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“manebu (imitating) & manabu (learning)”

by Rimban Katsuya Kusunoki

How do you spend your time during your breakfast? It is a very lively time in my house. When I was preparing breakfast, my son was searching for something on YouTube. After a while, Japanese pop music with an upbeat tempo played and he started dancing while following the YouTube video. Another morning, he brought a toy *taiko* drum and started playing it while watching a video of a *taiko* drum performance. He exerted all his energy to dance and play the *taiko* drum. After he finished, he sat down, said “*itadakimasu*”, and had breakfast. He has been doing this everyday using the same YouTube video. His performances are getting better day by day. Of course, no one teaches him. He just watches and imitates someone’s performance in the video repeatedly. It is how he is learning to dance and play the *taiko* drum. It is amazing that he absorbs things like a sponge.

There is a common Japanese word “*manabu*” which means “learning”. I have heard that the word, “*manabu*,” originated from “*manebu*” which means “imitating” and “copying”. When I think back in my life, I also copied how other people learn to do things. I learned how to play baseball by imitating some professional baseball players. I am learning English by copying how native speakers’ speech and writing. While copying, I learned new skills for baseball, and English.

Now, let’s think about Buddhist life. Who should we learn Buddhism from, and how? Of course, we learn it from Buddha and Bodhisattva. In Jodo Shinshu (Shin Buddhism), we learn it from Bodhisattva Dharmakara and Amida Buddha. How did Bodhisattva Dharmakara attain enlightenment and become Amida Buddha? What practices did he do? What guidance did he follow while practicing? Let me introduce some of the guidance from The Sutra on the Buddha of Immeasurable Life (The Larger Sutra).

No thought of greed, anger, or harmfulness arose in his mind.

He did not cling to any form, sound, smell, taste, touch, or object. Abounding in perseverance, he gave no thought to the suffering to be endured.

Having few desires, he knew contentment and was devoid of greed, anger, and ignorance.



Rev. Kusunoki Family at Gantan-e (New Year's Day Morning) Service January 1, 2022

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FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

Streamed 10:00AM Services: every Sunday and Wednesday; Saturday, February 5, only, with Shotsuki Hoyo Memorial see p. 14

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Calendar: p.16 and at
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...*manabu & manebu* continued from p. 1

Always tranquil, in a state of *samadhi*, he possessed wisdom that knew no impediment. He was free of all thoughts of falsity and deception.

Gentle in countenance and loving in speech, he perceived people's intention and was attentive to them.

He was full of courage and vigor, and being resolute in his act, knew no fatigue.

Seeking solely that which was pure and undefiled, he brought benefit to all beings.

He revered the Three Treasures (Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha) and served his teacher and elders.

(Shin Buddhist Translation Series, The Larger Sutra, P. 32)

I will save sharing my appreciation on the guidance of the above for another time. Dharmakara Bodhisattva kept the guidance in his heart and mind and achieved the Practices. Then, he eventually became Amida Buddha. What do you think about the guidance? Do you think you are following them all the time? It is the guidance and practices for Bodhisattvas. Ordinary beings (*bonbu*) like me have no way to follow them all the time and accomplish them. But we can still learn from them. Bodhisattva Dharmakara and Amida Buddha are the ultimate goal for all nembutsu followers. The Larger Sutra is teaching us how Buddhists should live their life through Bodhisattva Dharmakara's practice. Although we cannot complete them, people who receive and follow this sacred teaching can try to imitate and learn from the Bodhisattva's practices. All our actions and practices come from our appreciation of receiving Amida Buddha's teaching.

Jodo Shinshu creed says,

"I shall look to Amida's Guiding Light. As I reflect upon my imperfect self, I shall strive to live a life of gratitude."

As ordinary beings (*bonbu*), the point is not whether we achieve the practice or not. It is important for us to live our life while looking toward Bodhisattva Dharmakara and Amida Buddha. We keep their guidance in the center of our hearts and live each day. We may be just copying the Bodhisattva's practice initially, then we gradually absorb the

Julie M.

guidance and eventually it becomes our way of living.

I wonder how I will enjoy my family's breakfast tomorrow. It is the most enjoyable time to have my morning coffee while watching my son's performance. Today, I shall strive to live a life of gratitude.

Gassho,



Musical Notes

submitted by Kemi

Nakabayashi

I hope you viewed Hieu and Minh's violin and shamisen duo performance of *A Flower Grows* during last month's BCA JAMS program by now. If not, please go to the CBE channel: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D1_A37RmiGw&t=15s

Thank you, Hieu and Minh for representing Seattle Betsuin again this year!

Did you know that the BCA website has a Music webpage? <https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/music>

The BCA webmaster Alex Tsukahara has been working on improving the website overall so if you haven't toured it in a while, I encourage you to check it out. On the Music webpage besides the link to the BCA Music YouTube channel video tribute to Yumiko Hojo, new gatha audio recordings have been posted. The featured gathas for February are *Gassho no Uta* and *Seiya*, both with lyrics written by Lady Takeko Kujo. These BCA copyrighted gatha audio recordings organized by the late Rae Imamura back in 1994 to accompany the BCA [Shin Buddhist Service Book](#) can be downloaded, so I encourage you to explore the gathas we feature over the course of the year.

In addition, did you view the BCA Northwest District Joint Ho'onko Service presented on the NW District Ministers Association channel from January 16? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4o72wp4I3Ns&t=385s>

Rinban Kusunoki led the sutra Shuso Sango





Saho, the Music Service version of Sho Shin Nembutsu Ge.

Thank you to the singers who collaborated on the recordings of *Ondokusan I* for the Seattle Betsuin Hoonko service on January 23 and *Nembutsu* arranged by Chizu Iwanaga for the Lady Takeko Kujo and Lady Yoshiko Otani Memorial Service on January 30. Joining me on one or both recordings were Amy Shimbo Finnigan from North Carolina, Kanako Kashima, Irene Mano, Paul Mori, Junko Nakano, Keiko Namekata, Tsukasa Namekata, Etsu Shimbo, Darlene Shimizu, Naomi Takemura, Mas Tamekuni, and Dennis Yamashita. We are now working on a few more collaborative recordings for the New Year's Party and future services. The need to continue Covid-19 safety precautions for indoor in-person gatherings is disappointing, but the ability for singers and ukulele players to connect online and make new recordings has been gratifying. Please contact Kemi Nakabayashi through the temple office if interested in participating with preparing vocal or instrumental tracks at home to include for new recording projects.

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.* Submitted by Janie Okawa

January 16th - Food drive in honor of Lady Kujo and Lady Ohtani Memorial Service -

Huge thank you to Grace T., Dharma School, and Jr. YBA for making this happen. And another huge thank you to Shiz Kaku for purchasing and preparing the gift bags for the Hoonko walk-through oshoko! We appreciate everyone's participation and generosity! Grace is delivering the items to Bailey Gatzert Elementary School.



Congratulations to our new SBBWA Cabinet: Kanako K, and Janie O. (co-presidents), Tina Z-K. and Susie Y. (co-vice presidents), Karen M. (treasurer), Lauren A. (cor. secretary), and Mae Y-H (auditor) all repeat their positions on the cabinet; and are joined by new members Suzanne F. (rec. secretary), and Gail S. (auditor). We thank Leanne N-W, Sunnie N, and Thy P-M for their service on the cabinet.

January 30th - Memorial Service in honor of Lady Takeko Kujo and Lady Yoshiko Ohtani, two of the most prominent women in Jodo Shinshu. **Lady Takeko Kujo** (Kisaragi) (1887-1928) dedicated much of her adult life to giving a greater voice to Buddhist women, and is credited with co-founding the *Fujinkai* in Japan with her sister-in-law, Kazuko Ohtani. Lady Kujo was the daughter of Koson Ohtani, the 21st Monshu. **Lady Yoshiko Ohtani** (*Ourakata* or *Sosei*) (1918-2000), the spouse of the 23rd *Monshu*, Kosho Ohtani, after WWII visited many temples in Japan and around the world and worked to revive the association. Thank you to speakers, Rev. Cyndi Yasaki and Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki, and planners Tara T-G, Mayumi T, Claire M, Rosalie M, and Joan N.



Upcoming events:
January 30th - Lady Kujo and Lady Ohtani Memorial Service 10am via YouTube.
February 13th - SBBWA Annual General meeting at 9am via zoom for all members.

Rimban Kusunoki, Machiko W, Leanne N-W at Hoonko walk-through oshoko

Note: "SBBWA" is Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association





Betsuin Tea Talk

“Temple News”
by Leanne Nishi-Wong

Happy Year of the Tiger!

Hoonko – Thank you to Jr. YBA and BWA for hosting the food drive on behalf of the Bailey Gatzert School. In conjunction with the Hoonko oshoko event, the outdoor events were pleasant meet-ups with sangha members.

Nirvana Day/Pet Memorial Service will be held on February 13th. If you would like your pet commemorated in the service, please send a picture of your pet with their name to office@seattlebetsuin.com. The deadline for submission is February 8th.

Seattle Betsuin’s General Meeting & New Year’s Celebration – This year, the Betsuin is combining the annual membership general meeting and the New Year’s celebration. Information will be sent via mail. The combined on-line event will be held February 20th.

Seattle Betsuin YouTube Account – Rinban Kusunoki has a goal of reaching at least 1,000 subscribers. Currently, there are 857 subscribers. Please encourage your family and friends to subscribe. Their participation in services and other temple presentations is appreciated.

Social Gatherings – The temple offers the teachings of Amida Buddha. It also strives to support the sangha community. The Betsuin has been conducting services, classes and presentations on-line, for the past two years. The social aspect of meeting in-person is missing. If you are interested in gathering

on-line, with other sangha members, please let me know. A social hour (or more) can be arranged via Zoom. Let’s make 2022, a year of reconnecting with those we miss.

May you be touched by Amida Buddha’s compassion.

Gassho, Leanne

Seattle Betsuin Updates!

- **New Year's Party** will be an on-line celebration on **Sunday, February 20, 2022** combined with **Annual Membership General Meeting**.
- **Indoor gatherings, events and meetings will not be held in the temple, until further notice.** Outdoor events will still be scheduled, weather permitted.

Please subscribe to the Seattle Betsuin on YouTube and share our channel with your family and friends!

Shotsuki/Joint Memorial Service will be live-streamed on Saturday, February 5, 2021 at 10:00AM. The names of those loved-ones who will be remembered are listed on p. 14.
Go to <http://www.youtube.com/seattlebuddhisttemple> to view the service.

NEW YEAR’S EVE BELL RINGING was cancelled due to snow/ice.

ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE...

We would like to “thank” the following for contributing their **2022** 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 Services (i.e. All Sangha Memorial); 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). Installment payments can be made.

Sarah Aoki, Mark Fordham, Joe & Margaret Gotchy, Gary & Sandee Hamatani, Cynthia Hinds, Dale & Shizue Kaku, Masako Kubo, Tomio Moriguchi, Jim Norton & Kemi Nakabayashi, Yoshio & Judith Nakamura, Craig & Dana Nakashima, Nancy Okawa, Tish Oye, Roy & Kazumi Shimizu, Nori Suguro, Mas & Anna Tahara, Kevin Tanemura, Grace Tazuma, Miyoko Tazuma, Leanne Nishi-Wong, Marissa Wong, Arlene Yamada

We’d like to ‘**Welcome Back**’ Sarah Aoki as a member of our Sangha

(Compiled by Howard, Joan, Pauline & Steph)

Seattle Betsuin MEMBERSHIP

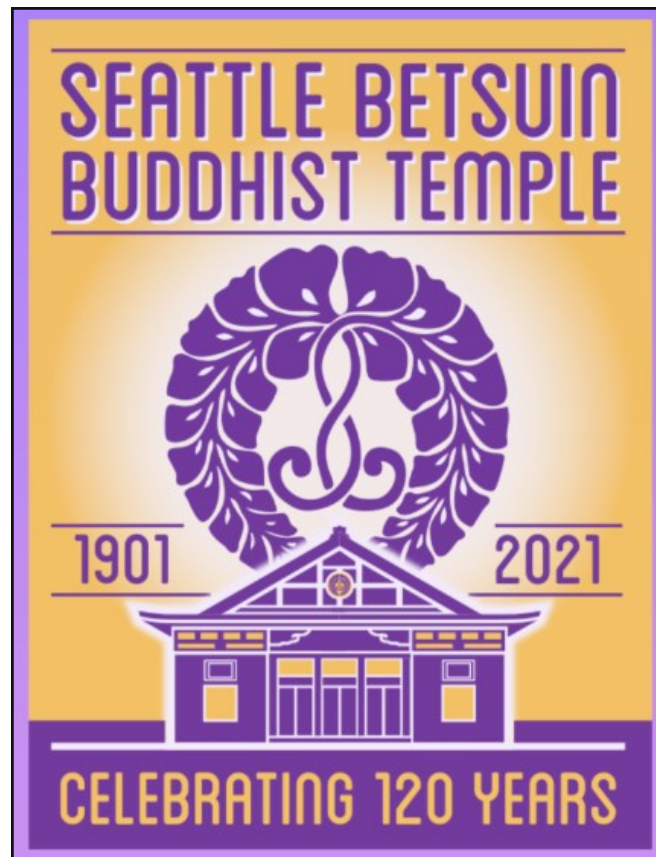
The basic dues towards the Church maintenance/operations are \$400 for those under 70 years of age and \$350 for those over 70 years old.

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Seattle Betsuin 2022 Dharma Exchange

Sundays 11:00AM - Noon - via Zoom - register at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84412222222>

Living Through the Life and Times of Shinran

Hoonko event, sponsored by Seattle Betsuin on January 19, 2022 by Rev. Jon Turner of Orange County Buddhist Temple, was “impressive” and his telling of discovering the meaning of the *Nembutsu* on his own was especially meaningful, one attendee said.



Although this event is not recorded, please view OCBC’s Shusho-e and dharma talk by Rev. Turner at [New Year's Day Service 2022.01.01 - Bing video](#)

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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—mail newsletter@seattlebetsuin.com and specify SBC Meditation to receive the Link.

Next Buddhist Book Study: Saturday, February 19, 2022

9:30AM The Book Study group meets via Zoom. The next meeting is on Saturday, February 19. We will continue the discussion on Heart of the Shin Buddhist Path: A Life of Awakening by Takamaro Shigarakki, translated by Rev. David Matsumoto, **moving on to the chapter Deep Mind, True Mind and the Mind of Aspiration, pages 83-104 in the new edition.** For the old edition, it is Part 2, chap. 3, pages 117-153.

For more information and the Zoom link, contact newsletter@seattlebetsuin.com - Wayne Suyenaga

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DIAL THE DHARMA

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

Push "1" for English and "2" for Japanese

From Dharma School - Weekly Newsletter-1.26.2022

NIRVANA DAY - PET MEMORIAL SERVICE

Our annual Nirvana Day and Pet Memorial will be held on Sunday, Feb 13, 2022.

Please submit pictures of your beloved fur-babies to:

pets@seattlebetsuin.com

NEW YEAR PARTY is COMING *The event you've been waiting for!* From our NY Party Co-Chairs:

Hello Sangha and hope you have all enjoyed the start of your 2022 year!

We will be hosting our 2022 New Year's Party on February 20, 2022 at 1:00pm after the general meeting! For details,

sign up for weekly e-newsletter at [Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple - Practicing in the Jodo Shinshu Tradition.](#)

Dharma School News

Submitted

by Joan Nakano

Greetings!

Has it really been almost 2 years since we hosted the NW Convention in Renton.....The last large extended in-person NW sangha event? Fortunately, we have been able to gather outdoors, in limited numbers, and on Sunday, January 16, we were able to gather for an outdoor Hoonko oshoko event as a sangha. Thank you to SBBWA, Jr. YBA and Dharma School for tri-organizing a food drive to support Bailey Gatzert families in memory of Lady Takeko Kujo and Lady Yoshiko Ohtani. Thank you to our sangha for your presence and contributions. We look forward to seeing our sangha more often, as 2022 progresses.

Although we are not meeting in temple, our DS continues to spread and listen to the Dharma. Our temple, students and families have greatly benefitted from our sangha members, **Joyce Tsuji and Dave Scattergood**, from their leadership, friendship, and teaching DS. After 20+ years of service as Dharma School teachers, they have announced their retirement from teaching the 1/2 grade class. Please join us in a heartfelt congratulations and thank you for their dana. For the time being, our first graders have rejoined to the PreK/K/1 class and second graders have moved to the now, 2/3/4/5 class.

Dharma School board elections were held at the end of 2021, and we are excited to announce that we have 2 new DS board members, Ayano Kusunoki and Katherine Brownlee. The DS board has continued to meet on a monthly basis, throughout the pandemic. If you would like to get more involved with DS and/or have any ideas or suggestions, please feel free to contact us. Thank you.

Gassho,

Claire and Yvette

Dharma School Classroom Reports

Pre-K/K/1 Class

Happy New Year from the Pre-K, Kindergarten and 1st grade class. For the first lesson of the year, the

children made Kagami/Okasane Mochi out of Model Magic clay and read the story called "Thank you very Mochi" to learn about mochitsuki and the importance of family. They also are celebrating the new year by learning about the Chinese zodiac and the Year of the Tiger. It is believed that this year will be about making big changes and could be a year of recovery with promising developments. They made a tiger to recognize and have positive thoughts for a good year.

A year end project that was given to the class was to make New Year's cards as part of the Dharma School project to send New Year's cards to our older Sangha members.

With a New Year comes resolutions. The children were challenged to be grateful in their life this year. They read a story called "Mr. Panda" which was about a panda who had doughnuts and offered them to his friends but withdrew the offer because they did not say the right words. At the end of the story they found out who received the donuts and why. Their project was to make their own Mr. Panda to remind them that "please" and "thank you" can go a long way.

The students learned about Hoonko and the importance of this Jodo Shinshu observance. They colored pictures of Shinran Shonin to make a wall hanging to honor him and to remind them of his teachings of living a life of joy in the Nembutsu.

2/3/4/5 Class

Happy New Year from the 2/3/4/5 class! This month in class we wrote New Year cards to our revered sangha elders, who we miss very much. We brainstormed foods that we could collect and take to the food drive to support Bailey Gatzert Elementary School families in memory of Lady Takeko Kujo and Lady Yoshiko Ohtani. In memory and gratitude, we talked about the significance of Hoonko and the contributions of Shinran Shonin, Lady Takeko Kujo and Lady Yoshiko Ohtani. We aim to practice Dana in our own everyday lives.



**New Year's Party
Virtual Celebration
Sunday, February 20, 2022**

Graduating High School? or College Student

(in your 2nd year or higher) with a Science Major?
Submitted by Janie Okawa

The Betsuin sponsors scholarships for High School seniors and college students with science majors in at least their second year. Completed applications are due **February 20, 2022.**

For more information, please see the January issue of this newsletter or contact the Betsuin office, office@seattlebetsuin.com : subject "Betsuin Scholarship - Your Name".

Send completed applications by February 20, 2022, 2:30 p.m. to:

Scholarship Administrator
Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Church
1427 S. Main St.
Seattle, WA 98144

Jr YBA News submitted by Corrina Y



On Sunday, January 16th, Jr. YBA, BBWA, and Dharma School members volunteered to collect and sort

food donations for the Lady Takeko Kujo and Lady Yoshiko Ohtani food drive! The food drive was a joint project between the temple groups. The donations will go to students at the nearby



Jared N., Adlai M., and Beatrix G.



Corrina T., Lacey B., Bryson C., Danilo M., Madelyn T., and Reese T.



Maia T., Drew T., Rhyse N., and Taiken H.

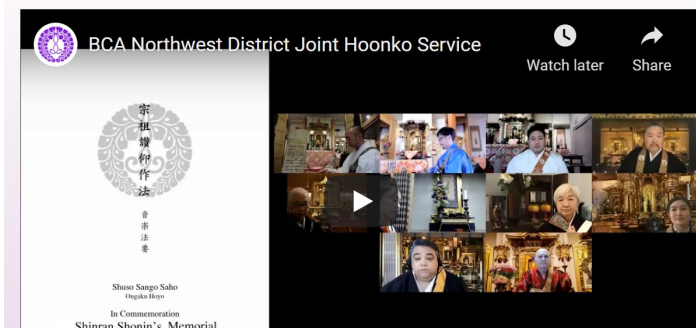
Bailey Gatzert Elementary. At the Hoonko oshoko event, we handed out goody bags from the SBBWA and Kusunoki family to everyone who came out. Jr. YBA members also contributed to the New Year card mailing to our sangha elders. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the food drive!



Seattle Sangha offered incense (*oshoko*), outdoors for Hoonko (Memorial of founder, Master Shinran), on January 16, 2022



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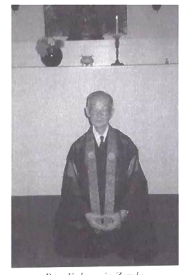
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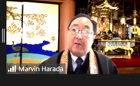
REFLECTIONS
on the life and work of
REV. GYOMAY KUBOSE



Rev. Kubose had meditation services at his temple long before other ministers started to do it. Now, many temples offer meditation, which attracts new people to our churches and temples.



Rev. Kubose in Zendo



Rev. Estuko Mikame

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BCA Jodo Shinshu Artists & Musicians Showcase..View at: [BCA Center for Buddhist Education - YouTube](#)

← Please view this service at [BCA Northwest District Joint Hoonko Service - YouTube](#) with Guest Speaker Rev. Estuko Mikame, minister at San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin, and her delightful *ho'onko* message. -IHG



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The first in a series of in-depth lectures and interactive discussions on the three poisons: Greed, Anger & Ignorance

Saturday, February 5, 2022

11:00am – 1:00pm (PT)

Guest Speakers: Dr. Michael Conway and DeeDee Just



Dr. Michael Conway is currently an associate professor in the Shin Buddhist Studies Department at Otani University in Kyoto. He encountered the teachings of the *nenbutsu* at the Buddhist Temple of Chicago in 1998 and entered the Master's program in Shin Buddhist Studies at Otani in 2003. He is the managing editor of *The Eastern Buddhist*.



DeeDee Just is a licensed Marriage & Family Therapist and an active member of the Vista Buddhist Temple. She led a workshop on grief and loss with Rev. Jon Turner of OCBC, and was a speaker at the SDDSTL Mini-Workshop at OCBC in 2017. That same year she heard about a Buddhist-based recovery group at OCBC. With Rev. Harada's help and direction, she co-founded a similar group, Dharma Recovery, at Vista.

Moderator: Rev. Marvin Harada

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*UEN NO CHISHIKI (有縁の知識) is a Japanese phrase from Tannishō and has a rich history in the Shin Buddhist tradition. Shinran Shōnin teaches that our encounter with a good teacher of the Way (zenchishiki) occurs through the working of Amida Buddha's Primal Vow. It happens not through our own doing, but as if by chance. And yet, that working fits perfectly with us, ordinary beings who are incapable of attaining birth in the Pure Land on our own. With profound gratitude, I would like to reflect upon the lives and teachings of three teachers of the Way to whom I owe so much.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2022

11 AM - 1 PM (PACIFIC TIME) Check your local time

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Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji



Rev. Miyaji is the H.E. Koshi Ohtani Professor of Shin Buddhist Studies professorial chair at the Institute of Buddhist Studies. He completed his doctoral dissertation at Ryukoku University. In addition he serves as part time minister at the Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church in Union City, CA. He is also the host of the podcast "No Doubt: A Shin Buddhist Approach".

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Ginya Gene Arinobu	Sue Fujino; Mabel Nishizaki; Pauline Sakuma
Martha Honda	James & Louise Doyle - to SBBWA In Memory of Martha Honda
Hideyoshi “Edy” Horikawa	Brian Masau
Toshiko Isomura	Sue Fujino; Mutual Fish Co., Inc.; Pauline Sakuma
Kayoko Kakiuchi	Hiroko Janet Kosai
Yasunori Kawahara	Tetsuden & Cecilia Kanako Kashima
Takako Kogita	Tetsuden & Cecilia Kanako Kashima
Mariko Mano	David & Karen Aoyama; Miyoko Tazuma
Craig Nakano	Pauline Sakuma
Dolly Tokunaga	Jeffrey & Vivian Hiroo; Yoshio & Judith Nakamura

Endowment:

Betsuin Endowment Fund: Liberty Mutual Insurance Co.

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Donor:

For:

Yukari Hayashi	Appreciation for Play Group
Akemi Ishida	General Donation
Emiko Okada	General Donation

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Akemi Ishida General Donation
Melvin Inouye General Donation

General Donations (con't):

<u>Donor:</u>	<u>For:</u>
Ronald & Karen Murakami	Appreciation for Sangha
Junko Mitsunaga	General Donation
Konko Church of Seattle	Appreciation for Ayano Kusunoki's help for year-end mochi-tsuki & use of SBC ladder
Sharon Koga	New Year 2022 & gratitude for Gagaku practice on-line
Sadie Yamasaki	Donation to SBBWA
Kiyoko Nakanishi	Donation to SBBWA
Irene Goto	Donation to Religious Dept. for books
Leslie Sumida	BCA Dana Program – share returned to local temple

Special Services:

(NOTE: Acronym "IMO" = In Memory of)

All Sangha Memorial Service: Leslie Sumida

Atomic Bomb Memorial Service: Leslie Sumida

Bishop/Rinban Memorial Service: Leslie Sumida

Bodhi Day: Clara Beard; Patricia Bobrow; Steve & Lori Chisholm; Aiko Fujii; Suzanne Fujinari; Gordon Habu & Mae Yamasaki-; Gail Kaminishi; Ann Kashiwa; Nina Tomita-Kato; Ritsuko Kawahara; Masako Kawamoto; Rose Kishi; George & Irene Mano; Paul Bruce & Teresa Mori; Yoshio & Judith Nakamura; Kiyoko Nakanishi; Tokuzo & Mari Okumura; Troy Parke & Mayumi Terada-; Robert Seko; Leslie Sumida; Calvin & Yvette Terada; Margaret Teramoto; Henry & Christy Watanabe; Leanne Nishi-Wong; Yoko Yanari; Fukuyo Yee; James & Tomiko Zumoto

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Gotan-E: Leslie Sumida

Hanamatsuri: Leslie Sumida

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New Year's Eve (Joya-E) Service: Clara Beard; Leslie Sumida; Dennis Yamashita & Elaine Aoki-

New Year Day Service: Mike & Debbie Akiyama; Jeffrey Ko & Tina Zumoto-; Hiroko Janet Kosai; Leslie Sumida

Nirvana Day: Leslie Sumida

Fall Ohigan: Leslie Sumida

Spring Ohigan: Leslie Sumida

Betsuin's 120th Anniversary: Sonoe Taketa

Additional donations will be listed in subsequent Newsletter editions



Sustainable Development Goals*

Dear Dharma Friends

We would like to share a January SDGs calendar by Misa-ko Imai.

We hope it helps you in your activities on the SDGs.

It is called save our planet 20 acts.

This project lists actions you can easily take to achieve SDGs daily life.

You can print this image and put it on your refrigerator or wall.

Then have fun circling the actions you have created.

Our past SDGs events:

- SDGs × Buddhism

<https://youtu.be/vCplpRT4A6Y>

<https://youtu.be/1gNqioXApNM>

<https://youtu.be/axwS0aVOr6w>



<https://youtu.be/T1Hna8cOnz0>

- SDGs × Buddhism : Goal No2, - Zero Hunger -

<https://youtu.be/oLbSkeJO3II>

Thank you for your SDGs activity.

Gassho,

BayArea Buddhist Association (BBA)

* Goals of United Nations

submitted by Rev Kusunoki

FEBRUARY SHOTSUKI HOYO

The February Shotsuki Hoyo Memorial Service will honor the memory of those listed below who passed away in the month of February. This service will be combined with the Joint Memorial Service on Saturday, February 5, 2022, at 10AM and will be livestreamed on the Betsuin YouTube channel:

Adachi, Hisayo	Iseri, Maka	Nagata, Katsumi	Tanaka, Tom
Asakura, Masaaki	Ishigai, Midori	Nakagawa, Toshiko	Tanino, Teruyo (Terrie)
Asakura, Ryutaro	Ishikawa, Kevin	Nakamichi, Katsumi	Tatemichi, Kazuto
Bacon, Douglas	Ishikawa, Miye	Nakamoto, Kiyoko	Tazuma, Elmer
Castro, Judy	Iwami, Kanichi	Nakamura, Joichi	Tazuma, Sawano
Chow, Koku-An	Kajimura, Fugie	Nakamura, Sumiyo	Terada, Charles
Chun, Lee	Kakishita, Nikichi	Nakanishi, Tadashi	Terada, Hideko
Enomoto, Toshiko	Kakutani, Yu	Nakano, Hiroshi	Terada, Joseph
Enomoto, Yoshito	Kamimae, Midori	Namekata, Yune	Terao, Masaru
Fujii, Shige	Kanzaki, Tsutomu	Natsuhara, George	Tomita, Bessie
Fujimoto, Tosei	Kataoka, Tokuno	Nishimori, Kirohachi	Toshi, Chisato
Fujino, Shigenobu	Kawahara, Masako	Nishimoto, Mitsuno	Tsue, Tsunezo
Fujita, Lutes	Kawauchi, Michiko	Nitta, Nobuichi	Umeda, Kazuko
Fujita, Suzie	Kido, Momoko Morinaga	Nomura, Michiye	Uyeda, Minoru
Fujiwara, Kosao	Kihara, Tsuneko	Nomura, Mitsu	Uyeda, Tatsuo
Fukeda, Kinuyo	Kikuchi, Isamu	Nomura, Sadako	Virnig, Fujie
Fukui, Frank	Kitamura, Tadao	Nomura, Unio	Wada, Masao
Goto, Masako	Kitamura, Toichiro	Nose, Shizuko	Wada, Sachie
Hamada, Chiyo	Kiyomizu, Fuji	Oana, Thomas	Watanabe, Katsuko
Hamada, Kuniko	Kiyota, Tazō	Oita, Katashi	Watanabe, Kimie
Hamanishi, Naoe	Kojima, Izo	Omori, Mable	Watanabe, Michinosuke
Hamasaki, Glenna	Kojima, Masu	Omura, Masao	Watanabe, Suehiro
Hanada, Iwano	Kubo, Matsu	Osaki, Tom	Watanabe, Tai
Hanada, Toichi	Kubota, Chieko	Osumi, Fred	Wataoka, Akiko
Haraguchi, Shizuko	Kunihiro, Tetsuya	Parker, Edward	Yahagi, Alice
Hasegawa, Kishie	Kurata, Sumiko	Sakamoto, Masaru	Yamada, Toyo
Hasegawa, Shunji	Kurosu, Asao	Sakamoto, Miyoko	Yamagata, Kishino
Hayami, Momono	La Grange, Irl	Sako, Steve	Yamaguchi, Takeo
Hayashi, Kyoko	Le, Yuxiang	Sanbo, Akiye	Yamamoto, Chiyoko
Hikida, Fusa	Makishima, Satoyo	Sato, Toshiko	Yamamoto, Helen
Hirose, Chiyo	Mamiya, Sowa	Sawa, Koichi	Yamamoto, Masano
Hori, Lily	Maruhashi, Hisaichi	Seo, Tamio	Yamamoto, Sekiyo
Hori, Shigeichi	Masuoka, Ryuei	Shigaya, Mitsu	Yamamoto, Shigeiko
Horike, Kumaichi	Matsubara, Fuyuko	Shimizu, Rie	Yamamoto, Shigeru
Horita, Kazuo	Matsuura, Kikue	Shinoki, Wayne	Yamamoto, Shio
Ichiyama, Kiji	Mayeda, Kiichi	Shishido, Tsuruyo	Yamamura, Masakazu
Ikesuye, Asano	Miyamoto, Shizuko	Sugitachi, Yoso	Yamane, Jun
Imamura, Harry	Mizuhata, Paul	Sumida, Ruth	Yamashita, Patricia
Imanishi, Edith	Mizuno, Noritoshi	Suwabe, Ise	Yasutake, Tom
Inoue, Takara	Mizuta, Nobuo	Tada, Marjorie	Yatagai, Makoto
Inouye, Inouye	Mukai, Noritsugu	Takahashi, Eiko	Yokota, Kyōsuke
Inouye, Kazuko	Murakami, Yoshi	Takamura, Jinsei	Yoshikawa, Minoru
Inouye, Keizo	Muzzy, Toshiko	Takeuchi, Mitsuye	Yoshimura, Denichi
Ise, Miyoko	Nagai, Ukiye	Tanabe, Hiroko	Yoshitomi, Itaro
			Yoshitomi, Ritsuko

MARCH SHOTSUKI HOYO

The March Shotsuki Hoyo Memorial Service will honor the memory of those listed below who passed away in the month of March. This service will be combined with the Joint Memorial Service on Saturday, March 5th, at 10AM and will be livestreamed on the Betsuin YouTube channel:

<http://www.youtube.com/seattlebuddhisttemple>

Abe, Tatsu	Ito, Tsutomu	Murakami, Sachi	Suzuki, Warren
Akada, Tsugi	Iwasaki, Tokusaburo	Murao, Ume	Takano, Tsukiyo
Aoyama, Sue	Izumi, Hisako	Nagai, Mariko	Takemoto, Hisako
Aoyama, Tomisaburo	Jeppesen, Kayo	Nakagawa, Henry	Takenaga, Tomizo
Araki, Masa	Kajimura, Saburo	Nakagawa, Taira	Tanaka, Matsuye
Brolley, Eddie	Kamada, Toshiro	Nakahara, Yasuhiko	Tanaka, Nobuichi
Burdett, Wilson	Kamimoto, Saiichi	Nakamura, Barry	Taniguchi, Sam
Chen, Sou-Chia	Kanda, Ayako	Nakamura, Jiro	Taniguchi, Yumi
Date, Masuyo	Kaneyasu, Toshiko	Nishikawa, Hisakazu	Tazuma, Bunshiro
Deguchi, Hatsu	Kawahara, Yoshinori	Nishimura, Fumi	Teramoto, Aya
Edamura, Osa	Kawamoto, Chiyoko	Nomura, Masu	Teraoka, Miyako
Enomoto, Edward	Kawasaki, Mamoru	Ohara, Shio	Tomeoka, Iwao
Fujinaga, Suna	Kinoshita, Kinyo	Ohashi, Matsukichi	Tsubota, Fusano
Fujita, Jayne	Kiyonaga, Masao	Ohtani, Michiye	Tsuchikawa, Masakatsu
Fujita, Katsu	Kiyono, Gen	Oishi, Matsuo	Tsuchikawa, Wilma
Fujitomi, Yoshiye	Kobata, Hisashi	Oiye, Shigenori	Tsuchikawa, Wilma
Funai, John	Kobayashi, Mitoki	Oiye, Shizuko	Tsue, Yone
Funai, Kimi	Koda, Nobuyuki	Okada, Shigeiko	Tsuye, Kikuyo
Grantham, Miles	Kogane, Etsu	Okamura, Hatsui	Umemoto, Toshio
Habu, Fumiyo	Kubota, Thomas	Okano, Tomiko	Uyeminami, Kikutoshi
Hamatani, Tomio	Kunimoto, Shoji	Ondo, Tanomu	Uyenishi, Hiyoshi
Hanada, Hatsuji	Kuranishi, Motoji	Ozeki, Sachiko	Watanabe, Hiro
Hara, Fumi	Kusakabe, Kikuko	Sado, Toshiko	Williams, Peggy
Harada, Marji	Lee, Weng	Saiki, Kame	Yamada, Michiko
Hashimoto, Sentaro	Luna, Tsuyako	Saito, Matsuyo	Yamaguchi, Kanji
Higa, Teijun	Maekawa, Yuichi	Saito, Matsuyo	Yamamoto, Mary
Hiu-Phan, Lien	Maniwa, Shoichi	Sakuma, Donald	Yamamoto, Ritara
Holstram, Mary	Matsui, Aiko	Sasakura, Naho	Yanagimoto, Michiko
Horike, Haruyo	Matsuoka, Tom	Senba, Sadame	Yasunaga, Gloria
Hung, Su-Yun	McLeod, Hugh	Shibata, Ayako	Yokota, William
Hyodo, Matsue	Miyake, Henry	Shibuya, Masako	Yonekura, Margaret
Ichida, Kingo	Miyamoto, Mieko	Shimizu, Seihachiro	Yorioka, Mitsuko
Ikeda, Yoshiaki	Mizuki, Nikki	Shimizu, Tatsuko	Yoshijima, Takeo
Imabori, George	Mizumori, Lillian	Shimokon, Susumu	Yoshimoto, Kuni
Inaba, Hisako	Mori, Hideo	Shitamae, Moto	Yoshino, Akira
Ishida, Mikiyo	Mori, Yoshio	Soejima, Somo	Yoshitake, Tomika
Ishikawa, Richard	Morimoto, Hisa	Sugiyama, Sansaku	
Isomura, Yoko	Morimoto, Takeji	Sumida, Yoshiko	
Isomura, Yoshiaki	Murakami, Ishi	Suzaka, Kiyoko	

FEBRUARY 2022 BETSUIN SCHEDULE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>To view all services, please visit http://www.youtube.com/seattlebuddhistemple</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2022 FEBRUARY</p>	<p>1 Rinban's day off</p>	<p>2 10 am Morning Service livestream 11 am Sutra Dialogue on Zoom</p>	<p>3 11 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom 2 pm Nikkei Manor Service</p>	<p>4 10 am Japanese Play Group on Zoom</p>	<p>5 10 am Japanese Play Group on Zoom 12 pm Gojikai Service on Zoom</p>	<p>5 10 am Shotsuki Hoyo/ Joint Memorial Svc livestream 12 pm Gojikai Service on Zoom</p>
<p>6 9 am Meditation on Zoom 10 am SCOUT SUNDAY SERVICE stream English Dharma Talk (MA Alex Sakamoto) Japanese Dharma Talk (Rinban) 11 am Dharma Exchange on Zoom (Rinban)</p>	<p>7 Rinban's day off</p>	<p>8 Rinban's day off</p>	<p>9 10 am Morning Service livestream 11 am Sutra Dialogue on Zoom</p>	<p>10 10 am Japanese Play Group on Zoom 11 am Japanese Dharma Discussion CANCELED</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 2 pm Gagaku practice on Zoom</p>
<p>13 9 am Meditation on Zoom 9 am SBBWA General Meeting and Dana Day on Zoom 10 am NIRVANA DAY / PET MEMORIAL SERVICE stream English Dharma Talk (Rinban) Japanese Dharma Talk (Bishop Tatsuya Aoki, Canada and Rinban - "Minds of Ministers") 11 am Dharma Exchange/Zoom (Rev Irene Goto/Meditation)</p>	<p>14 Rinban's day off</p>	<p>15 Rinban's day off</p>	<p>16 10 am Shinran Shonin monthly memorial service 11 am Sutra Dialogue on Zoom</p>	<p>17 11 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom 2 pm Nikkei Manor Service</p>	<p>18 10 am Japanese Play Group on Zoom</p>	<p>19 9:30 am Buddhist Book Study on Zoom</p>
<p>20 9 am Meditation on Zoom 10 am SUNDAY SERVICE stream English Dharma Talk (MA Leonora Clarke) Japanese Dharma Talk (Rinban) 11 am Dharma Exchange on Zoom (Rinban) Noon Betsuin Annual General Meeting on Zoom 1 pm Betsuin New Year's Party on Zoom</p>	<p>21 Presidents' Day (office closed) Rinban's day off 8 pm Newsletter deadline</p>	<p>22 Rinban's day off</p>	<p>23 10 am Morning Service livestream 11 am Sutra Dialogue on Zoom 11 am Merrill Gardens Renton</p>	<p>24 11 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 9 am Meditation on Zoom 10 am SUNDAY SERVICE stream English Dharma Talk (Rinban) Japanese Dharma Talk (Rinban) 11 am Dharma Exchange on Zoom (Rev Irene Goto)</p>	<p>28 Rinban's day off</p>	MARCH 2022 SPECIAL EVENTS				
		<p>March 6 Camp Fire Sunday Service</p>	<p>March 20 Spring Ohigan Service with guest speaker, Rev Bob Oshita, BCA Minister Emeritus</p>	<p>March 27 Scholarship Awards Service</p>		

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2022 FAMILY MEMORIAL SERVICE SCHEDULE

Year of Death Service

2021
1st year memorial

2020
3rd year memorial

2016
7th year memorial

2010
13th year memorial

2006
17th year memorial

1998
25th year memorial

1990
33rd year memorial

1973
50th year memorial

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

- JN

Sunday Dharma Exchange takes place on Zoom

On January 23
Rev Kusunoki
discussed the
the Godensho,
the life of
Shinran
Shonin in
scroll form.



Topics vary week to week—from dharma talks of the day's service to guest speakers on their practices and their special causes, e.g. Taoism, Maitreya Charity. Attendees get to know each other better with personal, live interaction. Join us; see registration link in box below.

Submitted by Irene Goto

10:00AM
Virtual Services
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seattlebuddhisttemple](https://youtube.com/seattlebuddhisttemple)

2022 FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

Wednesdays + 11:00 AM Sutra Chanting
& Dialogue via Zoom

Saturday, February 5, only:
Joint Memorial and Shōtsuki Hoyo
see p.14 and p. 15

Sunday Services
Virtual, Pre-recorded

Dharma Exchange
Every Sunday
via Zoom
11:00 - NOON

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by Registering at**

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