



Wheel of the Sangha

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Jodo Shinshu Nishi Hongwanji-ha

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“Convenient Tool or Path”

by Rimban Katsuya Kusunoki

Young Buddhist Editorial (YBE) was formed here in Seattle about a year ago. After that, many people joined this group from different places, and it will become a Buddhist Churches of America’s affiliated organization. This group uses modern ways and varieties of format to express their Buddhist views and thoughts. I am truly interested in how this group will grow and develop their programs and activities.

One day a member of YBE asked to interview me. She gave me a question, “What have you achieved this year, and how can you view it from a Buddhist perspective?” Then, I chose a topic, “One year of ---” for this interview. She sent me some examples: “One year of virtual relationship, interdependence, love, loneliness, or virtual services”. If they interviewed you, what topic would you choose? I chose “One year of minister’s role and temple’s role”. There were a lot of things that happened within a year. When I reflect upon “minister’s role and temple’s role”, I thought there are two types of Buddhists.

First, there are Buddhists who utilize Buddha Dharma as a convenient tool to make their lives happy and to improve their society. I want to share one example. Seattle Betsuin has a great maintenance team. When a temple’s door broke, they brought their toolbox, took appropriate tools out, and fixed it. When a wall needed to be repainted, they brought paint matching the wall’s color, and painted it. We are able to comfortably use our temple because our maintenance team keeps maintaining our temple building. I would like to express my deepest appreciation to them.

Similar to our temple building, there are many problems and issues to be fixed in our human world. When people encounter a social issue, they try to find a way to fix it. For example, when racial discrimination occurs, they try to find a teaching to fix this issue. When an environmental issue or political issue comes up, they try to find guidance in Buddha Dharma. Sometimes, they have their answer already and then try to find a Buddhist teaching which goes along with or justifies their answers. In this case, social issues come first,

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Buddha’s guidance Shakyamuni Buddha’s wisdom and compassion.

Rimban Kusunoki presenting Dharma Message on February 21 via [Seattle Betsuin Nirvana Day/Pet Memorial](#)

Join Seattle Betsuin's Virtual Programs

We have ongoing Book Study, Meditation, Dharma Exchange. See information on p. 11 and below on how to join virtually.

Weekly Meditation at 9:00AM on Sundays. Contact webmaster@seattlebetsuin for a Zoom link.

Next Seattle Betsuin Book Study will meet on Saturday, March 20, at 9:30AM. See info on p. 4.

To receive Zoom links to Buddhist Book Study, Sangha Exchange, and DS Dharma Exchange, go to newsletter@seattlebetsuin.com and specify the group in the subject line. You will be emailed a link.

Sunday and Weekday Morning Services Online
Su. M. W. Sat. 10:00AM:
<https://youtube.com/seattlebuddhisttemple/>
Search “playlists”

Calendar: p. 16 and at SeattleBetsuin.com

...Rimban's Message continued from p. 1

and they use Buddha Dharma as a tool to fix them. If the tool does not work for these social issues, there is no reason for them to use and keep it.

Second, there is another group of Buddhists who recognize and appreciate Buddha Dharma as their path. They always listen to the Buddha Dharma and follow the Buddha's guidance in their daily lives. They fully put themselves into Buddha Dharma. As a result of walking this path, they live their full lives and live with gratitude every day. People live in peace and harmony. The community and society become more peaceful. Even when they walk the Buddhist path, they still encounter many issues. In this case, they use Buddha's view to see these issues and find the way to live based on Buddha Dharma. Buddha Dharma does not tell us any fixed answers. Therefore, each individual person has to sincerely consider these issues and find their own way. For these people, Buddha Dharma is a foundation for their views, thoughts, and actions. Buddha Dharma is the Center of their life.

Sometimes people create their own image of the ideal Buddhist and think that a Buddhist has to live a certain way. But for people who walk the

Buddhist path, it is their Buddhist life even if their lifestyles are all different. They live their life just as they are. It is how I appreciate the teaching of naturalness.

When I thought back on this one year, I felt that many people were using Buddha Dharma as a convenient tool. If I say so, you may think I put myself aside and talk about other people only. In honesty, I feel that I am also using Buddha Dharma as a convenient tool occasionally. So, I have to always ask myself if I am walking the Buddhist path or using Buddha Dharma as a tool.

Using Buddha Dharma as a tool could be an entrance for someone to enter the Buddhist Path. It is fine, but we have to remember that using Buddha Dharma as a tool should not be a goal as a Buddhist. Seattle Betsuin is a Buddhist temple, and I am a resident minister to serve this temple. I learned from this interview that it is my responsibility to share the Buddhist path with you. Buddha Dharma, Nembutsu teaching has to be a center of our temple activities. Now I would like to ask you one question. Do you use Buddha Dharma as a convenient tool or walk the Buddhist Path, Nembutsu path?

Gassho,



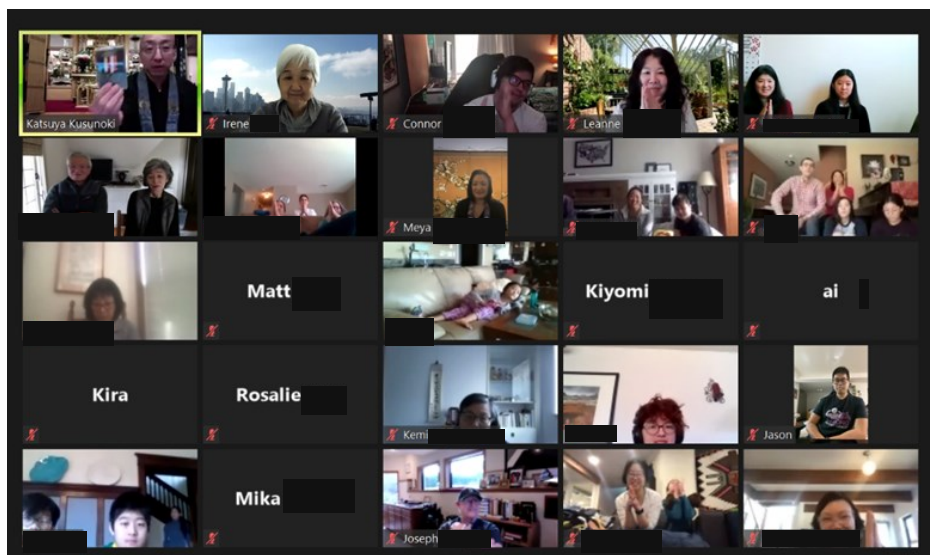
Rev. Kusunoki presented 5 Dharma Awards and 3 Sangha Awards on February 7 via Zoom. The recipients read their essays that completed 2 years of course requirements for the BCA's religious awards. Dharma award may be achieved by any age group and Sangha Award is achieved by Scouts. Please inquire, if you are interested. - IG

Below, applause by Zoom audience:



Congratulations:

Dharma Award		Sangha Award
Macy	Corrina	Danilo
Mika	Kenzo	Adlai
Maia		Jared



Tea Talk by Leanne Nishi-Wong



The Betsuin has been closed to members and the public for one year. This month's anniversary is not one to celebrate, but a time to reflect on how this past year has changed our lives.

Last year's Wheel of Sangha newsletter, for March, contained many upcoming events for 2020. Articles printed in any given month are written the previous month, and in February, the future looked productive and bright for the Betsuin. While the temple is still productive, the brightness is dim since we are not able to interact in person.

March ushers in the Spring Equinox, with *Ohigan*, which is celebrated March 17-23. *Ohigan* ("the other shore of enlightenment") celebrates the change in seasons and includes visits to ancestral gravesites to honor those who came before us. If you visit Japan during this period, you might see the flowers associated with *Ohigan*. They are called *higanbana* (the flower of *higan*) and are found blooming near gravesites. The flowers are red spider lilies. They are pretty, but deadly, as the roots are poisonous.

Spider lilies can be equated with human nature. Each of us has poisonous thoughts and actions. The six *paramitas*, associated with *Ohigan* reflections, teaches us to recognize and overcome these negative traits to be welcome blooms in life.

May your *Ohigan* reflections be positive and bright!

Gassho,

Leanne

ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE...

We would like to "thank" the following for contributing their **2021** 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).

Michele Aoki, Bonnie Dussler, Aiko Fujii, Satoru & Grace Ichikawa, Evan Ko, Shogo & Fusako Kusumi, Kinue Kuwahara, Julie Mayeda, Tsukasa & Keiko Namekata, Mabel Nishizaki, Ben & Estu Shimbo, Thomas Smith, Kuniko Takamura, Kevin Tanemura, Peggy Tanemura, Florence Terami, Machiko Wada, Leanne Nishi-Wong, Michiko Wong, Curtis Yokoyama, Jason Yokoyama, Trevor Yokoyama, Nobuo Yutani

we'd like to 'Welcome'

TREVOR YOKOYAMA

as a new member to our Sangha

(Compiled by Howard, Joan, Pauline & Steph)

ZOOM KEEPS OUR LINKS BRIGHT AND STRONG

Sangha Exchange takes place on the first and third Sundays at 11:00AM via Zoom. March meetings will be on March 7 and 21. Please find the Zoom links in the Weekly E-News or email newsletter@seattlebetsuin.com to join the email list. Attend, catch up with friends, meet new ones. Last week we discussed National Council Meeting of the previous day, COVID updates, books, and an author/member.

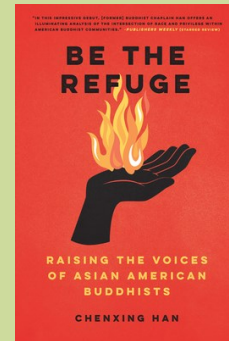
Dharma School Parents Dharma Exchange will take place on March 14 and 28, the second and fourth Sundays. Please inquire with marketing@seattlebetsuin.com to receive the Weekly E-news where the link is posted.

Meditation meets each Sunday mornings at 9:00AM—9:45AM. We open with SanBujo, Sit in Gratitude Meditation for 20 minutes, chant Nembutsu and close with discussion. Please

join us on Zoom! Email newsletter@seattlebetsuin.com and specify SBC Meditation to receive the link.

Buddhist Book Study Our next meeting will take place at 9:30-11:00am on Saturday, March 20, 2021. We discuss Be the Refuge by Chenxing Han. Please contact Wayne Suyenaga or webmaster@seattlebetsuin.com for the zoom link to the meeting. Gassho, Wayne

Submitted by Irene Goto



Camp Fire News

submitted by Ann Wong

Turtles Turtles are working hard on the Camp Fire Candy Sale. We had Drive Through Candy Sales on 1/31 and 2/21. We had fun making a Promotion Video which aired during Sunday Service. It was great to see many friends at the Drive Through Candy Sale. Thank you all, who watched the Ad on Sunday Service, purchased candy from us at the Drive Through and online, for your support!

submitted by Akiko Yabuki

Lemonades The Lemonades are continuing to work on their advocacies towards their Wohelo.

A message from Cassidy:

Do you enjoy sewing or want to help children going through cancer treatment? Non-profit organization, Ryan's Case for Smiles, donates pillowcases to improve the quality of life for children going through treatment. If you are interested in helping sew pillowcases and/or making a donation of any amount towards sewing materials, please contact Cassidy at cassidywong23@gmail.com for more information.

submitted by Cassidy

The Eco Sangha Styrofoam/polystyrene Collection will take place on Thursday, March 4, at 11 o'clock. Meet at the temple back parking lot with these clean and dry, free-of-tape items:

bubble wrap
formed Styrofoam, (polystyrene)
packing peanuts,
flexible packing sheets

Submitted by Gail Kaminishi

They do not accept polystyrene egg cartons

Please remove tape from the bubble wrap

Musical Notes by Kemi Nakabayashi

Thank you to Kristy Carpenter who recorded gathas on piano while back in Washington state for her winter break. Her recording of *Like Blossoms* by dii Lewis was used along with the dii's arrangement of *Ondokusan II* recorded by Emiko Katsumoto from Berkeley Buddhist Temple for the Pet Memorial slide show for last month's Nirvana Day service. We look forward to presenting *Okagesame de, Arigato* by Donna Sasaki, recorded by Kristy, collaborating with the vocal talent of the Hirota sisters.

The Bon Odori/Taiko/Public Music subcommittee of the BCA Music Committee is pleased to announce two upcoming webinars, co-hosted by the BCA Executive Committee. The purpose of these webinars is to review the challenges and best practices related to online bon odori and taiko. The first webinar, "Bon Odori Online," will be presented via Zoom on Saturday, March 27, 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. (PST). It will feature short presentations by temple representatives from San Jose, Sacramento, Pasadena, Seattle, and Seabrook. The focus of this webinar will be the practice and presentation of obon dance online. Alex Sakamoto and Connor McKinney plan to represent Seattle Betsuin. Wynn Kiyama from Oregon Buddhist Temple will be the moderator with time for Q&A discussion. To register for "Bon Odori Online": <https://forms.gle/kkug16Y9bGuzA6Ye8>

The second webinar, "Taiko Online," will feature presentations by Buddhist taiko leaders from California and Hawai'i: Johnny Mori (Senshin), Elise Fujimoto (Mountain View), Sydney Shiroyama (Palo Alto), and Paul Sakamoto (Puna Hongwanji). An open forum will follow to share ideas and resources related to online taiko rehearsals and classes. Tyler Moriguchi will be the moderator. This webinar will be held via Zoom on Saturday, April 3 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. (PST). To register for "Taiko Online": <https://forms.gle/5AvJfviLkbjzznt6>

Registration is required for both webinars. Flyers with the registration link are also posted on the BCA website under Events.

BCA Music Committee Webinar



INNOVATIONS & CHALLENGES with BON ODORI ONLINE

March 27, 2021 • 11:00 am – 12:15 pm PST

Featuring short presentations by five BCA temples followed by an open forum to share ideas and resources.

Temples:
San Jose, Sacramento, Pasadena, Seattle & Seabrook

Moderator: Wynn Kiyama, Oregon Buddhist Temple

For registration
<https://forms.gle/kkug16Y9bGuzA6Ye8>
Hosted by the BCA Executive Committee



INNOVATIONS & CHALLENGES with TAIKO ONLINE

April 3, 2021 • 11:00 am – 12:15 pm PST

Featuring short presentations by four taiko leaders followed by an open forum to share ideas and resources.

Panelists:
Johnny Mori, Senshin Buddhist Temple
Elise Fujimoto, Mountain View Buddhist Temple
Sydney Shiroyama, Palo Alto Buddhist Temple
Paul Sakamoto, Puna Hongwanji Mission

Moderator: Tyler Moriguchi, Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple

For registration
<https://forms.gle/5AvJfviLkbjzznt6>
Hosted by the BCA Executive Committee

Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association

Submitted by Janie Okawa

SBBWA's Mission 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.

Big thank you to Susie Y. who did a great job on our "Year in Pictures" PowerPoint, with music, too!

Kanako's message:

Welcome to the annual SBBWA general membership meeting. Janie and I hope that you are all doing well as we forge on through the pandemic and stay safe and healthy.

Unlike previous years where we have had a gathering to honor and thank our board and cabinet members, today we do so virtually and with much gratitude and appreciation. For without the dedication and service of our SBBWA board and cabinet members, we would not be the organization we are today.

We also would like to introduce our newest board members: Marie Kosai-Luke, Sheri Mizumori, Susie Taketa and Julianne Tosaya.

We would also like to thank two board members who have become honorary members this year: Shirley Shimada and Akico Taniguchi. Both have served over 10 years as board members.

After the meeting portion of this meeting, we invite you to watch a PowerPoint presentation put together by Susie Yamane of SBBWA's year in pictures. It is amazing that we have done as much as we have despite the pandemic. A big thank you, to all!

With Gassho, Kanako



[Zoom pictures]

SBBWA held our annual General Membership Meeting (Sokai) on February 7, 2021 via Zoom. Co-President Kanako K. and Sensei spoke about our achievements despite the coronavirus pandemic, and that we need to continue to reach out to our members and keep in touch with one another. We completed a survey for the FBWA conference planned for October 2022 in Northern California (Sacramento).

Our New Membership Service is coming up in April and we would like to welcome anyone interested in joining us. We strive to serve our members, temple, and community (see Mission Statement above). So, if you, or anyone you know might be interested in becoming a SBBWA member, please contact Joan N. office@seattlebetsuin.com, Margaret G., or a cabinet member.




Upcoming Events:

- March 7 Board of Directors' meeting at 12pm via Zoom
- April 18 New Member Service at 11:30am via Zoom

Recording

Structure of the Contemplation Sutra

1. Prologue
 - i. Tragedy at the royal place of Rājagṛha
 - ii. Vaidehī's request for Śākyamuni's help and his response.
2. Main Body
 - I. Practice of contemplation on the thirteenth features of Amida, Bodhisattvas, and the Pure Land
 - II. Method of attaining birth in the Pure Land for the aspiration of the three ranks.
3. Epilogue
 - I. Benefits gained by Vaidehī and the audience
 - II. Śākyamuni's command of the transmission of the nembutsu teaching
 - III. Recounting of the sutras by Ānanda to the assembly on the Vulture Peak



Submitted by Irene Goto

2021 BCA NWD Joint Lady Kujo & Lady Ohtani Memorial Service



premiered on February 14, 2021. View the service on [2021 Buddhist Churches of America Northwest District Joint Lady Kujo & Lady Ohtani Memorial Service - YouTube](#) See program description on p. 10. - Submitted by Irene Goto

Temple's volunteer Maintenance Team has been busy!

Email and kitchenette photos of January 16 from project manager, Grace Tazuma:



Hello, Everyone,

The kitchenette remodel is nearly complete....Yes, we still have the microwave. It will be put on the elevated shelf in the corner. The current shelf in the photo wasn't built as planned so we are re-doing that. Based on the feedback, we raised the placement of the microwave so that the counter space could still be utilized.

The flower arranging group will be storing all of their equipment in the storage area under the stairway.

Thank you. Gassho, Grace

WANTED: Newsletters of Seattle Buddhist Temple

2000: January - May; **2001:** Feb - Nov; **2002:** January - May.

If you have any of these issues, please contact Irene Goto at

newsletter@seattlebetsuin.com. Thank you! - IG

The Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges The Following Donations 2021 January - February

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		<u>Given by:</u>
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Mary Yamashita Furuta	Park Eng; Marvin & Pat Yoshinaka
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<u>Donor:</u>	<u>For:</u>
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Tsukasa & Keiko Namekata	General Donation
Kazuko Yakumo	Appreciation for Newsletter
Robert Hamatani	50/50 Share of BCA Donation
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Kae Lang	Appreciation for Japanese Play Group
Yoko Yanari	Appreciation for Sanskrit Class
Kuniko Takamura	General Donation
Guy Ding	Pure Land Book
Kroger Inc.	20 Contribution
Malcolm & Eileen Kanemoto	Salmon Dinner

Special Services: Ho'Onko: Dodobara, Kenny & Yoshie; Kato, Nina Tomita-; Keltner, Marc & Janice; Kijima, Esther; Kumasaka, Lisa; Kuwahara, Kinue; Seko, Robert; Shimbo, Ben & Etsu; Shimizu, Roy & Kazumi; Tamekuni, Masao & Frances; Tanaka, Rikuko; Terada, Ronald & Suzuko; Tomita, Paul & Mabel; Toyoshima, Michiko; Uyenishi, Tazuko; Yoshida, Fuyo
Nirvana Day: Dwayne Linde In Memory of Royal Highness Miss Lady Qu'Appelle, Protector of the Universe.

2021 Buddhist Churches of America Northwest District Joint Lady Kujo & Lady Ohtani Memorial Service

297 views

•Premiered Feb 14, 2021

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[Northwest District Ministers Association](#)

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See screenshot on p. 7. To view this service, go to:

[2021 Buddhist Churches of America Northwest District Joint Lady Kujo & Lady Ohtani Memorial Service - YouTube](#)

NW Ministers Association Service Kisaragiki (the memorial service for Lady Takeko Kujo) and the memorial service for Lady Yoshiko Ohtani Recording: Monday, Feb 8, 2pm; Premier on YouTube: Sunday, Feb 14, 10am; Service Program: 1. Opening Remarks Rev. Jerry Hirano (IOBT) 2. Introduction of Lady Takeko Kujo and Lady Yoshiko Otani MA Amanda Goodwin (Spokane) 3. Chanting of Zenshokada Rev. Tadao Koyama (Tacoma) 4. Hyobyaku (aspiration) Rev. Jim Warrick (White River) 5. Chanting of Kisanboge Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki (Seattle) 6. Ryogemon (English) MA Eric Hammerstrom (Tacoma), (JP) Rev. Cyndi Yasaki 7. English Dharma Talk Rev. Kathy Chatterton (IOBT) 8. Japanese Dharma Talk Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra (OCBC) 9. English Dharma Talk Rev. Irene Goto (Seattle) 10. Our Pledge MA Brenda Fugate (Oregon MA) 11. Special recognition 1) For Rev. Tadao Koyama presenter: Rev. Jerry Hirano (IOBT) (Received Junsan certificate, Shiki-tan certificate, and Tokubetsu Homuin certificate) 12. Special recognition 2) For Kaikyoshiho presenter: Rev. Jerry Hirano (IOBT) (Rev. Jim Warrick, Rev. Anne Spencer, Rev. Kathy Chatterton) 13. Closing Remarks Rev. Jerry Hirano (IOBT) 14. Seiya (Rock version inspired by Ozzy Osbourne's *Mama, I'm Coming Home*) Rev. Yuki Sugahara (OBT) *Seiya* composed by Shinpei Nakayama, words by Lady Takeko Kujo

NIRVANA DAY PET MEMORIAL

February 21, 2021
Seattle Betsuin
Buddhist Temple

Her Royal Highness Miss Lady Qu'Appelle



On the memorial of Shakyamuni Buddha's *parinirvana* pets were also remembered - fish, turtle, guinea pig, cats and dogs. To view the service go to [Seattle Betsuin Nirvana Day/Pet Memorial Service 2021-02-21 - YouTube](#)

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SEATTLE BETSUIN BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Practicing in the Jodo Shinshu Tradition

- Wednesday chanting, sutra study, and dialogue led by Rimban Kusunoki. See "Full Calendar" on <https://seattlebetsuin.com> and email webmaster@seattlebetsuin.com for meeting link.
- Seattle Betsuin Book Study meets Saturday morning once per month. Email webmaster@seattlebetsuin.com for meeting link.
- Sitting in Gratitude Meditation meets Sunday mornings at 9:00AM. Email webmaster@seattlebetsuin.com for meeting link.
- Seattle Betsuin YouTube Channel for live-streamed and recorded Sunday and weekday morning services: <https://www.youtube.com/seattlebuddhisttemple> and see Play Lists.



Podcast by

Rev. Takashi Miyaji <https://rdtakam.podbean.com/> or



<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/no-doubt-a-shin-buddhist-approach/id1511351502>

Podcast on Oakland Buddha statue



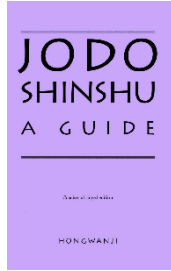
<https://ohthepodcastsyoullgo.wordpress.com/2017/11/16/oakland-buddha-statue/>

- **PACIFIC WORLD** Journal of the Institute of Buddhist Studies: <https://pwj.shin-ibs.edu/> Issues of the Pacific World Journal from 1980's to current. All the articles can be downloaded in pdf. Recent issues are more specialized but some in the 1980s were directed to general audience but still of interest.

- **MURYOKO** 'Infinite Light'



Journal of Shin Buddhism (main articles): <http://nembutsu.info/contents.htm> This is from the Australian Jodo Shin group.

-  **JODO SHINSHU A GUIDE** is available as a [PDF on the BCA website](#). BCA stands for Buddhist Churches of America. This abridged edition provides an overview of Buddhism, Shinran Shonin, and the Jodo Shinshu teaching. <https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/jodo-shinshu-a-guide/>



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TWO SATURDAY SESSIONS, 11 AM - 1 PM (PACIFIC TIME)

ZEN & SHIN BUDDHISM

PART 1:
MARCH 6, 2021

PART 2:
MARCH 13, 2021



Letting Go:

A ZEN & SHIN APPROACH TO LIBERATION

Dr. Duncan Ryuken Williams

University of Southern California
Author, *AMERICAN SUTRA: A STORY OF FAITH AND FREEDOM IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR* (2019)

Duncan Ryuken Williams was born in London, Japan to a Japanese mother and British father and grew up in Japan and England until age 17, when he came to the U.S. to attend college (Reed College) and graduate school (Harvard University, where he received a Ph.D. in Religion). He is currently Professor of Religion and East Asian Languages & Cultures and the Director of the USC Shinshu Ito Center for Japanese Religions and Culture. Previously, he held the Shinjo Ito Distinguished Chair of Japanese Buddhism at UC Berkeley. He has also been ordained since 1993 as a Buddhist priest in the Soto Zen tradition and served as the Buddhist chaplain at Harvard University from 1994-96.

REGISTER ONLINE FOR MARCH 6: PART 1
Guest Speaker: Dr. Duncan Williams
<https://forms.gle/Fhcure6qHIMK8Y9bK7>



Zen Practice

TIMELESS CALLING, TIMELY RESPONSE

Tenkei Coppens Roshi

Abbot, Zen River Temple- Uithuizen, The Netherlands
Author, *TIMELESS CALLING, TIMELY RESPONSE*, A GUIDE FOR ZEN BUDDHIST PRACTICE (2020)

Anton Tenkei Coppens is the abbot of Zen River Temple. Born in The Netherlands, he has a background in art and art history, started his Zen training in England in 1976, and continued it from 1980 with Genpo Merzel Roshi and Taizan Maezumi Roshi, mostly in the US but also in several European countries. He received Shiko, Dharma transmission, from Genpo Roshi in 1996 and Inka, the final seal of approval, in 2006. Tenkei Roshi also practiced Zen in Japan with Junyu Kuroda Roshi and became a fully qualified representative of the Soto school. Together with his wife, Tamara Myoho Gabrysch Roshi, and a number of close students, he established Zen River Temple in 2002.

"Timeless Calling, Timely Response aims to serve as an inspiration for anyone interested in hearing their life's calling and finding their own way to respond to it." - Tenkei Roshi

REGISTER ONLINE FOR MARCH 13: PART 2
Guest Speaker: Tenkei Coppens Roshi
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BDDSTL & FDSTL ONLINE WORKSHOP



RIGHT EFFORT: Making Dharma School Classrooms Anti-Racist Environments

Saturday, March 13, 2021 2:00 - 5:00 pm PST

Creating a safe and inclusive environment within our Dharma School classrooms is a goal for all of our chapters.

The Dharma helps us to get closer to this goal, but societal influences can hamper our efforts. What can we do to close the gap?

A better understanding of how we got to this point and pausing to look within ourselves can help us as teachers to educate our students as we strive to reach our goal.

A webcast conversation with

Zora Uyeda-Hale

Zora Uyeda-Hale is an 11th grader at Albany High School and attends Berkeley Buddhist Temple, where she serves as the JYBA President and Co-President of the Bay District JYBA. At school, Zora helps to lead *Speak*, a social justice education group, and is the co-leader of the school's *Diversify Our Narrative* educational justice committee. Zora has an ArtSpeak internship at the Asian Art Museum. When she has a free moment, Zora likes to crochet and dream of playing basketball at school again.

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Kiyo Masuda

Since retiring from her work in education, Kiyo Masuda finally has time to develop one of her many interests - finding books that make the Dharma meaningful and relevant to children. Her twenty-five years in education included teaching elementary, middle school and high school and holding administrative positions at each level. As a Buddhist and educator, she realizes the importance of teaching children, from their formative years, the essence of how to live a happy life in gratitude.



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Guest Speakers:

Prof. Mitsuya Dake

Graduate School of Intercultural Communications, Ryukoku University, Kyoto, Japan



Prof. Dake is on the faculty of Ryukoku University's Graduate School of Intercultural Communications, and is director of its Center for the Studies of South Asia. He received his masters degree from Ryukoku and has completed his Ph.D. courses for literature. His areas of research include: Shinran Thought; Engaged Buddhism; and Inter-faith Dialogue. He serves on the editorial board of the journal, *Contemporary Voices of Dait.*

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Rev. Kuwaharahas a master's degree in Jodo Shinshu Studies from the Institute of Buddhist Studies and Ryukoku University, and completed the Ryukoku Ph.D. program in Jodo Shinshu studies. He has also served as co-director of the BCA Center for Buddhist Education; coordinator for the Hongwanji Office of the BCA Jodo Shinshu Center; and staff member of the International Department of the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha.

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Pasadena Buddhist Temple (YouTube)
Buddhist Church of Sacramento (YouTube) Livestream: Sundays 9:30am Pacific
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Buddhist Church of San Francisco (YouTube)
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Tacoma Buddhist Temple (Rev. Miyaji's Podcast Page)
Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple (YouTube)
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**JUL 12-16:
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SUMMER
RETREAT**

**NOV 6:
BYR &
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MARCH 2021 BETSUIN SCHEDULE

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
	<i>To view all services, please visit http://www.youtube.com/seattlebuddhisttemple</i>	10 am livestream Morning Service 11 am Seattle Japanese Dharma Gathering - Zoom	<i>Rinban's day off</i>	10 am livestream Morning Service 11 am Sutra Chanting & Dialogue - Zoom	10 am Japanese Play Group on Zoom	<i>Rinban's day off</i>	10 am livestream Joint Memorial Service 11 am Gojikai Service on Zoom
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
9 am 9 am 10 am	Religious Department meeting Meditation on Zoom CAMP FIRE SUNDAY SERVICE English Dharma Talk (Rinban) Japanese Dharma Talk (Rinban)	10 am livestream Morning Service 11 am Seattle Japanese Dharma Gathering - Zoom	<i>Rinban's day off</i>	10 am livestream Morning Service 11 am Sutra Chanting & Dialogue - Zoom	<i>Rinban's day off</i> 10 am Japanese Play Group on Zoom	10 am livestream Joint Memorial Service - CANCELED	
11 am 11 am	Sangha Exchange on Zoom All Dharma School classes meet on Zoom						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
9 am 10 am 11 am	<i>Daylight Saving Time starts</i> Meditation on Zoom SUNDAY SERVICE English Dharma Talk (Rinban) Japanese Dharma Talk (Rinban) DS Parents Dharma Exchange on Zoom	10 am livestream Morning Service 10:30 am-noon Shin Buddhist Study Series: Japanese lecture Rev Kuwahara	<i>Rinban's day off</i>	10 am livestream Morning Service 11 am Sutra Chanting & Dial. 6:30-8pm English lecture by Rev Kuwahara	10 am Japanese Play Group on Zoom	10 am livestream Joint Memorial Service 2-3 pm Gagaku practice	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
9 am 10 am 11 am	Meditation on Zoom SPRING OHIGAN combined with NWMA English Dharma Talk (Guest speaker, Rev Yushi Mukojima - Mtn View) Japanese Dharma Talk (Rev Mukojima) Sangha Exchange on Zoom	10 am livestream Morning Service 11 am Seattle Japanese Dharma Gathering - Zoom 8 pm Newsletter deadline	<i>Rinban's day off</i>	10 am livestream Morning Service 11 am Sutra Chanting & Dialogue - Zoom	7-9 pm Eric Hammerstrom (Seattle Buddhist Study Center lecture)	10 am livestream Joint Memorial Service	
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2021 FAMILY MEMORIAL SERVICE SCHEDULE

In the Jodo Shinshu tradition, family memorial services are held on designated anniversaries to express gratitude and recall cherished memories of our loved ones while listening to the Buddha Dharma. While the Temple is closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Rinban Kusunoki will read your loved one's name during the Joint Memorial Service livestreamed on most Saturdays at 10 am or will conduct a virtual service for your family and friends. If you have a family member who passed away in the following years, you are encouraged to hold a memorial service in 2021:

<u>Year of Death</u>	<u>Service</u>
2020	1st year memorial
2019	3rd year memorial
2015	7th year memorial
2009	13th year memorial
2005	17th year memorial
1997	25th year memorial
1989	33rd year memorial
1972	50th year memorial

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

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Monday, 10:00 AM Service

Tuesday, No Service

Wednesday, 10:00AM Service (&
11:00 AM Sutra Chanting and Dialogue*)
Friday, No Service

Saturday, 10:00 AM Service
Joint Memorial

Sunday, 10:00 AM Service Virtual,
Pre-recorded (Canceled on March 13);
also Dharma School Parents and
Sangha Exchanges at 11:00AM*

*For links, Email webmaster@seattlebetsuin.com

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Wed. March 17
6:30PM - 8:00PM

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