

“Amida Buddha grasps me!”

by Rimban Katsuya Kusunoki



located in the countryside. He experiences many things which he has never experienced before. He has met many friends like a tow truck, a fire engine, etc. He also met a Porsche. Her name is Sally and she is Radiator Springs’s town attorney. McQueen and Sally fall in love and one day they go for a drive. They drive over a hill, through a beautiful forest, and pass by great waterfalls. Then, they drive up a hill which affords a fine view like the Grand Canyon. When McQueen sees the magnificent view, he sighs in admiration. McQueen also finds a highway continuing straight ahead. These cars driving the highway do not realize at all that there is beautiful nature close to them. While watching the view, McQueen and Sally have a conversation.

(M: McQueen, S: Sally)

M: “Whoa, Look at that. Look, they’re driving right by. They don’t even know what they’re missing!”

S: “Well, it didn’t used to be that way.”

M: “Oh, yeah?”

S: “Yeah. Forty years ago, that Interstate down there didn’t exist.”

M: “Really?”

S: “Yeah. Back then, cars crossed the country a whole different way.”

M: “How do you mean?”

S: “The road didn’t cut through the land like that interstate. It moved with the land, you know? It rose, it fell, it curved. Cars didn’t drive on it to make great time. They drove on it to have a great time.”

M: “Well, what happened?”

S: “The town got by-

It is nice and warm in the spring sunshine. Flowers are blooming and trees are lush with green foliage. Although we still need to stay home most of our life, I hope you are enjoying this Spring time. At the end of 2019, we moved to the large parsonage. Our family really appreciates and feels comfortable living in this new house. Because of this situation, we spend more time inside the house. We watch TV and movies a lot. We have two TVs, iPhones, and iPad. Each individual can watch their own favorite programs using these devices. But it is also fun to watch the same movie or TV program together, isn’t it! When we do so, my wife and I don’t have much choice. We usually watch my son’s favorite TV program or movie. He has a lot of interests in various things. He is, especially interested in Cars, Trains, and Airplanes. One of his favorite movies is a Disney movie titled “Cars”

It is an animation movie of cars. The main character is a star racing car and his name is Lightning McQueen. Although he is a rookie racing car, he is so fast. He is the most popular racing car. He has too much pride and a haughty attitude. He still has an immature character. Long story short, by chance, he has stayed in Radiator Springs which is a small town

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passed just to save ten minutes of driving.”

This is my favorite scene in this movie. I hope you have chance to watch. What do you think about this scene and this conversation? Some people may recall the old days when the highways did not extend all over the place yet. It is very convenient to use highways, so I usually use them wherever I go, but I sometimes prefer to get off from the highway and drive a regular road.

We can compare this scene with our life. The Buddhist destination and goal is to attain enlightenment and to become a Buddha. To achieve the Buddhist goal, it is necessary to fulfill Buddhist practices like the Eightfold Path and the Six Paramitas. We need to eliminate our three poisons (Greed, Anger, and Ignorance) from our minds. It is great if we can wholeheartedly work hard to fulfill the Buddhist practices, but not everybody can devote ourselves only to practice Buddhism, to leave our job, to leave our family, give up our property, and renounce this world. In our life, we have to work. We have our families. We meet many friends. We also experience parting from our friends. There are fun events and sad events in our daily life. There are so many things happening in our life. Our life rises, falls, and curves. Our life is a really bumpy road and it is not smooth and straight. Amida Buddha shows the path for these people to go to the Pure Land and attain enlightenment. It is the Nembutsu (Namoamidabutsu) path. Our founder, Shinran Shonin wrote in his Wasan (hymn):

“Seeing the sentient beings of the
Nembutsu
Throughout the worlds, countless as
particles, in the ten quarters,
The Buddha grasps and never
abandons them,
And therefore is ‘Amida’.” [CWS: p.347]

This Wasan tells us how Amida Buddha embraces us. It says that the Amida Buddha grasps and never abandons the Nembutsu followers. The word “grasp” is “*setsu-shu*” in Japanese. Shinran Shonin added an extra note on “*setsu-shu*.” It says that once grasped, one is never abandoned. “*Setsu*” means to pursue and grasp the one who seeks to run away. “*Setsu*” means to take in; “*shu*” means to receive and embrace.

I appreciate this Wasan that Amida Buddha surely grasps the Nembustu followers wherever they are and whatever life they live. Amida Buddha guides them to the Pure Land without fail. When our life rises, falls and even curves, we are always living in Amida Buddha's great compassion. Therefore, our entire life becomes the path to the Pure Land and the Path to enlightenment. While walking this path, we live our life with reciting Namoamidabutsu and expressing our appreciation to Amida Buddha.

We are all having difficult times and limited lives now. But, we have to remember that we are always walking the Nembutsu path. Every moment is an opportunity to listen to the Buddha Dharma. We are living in the Buddha Dharma. I found an opportunity to learn the Nembutsu teaching while watching the movie with my family. You may find an important Dharma lesson in your daily life. Please don't miss it. It is important to always be mindful of Amida Buddha's guidance, reflect upon ourselves and recite Namoamidabutsu.

Membership

Although services and programs at the temple have been suspended due to the Covid-19 pandemic, many of the temple's operating expenses continue while new expenses have arisen due to streaming of weekday, Saturday and Sunday services. Sustaining Membership is one of the largest sources of income for the day-to-day maintenance and operation of the temple. While we realize not everyone is able to contribute at this time, please consider making your 2020 Sustaining Membership (Ijikai) contribution today. Temple dues are \$400 per adult, \$350 for members 70 years or older. New and renewing membership can be completed online from the temple's website (www.seattlebetsuin.com) using the “Become a Sustaining Member” link. Checks can also be mailed to the temple office.

Gassho,
Tyler Moriguchi, Membership Committee



WoHeLo!

Our celebration is postponed and will take place later. Please take this time to reminisce about the friends and memories of your younger days spent with Camp Fire. If you have a photo of Sachi Hata, and other group leaders Please contact Lisa camp-fire699@tuta.io Submitted by Tina Ko.

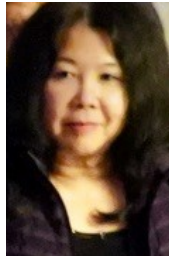
Musical Notes

by Kemi Nakabayashi

As we await further public health guidance needed to mitigate spread of the Corona virus impacting temple services, other activities and programs, this column is dedicated to acknowledging the efforts undertaken in order to include gatha music for the video service programs since March 29. Last fall, I began the audio project of the gatha book ***Sing Namu Amida Butsu***. Over three recording sessions at the home studio of Jeff Cressman in San Francisco, the keyboard tracks of 22 gathas have been recorded. For the Seattle Betsuin services starting on Sunday, March 29, Rev. Matt May has diligently pieced together video and audio to produce our excellent service videos for public viewing. Rev. Matt is our super-hero, but our temple chairperson Leanne Nishi-Wong has been acknowledging others making the videos possible on-screen and behind the scenes.

Jeff Cressman is a professional trombonist and sound engineer. His wife Sandy Cressman, a vocal instructor and performer, agreed to record vocal tracks, a silver lining of the shelter-in-place order that she can do so while Jeff can then mix the recordings in the Cressman home studio. With the enthusiastic support of Chizu Iwanaga's family, son Rio and daughter-in-law Reiko, Jeff made available the keyboard track of *Nembutsu* by Mrs. Iwanaga for the March 29 service. Then Sandy recorded the vocal track of *A Flower Grows* to debut the first audio recording of Linda Castro's gathas for Hanamatsuri service on April 4 with acknowledgment to the Castro family. For the fifth anniversary of the premiere of *Precious Earth* for our Earth Day service on April 19, the audio recording culminated the initial effort of Rev. Castro, Matthew Lee, Alex Sakamoto and Brandt Tosaya, working with me in 2015 to complete the lyrics to my composition from my college music theory class. Future audio tracks will be utilized as prepared with the support of composers Gordon Ah Tye, Hiro Imamura, Donna Sasaki and others.

We are grateful also for the willingness of Maya, Macy, and Misa to record additional gathas using electronic music software accompaniments also for our recent service videos.



“Betsuin Tea Talk”

with Leanne Nishi-Wong

Do you know the saying “April Showers Bring May Flowers”? As Rev. Kusunoki referenced in the April 26th service, the flowers are in bloom and their beauty is heightened, because we have the time to linger, admire and reflect on them. While the stay at home directive prevents us from interacting with other people, it has allowed us to walk outside and take in the everyday sights that we may not have noticed before. Hope you are enjoying this new season of life.

If you are struggling to enjoy this season, please reach out to others. It is a tough time for many people, and you are not alone. The safety and well-being of the temple and sangha continue to be in the forefront of decisions that the leadership team of the Betsuin takes seriously. Since the temple has been closed to the public for almost two months, public services and in-person meetings have not been held. Please let me know if you would like to schedule a “Betsuin Tea Talk” via Zoom, at chairperson@seattlebetsuin.com, to ask any questions, make suggestions or have a general discussion. Meetings can be open to others or held in private. If you do not have a computer and wish to have a conversation with me, please contact the Betsuin office. I will call you, as soon as I receive the message. All ages welcome!

Gassho, Leanne Nishi-Wong

...Musical Notes continued

Thank you to Jim Norton for helping to do the best we can for instrumental audio. However, the voices certainly make the music shine through! Did you catch on April 12 that we had used Corona virus-appropriate adapted lyrics suggested by Donna Sasaki for *We Are One?* Since we can't “Come gather round, hand-in-hand...”, the Hirota sisters sang “Safely at home, in gassho....” For the April 26 service, they presented the late Jane Imamura's beloved gatha *Buddha Loves You*. Hiro Imamura David and Rev. Ryo Imamura, Mrs. Imamura's daughter and son were provided the audio to preview. In his reply, Rev. Ryo “enjoyed the sweet voices and harmonies”.

Please take care and stay safe, everyone!

Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association

submitted by Janie Okawa

Thinking of You Cards - SBBWA has very much missed our gatherings with our friends and sisters of the Dharma. Some of us have rediscovered how reassuring and useful a phone call can be. Thank you to our toban leaders who are making phone calls and our volunteers who sent out over 100 hand written greeting cards to our members which included Japanese and English instructions for logging into the Seattle Betsuin YouTube channel for services, and who to contact for questions and concerns about people in need. Shout out to Fran Shintaku, Margaret Gotchy, Lauren Asaba, Machiko Wada, Nina Tomita-Kato, Karen Morikubo, Janie Okawa, Kanako Kashima, Susie Yamane, Shiz Kakau, and Tina Zumoto-Ko. Other members also received an email containing the YouTube and BCA Bishop greeting instructions as well as asking them to share their activities they might be helping with during this time. - submitted by Tina

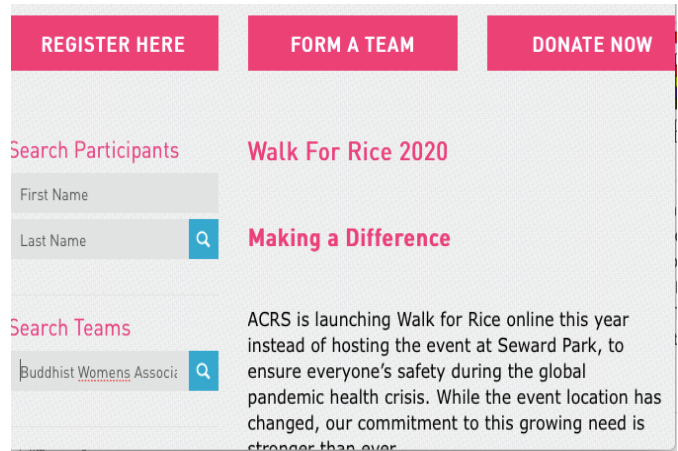
Masks - As Leanne mentioned in the e-Newsletter, the SBBWA and Dharma School are making homemade masks for Sangha members for our return to the temple. The idea is from Karen Morikubo, who sewed masks for Wisteria Manor. If you sew, and are interested in making masks, please let us know. Thank you to SBBWA mask makers Machiko Wada, Susie Yamane, Nina Tomita-Kato, Karen Morikubo, Tomi Zumoto, and Janie Okawa.



Machiko modeling her mask:

Walk for Rice - The SBBWA has supported the ACRS Walk for Rice each year, raising over a thousand dollars. This year the walk has been canceled, but the need is even more important. Go to the registration site: http://acrs.walkforrice.org/site/TR?fr_id=1130&pg=entry and look for the title on the left side under the picture that says **Search Teams** and type in: Seattle Buddhist Women's Association SBBWA.

Thank you!



SBBWA volunteers, also help at **The Food Bank at St. Mary's** which is..... *struggling given the current crisis, but there still are opportunities to help. Monetary donations are most helpful because the Food Bank is able to purchase food at more reasonable prices than buying retail. There is also a great need for donations of hygiene products (toilet paper, soap, hand-sanitizer, cleaning supplies), nonperishable food items, and infant supplies. Please help if you are able. To donate, please go to: <https://www.thefbsm.org/covid-19>*

Tech wizards - SBBWA cabinet meeting via Zoom: Leanne, Janie, Janet, Tina, Rev. Kusunoki, Ayano, Machiko, Sunnie, Kanako, Nina, Karen M.



The Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations March - April 2020

Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:

Hideko Terada – Funeral Service	\$ 1,000.00	Greg Terada
Nokotsudo for Masayoshi Kosai	\$ 400.00	Hiroko Janet Kosai
Nokotsudo for Ricky Hara	\$ 300.00	Reiko Hara
Nokotsudo	\$ 300.00	Frances Shintaku
Rev. Tatsuya Kusunoki – In Memory of	\$ 100.00	Rev. Katsuya and Ayano Kusunoki

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Lorita Ichikawa
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7th Women in Buddhism Conference

“Tools for Spiritual Wellness” Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple Saturday, October 3, 2020



Nembutsu

Carmela Javellana Hirano, MD

“Radical Humility: Jodo Shinshu Path to Gratitude and Joy” Psychiatrist in private practice, Salt Lake City, UT, ordained Shin Buddhist minister.



Vipassana

Bonnie Duran, PhD

“Mindfulness and Dharma to undo internalized negative stereotypes” Learned Vipassana in Bodhi Gaya India, professor of Social Work & Public Health, University of Washington.



Yoga

Sharon A. Suh, PhD

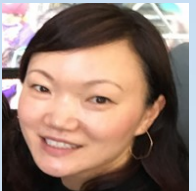
“Healing from Trauma through Meditation and Yoga” Professor of Buddhism, department of Theology and Religious Studies, Seattle University.



Brain Health

Sheri Mizumori, PhD

“Brain Health and Everyday Mental Well-Being” Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience, University of Washington.



Kintsugi Art

Tara Tamaribuchi, BFA

“Self-renewal through the hand with craft inspired by *Kintsugi* (gold repair)” Artist and mother, expresses Buddhists concepts through art making.



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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).

Donald & Karen Akira, Gaylen Akira, Lani Carpenter, Bill & Bev Glasser, Reiko Hara, Hiroko Janet Kosai, Tyler & Thy Pham Moriguchi, Tsukasa & Keiko Namekata, Frances Shintaku, Lori Tanaka, Shokichi Tokita, Ann Oxrieder, Sam & Masako Uchida

(Compiled by Howard, Joan, Pauline & Steph)

“And the people stayed home. And read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art and played games and learned new ways of being ... and were still. And listened more deeply. Some meditated, some prayed, some danced ... some met their shadows.

And the people began to think differently.
And the people healed.

And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless and heartless ways, the earth began to heal.

And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and to heal the earth fully, as they had been healed.”

The Author: <https://www.oprahmag.com/entertainment/a31747557/and-the-people-stayed-home-poem-kitty-omeara-interview/>

Submitted by Kathy Chatterton
and Irene Goto

Dharma School News

submitted by Joyce Tsuji

The Dharma school is still in session. Teachers are sharing the Dharma with their students in new and creative ways: some have used online meetings and email. The Pre K-K class has done some really great things with their class, please read on to find out. We hope this message finds you all doing well.

The PreK-K class has been sharing our Dharma projects online since we can no longer meet in the classroom. We definitely miss seeing the children every Sunday but have enjoyed still being able to be in contact via email and to provide teachings and lessons they can do at home. Below are some of the lessons that have been shared with the class:

The Noble Eightfold Path – we have focused on two of the activities/practices of the Eightfold Path - Right Livelihood and Right Thoughts. Right Livelihood means to live a balanced and honest life. This includes taking care of yourself by being active and eating healthy foods. This is especially important as the children are no longer able to attend school or go to temple. The children were provided a coloring book about Living a Healthy Life in the Dharma where they could color the foods that would keep them healthy and highlight activities that would keep them strong. Right Thoughts means that you think pure and beautiful words or pictures that will turn into right actions. By doing something good, that will give you a right or good feeling and make you and others happy. A story called The Boy Who Made a Country Smile was shared with the children that showed how having right thoughts turns into right actions and right feelings. They then had a family project to do where they would collect rocks from their yard and decorate the rocks with paint or magic markers, adding right thoughts or words of encouragement. They would then place these around their neighborhood for others to read as they were taking a walk. By others seeing their rocks, it should make them happy

To celebrate Hanamatsuri the children were provided a template to make Hanamatsuri cards to give to their loved ones.

In observance of Earth Day the children learned the importance of recycling and what happens to the items that are recycled. The children were provided an Earth Day coloring book.

Students were asked to think about the signs of spring around them. In observance of Spring Ohi-

gan, they were reminded of the spring equinox and the harmony that surrounds us during this time. They were sent a picture of a bird and eggs to color and cut and glue to a nest as a sign of spring and a time to express thanks for Amida Buddha.

The students were sent the story of “Siddhartha and the Swan” and reminded to think about not harming living things, a promise everyone should follow. The lesson included directions to make a swan to decorate as a reminder to be kind and caring to all living beings just like Siddhartha.

April Buddhist Book Study “Zoomed”

submitted by Irene Goto

Comments from our April 25 discussion included from Rev. Castro: “don’t take poison just because there is an antidote,” regarding licensed evil; licensed evil does not change Amida’s vow—a mother’s love is even greater for the evil son; *Jinen* may be translated as “naturalness”; Kristen: action shows shinjin more than words. The word *oya-sama*, (father or mother), was discussed—one who has passed into the Pure Land is Amida?



Attendees: Ann Oxrieder, Irene Goto, Joe Gotchy, Leonora Clarke, Wayne Suyenaga, Kristen Breifus, Rev. Castro, Karen Akira, Gail Kaminishi, Dennis Yamashita, Marlene Okada, Etsu Shimbo, Shirley Shimada.

The text that we will discuss next on Saturday, May 23, 2020, is called *Notes on Essentials of Faith Alone*. These are notes written (mostly) by Shinran Shonin and can be found in [The Collected Works of Shinran](#), pp. 451- 469. Volume 2 of [The Collected Works of Shinran](#) provides an introduction to these notes (pp. 103 -120), which might be helpful before reading the Notes. [The Collected Works of Shinran](#) can be found online at [ShinranWorks.com](#). Volume 2 is not available online. Both volumes are available for purchase at the temple, by special arrangement during the covid-19 social distancing order.

04/22/2020

Hello DS Families

Happy Earth Day! Hard to believe that it's the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. While we're sheltering in place, it's a good time to practice the 3 R's (and it comes in handy now since many of are trying to stay in and only shop when necessary):

REDUCE RECYCLE REUSE

Thank you Rev Castro for your Dharma message and reminding us how important our earth is. And thanks also for those putting the weekly program together to make it interesting for adults and kids. If anyone has a topic or subject of interest, please let us know your thoughts [HERE](#).

ALMOST THERE - SANGHA CARDS :)

At ~150 cards...just a few more to go!

We are down to the wire - a week to meet our goal :)

Let's put a smile on our almost 200 70+ years young sangha members who are having to shelter in place. It would be so wonderful if each one could receive a sweet hello from our DS members to let them know we're thinking about them...who doesn't love getting a nice note in the mail.

Note: the Temple will address and provide stamps for mailing) You can put the cards into a larger envelope and mail to the temple at the address below or if you have too many to mail, contact me [HERE](#) to make special arrangements. Please be considerate and use a sponge or wet napkin/paper towel to seal the envelopes.

Rev. Kusunoki and Ayano will mail these to our older sangha members as soon as we get enough for all. Let's put a smile on their faces.

DS SHARING

Since we can't see each other on Sundays, thought I'd add some updates (pics or stories) for those who are interested. Here's a haiku written by Reese Tana-be, one of our Dharma Students (Thank you Reese!):

Sunny day in Spring

Flowers blooming all around

Beautiful colors

For those who wish to share a story of picture of their kids' activities, please feel free to send me an email or photo [HERE](#) and I'll include if we have extra space.

MASK MAKING PROJECT

There is a continuing temple mask making initiative by the Buddhist Women's Association and the Dharma School attendees that was inspired by Karen Morikubo, who made masks for Wisteria Manor residents and employees. Distancing and safeguards will be important for a long time to come. The temple wants everyone to be safe when the restrictions are lifted.

If you sew and are interested in making masks, please us know [HERE](#) as your help will be greatly appreciated.

PHONE-IN DHARMA MESSAGES

For those without internet, now you can call in to hear a recorded dharma message from Rev. Marvin Harada.

Just Dial: 415-528-7220

SERVICE MATERIALS:

For those who do follow along on the temple's livestream, you can also get service materials to make it easy to follow along.

For Sutra Chanting, you can find the service material in the Buddhist Education section on our website. Here is the where you can order a service book and other materials: click [HERE](#).

As mentioned, the temple and office are closed. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Leanne at chairperson@seattlebetsuin.org.

Don't Miss out - Be Sure to Follow Along with the Temple's Live Streaming Project!

Services will be streamed on Sunday's at 10:00am and are available on the [Betsuin's YouTube](#) page. If you haven't already, be sure to subscribe and if you are missing any service, you may watch our recorded services from past weeks!

Please help support us in sharing the Dharma with an ever expanding audience. anyone new that may want to join us online this Sunday!

[Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple YouTube page](#)

2 WAYS TO SUPPORT THE TEMPLE:

DONATE ONLINE We are in unprecedented times and thankfully most of us are safe in our homes. I am so grateful to our members who continue to create programs and videotape the services that allow us to stay connected. To help ensure that we can continue providing these services, please consider [DANA HERE](#).

Gassho, Kathy Hasegawa

ALL SANGHA MEMORIAL SERVICE SENBOKAI-IN TSUITO HOYO

Sunday, June 7, 2020 10:00 AM

The annual **ALL SANGHA MEMORIAL SERVICE** will be held **Sunday, June 7, 2020**, at **10AM**. This important service is dedicated to honoring the lives and contributions of members and friends of the temple who have gone before us.

During the All Sangha Memorial Service, photos of those being remembered will be displayed. We invite families of the deceased to submit the name and a photo of their loved one to office@seattlebetsuin.com. Please limit the file size of photographs to 100KB and include your name and telephone number in your e-mail message. If you submitted a photo for previous years' services and want it displayed again this year, you do not have to resubmit it. If you want to remove or replace a photo please send the appropriate instructions by email to office@seattlebetsuin.com.

If no photo is available, you may submit just the person's name to the same e-mail address for display during the service. You may also complete the form below and send it to the Betsuin Office.

The deadline for submission of photos and names is Sunday, May 24, 2020. We cannot guarantee that photos/names received after the deadline will be included.

In Gassho,

*Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple
1427 S Main Street
Seattle, WA 98144*

Name of Deceased

Greetings BCA Ministers and Temple Leaders

I hope everyone is staying healthy and safe during this difficult time. In an effort to continue providing meaningful content, and to keep everyone connected, the CBE staff is working hard to create virtual activities for everyone to enjoy. We want to provide our BCA youth with an opportunity to virtually meet and chat with the newly appointed bishop of the BCA, Reverend Marvin Harada.

Please send this survey to all of your youth leaders, so they can share it with our BCA youth. I would love to hear from as many of people as possible. And Ministers, if you could please use your personal relationships with the youth to encourage them to respond, that would be most appreciated

As always, if you have any questions or suggestions, I would love to hear from you. And if you have any other needs please don't hesitate to reach out and I will do my best to assist you

Thank you for continuing to nurture our BCA youth!

*Gassho,
Koich Mizushima
BCA Youth Coordinator*

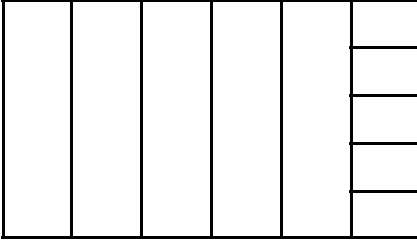
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Sangha Test - Buddhist Flag, Symbol, +

Date:

Name:

1. Please color the Buddhist Flag



2. Who designed the Buddhist Flag and When?

Who?	
When?	

3. What is these colors originated from? Please circle the answer from below.
a. rainbow b. buddha's awakening light c. the Indian flag

4. What flower is often used as Buddhist symbol?
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5. What is Dharma wheel (Horin) in Sanskrit?
()

6. The "manji" is called "swastika" in Sanskrit which is the one of the world oldest symbol. The manji, used singly and combination, is the most commonly use Buddhist symbol in Mahayana countries. What does "manji" translated into English?
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7. Please write two crests which our mother temple, Hongwanji use

a	(EN)	(JP)
b	(EN)	(JP)

8. We call minister's robe "Kesa". What is Kesa in Sanskrit and what does it mean?
(Sanskrit:) mean-
ing:)

9. What is the simplified version of "kesa" for lay members?
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Answers on p. XXX

Sangha Test - Buddhist Flag Answer Sheet

Date:
Name:

1. Please color the Buddhist Flag

B L U E	Y E L L O W	R E D	W H I T E	O R A N G E	b
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					r
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					o

2. Who designed the Buddhist Flag and When?

Who?	Colonel Olcott (American Buddhist Scholar)
When?	1889

3. What is these colors originated from? Please circle the answer from below.
a. rainbow b. buddha's awakening light c. the Indian flag

4. What flower is often used as Buddhist symbol? (Lotus)

5. What is Dharma wheel (Horin) in Sanskrit? (Dharmacakra)

6. The "manji" is called "swastika" in Sanskrit which is the one of the world oldest symbol. The manji, used singly and combination, is the most commonly use Buddhist symbol in Mahayana countries. What does "manji" translated into English? (auspicious)

7. Please write two crests which our mother temple, Hongwanji use

a	(EN) Paulownia Crest	(JP) Kiri no mon
b	(EN) Wisteria Crest	(JP) Sagarifuki no mon

8. We call minister's robe "Kesa". What is Kesa in Sanskrit and what does it mean?

(Sanskrit: kasaya meaning: saffron color)

9. What is the simplified version of "kesa" for lay members?

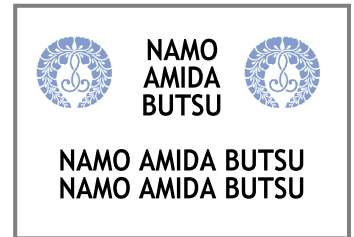
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MAY 2020 SEATTLE BETSUIN SCHEDULE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>http://www.youtube.com/seattlebuddhisttemple to view all services</p>					<p>1 12 noon Gojikai Service CANCELED</p>	<p>2 10 am livestream Memorial Service</p>
<p>3 10 am Streamed on YouTube FAMILY / CHILDREN'S SERVICE Adult Service Japanese Service</p>	<p>4 10 am livestream Morning Service <i>Rinban's day off</i></p>	<p>5 10 am livestream Morning Service</p>	<p>6 10 am livestream Morning Service</p>	<p>7 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service CANCELED</p>	<p>8 10 am livestream Morning Service</p>	<p>9 10 am livestream Memorial Service</p>
<p>10 10 am Streamed on YouTube RENNYO SHONIN MEMORIAL SERVICE Adult Service Japanese Service</p>	<p>11 10 am livestream Morning Service <i>Rinban's day off</i></p>	<p>12 10 am livestream Morning Service</p>	<p>13 10 am livestream Morning Service</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 10 am livestream Morning Service</p>	<p>16 10 am livestream Memorial Service and Shinran Shonin Monthly Memorial Service</p>
<p>17 10 am Streamed on YouTube GOTAN-E SERVICE Adult Service Japanese Service</p>	<p>18 10 am livestream Morning Service <i>Rinban's day off</i> 8 pm Newsletter deadline</p>	<p>19 10 am livestream Morning Service</p>	<p>20 10 am livestream Morning Service</p>	<p>21 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service CANCELED 7 pm TBD Betsuin Cabinet meeting</p>	<p>22 10 am livestream Morning Service</p>	<p>23 10 am livestream Memorial Service</p>
<p>24 10 am Streamed on YouTube FAMILY / CHILDREN'S SERVICE Adult Service Japanese Service</p>	<p>25 10 am livestream Morning Service <i>Rinban's day off</i></p>	<p>26 10 am livestream Morning Service</p>	<p>27 10 am livestream Morning Service</p>	<p>28 11 am Merrill Gardens Renton visit CANCELED 7pm TBD Betsuin BoD meeting</p>	<p>29 10 am livestream Morning Service</p>	<p>30 10 am livestream Memorial Service</p>
<p>31 10 am Streamed on YouTube SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS SERVICE Adult Service Japanese Service</p>	<p>June 2020: Major Events TBD</p>					

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chairperson@seattlebetsuin.org.

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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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