even if we are

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doing right today, we may be doing something wrong tomorrow. Small differences today may cause big differences in the future. We should always be mindful that our life is proceeding toward Dana, not toward the three poisons. Please think about whether our temple programs and our life are following the true meaning of "Dana for World Peace".

Dharma School News

DS Dharma Exchange meets Sundays while children are in their classrooms.

January 26, 2020 Announcements: Orion House for February 21, 2020 needed; Steve volunteered.

New children's books are available at the library for members to check out.

Alan said SBC is registered for Pride Fest; not for parade this year; more direct contact with the public.

Introductions: Briana and Marie, newcomers to the group.
- Irene Goto

DS from Weekly E-news by Kathy Hasegawa
"Baseball Saved Us" - FREE Public Performances

Based on the award-winning children's book by Seattle author Ken Mochizuki, *Baseball Saved Us* follows the journey of young Shiro who, along with his family, is forced to live in an incarceration camp following the bombing of Pearl Harbor. As Shiro struggles to learn how to play baseball on the hot dusty fields, he learns more than just the game—he learns how to survive.

March 5, 6pm MOHAI, 860 Terry Ave N, Seattle

March 14, 3pm University Heights Center
5031 University Way, Seattle, WA 98105

May 9, 10:30am Wing Luke Museum
719 S. King St. Seattle, WA 98104

Let's Play at Temple! The temple will be hosting a children's playgroup for ages 0-5 years-old. The kids will be given the chance to learn some introductory Japanese play games, participate in activities and make new friends.

English playgroup dates:

Wednesday - 2/26/2020

Wednesday - 4/22/2020

Playgroup time: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Please bring your own lunch on playgroup dates. Parents/Grandparents are expected to stay with the children as this is not daycare.

KIDS SUMMER PROGRAM IS BACK! PRE-REGISTRATION FOR TEMPLE MEMBERS STARTS NOW

KSP: June 29 - July 3, 2020

For: Children entering the 1st grade - 8th grade
9th - 12th grade can apply to be *Sempais*

Please write to KSP.Seattle@live.com for a registration form.

REV. KUSUNOKI JAPAN TOUR

July 26, 2021 – August 4, 2021

More information to come.

Baked goods Fundraiser - Saturday,
March 28, 9am-3pm

Other Upcoming Dates:

Sunday, March 15 - Spring Ohigan

Sunday, March 21 - Salmon Dinner Fundraiser

Camp Fire News

Submitted by Jenni Chinn

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

Thank you all sangha members for helping our turtles and little turtles' candy sale! We wrapped up our candy sale on the 17th and everyone had a great sale experience. They sold more than 1300 boxes of candies all together! Thank you!



Tech Crew

worked long hours behind the

scenes of the 73rd NW District Convention and BCA Ministerial Meetings.

Pictured from left: Trevor Yokoyama, Curtis Yokoyama, Connor McKinney, Marisa Wong, and Devon Matsumoto.



Photo by Kemi Nakabayashi

“Betsuin Tea Talk”



with Leanne Nishi-Wong

Thank you to our outgoing Chairperson, Alan Hoshino. His four-year term saw many changes within the temple. He welcomed the Kusunokis to our Temple

Sangha; expanded our religious programs; oversaw the remodel of the two parsonages; hired a full time Marketing Specialist; identified and initiated conversations around the Unreinforced Masonry Project; entertained many Temple guests and dignitaries; represented the Betsuin at countless meetings and events; and worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that things ran smoothly. Arigato Alan!

I was asked to print the initiatives portion of the General Meeting, for those who attended, and also for the ones who could not attend the meeting.

The mission of the Seattle Buddhist Church is **“to promote, protect and share the Buddha, Dharma and Sangha.”**

In reflecting on the Betsuin’s mission, the Temple must ensure that the teachings of the Dharma is the common thread for all of the Betsuin’s programs and activities. This past year has seen an increase in the programs offered, not only on Sundays, but with Wednesday services and lectures/workshops offered on other days. Continuing to expand on these programs and inviting others to participate, will be vital in not only teaching the Dharma, but making the temple teachings accessible to a wider range audience.

With today’s emphasis on safety in public places, the temple’s emergency planning committee is working on a comprehensive plan to ensure that the temple remains an inclusive and safe religious institution for all Sangha members. A presentation on keeping the Sangha safe will be forthcoming. Particular emphases will be placed on identifying dangers; assessing the situation(s); training and utilizing other protections to safeguard Sangha members from within and outside the Temple buildings.

Communication, coordination and outreach of Betsuin programs, projects and activities will be emphasized in the upcoming year. The initial rollout of the URM (unreinforced masonry project) requirements has been put on hold... the city of Seattle received pushback from most of the brick buildings’ owners in the city, since the costs to upgrade their buildings is cost prohibitive and could potentially bankrupt many of them. A Betsuin development team is assessing the regulations, financial options,

and construction aspects of these ongoing requirements. Within this project scope is getting the Betsuin in compliance with ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) regulations, i.e. an elevator and a ramp for accessibility.

The Betsuin will be observing its 125th Anniversary in 2026. The Onaijin (Temple Altar) is in need of upkeep and repair. A service for the 125th Anniversary would be celebratory in nature when revealing the remodeled Onaijin. A committee will be working on the logistics/finances for this endeavor.

In discussing the physical projects that need to be addressed, the Temple’s finances will be addressed too. Developing a sound 10-20 year financial plan, which includes raising funds, managing membership expectations and effectively utilizing and managing the Temple’s assets is in process.

The Betsuin was founded as a Japanese Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temple. Preserving the traditions and culture passed down from previous generations and embracing the cultural diversity of today, is important in the continuation of the Dharma.

In referencing a few Temple initiatives, I realize that many of you might have questions or concerns regarding these and other issues. I welcome you to a monthly meet and greet. I will be in attendance, as well as being joined, every so often, by Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki and other Board Members. This monthly event was aptly named by Joan Nakano, and will be known as “Betsuin Tea Talk”. The gathering will be held almost every 4th Thursday of each month at 11:00am in the Dining Room. If Thursday is not a good time for you, please make an appointment for a Sunday after 1:00pm or on a mutually agreeable date. I look forward to meeting each Temple member.

The Betsuin has three full time employees – Rev. Kusunoki, Joan and Connor. All other Temple positions are held by volunteers. If you are interested in joining a committee, leading an activity or have a professional skill you are willing to share, please let one of the Board Members know. All are welcome!

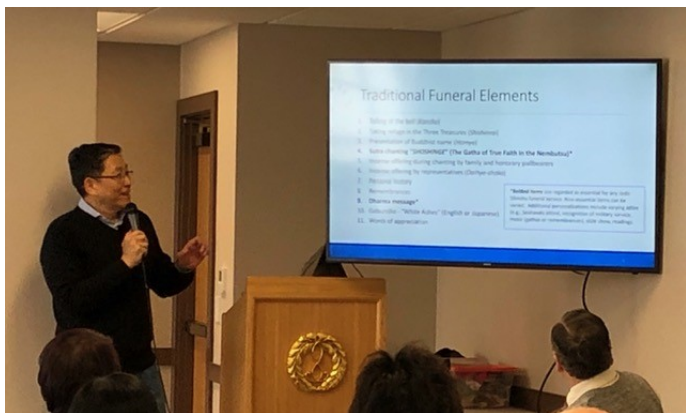
The next meet and greet Betsuin Tea Talk is Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 11:00am.

2020 Seattle Buddhist Church Cabinet Members and Board of Directors are listed on page 5 of this newsletter.

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.

January 26, 2020 “Funeral Planning Basics” was presented by Yukio Morikubo, Rev. Castro, and Tina Ko. They reviewed the significance of funerals and memorials in Jodo Shinshu:



- Buddhism teaches that life is *dukkha* (difficulty). The four common sufferings are, birth, aging, sickness, and death – the loss of someone we love. Each life is different; we encounter *dukkha* in our own way.
- The goal of Buddhism is to liberate ourselves from *dukkha*. Buddhist teachings (the *Dharma*), including *Sutras* and our founder’s writings, guide us toward that goal.
- Buddhist funeral services give us the chance to listen to the Dharma at our time of loss. We reflect upon our loved one’s life as well as our own. It is an opportunity to express our appreciation and respect to Amida Buddha and to our loved one.
- In our tradition, we hold memorial services seven and 49 days after death to mark the end of the mourning period.
- Thereafter, memorial services are held at prescribed intervals up to 50 years or more after death. Through these services, over many years, we gain an appreciation for the ties between us and our loved one, and the impact our loved one had on our lives.

And reasons for having a funeral:

- To ease grief and aid healing through the

Buddha-Dharma

- To enable family and friends to reconnect
- To give family and friends a chance to participate
- To strengthen religious/cultural traditions for the family

There are plans to present a similar presentation in the fall. Submitted by Tina Ko

February 2, 2020 Rev. Dr. Jason Wirth, professor of philosophy at Seattle University and Soto Zen priest presented his lecture on Dogen’s (13th C) “Mountains and Waters Sutra” in the hondo directly after Sunday Service. See p. 10 of this issue for Irene’s Notes on his lecture.

Buddhist Book Study of Saturday, February 1, 2020



Photo by Dennis Yamashita

Attendees: Shirley Shimada, Joe Gotchy, Marlene Okada, Wayne Suyenaga, Eileen Kanemoto, Karen Akira, Malcolm Kanemoto, Ann Oxrieder, John Alwin, Leonora Clarke, Briana, Dennis Yamashita, Rev. Castro, Irene Goto.

The Book: *Ho-On Gratitude: Its Source and Power*, a booklet by Taitetsu Unno. The book prompted discussion on how we attain gratitude in the true sense—Rev. Castro: “forget the self”; how? “don’t stop with yourself; go beyond—“I am grateful because it allows me to.....” involves the Bodhisattva Vow.

Discussion included thoughts on naikan therapy, vertical/horizontal plane, poems by Saichi and myokonin.

The next study will be on various excerpts from works by Gary Snyder, DT Suzuki, Shinryu Suzuki, and Joseph Campbell and on myokonin; the date: **Saturday, March 7, 2020** from 9:30 – 11:30 in Memorial Hall, usually in the chapel. Let us know if you would like copies of the excerpts. All are welcome to attend.

Submitted by Irene Goto

Supporting Engaged Buddhism and *Dana* Activities

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Dharma Exchanges and questionnaire about Engaged Buddhism. Based on ideas and opinions received, the Betsuin will move forward with the following recommendations:

1. Continue to emphasize the importance of and support for all Betsuin groups in their Engaged Buddhism and *Dana* activities.
2. Develop communications within the Sangha about Engaged Buddhism and *Dana* activities, including:
 - A webpage on the Betsuin website that includes all Engaged Buddhism and *Dana* activities, recognizing that many groups are actively engaged in dozens of existing activities.
 - An online sign up for regular Engaged Buddhism and *Dana* activities. This will help facilitate connecting individuals and groups with existing and new opportunities.
 - The weekly e-newsletters and monthly newsletters will include more information about Engaged Buddhism and *Dana* activities.
3. Form a “coordination” group, under the Religious Department, to interface with existing groups and assist with communications.
4. Start 1-2 more Engaged Buddhism efforts based on the priority topics that were identified: 1) Assisting kids with limited resources in the neighborhood, 2) Immigration Issues, 3) Homelessness, 4) LGBTQ Issues, 5) Environmental Issues. These efforts will include our children and could be supported with funding from the temple.
5. The Religious Department identified enhanced support for Bailey Gatzert School as a priority for Engaged Buddhism and *Dana* activities.

If you would like to be part of the “coordination group” or involved with support to Bailey Gatzert School, please contact Anna Tamura at annatamura@gmail.com.

2020 Seattle Betsuin Cabinet and Board of Directors

Submitted by Leanne Nishi-Wong

Chairperson: Leanne Nishi-Wong

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Reverend Kusunoki installed the Directors at the February 9, 2020 Annual General Meeting of members. Photo by Irene Goto

Board of Directors: Rev. Don Castro, Harrison Chinn, Chris Grabowski, Ron Hamakawa, Mark Hirota, Art Kozai, Andrea Mano, Corey Murata, Steph Ojima, Janie Okawa, Connie Ozeki-Chinn, Dennis Shibata, Tara Tamaribuchi, Anna Tamura, Grace Tazuma, Mae Yamasaki, Dennis Yamashita, Jason Yokoyama,

ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE...

We would like to “thank” the following for contributing their 2020 sustaining membership dues - the basic dues towards Temple maintenance/operations and programs. The minimum for individual membership is \$400 (for under 70 years of age), and \$350 (for 70 years of age and over).

Kristen Beifus, Bonnie Dussler, Sue Fujino, Toshiko Fukeda, Joe & Margaret Gotchy, Ken Kubota, Kishiko Kusakabe, Yoshio & Judith Nakamura, Craig & Dana Nakashima, Dean O’Shields, Pauline Sakuma, Shirley Shimada, Mitsuki Shimomura, Thomas Smith, Kuniko Takamura, Arlene Yamada, Yoko Yanari

We'd like to ‘WELCOME BACK’ **Bonnie Dussler**, plus ‘WELCOME’ **Kristen Beifus** and **Mitsuki Shimomura** as new members of our Sangha.

(Compiled by Howard, Joan, Pauline & Steph)

Membership Committee Meeting March 8, 2020

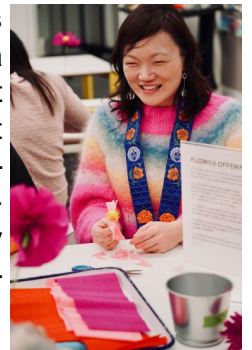
The Membership Committee will hold its first meeting of the year on Sunday, March 8, at 11:45 in Memorial Hall Chapel. The Membership Committee will be looking at the current Sustaining Membership (formerly "Ijikai") model and whether changes should be made to help make membership accessible to all. You don't need to be a sustaining member to attend; all perspectives sought. If you have any questions and/or suggestions, please contact communications@seattlebetsuin.com .

Gassho, Tyler Moriguchi, Membership Committee

“It was a very special evening” at Seattle Asian Art Museum



Sunday, February 9, 2020, approximately 40 Seattle Betsuin members gathered in front of the 1400 year-old Chinese marble statue of Amida Buddha to offer Flowers and to chant the Juseige Sutra together at SAAM's grand re-opening. Betsuin member Tara Tamaribuchi is Artist in Residence at SAAM and was inspired to make her flower-making activity for the public even more interactive and meaningful by inviting flower makers to offer their creations to Amida Buddha in a space created by the museum's renovation. The flowers offered filled more than three vases to over-flowing. Submitted by Irene Goto, Photos by Joe Gotchy



Artist Tara Tamaribuchi





Opening Program
 Sunday, March 15, 2020 | 12:30 pm

Presented with Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple

*Support from 4Culture, ArtsFund and the Guendolen Carkeek
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Wing Luke Asian Museum Shibai Display: March 15, 2020 - July 19, 2020

Submitted by: Dana Nakashima, Seattle Betsuin Archives Committee

Did you know... The Seattle Betsuin once was a center for Japanese performances and plays? Members from the Betsuin Sangha wrote, acted and performed in Japanese plays (called Shibai). This group of performers was active from the 1930s up through the mid-1980s and was known not only in the greater Seattle area, but all along

the U.S. West Coast -- even as far as San Diego, California!

The Shibai performers used many costumes and props left by a Japanese Kabuki troupe, whose last stop on its U.S. tour was Seattle. The items were purchased and housed at the Temple. After the Shibai group disbanded, many of the items remained stored at the Betsuin.

We're excited to announce that the Wing Luke Asian Museum, in partnership with the Seattle Betsuin, will be opening an exhibit of some of these Shibai items on March 15, 2020. The Wing Luke Museum has received two grants enabling them to preserve and display these remarkable artifacts.

We hope you will be able to visit, view and experience this special exhibit, which presents one piece of our Betsuin's and the Seattle's

Japanese American Community's history. If you have any questions, or for more information, please contact Andrea Mano or Dana Nakashima, Seattle Betsuin Archives Committee.

Over two years of work, by a number of Betsuin members, including Andrea Mano, Alan Hoshino and Charlene Mano-Shen, resulted in the Betsuin loaning a collection of Shibai costumes, scripts and props to the Wing Luke Asian Museum in September 2018. The collection includes items the Museum has deemed of historical value and worthy of preservation.

Dana Nakashima is a long-time member of the Seattle Betsuin. She has been a member of the Seattle Betsuin Archives Committee for just over one year.

Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association

Submitted by Janie Okawa

Jan. 12 Hoonko Service: Thank you Zenzai crew!
Oishikatta! (it was delicious!)



At our General Meeting and Luncheon, we thanked the outgoing Board members, and particularly our fabulous co-presidents, Machiko Wada and Nina Tomita-Kato for their four years of hard work and leadership. They

have served on the cabinet for many terms, and their experience, energy, and efforts will be missed.



Upcoming SBBWA events:

Sign up for the Salmon Dinner help:

BWA will be making manju, mochi, ohagi, salad dressing, miso soup, rice making, and tsukemono from Tuesday to Saturday.

Sign up sheets are in the hallway across from the office and in the Memorial Hall foyer.


On March 28 BWA will be having a Japanese/Aloha Sale of gently used items. Thank you for all your donations and your support! Please spread the news to friends and other organizations.



We are looking forward to the NWD Buddhist Convention February 21-23 in which over 80 BWA members will be in attendance. Many our members were involved in the planning stages and many will be on the job at the convention to make sure things run smoothly. BWA will man the hospitality room on Friday and Saturday, so we hope you stop by for fun and food! We are so grateful to everyone's help and energy!

Salmon Dinner Fundraiser

Saturday, March 21, 2020, 4:00pm
 SeattleBetsuinOffice@gmail.com

 **WiB: October 3, 2020**
 Saturday 9:30AM – 3:30PM
7th Women in Buddhism Conference
"Tools for Spiritual Wellness" Part II
 Carmela Javellana Hirano, Bonnie Duran
 Sharon Suh, Sheri Mizumori
 ●Nembutsu ●Vipassana ●Movement ●The Brain
 All are welcome! Sponsored by and takes place at
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Dr. Sharon Suh
 Professor of Buddhism,
 Seattle University;
 Certified Mindful
 Eating-Conscious Living
 Facilitator

“Mindful Eating-Compassionate Living,” by Dr. Sharon Suh, Seattle University professor of

Buddhism, was the second offering in the Seattle Buddhist Study Center’s 2019-20 series.

The program began with a lecture in which Dr. Suh emphasized slowing down, and paying attention to your food while eating what you want.

Paying attention meant eating with all your senses, not only taste. We saw, touched, smelled and tried to listen to a single raisin. Mine was silent, but I could smell the sugar. The next step involved slowing down. After letting the raisin sit on our tongue for a minute or so, she instructed us to chew it in three or four bites.

Eating what you want meant not falling for the latest

“in foods” as promoted by the [\\$4.2 trillion](#) health and wellness and diet industries.

At the end of the class we practiced what Dr. Suh preached. We all received a Japanese dish of sesame tofu, sweet red beans and coconut milk prepared by Sensei Taijo Imanaka, priest at Koyasan Temple; he was once a monastery chef.

First, we rated our hunger level: not hungry, a little hungry or half or three quarters full? It was lunch time. I was hungry.



Next, we examined the food before us and considered all that went into its creation — not only the work of the chef who made the tofu and created a mountain snow scene out of the ingredients but of those who grew the beans and harvested the coconuts. Then we smelled the dish. After taking each bite we set down our spoons. I found that instruction very difficult to follow. But follow it I did. And where normally I would have finished the dish in thirty seconds having made no dent on my hunger pangs, slowing down lessened them significantly.

The class was well-received and will be offered again if there is interest. Let Connor McKinney know if you’d like to sign up. Submitted by Anne Oxrieder

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



Photo by Irene Goto

“Zen Master Dogen’s ‘Mountains and Waters Sutra’”

On February 2, 2020 Rev. Dr. Jason Wirth, professor of philosophy at Seattle University and Soto Zen priest, presented his lecture on Dogen’s (13th C) *Mountains and Waters Sutra* in the hondo directly after Sunday Service. Following are **Irene’s Notes** for readers to ponder and investigate: Impermanence and emptiness together; ecology as interdependence and Indra’s Net. The Olympic Marmot is disappearing.

For Dogen the mountains and waters themselves is the sutra; nothing lasts for ever; even the mountains and waters are disappearing and changing; don’t insist only on one view. If an arrow changes, how can it BE? It walks. Walking vs Foot. The stone gives birth, is marvelous, in the night. Mountains enforce mindfulness if we want to live at all. Don’t judge mountains by human thought. Indra’s net is empty; you are not new. Read [Practice of the Wild](#) by Gary Snyder. Wild is to Dao is to Buddha Way.” Professor Wirth’s lecture, combined with Dharma Exchange, was his second of the inaugural series of the Seattle Buddhist Study Center.

Professor Wirth’s next lecture is on Sunday, March 29, 2020, “Reading Dogen and Shinran Together During the Ecological Crisis” at Seattle Betsuin from 11:00 - 12 Noon. There is no charge to attend. All are invited and welcome. Gassho Irene

Rev. Dr. Jason Wirth
 Professor of Philosophy
 and Soto Zen Priest,
 Seattle University



Musical Notes

by Kemi Nakabayashi

The Nirvana Day and Pet Memorial Service on February 16 featured the Seattle Betsuin Gagaku Group in costume as a true dress rehearsal for the Sunday closing service of our BCA National Council Meeting and Northwest District Convention on February 23. Some of the Bodhi Ensemble also took advantage of providing musical accompaniment for the closing gatha in anticipation of the convention weekend.

Photos collected as a tribute to the composers, lyricists, and contributors of the gatha book for the “Sing Namu Amida Butsu” workshop for the Northwest District Convention have been posted on the Music page of the Seattle Betsuin website. Check it out! <https://seattlebetsuin.com/music/>



Mika, Junko, Kayla, Souma, Yuiya, Ayano, Dennis, Lisa, and Ann at Nirvana Day and Pet Memorial Service



Ministers' procession for Nirvana Day and Pet Memorial Service



Fruit and flower offering for Nirvana Day and Pet Memorial Service



Drew, Emi, Hieu, Kai, Mika, and Maia, directed by Mark Taylor

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MARCH 2020 SEATTLE BETSUIN SCHEDULE

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|---|---|--|---|---|
| 1 9:00 am Meditation (MA Leonora Clarke) 10 am CAMP FIRE SUNDAY SERVICE (MA Leonora Clarke) 10:50 am DX "Tannisho" (Rev Castro) DSDX (MA Rev Matt May); Japanese Video 11:45 am SBBWA Board meeting | 2 Rinban's day off | 3 4 pm SBSC lecture by Rev Yuki Sugahara, Tacoma | 4 10 am Sutra Svc & Dialogue | 5 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service | 6 12 noon Gojikai Svc & lunch mtng (MA Rev Goto) | 7 9:30 am Book Study Group |
| 8 9:00 am Meditation (Wayne Suyenaga) 10 am CHILDREN'S SERVICE (Youth Minister's Assts) 10 am SUNDAY SERVICE (MA Rev Irene Goto) 10:50 am DX "Buddhism on Air" (MA Rev Matt May) Japanese Video; DSDX (MA Rev Rosalie) Metta Award class (MA Jason Yokoyama) | 9 Rinban's day off | 10 | 11 10 am Sutra Svc & Dialogue CANCELED | 12 10 am White River Japanese service (Rev Miyaji) | 13 | 14 |
| 15 9:00 am Meditation (TBD) 10:00 am SPRING OHIGAN SERVICE (Rev Castro) 10:50 am DX "Climate Change" (Wayne S & MA Leonora) DSDX (MA Rev Irene Goto); Japanese (Rinban) Metta Award class (MA Jason Y) Sangha Award class | 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 7 pm Betsuin Cabinet meeting | 20 | 21 SALMON DINNER FUNDRAISER 4-6:30 Takeout 4-7:30 Dine in |
| 22 9:00 am Meditation (Wayne Suyenaga) 10:00 am SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS SERVICE (Essays) 10:50 am DX (Rinban); DSDX (MA Rev Rosalie May) Japanese Video (MA Rev Matt May) 1:30 pm Sangha Award class - Visit Koyasan Temple | 23 Rinban's day off | 24 | 25 10 am Sutra Svc & Dialogue | 26 11:00 AM Betsuin Tea Talk 11:00 am Merrill Garden Renton 7 pm Betsuin BoD mtng | 27 | 28 9 am - 3 pm SBBWA Rummage Sale |
| 29 Dharma School visits Tacoma Buddhist Temple 9:00 am Meditation (Keith Nitta) 10:00 am SUNDAY SERVICE (Rinban) 10:50 am Japanese Program (Guests - Uchida Sensei & Matsuko Uchida) DSDX (MA Rev Matt May) 11:00 am DX SBSC Lecture (Rev. Dr Jason Wirth, Seattle U) | 30 Rinban's day off | | | | | April 2020: Major Events April 5 Hanamatsuri service & luncheon April 10-11 Seminars - Rev Kiyonobu Kuwahara April 19 Earth Day service April 19 SBBWA New Member Svc & Luncheon April 25 EcoSangha Seminar |

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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 and an opportunity to ask questions

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

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