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Dharma School Begins

by Rimban Katsuya Kusunoki

September has come. It is time to kick off our Dharma School. "The programs for youth and children must be the center of the temple's activities". When my father was a college student, his teacher gave him this guidance. Therefore, he devoted himself entirely to conduct Dharma School at my family temple. I, as a minister's son, did not like to attend Dharma School. But now, I honestly think that Dharma School is the most important program at the Betsuin. Due to Covid-19, our Dharma School is going to be online and class activities will be limited. I work with Dharma School teachers and we are doing our best to provide our Dharma School programs. There are many good things about Dharma School. Today I would like to share three good things about the Dharma School program.

1. Built Buddha Dharma as the foundation of our life

We always encounter various issues and situations in our life, and we make decisions and choices in our life. Our life is not always simple. We encounter and live with various people. We experience situations which is not easy resolve. We sometimes we don't know how to deal with others. We also lose our way and suffer from the difficult situations. How can we and everyone surrounding us live with a smile and gentle heart? Do we have any solid spiritual foundations where we can always return to? Buddha Dharma gives us the guidance to live our life. During Dharma School, children learn Buddha Dharma and gradually build the foundation of their life. Let me share one teaching which I learned more than thirty years ago. "When it rains, do not complain to the sky. When it is raining, we must live with the rain, naturally just as it is. When it is a nice day, do not complain to the sky. When it is fine, we must live with the sunny days, naturally, just as they are". My father taught this poetic teaching at Dharma School and I still remember it. It tells of Buddha's wisdom to see things just as they are. Although monku (complaints) come out of my mouth all the time because I am still a bonbu (ordinary being), this poem reminds me to see things with a wide-open view and to accept things with a flexible mind. continued...



Rimban explaining Betsuin's Camp Fire Group in Japanese in celebration of their 70th Anniversary

Interested in Joining the Seattle Betsuin's Virtual Programs?

We have ongoing book study, weekly meditation sessions and Dharma exchange following our weekly Sunday services. More information on how to join available below.

Weekly Zoom Meditation 9:00am on Sunday. Contact Leonora Clarke (clarkel@uw.edu for a Zoom link).

Next monthly Seattle Betsuin Book Study Group on Saturday, September 19 at 9:30AM.

Get on Dharma School's email list at DharmaSchoolSupers@gmail.com for their news and events.

To be notified of Zoom links to Buddhist Book Study and Sangha Exchange, go to newslet-ter@seattlebetsuin.com, and specify the group in the subject line.

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2. Mingle with various people

All different people come to the temple on Sunday. Children, youth, adults, and elderly members come to the temple. People of different race, gender, occupation, capability, thoughts, and character come to the Temple. There is a teaching, "Those who have been born first guide those who come later, and those who are born later call on those who were born before". Older children support younger children. Younger members help older members. Those who have many experiences guide other people. We help and support each other. We understand that everyone is different, and everyone is good. The Buddhist temple is such a place. We can only meet virtually now, but we try our best to practice this Buddhist deed. Through mingling with various people, children learn the heart of harmony and how to socialize with others. These are important skills as children grow and go to different places and meet different people. At the temple, there is one common understanding which everybody has. It is that everyone appreciates and respects Buddha Dharma.

3. No evaluation and competition

Nowadays at a school in team sports, music class, and whatever children do, they compete against others. They are evaluated, receive scores and awards. They try to get higher

scores and awards. It is important to have a desire to improve themselves. However, they also feel heavy pressure from it. Some of them are distressed and suffer from it. There is a teaching, "Winning the battle against yourself is more important than competing against others". It is also important to put themselves in a place where there is no evaluation and competition. When we see our friends without judging and competing, we realize their personal magnetism which we have never realized before. We may also find our unrecognized talent and potential. Children learn a lot of things when they play. Children learn a lot through interacting with others. Our Dharma School teachers support and guide them to learn Buddha Dharma in their classes. There is no competition and evaluation there. It is at Dharma School that children just learn and play.

Seattle Betsuin's Dharma School is a warm and friendly program for children and youth supported by teachers, ministers, and sangha. Buddhism guides us on how we can have a wide view and a flexible mind and how we can live with a healthy mind and body. It says, "Unless a seed is planted, it will never grow". I hope more children join our Dharma School and encounter the Buddha Dharma. And then, their Dharma flowers grow and bloom in their hearts.

Gassho.

"Sangha Exchange" sessions were held for the first and second times successfully



on August 9 and 23, hosted by Joe Gotchy and Irene Goto. Everyone is invited to gather informally and virtually to keep in touch, to meet newcomers through the Dharma. Look for the Zoom link in the temple's **Weekly E-News** prior to September 6 and 20 or email newsletter@seattlebetsuin.com. Joe and I look forward to seeing you! Gassho - Irene Goto

Betsuin Tea Talk with Leanne Nishi-Wong

Priceless

September... The weather begins to change; school is back in session; Labor Day gatherings fill the long weekend; and families return to the Temple after taking a Summer hiatus. The Temple's organizations, activities, and social exchanges usually begin their calendar of meetings, programs, and events in September. This year will be different... a lot different. While in-person gatherings will not be available, the Betsuin welcomes you to take part in some or all of the virtual offerings. Please visit the Temple website at SeattleBetsuin.com for additional information.

In March, the Temple closed its doors to the public. In the almost six months of the "stay at home, stay healthy" directive, the Temple employees and volunteers have remained dedicated to streaming the Dharma Teachings for all, in the safety of their own homes. The Betsuin only has three full-time employees. It takes a volunteer community to operate the rest of the Temple. Volunteers and employees have continued working seven days a week. All have logged thousands of hours of their time and expertise, to produce and stream the services and programs; maintain the grounds; safeguard the Temple; and prepare the Betsuin to re-open when it is safe. The Betsuin is grateful to these individuals who work behind the scenes, with little or no recognition. Their contributions are priceless.

If you would like to volunteer at the Betsuin, even if you only have an hour or two, please let me know at seattlebetsuinchairperson@gmail.com. There are many opportunities at the Temple. Your skills and time would be appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support and dana to the Betsuin. Your membership dues and donations are integral in keeping the Dharma teachings, staff and Temple operating.

Thank you Gassho

NW District Ministers held BCA's virtual Obon Service on

August 16, 2020. Appearing in Zoom gallery view are top row: Rev. Jay Shinseki, Rev. Yuki Sugahara,



Rev. Jerry Hirano, Rev. Tadao Koyama; middle row: Rev. Dean Koyama, Rev. Candice Shibata, Rev. Ron Miyamura, Rev. Ryuta Furumoto, **bottom row:** Rev. Jim Warrick, Rev. Kusunoki, (out of frame), Rev. Harry Bridge, Rev. Marvin Harada, Bishop of **Buddhist Churches of** America. -IHG

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).

Marian Asaba, Lauren Asaba-Aratani, Clara Beard, Lisa Butler, Sandra Cross, Gwen Florence, Florence Fujita, Aiko Fujii, Ellen Hale, Eileen Hamamoto-Yee, Yoko Hamanaka, Setsuko Harada, Roy & Deanna Ikegami, Jean Ishii, Loraine Jacobs, Gail Kaminishi, Nina Tomita-Kato, Masako Kawamoto, Stan Kondo & Bonnie Duran, Art & Lori Kozai, Yoshiko Kozai, Masako Kubo, Janet Kubota, Patricia Kubota, Rick Mamiya, Mariko Mano, Sibyl Mar, Matt & Rosalie May, Lynn Miyauchi, Tomio Moriguchi, Yukio & Karen Morikubo, Kiyoko Nakanishi, Junko Nakano, Eric & Betty Nakashima, Barry & Marlene Okada, Nancy Okawa, Greg Oxrieder, Troy Parke & Mayumi Terada, Phillip Robbins & Penne Lee, Irene Saito, Louise Sakuma, George Shimizu, Sato & Darlene Shimizu, Wayne Suyenaga, Sonoe Taketa, Katsumi Tanino, Dolly Tokunaga, Sam Umeda, Leanne Nishi-Wong, Akiko Yabuki, Shizue Yahata, Steve & Valerie Yamasaki, Sumie Yokota, Curtis Yokoyama, Charlene Yoritsune, Fuyo Yoshida

July (Compiled by Howard, Joan, Pauline & Steph)

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Pat Bobrow, Kazumi Janice Gosho, Irene Goto, Mary Hikida, Carolyn Kunihiro, Andrea Mano, Bryce Matsuda, Ken & Jean Moriyama, Ken Shigaya, Franklin Shinoda, George Suetsugu, Jr., Midori Takagi, Harry Yoshimura

We'd like to 'WELCOME' Bryce Matsuda as a new member of our Sangha.

August (Compiled by Howard, Joan, Pauline & Steph)

ZOOM KEEPS OUR LINKS BRIGHT AND STRONG Medi-

tation participants on August 9, 2020 offered to be pen-pals for temple members who have limited means of connecting to temple. They were connected to such a program that SBBWA is undertaking.





The first successful Sangha Exchanges were held August 9, 23, 2020. September Sangha Exchanges will be on September 6, 20, 2020 at 11:00AM. Please find the Zoom links in the Weekly E-News prior to the Sunday or email requests to newsletter@seattlebetsuin.com.

Special Outdoor Meditation Event in Wisteria Park (Date Changed!)

Sunday, September 6, at 9:00am (weather permitting).

All are welcome to attend. If you would like to come early for a brief instruction, the start time is 8:45am. Don't forget a blanket, mask, and a hat. We will be sitting six feet apart. - LC

Save the Date! First Day of Dharma School Meet-and-Greet September 13, 2020, 11:00 am- 12:00 pm

In lieu of in-person registration, please attend this Zoom event to meet your teachers and hear a little about how virtual Dharma School will look! Watch your email for a forthcoming Zoom link!

Know someone who is interested in joining the Temple and Dharma School? They can email dharmaschoolsupers@gmail.com or chairperson@seattlebetsuin.com for more information!

Communication will be through Dharma School e-newsletter and Temple e-newsletter. Subscribe by emailing **communications@seattlebetsuin.com**. Your class teacher will also set up a method of communication!

Looking for other opportunities for your children? Consider Campfire, Boy Scouts, Junior Young Buddhist Association, and Taiko! See the website https://seattlebetsuin.com/ for more information!

Submitted by Joyce Tsuji

Buddhist Book Study on <u>Dharma, Color, and Culture:</u> New Voices in Western Buddhism edited by Hilda Gutierrez Baldoquin.

The August 22 discussion centered on our individual responses as Americans who are considered



"other" in our pursuits for a sense of community. One of the contributing essay authors, Bonnie Duran, joined us and started the conversations. As Buddhists how can we respond to these times?

The next Book Study will be on September 19, 2020 at 9:30AM. For an update, e-mail newsletter@seattlebetsuin.com, designate the Subject: Buddhist Book Study.

Irene Goto

Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations July - August 2020

Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:		Given by:
Chieko Shinagawa – Memorial Service	\$ 750.00	Janet Shibua
Dick Yoshimura – In Memory of	\$ 500.00	Lisa & John Duff
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Masaru & Anna Tahara, In Honor of Edy Horikawa's 100th birthday

Don Castro & Shuri Saigusa,

Sue Fujino, Pauline Sakuma

Kenneth & Frances Aoki Celebration of mother's and grandmother's 100th birthday

Ryan & Linh Aoki

Howard Luke & Marie Kosai-Luke Appreciation for Scholarship for Janay Luke

Kristine Simons General donation to support Temple

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<u>Donor</u>: <u>For</u>:

Miyoko Kaneta Appreciation to Shirley Shimada "Hiroshima to Hope"

Shirley Shimada General donation – in appreciation of Temple

Tetsuden & Cecilia Kashima General donation
William Tashima & Chris Bentley General donation

Tami Arinobu Costco Employee United Way Campaign

Tome Mattila (Estate of)

Distribution of Inheritance

Musical Notes submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi

The planning and execution of the online service production of the Atomic Bomb Victims' Memorial Service on August 9 took much effort. Special kudos to Connor McKinney for compiling the audio and video components of the service, working with Rinban Kusunoki, Leanne Nishi-Wong, and Dr. Tsukasa Namekata as guest service host from the Seattle Hiroshima Club, to create an educational and meaningful memorial program. The youth participants sharing their experience in Hiroshima and wish for peace and hope echoed the sentiment of the featured gatha *Peace is a Seed*. This gatha was composed by Debbie Kubota, a member

of the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin. She set to music the lyrics of a poem written by Megan Sakata. Megan was the 9th grade winner when she submitted her poem Peace is a Seed to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Peace Poetry Contest in 2014. Megan graduated from Pacific Buddhist Academy in Honolulu and came to the mainland for college in Colorado and now attends Idaho State University. How nice it was also to have the opportunity to use the lovely recording of Sadako and the Thousand Cranes by the Hirota sisters again as well as the Corona virus pandemic-adapted lyrics of We are One, our favorite gatha by Donna Sasaki, for the Campfire 70th anniversary service on August 23. Congratulations to the Seattle Betsuin Campfire community!



Megan Sakata



Debbie Kubota while visiting in Seattle, 2019

Recycle Your Styrofoam/Polystyrene I have a feeling we all have unusual amounts of take out containers piling up! I will take <u>clean, dry, tape-free</u> bubble wrap, formed Styrofoam, blue, white, and black meat trays, food containers.

Meet me in the rear parking lot on Tuesday, September 22 at 11:00AM

Send me your email address so that I can contact you in the event I can't make it that day, or if I am delayed.

Thanks, gkaminishi@hotmail.com

Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association

(SBBWA)'s Mission Statement is to cultivate religious awareness as Jodo Shinshu Buddhist women and **promote fellowship among its members**; to serve and support the Seattle Betsuin, and contribute services to the welfare of the community.

Since we are not able to continue our regular activities, we thought each month we would highlight some things we do as part of our Mission Statement:

It's hard not to be able to see friends (or make friends) at the temple, so we are always looking for ways to promote fellowship among its members. So as a way to reach out to our members, Vice President, Tina Ko, organized a team to send cards via snail mail for all our members - to check on say hello/ we miss seeing them, and to give them the directions for getting on line for the live streaming services in English or Japanese. Most members enjoyed writing and receiving a note, and wrote (or called) back to the original sender. It was a nice way to get to know someone we didn't know well before, or someone who had newly joined our temple and SBBWA. Some writers were also good seamstresses and sent face masks with their cards. Needless to say it has been a success, and we are planning do another mailing and establish a Tomodachi Friend birthday list.

Also as a **house warming gift**, the SBBWA commissioned artist and author, Aki Sogabe, to create a unique piece for the Kusunokis, below.



Seattle Betsuin Newsletter

Below: the Kusunoki family with past & present presidents Janie Okawa, Nina Tomita-Kato, Kanako Kashima, and Machiko Wada.



Upcoming events:

Board meeting - September 6 via zoom.

Women in Buddhism Webinar - October 3, 4

Esshinni-ko/Kakushinni-ko Memorial Service - October 4

SBBWA Memorial Service - October 25

BCA Connect

(Buddhist Churches of America)

Sign up for the BCA newsletter is where you can find all the temples' livestreams, workshops, and messages from temples across the country. https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/connect/

SEPTEMBER 5, 2020 - VIA ZOOM

Finding Our Spiritual Hearts in Turbulent Times: Naikan Self-Reflection

https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/

Guest Speaker: GREGG KRECH The ToDo Institute

Saturday, September 5, 2020 11 am - 1 pm (PDT)

CBE Seminars Online For All (SOFA) FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - REGISTER FOR ZOOM LINK Registration - Free • Click to Register: https://forms.gle/553k5bV8Y9CX5i5c7 • Zoom link sent after registration

OCTOBER 3, 4 - https://SeattleBetsuin.com/2020wib/ to register



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Tools for Spiritual Wellness



A Webinar Gathering • October 3 & 4, 2020 Regist

Registration: Free • Details: seattlebetsuin.com/2020wib

FIVE EXCEPTIONAL BUDDHIST EDUCATORS TO HEADLINE

Tools for Spiritual Wellness

Saturday, October 3 & Sunday, October 4
via interactive video-conferencing
12:45 pm to 3:15 pm each day
Help bring Jodo Shinshu into clearer focus.

Information and Registration:

seattlebetsuin.com/2020wib/

Presenters include: psychiatrist and MA at Salt Lake Buddhist Temple, Carmela Javellana Hirano; professor and Vipassana meditation instructor at Spirit Rock, Bonnie Duran; professor of Buddhism and yoga instructor, Sharon Suh; professor of Psychology and Neuroscience, Sheri Mizumori; and artist and arts educator Tara Tamaribuchi.

The programs are free.

Suggested donation is \$15 per day.











SPEAKERS:

Carmela Javellana Hirano, M.D. Radical Humility: Jodo Shinshu Path to Joy

Bonnie Duran, Ph.D.

Dharma for Undoing Internalized Stereotypes

Sharon A. Suh, Ph.D.

Meditation & Yoga for Healing Trauma

Sheri Mizumori, Ph.D.

Brain Health & Everyday Well-Being

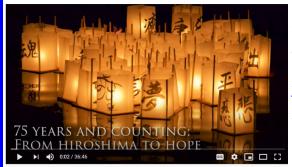
Tara Tamaribuchi, B.F.A.

Art as Healing



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Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple & Women's Association
and BCA Center for Buddhist Education

From Hiroshima to Hope Video Submitted by Shirley Shimada On the



• SEATTLE
75 Years & Counting: From Hiroshima to Hope

75th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, From Hiroshima to Hope invited you to share in the remembrance and to look toward peace and hope. Our video "75 Years and Counting: From Hiroshima to Hope" is available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?

v=RE6hCc6Mo2Q&feature=youtu.be/

Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple members are featured in this video, so we invite all of you to watch this. We also invited everyone to make their own lanterns with messages and light them on the nights of August 6th and 9th. We hope that we will be able to continue our *toro nagashi* at Green Lake in 2021.

VIRTUAL HATSUMAIRI CEREMONY SERVICE

Sunday, October 18, 2020 9:30 am

Hatsumairi or "First Visit" is a Jodo Shinshu tradition that acknowledges the child's first visit to the temple. Parents present their children before the image of Amida Buddha and members of the Sangha as an expression of their gratitude and desire to expose them to the teachings of the Buddha.

The Hatsumairi ceremony will be held on Zoom at 9:30 am on Sunday, October 18, 2020. Children of all ages are welcome to participate. If you would like to present your child(ren) at this service, please complete the registration form below and e-mail to office@seattlebetsuin.com or mail to the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple at 1427 S Main St, Seattle, WA 98144. The deadline to register is October 9, 2020. A Dharma School representative will contact you with details after you register. If you have any questions, please call the Temple office at (206) 329-0800.

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SEPTEMBER 2020 SEATTLE BETSUIN SCHEDULE

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New! Every Monday at 11 am starting on Sept 14th			11 am Sutra		Group CANCELED	
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The flyers below, in more detail, are available at https://www.BuddhistChurchesOfAmerica.org/



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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2020 11 am - 1 pm (PDT) Check local time zone

Finding Our Spiritual Hearts in Turbulent Times: Naikan Self-Reflection

GREGG KRECH

The ToDo Institute



"The ToDo Institute
"Cregg Krech is an author, poet, and one of the leading authorities on Japanese Psychology in North America. His work has been featured in major publications, including THE SUM Magazine and TRICYCLE, and his books includes "Asialam Crarities crace, and the

zine and TRICYCLE, and his books include "salamin Cratification," and the Japanese Art. of Self-Beffection," A Natural Approach to Mental Wellness," "The Art. of Taking Action," "Tuneling for Sunlight," and his newest, "Quitte, a non Vour Life." Krich and his wife, Linda, a non or Control of the Total Institute, a non p-portic center in Vermont that uses Japanese Psychology as an alternational volume to traditional Western approaches to newtonian."

In these unusual times, many of us have suffered losses – in some cases, loved ones, but in nearly all cases, losses of a way of life we had become accusted to. Thirty year ago, I conducted a semi-nar in a refugee camp on the border of Cambodia. Many of the refugees there had escaped from their country after with resisting the atrocities committed by the Pol Pot regime. Yet it was possible for them to reflect on their situations and discover how they had been supported and cared for even under the most horrific circumstances. I was truly amcaed at their oblity to reach into their spiritual hearts and find something beyond fear and despair.

Today, the world is faced with threats from many directions. But in the midst of this storm, can we reach into our own spiritual hearts to find something beyond despair and sadness?

"Naikan" is a Japanese word which means "inside looking" or "introspection." A more poetic translation is "seeing oneself with the minds eye." It is a structured method of self-reflection that helps us to understand ourselves, our relationships and the funda-mental nature of human existence.

Naikun was developed by Ishin Yoshimoto, a devout Buddhist of the Jodo Shinshu sect in Japan. It is well-authed to those of us whose spiritual paths seek the capacity for gratitude, humility and a commitment to self-examination. In this seminar I hope to share with you this profound process of self-effection, along with poems and stories I have encountered over the past decades.

REGISTRATION - Free Click to Register:

visit: buddhistchurchesofamerica.org email: cbe@bcahq.org tel: 510.809.1460

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"How to find and apply the Dharmainto your life.'

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PRESENTS...



GENDER LANGUAGE VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

to explore gendered language in our oral and written communication as Buddhists

> **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2020** 1-3 PM on GBC'S ZOOM **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

Donations are welcome - please send & write checks to Gardena Buddhist Church, 1517 W 166th St. Gardena, CA 90247 (memo: Ichi-Mi)

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Women in Buddhism

A Webinar Gathering: October 3 & 4, 2020



Registration:

Tools for Spiritual Wellness













Carmela Javellana Hirano, M.D. "Radical Humility, Jodo Shinshu Path to Gratitude & Joy" Bonnie Duran, Ph.D.

"Using Mindfulness & Dharma to Undo Internalized Negative Stereotypes" Sharon A. Suh, Ph.D.

"Filling Our Spiritual Well from the Inside Out. Healing from Trauma Through Meditation & Yoga*

Sheri Mizumori, Ph.D. "Brain Health and Everyday Mental Well-Being" Tara Tamaribuchi, BFA "Self-Renewal Through the Hand: Art as Release"

REGISTRATION & DETAILS: seattlebetsuln.com/2020wib Presented by: Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple & Women's Association and BCA Center for Buddhist Education

nequality? How can we awaken to our history of depraved indifference and brutality

Richard Stambul

Good Trouble!

"I don't think slavery ended in 1865... I think it just evolved."

Tens of thousands marched throughout America, and around the world,

following the horrific death of George Floyd. What led to this seemingly sudden out-pouring of solidarity? How do we deal with the burden of injustice, and of racial

Attorney, past BCA President, Foot soldier in the Civil Rights movement, Trustee of the Institute of Buddhist Studies.

Saturday, October 10

10am - 12pm (PDT) Free & open to everyone

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