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Jodo Shinshu Nishi Hongwanji-ha

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“*Toro nagashi*” - floating lanterns on the water

by Rimban Katsuya Kusunoki

Toro nagashi is a special attraction of summer in Japan. Each region has its unique way of conducting *Toro nagashi*. My hometown, Nagasaki, has a tradition of “*Shoro nagashi*”. *Shoro* literally means the spirit of a dead person. People make a *Shoro* boat and hang lanterns on it. Sizes of *Shoro* boats are all different. Family members, relatives and neighbors get together and carry their boats to the ocean. On the way to the ocean, people set off fireworks and firecrackers. It is such a lively event. When I was a child I was so excited and looked forward to *Shoro nagashi* every year.

As an adult, my view of *Shoro nagashi* has gradually changed. Making and carrying the *Shoro* boat means that the family lost one or more of its members. People participate in the *Shoro nagashi* because they lost a family member or close friend in the past year. They experienced a sad event, parting from someone they love before the annual lively event. They may have their regrets

that their loved one passed away so soon. They may also wish that their loved one rests in peace. It might be difficult for some people to find words to express their feelings. People put their honest thoughts into *Toro nagashi* and *Shoro nagashi* and float them on the water.

Toro nagashi was brought to U.S. and has been conducted in various cities. In Seattle there is a peace gathering, “From Hiroshima To Hope”, which is held on August 6th. The event honors victims of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and all victims of violence. People wish to eliminate nuclear weapons and for everyone to live in peace. People light lanterns and float them onto Green Lake.

Through practicing *Toro nagashi*, people send their thoughts to their loved one and, also listen to their loved ones’ voices. I would like to introduce a member of Kogenji, my family’s temple. His name is Mr. Katsuji Yoshida. He was thirteen years old when the A-Bomb was dropped. He was badly burned, including his face. After the War he suffered from his burns and the cold stares of those

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Katsuya Kusunoki

Rimban Kusunoki discussing Seattle Betsuin’s Obon and BonOdori at Dharma Exchange on July 25, 2021 via Zoom

Join Seattle Betsuin's Virtual Groups:

Meditation, Book Study, Dharma Exchange, p.12

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AUGUST SCHEDULE

Virtual 10:00AM Services:

Monday August 16; every Sunday; and only Saturday August 7, 2021 with

Shotsuki Hoyo Memorial

Go to <https://youtube.com/seattlebuddhisttemple> Search “playlists” for past services.

Calendar: p. 19 and SeattleBetsuin.com/calendar

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around him. He conveyed his experiences of surviving the A-Bomb and his wish for peace until his life ended at the age of 78. He also visited the U.S. to tell his story and his wish. I would like to introduce you one of his voices.

“The basis for peace is for people to understand the pain of others.”Mr. Yoshida always tells people this word. When I participate in “From Hiroshima To Hope” this year, with keeping in mind his word, I would like to conduct the *Toro nagashi*. While lighting my lantern, I light a torch of peace in my heart. While floating my lantern, I wish that the torch of peace is transmitted to the next person and gradually spread all over the world.

In this world there are so many problems we need to grapple with. There are many issues to be solved for everyone to live at ease. Some people feel pain from various discrimination. Due to climate

change, some people are threatened to lose their place to live. Some animals and plants are also faced with danger to their lives. There are many things to do to solve all these issues. Each of us needs to seriously contemplate what we can do. Whatever we do, we need to keep one thing in our heart. It is to listen and understand the pain of others which Mr. Yoshida taught. In Buddhism, the heart to understand the pain of others is called *Jihi*, “compassion”. There are some people around you who are suffering from their pain. You may be a person who is suffering from your pain. We listen and understand each others' pain. It is the path for everyone to live at ease. To make this world peaceful, each of us needs to learn and practice *Jihi*, “compassion”. I appreciate that *Toro Nagashi* is one precious opportunity to learn *Jihi*, “compassion”. What wish do you put into your lantern? Please contemplate *Jihi*, “compassion” through *Toro Nagashi*.



Nagasaki's Shoro Nagashi

Shotsuki/Joint Memorial Service will be live-streamed* on Saturday, August 7, 2021 at 10:00AM. The names of those loved-ones who will be remembered are listed on page 17. *Go to <http://www.youtube.com/seattlebuddhisttemple>



Betsuin Tea Talk

by Leanne Nishi-Wong
"Temple News"

The Seattle Betsuin's 89th Obon Odori (dance festival) premiered on July 17, 2021 at 5:00pm, via

YouTube (www.youtube.com/c/SeattleBonOdori). If you didn't get an opportunity to watch the premier, no worries; it is still available on-line to watch at your convenience.

Thank you to the many volunteers who made this year's Obon a success! The participation in the on-line presentation, the food prep, cooking and meal deliveries could not have happened without a great sangha team.

Unfortunately, the temple experienced a flood prior to the Obon week, which put a bit of a damper on all the activities. The temple was fortunate to have a neighbor, Alex R., who reported the water pouring out of the building to the fire department and the Betsuin's Facebook page. The damage is contained to the Memorial Hall side of the building, but it could have been worse without his intervention. The Betsuin is grateful to Alex R. for his quick and thoughtful actions.

The Betsuin is grateful to the Maintenance Committee members who took time out of their evening to clean up the flooded areas. They pulled up the carpets, moved all the furniture and mopped up the water. It will be several months before the Memorial Hall remodel is complete.

Kats Tanino, past chairperson of the Seattle Betsuin, passed away shortly before this year's Obon. He personally meant a lot to me, and I am sure to many of you, too. His obituary follows. Plans for a service are forthcoming.

The Betsuin sends condolences to the families and friends of loved ones who have passed. The Obon season celebrates and pays homage to those who came before us. It reminds me to pay my respects to the living too. I think often of the Betsuin sangha members' dana and how we truly are interdependent. Each of you gives of your time, talent, and participation in the temple community. Thank you!

May you be touched by Amida Buddha's compassion.

In Gassho,
Leanne

Katsumi "Kats" Tanino passed away peacefully on July 6, 2021, at 92 years of age. He was born on October 5, 1928, in Seattle, Washington to Mitsumasa and Shizue Tanino. Kats spent his formative years growing up in Bellevue, Washington working and playing on the family farm with his two brothers Ryomi (Ry) and Matami (Tom) and two sisters Takae (Tak) and Tsukiyo (Tsuk).

With the signing of Executive Order 9066, the Tanino family (except Ry who was at WSU and later joined the 442nd army unit) was evacuated to Pinedale Assembly Center near Fresno, California, and was later sent to Tule Lake Relocation Camp in 1942. After WWII, Kats moved to Spokane and completed his high school education and attended Gonzaga University, earning a Mechanical engineering degree in 1951. He worked for Metcalf & Harstad Associates, an engineering firm, from 1951-1980. Known as a talented and reputable engineer, Kats and Jon Stack opened their own firm, S T Engineering, Inc. in 1980, where Kats was president until he retired in 1993.

Kats met Teruyo "Terrie" Arakawa, from Fresno, California, while in the Tule Lake Relocation camp, and married her in 1953. They moved to Seattle and shared 66 very full and loving years until Terrie's passing in 2020. Together they enjoyed traveling all around the world and playing bridge, as members of the Magnolia Senior Bridge Group.

As a life-long, avid fisherman Kats fished all over the state of Washington. He especially enjoyed his salmon fishing trips to the Washington Coast where he caught many trophy-size King salmon.

Both Kats and Terrie were very active in the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple. Kats held many positions within the church, including President (1986-1987). He also held positions with the Northwest District Buddhist Churches of America, the Buddhist Churches of America, Wisteria View Housing Corporation, and the Kawabe Memorial Committee.

In 2017 Kats and Terrie moved to The Lakeshore retirement community. Even then, Kats still enjoyed playing cards and started a weekly poker game with other residents. He also amused himself by playing blackjack at nearby casinos, winning more than he lost. After Terrie's passing, Kats' remaining sibling, sister Tak, moved from California to The Lakeshore, and was able to spend his final days with him.

Katsumi Tanino led a respectable and generous life. As he rejoins the love of his life, Terrie, he also leaves behind his sister Takae Walts, and many nieces, nephews, and friends, who will miss him greatly.

A memorial service for Kats and Terrie will be scheduled for a later date. Remembrances may be sent to the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple. ...

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.

From Hiroshima to Hope, August 6th - Thank you to Nina T-K, Kanako K, Donna Z, Char Y, Dennis Y, Judith N & daughter, Elaine, Miya R, and Susanne U for helping at the From Hiroshima to Hope event on August 6th at Green Lake Park. SBBWA is a monetary sponsor and prepared food for volunteers during the evening's event.



Obon summer bento video - A big thank you to Ritsuko K and Kanako K for videotaping directions to make a summer bento which was part of the Virtual Obon celebration. They made 3 kinds of onigiri; tamagoyaki; rough cut kimpira gobo and carrots; hijiki, shirataki, and carrot itameni; broccoli with mayo sauce; and chicken karaage. (recipes to come). Skip to minute 20 and 30 seconds on the Virtual Obon site (right) for the directions:

Ingredients for this Obento:
1 Carrot
1 Gobo (Burdock Root)
Green Beans
1 lb Chicken Thighs
1 Packet Karaage Seasoning
Mirin
Shoyu (light and regular)
Sake
4 eggs
Kewpie Mayonnaise
Broccoli
Hijiki
Shirataki Noodles
3 Cups of Rice
Preferred Onigiri Mixings
Vegetable Oil
Nori



Calendar:

August 1st - Board of Directors' meeting
September 12th - Board of Director's meeting
October 3rd - Eshinni-ko/Kakushinni-ko Memorial Service
October 24th - SBBWA Memorial Service

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* THE SUTRA OF THE BUDDHA OF IMMEASURABLE LIFE
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GUEST SPEAKERS:



RINBAN KATSUYA KUSUNOKI

Rinban, Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple
BCA Northwest District Kyokuchō
Liturgy Specialist, Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha



REV. KIYONOBU KUWAHARA

Resident Minister, Berkeley Buddhist Temple
Supervising Minister, Buddhist Temple of Marin
Program Manager, Jodo Shinshu International Office

*"We express our joy to be able to encounter
Namoamidabutsu and the guidance of Pure Land
through chanting the Sutras."*

In Jodo Shinshu, THE THREE PURE LAND SUTRAS delivered by Shakyamuni Buddha are the scriptures which we rely on as our doctrinal basis. English translations of THE THREE PURE LAND SUTRAS have been available; and now the romanized liturgical material has been published, making it possible for non-Japanese speaking audiences to chant the Sutras in their entirety.

In the Pure Land Way, Master Shan-tao (613-681) explained the five right practices for attaining birth in the Pure Land. They are: (1) chanting the sutras, (2) meditating on Amida Buddha and his land, (3) worshipping Amida Buddha, (4) reciting the nembutsu, and (5) praising and making offerings to Amida. These practices are the religious actions recommended for nembutsu followers to carry out in their daily lives.

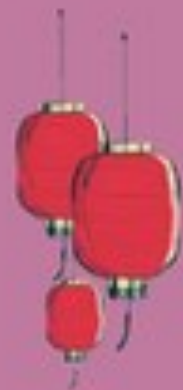


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**BCA VIRTUAL
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SUN 8/15/21 @ 1pm (PST)



Join us on Zoom for an Obon Dance
program featuring different temples
throughout the BCA

Please register here to receive the zoom link:

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RENNYO'S CONTRIBUTION TO HONGWANJI THOUGHT

Wisdom of a Great Propagator & Revitalizer



Rennyo Shonin
(1415 - 1499)

**SATURDAY
AUGUST 21,
2021**

***11 AM - 1 PM**

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Guest Speaker:

REV. DR. MUTSUMI WONDRA

Resident Minister, Orange County Buddhist Church
Adjunct Professor, Institute of Buddhist Studies

Rennyo Shōnin is revered for his great achievement as the “Second Founder” in the eight hundred year history of the Hongwanji.

When he became a spiritual head of the Hongwanji, Japan was developing economically, and a new social structure was forming during the Warring period. It was a period of internal warfare and people were facing social turmoil.

Rennyo transmitted, in an easily understood manner, the path of being spiritually liberated according to Amida Buddha's deep wish, and the nembutsu taught by the Founder Shinran Shōnin.

Because of Rennyo's energetic propagation carried on through his life, the teaching of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism spread throughout the country and became the foundation for the Hongwanji today.

In this seminar, we will learn about the life of Rennyo and his propagation methods, which may provide some hints to the American Shinshū community today.



Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra serves as a BCA minister at the Orange County Buddhist Church and adjunct professor at the IBS. She received Tokudo (2006) and Kyoshi (2007) ordination from Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha. She earned a MA from the Institute of Buddhist Studies; and MA and PhD from Ryukoku University Graduate School of Shin Buddhist Studies; and Hongwanjiha Hokyō.



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Keynote Speaker

Reverend Peter Hata

Higashi Honganji Los Angeles Betsuin
Founding Member Of The
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Hiroshima

Sunday September 12



Kim Stafford

State of Oregon
Poet Laureate, emeritus
Monday September 13



Nobuko Miyamoto

Songwriter, Dance & Theater Artist,
Cultural Activist
Thursday September 16

Featured Presenters



Brian Koichi Mizushima

BCA Youth Coordinator
Wednesday September 15



Rev. Ko'e Umezu

Asst. Minister WLAET
Illustrator/Storyboard Artist
Tuesday September 14



Rev. Yuki Sugahara

Resident Minister OBT
Musician
Thursday September 16
(in Japanese)

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THANK YOU, 89th Seattle Bon Odori VSBO 2021 Bon Odori Committee, including:

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Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki
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and our Seattle Betsuin Sangha and supporters for your time and talent, and for Seattle SeaFair Organization.

Bon Odori has always been a time for our community to gather and celebrate the lives of our ancestors with deep gratitude and appreciation. Thank you, All, for allowing us to spend this Obon season reflecting on our loved ones and to dance with joy. *Namo Amida Butsu*

View the complete list of credits and donors at the end of the 2021VSBO video:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/SeattleBonOdori>

<https://seattlebetsuin.com/vsbo21>

In Gassho (palms together),
Editor

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 (i.e.- fix the roof) and operations and programs (i.e. – Live Streaming of Sunday services and Special (i.e. All Sangha Memorial) services; Dharma School classes; seminars;). The minimum for individual membership is \$400 (for under 70 years of age), and \$350 (for 70 years of age and over).

***Ellen Hale, Eric & Betty Nakashima, Steph Ojima, Louise Sakuma,
Akiko Yabuki, Dennis Yamashita & Elaine Aoki, Fukuyo Yee***

(Compiled by Howard, Joan, Pauline & Steph)

College Welcome Dinner is back for 2021! Join us Saturday, October 9, for a fun evening meeting Sr YBA and other college-age students 18-26 and Rev Kusunoki. Enjoy good, home-cooked meals! Spread the word!

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2021

- Sr YBA President Emily Ko

Musical Notes

submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi

Greetings as we continue into the month of August celebrating the Obon season! Did you have the chance to view the Seattle Betsuin online services and the virtual Seattle Bon Odori in July? After using the BCA recordings organized by the late Rae Imamura for *Obon, Obon, It's Festival Day* and *Obon no Uta* for the Obon/Hatsubon service on July 11, we featured *Season of Obon* for the service on July 25. Yumi Hojo recalls that when she wrote *Obon, Obon, It's Festival Day* there were only a few gathas written in English for temple service use. When Misaye Abiko wrote *Season of Obon*, she introduced it in 1994 to the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple where Rev. Hiroshi Abiko was resident minister. Even then, Mrs. Abiko felt there were not many obon gathas. Rev. Abiko was also introducing taiko at the Palo Alto temple at that time. How grateful I remain that Misaye and Rev. Hiroshi were able to meet at

the Cressman home studio in San Francisco to record the taiko part with the piano track with me before the Covid-19 shutdown last spring! The VSBO committee and participants deserve kudos for producing this year's Seattle Bon Odori video with new ideas and our temple bon odori instructors and Matsuri taiko leading the way.

Minister's Assistant Jason Yokoyama did a fine job of highlighting the meaning of some of the bon odori dance music, so I recommend viewing Jason's Dharma talk from July 25 as well as Rev. Kusunoki's articles from the June and July issues of our Seattle Betsuin newsletter.

The 2nd annual BCA Virtual Obon Dance will be on Sunday afternoon, August 15 at 1 pm Pacific Time. Please register from the BCA website if you have not done so already to view the event. See the registration link under "About the Event" here:

<https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/event-details/bca-virtual-obon-dance>

Jr. YBA News: Submitted by Lacey Brundige

On July 24, 2021, the Seattle Jr. YBA hosted the annual NW District Summer Retreat. This year's theme was Olympic Rings of Compassion.

Although we were not able to spend the night at the temple as we normally do, we, along with youth from the Tacoma Buddhist Temple, still enjoyed a busy day full of activities.



We began the morning with service and a Dharma message by Rev. Kusunoki. After service, we jumped into icebreakers and put together care-kits to give to the residents of Wisteria View Manor.

In the afternoon, we made collages, presented skits on Buddhist holidays and ended the day with volleyball.



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Call the toll free number - 800-817-7918 to hear Bishop Harada's message

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Camp Fire News

submitted by Ann Wong

Camp Fire wrapped up their year with an outdoor Council Fire held on July 25th. It was a beautiful day for the Camp Fire families to gather safely in the back alley and celebrate the girls' achievements.

Camp Fire Group #699 would like to thank Rev. Kusunoki & the ministerial staff, Joan Nakano, the Sangha and our Camp Fire families for all their support this year.



We would also like to acknowledge our three graduating seniors: Jaimie Honmyo, Mette Knutzen and Allison Shibata. We wish them all the best.



Camp Fire Trivia

Much of the Camp Fire curriculum is built around 5 Trails.

Do you know the colors for each trail?

Do you know what the colors represent?

BLUE - Trail to Knowing Me is about relationships, communication and leadership skills that help you learn more about yourself. One of Camp Fire's core colors, blue represents self knowledge and personal expression that leads to good citizenship at home, in the community and in the world.

YELLOW – Trail to Family & Community strengthens your place in the family and community and focuses on service-learning and citizenship. Families and communities work together to reap the harvest of healthy relationships.

GREEN – Trail to Creativity encourages your creati-

ty and imagination through activities that involve the arts. Youth find expression for the creative force within each person.

BROWN – Trail to the Environment helps you understand and appreciate the natural world. Youth learn and practice good stewardship of the earth and its resources.

RED – Trail to the Future focuses on developing your mental and physical skills. The Navajo see the sun as warmth and life itself. Realizing the sun as the essential light of the future.

Turtles submitted by Akiko Yabuki

Turtles wrapped up our year strong! We finished My Group and I (Know Me), Belonging (Family & Community), My Creative Self (Creativity), Connecting to Nature (The Environment). We are hoping to meet during the summer to finish Getting Gritty (The Future).

Alicorns hosted the North Bend Camping trip 6/26-27, and many of our turtles joined them. We had a blast playing in the river and learned how to put up a tent despite the record heat!

Turtles enjoyed dancing & foods at Seattle Virtual Bon Odori from our home. We hope to go out dancing & eating together next year. Thank you for supporting our group! Have a good summer!



WE'RE KEEPING OUR LINKS BRIGHT AND STRONG

Meditation

meets each Sunday morning 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

group will reconvene in September. To receive notification, e-mail newsletter@seattlebetsuin.com and specify SBC Book Study to receive updates and Link. In the meantime, our temple website, SeattleBetsuin.com has many pamphlets [Informational Pamphlets - Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple](#):

[A Brief Introduction to Buddhism](#),
[Why I am a Buddhist](#), [On Meditation](#), [A Brief Introduction to Jodo Shinshu](#), [Prayer and Nembutsu](#), [Is Shin Buddhism the same as Christianity?](#) Jodo Shinshu in Everyday Life, [Workings](#), [Listening to the Buddha-Dharma](#), [Unseen Blessings](#), [I Love You, I love You NamuAmidaButsu](#), [Jodo Shinshu in American Society](#), [Found a New Horizon Life of Shinran Shonin](#), [Commentaries on the Amida-Kyo Sutra](#), [Ho-onko](#) by Rev. Kusada, [Deep Hearing](#) by Rev. Castro, [Be a Verb-Face the Dark Side from West Covina Temple](#), [Essence of Jodo Shinshu Fall Seminar\(s\) Notes](#), [Well Begun Half Done](#) by Rev. Nobuo Haneda, [What is the Pure Land?](#) by Rev. Nobuo Haneda, [What is Amida Buddha?](#) by Rev. Nobuo Haneda, [What is Shin Buddhism?](#) by Rev. Nobuo Haneda, [What is a Buddhist?](#) by Rev. Nobuo Haneda, [What is "Happiness" in Buddhism?](#) by Rev. Nobuo Haneda, [Not Practice, But Understanding](#) by Rev. Nobuo Haneda, [Quiet Sitting](#) by Rev. P.K. Eidmann, [Getting Back to Basics: Buddhism in the New Millenium](#) by Judge Ron Mamiya, [Collected Works of Shinran Shonin by White Lotus Center for Shin Buddhism - Anchorage, Alaska](#), [Jishin Kyoninshin](#) by Alfred Bloom, [Buddhist Study Center Catalog](#), [Camp Huston Retreat - If Life is a Nightmare, Wake Up to a Dream](#), Educational/Children's Pamphlets: [Six aspects of the Shin Educational Process](#), [Baseball and Buddhism](#), [Parents Sharing the Nembutsu Teachings with Their Young Children](#).

Happy Summer Reading! Irene Goto

Seattle Betsuin 2021 Dharma Exchange

Sundays August - 11:00AM - 11:30AM - via Zoom

The [Zoom link](#) appears in our *Weekly E-Newsletter* - Sign up for our Weekly E-Newsletter at: marketing@seattlebetsuin.com

Date	Topic	Lead
August 1	"Remembering Lotus Fresh Air Camp" from Mukashi Mukashi	Rev Irene Goto
August 8	"Reflecting on Peace 'Hiroshima & Nagasaki's A-Bombs"	Na- Rev Katsuya Kusunoki
August 15	No Dharma Exchange Virtual Bon Odori at 1:00 PM PDT	BCA
August 22	"Lotus Skyliners Band Project" with Janet Baba and Shinya Ichikawa	Rev Irene Goto
August 29	No Dharma Exchange	

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Norio Tanaka – Graveside Service	\$ 300.00 Nancy Tanaka
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Kenneth Shigaya	Susan Shigaya; Teruko (Terrie) Shigaya
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**VIRTUAL OBON SERVICE
Northwest District Ministers Association**

premiers

Sunday, August 15, 2021

10:00 AM

YouTube.com/SeattleBuddhistTemple
Search: *2021 August 15 BCA NWDMA*

Guest speakers are

Rev. Ron Kobata, in English and

Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara, in Japanese



Rev Ron Kobata

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For BCA Artists of All Ages

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- Sitting in Gratitude Meditation meets Sunday mornings at 9:00AM. Email webmaster@seattlebetsuin.com for meeting link.
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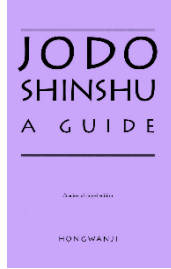
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- **MURYOKO** 'Infinite Light'



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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AUGUST SHOTSUKI HOYO

The August Shotsuki Hoyo Memorial Service will honor the memory of those listed below who passed away in the month of August. This service will be combined with the Joint Memorial Service on Saturday, August 7th, at 10AM and will be livestreamed on the Betsuin YouTube channel:

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Akada, Riyoichi	Iwamoto, Shigeru	Nakamura, Jutarō	Shirakata, Toshiko
Akada, Shizuye	Kajimura, Hareo	Nakamura, Take	Suganuma, Hiroyuki
Akizuki, George	Kajita, Kinichi	Nakamura, Yuki	Sunahara, Margaret
Aramaki, Shigeto	Kaku, George	Nakanishi, Toshio	Suzuki, James
Aratani, Uta	Kaneko, Jiro	Nakano, Minnie	Suzuki, Tazu
Dodobara, Megumi	Kato, Kazuo	Nakano, Sono	Tachiyama, Toshiko
Erie, Toshiko	Kato, Tom	Nakano, Tsuruko	Takeuchi, Shigeo
Fuji, Yukiko	Kawabata, Yoshikazu	Narimatsu, Miyoko	Taki, Noboru
Fujimoto, Kaoru	Kawamoto, Takayuki	Niki, Tsutomu	Tanabe, Suehiko
Fujita, Kikumi	Kikuchi, Hiroshi	Nishi, Sadao	Taniguchi, Mitsuyo
Fukei, Naka	Kimoto, Gon	Nishikawa, Miyuki	Tashiro, Toshiro
Furukado, Masuichiro	Kinomoto, Oliver	Nishimoto, Eda	Tashiro, Yoshi
Furukawa, Yoshio	Kirihara, Tomoyoshi	Nishimura, Haruo	Terao, Ume
Goto, Tatsumi (T.R.)	Kiyonaga, Toshio	Niwa, Tami	Teraoka, Seisu
Habu, John	Kodama, Naoichi	Nogaki, Kenko	Toshi, Hisako
Habu, Richard	Kodama, Sadako	Nose, George	Tsubota, Minoru
Hamasaki	Kojima, Koichi	Ohta, Hideo	Tsuji, Tomi
Hamasaki, Sakae	Komine, Kiyoshi	Okada, George	Tsukada, Hatsumi
Hamasaki, Shimo	Koon, Ying	Okamoto, Grace	Ueki, Kikuno
Hanada, Matsu	Kozai, Masao	Oki, Kathleen	Uyeda, Masato
Harada, Kiyoko	Kubo, Chojiro	Oono, Yoshio	Wada, Corey
Harada, Mitsuyo	Kubo, Frank	Osaki, Take	Wakazuru, Joseph
Harada, Sadako	Kubota, Betty	Oye, Tetsuya	Watanabe, Kazuo
Hata, Sachiko	Kumata, Tazuko	Parker, Tomiko	Watanabe, Yuzuru
Hayashi, Sally	Kuwahara, Susie	Saito, Kenneth	Wataoka, Takayo
Hiroo, Terami	MacNealy, Denny	Sakai, Tama	Wheeler, Robert
Hiroo, Terami	Mamiya, Yoshiko	Sakai, Yoshi	Yahagi, Hiroshi
Hiroo, Yoshie	Mano, Kasumi	Sakai, Yoshiko	Yahagi, Takano
Holcombe, Noriko	Matsumoto, Ayako	Sakamoto, Saburo	Yamagiwa, Robert
Honmyo, Masayoshi	Matsuura, Robert	Sako, Kimiye	Yamaguchi, Shiro
Hoshino, Chieko	Matsuzaki, Kiku	Sakoda, Toshio	Yamamoto, George
Hoshino, Shizuye	McLeod, Grace	Sakuma, Lindsay	Yamamoto, Mitsue
Hung, Shao-Chen	Mitchell, Raymond	Sakurai, Shinji	Yamamoto, Tatsuya
Ikuta, Carol	Miyatake, Sumiko	Sasaki, Sachiyo	Yamasaki, Kazuo
Imabori, Martha	Mochizuki, Kiyoto	Seto, Kazuko	Yamashita, Kiyoshi
Imanaka, Ted	Morimoto, Eichi	Seto, Tatsuji	Yoshida, Elmer
Imanishi, Takeo	Moriyasu, Rekiichi	Shigihara, Takeshi	Yoshida, Keisuke
Ishida, Nobu	Muromoto, Masu	Shimada, Michelle	Yoshizawa, Lucy
Ishikawa, Shigeto	Nagasugi, Hiroto	Shimamoto, Fumi	Yukawa, Ayame
Itakura, Akiko	Nakagawa, Yoshie	Shimomura, Tsuru	Yutani, Alice

SEPTEMBER SHOTSUKI HOYO

The September Shotsuki Hoyo Memorial Service will honor the memory of those listed below who passed away in the month of September. This service will be combined with the Joint Memorial Service on Saturday, September 4th, at 10AM and will be livestreamed at:

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Abe, Shizu	Imanaka, Yaeko	Masumoto, Masako	Shimabukuro, Mitzi
Akada, Shigeo	Imoto, Yoshitada	Miyake, Kinsaburo	Shimizu, Mary
Akutsu, Aimee	Inouye, Towa	Miyake, Naoko	Shimizu, Nobue
Akutsu, Jim	Ishii, Ben	Miyamoto, Shoichi	Shimokon, Masaru
Bobrow, Mort	Isomura, Rikio	Miyamoto, Shoichi	Shimokon, Mitsuma
Chigusa, Suye	Iwami, Sachiko	Miyauchi, Etsuro	Shinbo, Hirokichi
De Silva, Krisanthi	Kakishita, Nagisa	Mori, Masumi	Sumida, Go-Ichi
Demise, James	Kakutani, Juzo	Moriguchi, Lovett	Sumida, John
Fujioka, Kenneth	Kamikawa, Joe	Morinaga, Kumie	Sumita, Yoshiko
Fujita, Atsushi	Kamimae, Kimio	Moritani, Nobuichi	Susumi, Yuki
Fukeda, Frank	Kano, Tom	Nagaishi, Chiseko	Suzaka, John
Funai, Hisako	Katayama, Takeo	Nagamatsu, Komatsu	Suzuki, Yoshiko
Furuta, Herb	Kawaguchi, Masashi	Nakamura, Eitaro	Takada, Yoshiyuki
Furuta, Hideyo	Kawahara, Frank	Nakamura, Suma	Takaishi, Seiji
Gosho, Tatsuo	Kawamoto, Mitsuo	Nakamura, Yoshiye	Takehara, Tadashi
Goto, Takashi	Kawamoto, Yuki	Nakano, Toshikatsu	Tamai, Yoshitaka
Gunasekara. Mrs. H.D.E.	Kawamura, Yoshiko	Nakashima, May	Tamura, Suma
Hada, Masaji	Kawasumi, Masuemon	Nishi, Eizo	Tanabe, Kameyo
Hagimori, Kikue	Kawata, Hatsu	Nishi, Miyeko	Tanabe, Shigeo
Hama, Miya	Kihara, Saki	Nishimoto, Tsuruyo	Tanigawa, Kame
Hamada, Hanako	Kimura, Mitsuyo	Nishimura, Ai	Taniguchi, Takeo
Hamanaka, Joseph	Kitano, Kimi	Nishio, Mitsu	Taniguchi, Yohachi
Hamasaki, Kiyo	Kobuki, Frank	Nomura, George	Terada, Masato
Hara, Dick	Kobuki, James	Ohashi, Isa	Terada, Matsuko
Harada, Hatsumi	Kodama, Namiji	Oiye, Shoji	Tomoguchi, Tomoji
Hata, Jimmy	Komura, James	Okada, Karoku	Toyaji, Kimie
Hayashida, Nobuko	Kondo, Yuzuru	Okamura, Mumeyo	Uchida, Akira
Hibino, Bungo	Kosai, Masayoshi	Omura, George	Unno, Enryo
Higashi, Teru	Koyama, George	Ono, Takamura	Utsunomiya, Fumihisa
Hirai, Riyo	Koyano, Naohide	Osaki, Mary	Uyeda, Kiyomi
Honmyo, Marie	Kurokawa, Taro	Osako, Masami	Watanabe, Yoza
Horike, Tsuyoshi	Kuwahara, George	Painter, Hal	Yasui, Sachiko
Hoshino, Momo	Litz, John	Quasius, Chiyoko	Yorioka, Kengo
Hynes, Morie	Locklear, Milo	Saito, Kay	Yoshida, Koma
Idesaki, Katsusaga	Lu, Akiyo	Sakai, Hiroko	Yoshida, Mitsuji
Ideta, Yukiko	Masuda, Satoshi	Sakai, Ryuzo	
Imamura, Fumiye	Masumi, Denichi	Shiigi, Aileen	

AUGUST 2021 BETSUIN SCHEDULE

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	9 am Meditation on Zoom SUNDAY SERVICE streamed English Dharma Talk (Rinban) Japanese Dharma Talk (Rinban) 11am Dharma Exchange (Rev Goto - "Remembering Lotus Fresh Air Camp ")	2 Rinban's day off	3 Rinban's day off	4	5 10 am Japanese Play Group-Zoom 2 pm Nikkel Manor Service	6 11 am Gojikai Svc - CANCELED 6 pm "From Hiroshima to Hope" at Green Lake	7 10 am livestream Shotsuki / Joint Memorial Service
8	9 am Meditation on Zoom 10 am ATOMIC BOMB VICTIMS' MEMORIAL SVC streamed English Dharma Talk (Rinban) Japanese Dharma Talk (Rinban) 11am Dharma Exchange (Rinban - "Reflecting of Peace "Hiroshima & Nagasaki")	9 Rinban's day off	10 Rinban's day off	11	12	13 10 am Japanese Play Group on Zoom	14
15	9 am Meditation on Zoom 10 am NW MINISTERS' OBON SERVICE streamed English (Rev Ron Kobata, BCA Minister Emeritus) Japanese (Rev Kiyonobu Kuwahara, Berkeley, JSIO) 11 am Dharma Exchange CANCELED 1 am BCA Virtual Bon Dance	16 Rinban's day off 10 am Shinran Shonin Monthly Memorial Service	17 Rinban's day off	18	19 10 am Japanese Play Group on Zoom 2 pm Nikkel Manor Service	20 Rinban's vacation	21 Rinban's vacation
22	9 am <i>Rinban's vacation</i> 10 am Meditation on Zoom SUNDAY SERVICE streamed English Dharma Talk (Rev Irene Goto) Japanese Dharma Talk (Rev Chiemi Onikura Bly, Twin Cities Buddhist Sangha) 11 am Dharma Exchange (Rev Goto - "Lotus Skyliners Band Project" with Janet Baba and Shinya Ichikawa)	23 Rinban's vacation 8 pm Newsletter deadline	24 Rinban's vacation	25 Rinban's vacation 11 am Merrill Gardens Renton Service	26 Rinban's vacation	27 Rinban's vacation	28
29	9 am Meditation on Zoom 10 am SUNDAY SERVICE stream English Dharma Talk (Rev Rosalie May) Japanese Dharma Talk (Rev Yuki Sugahara, Oregon Buddhist Temple) 11 am Dharma Exchange CANCELED	30 Rinban's day off	31 Rinban's day off	September 5 September 12-19 September 26	SEPTEMBER 2021 SPECIAL EVENTS BCA Founding Day Service NW District Virtual Convention "The ART of Buddhist Living" Guest speaker, Rev Peter Hata, Higashi Honganji LA Betsuin Fall Ohigan Service, guest speaker Rev Henry Adams, San Mateo Buddhist Temple		

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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

10:00AM

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AUGUST SCHEDULE

Wednesdays - CANCELED
11:00 AM Sutra Chanting & Dialogue

Saturday, August 7, only
Joint Memorial and Shōtsuki Hoyo
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Monday, August 16, only
Shinran Shonin's Memorial

Sunday Services
Virtual, Pre-recorded

Dharma Exchange
Every Sunday
(canceled Aug. 15,19)
via Zoom
11:00 - 11:30AM
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