

“The Anniversary of the Establishment of Jodo Shinshu Teaching”

by Rimban Katsuya Kusunoki

This year of 2023 is the year of the 850th anniversary of our founder, Shinran Shonin’s Birth. Also, next year, 2024, is the year for the 800th anniversary of the establishment of Jodo Shinshu teaching. At our mother temple, Hongwanji in Kyoto Japan, the joint services to celebrate these two anniversaries are held from March to May this year. It is included in the Seattle Betsuin Japan Tour itinerary to join the celebration service. On this opportunity, I would like to introduce the establishment of Jodo Shinshu teaching.

Jodo Shinshu is the name of our sect of Buddhism. It is translated as “The True Essence of Pure Land Buddhist Teaching”. We also call it “Shin Buddhism”, or “True Pure Land Buddhism”. It is said that Shinran Shonin completed a draft of his magnum opus “**The True Teaching, Practice, and Realization of the Pure Land Way**” (*Kyo Gyo Shin Sho*) in 1224 (*gennin* 1). Seven hundred years following the completion of the composition, a celebratory service was observed for seven days beginning on April 15, 1923, marking the anniversary of the establishment of the Jodo Shinshu teaching. Later, other Shinshū sects which follow Shinran Shonin’s teaching collaborated in adopting this service, and April 15 was designated as the date of establishment of Jōdo Shinshū.

Shinran Shonin left Mt. Hiei at the age of 29 after he practiced and studied Buddhism there for twenty years. Then, he visited Master Honen, encountered the Amida Buddha’s teaching, and started walking the path of Nembutsu. But a tragedy happened when he was at the age of 35. A group of Buddhist monks sub-

mitted a nine-article resolution to the Emperor, petitioning that the Nembutsu teaching be prohibited. Then he was exiled to Echigo (current Niigata prefecture). Five years later, he was pardoned. He moved to the Kanto area (current Tokyo area) at the age of 42. He devotedly spread the Nembutsu teaching in Echigo and Kanto area.

In 1224, the Nembutsu teaching was prohibited again when he was at the age of 52. He entered Mt. Hiei at the age of nine, since then, he practiced and studied Buddhism very hard. Although he could not find his path at Mt. Hiei, he eventually encountered the Nembutsu path. It is the guidance for all beings. It is the path of abandoning various practices, entrusting Amida Buddha’s Vow power, and reciting Nembutsu (Namo Amidabutsu, I take refuge in Amida Buddha). Everyone who walks this path, without exception, are born into Amida Buddha’s Pure Land and attains enlightenment. Shinran Shonin truly appreciated the path and he realized that it was the only path he could follow. It was not acceptable that the teaching was prohibited. He must have been frustrated and concerned that the path was closed. He needed to reveal that the path was not a heretical path. It is the path which tells the heart of Sakyamuni Buddha and follows various Indian, Chinese, and Japanese Buddhist masters’ interpretations of Buddha Dharma. He had such a strong will and wrote “**The True Teaching, Practice, and Realization of the Pure Land Way**” (*Kyo Gyo Shin Sho*). The Nembutsu followers are able to walk this path without having doubt because Shinran Shonin revealed that it is the right path to the Pure Land and to attain enlightenment. There is no clear record when he started writing and completed it. But it




Rimban Kusunoki
at SBBWA Sokai/
Irokai General
meeting/luncheon
on Feb. 12, 2023

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...**Anniversary** continued from p. 1... is for sure that these two persecutions of the Nembutsu became one of the main causes to write his magnum opus. Shinran Shonin wrote in the hymns of the Pure Land Masters, (Koso Wasan).

Our teacher Genku (Honen) appeared
Through the power of the Light of Wisdom,
And revealing the true Pure Land way (Jodo

Shin shu 浄土真宗),
He taught the selected Primal Vow.
(CWS P. 387)

“Jodo 浄土” means “Pure Land”. “Shin 真” means “true or essence”. “Shu 宗” means “teaching / school”. Master Honen established his school / teaching of the selected Primal Vow of Amida Buddha and named it “Jodo shu (浄土宗 Pure Land School)” Master Honen did not call it “Jodo Shin shu”. Shinran Shonin used “Jodo Shin shu” in this hymn to tell that it is the true teaching of the Pure Land Way which Master Honen revealed. He did not have any intention of establishing a new Buddhist school. As a result of writing “**The True Teaching, Practice, and Realization of the Pure Land Way**” (*Kyo Gyo Shin Sho*), it became a great achievement to reveal the heart of Master Honen’s teaching and deepen the Nembutsu path. Later, those who follow Shinran Shonin’s teaching, respected Shinran Shonin as founder of Jodo Shinshu school. And now, we are listening to the teaching. 

Dharma School News

Submitted by Joan Nakano

It was nice to see Seattle Betsuin’s past and present Scouts during Scout Sunday. Many of our DS parents attended Rev. Ko’e Umezu’s workshop on diversity, equity and inclusivity and then enjoyed sangha time over dinner. The following day, after the Lady Ohtani and Lady Kujo Memorial service, middle school and high school students were invited to attend the joint dharma exchange for further discussion. DS students enjoyed a Gym Day after the Nirvana/Pet Memorial service, while parents attended the General Meeting; next week we look forward to the New Year’s party.

Classroom Reports

The 1st/2nd/3rd **grade** students learned about acceptance. They listened to the story of Spoon where he compared himself to a knife, fork and chop sticks only to finally realize that he had special qualities and could do things that they couldn’t do. He then appreciated and embraced his own unique qualities. The children learned that they are each special and to accept themselves just as they are. They made a picture of a spoon carrying an onenju to remind them of acceptance. After reviewing the events in the life of Siddhartha Gautama, the students colored pictures of those events. They cut and glued the pictures in order on a circle to make a spinning wheel of the life of the Buddha. The students made a “Lotus” card using different Buddhist symbols and items that can be found around the temple. After they were done making the cards they played “Lotus” for prizes. For Valentine’s Day the students listened to a story about February and her best friends January and March. Valentine’s Day was February’s favorite holiday, and she spent many days making Valentine’s cards for her friends. The students then made Valentine Day’s cards for the special person in their life.

For the month of February, the 4th/5th **grade** class focused on Metta and Dana. We read a few short books and brainstormed ways we could spread Dana every day. We wrote positive messages, unsigned, and tucked them into places where we knew they would be found and also random places where we weren’t sure who and when someone would find them. We also decorated sanitizer bottles which read, “Spread the Dharma...Not Germs” to give to our friends or family. We had fun during Gym Day and are excited to celebrate the New Year with the sangha.

Seattle Betsuin Dharma Exchange 2023

11:00AM in-person and via Zoom (see p. 13)
Sundays in the dining room downstairs
after 10:00AM Service
An opportunity to ask and discuss.

The Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations from January - February 2023

Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:

Nobuko Otsuji – Memorial Service	\$800.00
Nokotsudo	\$200.00
Nokotsudo	\$30.00

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New Year's Eve/Day:

Shirley Shimada

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Events by Buddhist Churches of America

BCA Center for Buddhist Education
Living The Dharma (formerly Every Day Buddhism) Committee Presents:



THE BENEFITS OF A LIFE OF GRATITUDE: Benefits of Shin Buddhism

PART 1

Saturday, March 11, 2023

11:00 am – 1:00 pm (PT)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi



Rev. Dr. Akahoshi served as the resident minister of the Buddhist Temple of San Diego for 8 years and recently retired. Prior to becoming a minister, he received his DDS degree from UCSF Dental School and practiced dentistry privately in San Jose. He served as the San Jose Betsuin Broad President (2 years) and was a Buddhist Chaplain in the Santa Clara County Juvenile Hall for 7 years. He received a master's degree from the Institute of Transpersonal Psychology in Palo Alto and a Masters of Buddhist Studies from the Institute of Buddhist Studies of Berkeley, CA. He originated (1998) and continues to conduct annual Shin Buddhist Retreats in California, Washington, and Hawaii. He is currently heading the Minister's Support Pillar for the Dharma Forward Campaign.

Moderator: Rev. Marvin Harada

Registration

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GATHA LYRIC WRITING CONTEST

In commemoration of the
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the BCA Music Committee & the
Federation of Dharma School Teachers' League
are sponsoring a Gatha lyric-writing contest.

- Two categories: youth & adult
- Cash prizes for winning entries
- Deadline for entries is June 4, 2023

For details

<https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/music>

SHINJIN

Rev Dr David Matsumoto



Online Seminar

CBE Online
Seminar
Register Below

Saturday
March 18, 2023
11am - 1pm (PT)

About

Rev Dr. David Matsumoto is the president of the Institute of Buddhist Studies. He will continue his series about the meaning of Shinjin. This is part 5 of his 4 part online series. Parts 1 & 2 are on the CBE Youtube Channel if you wish to view them.

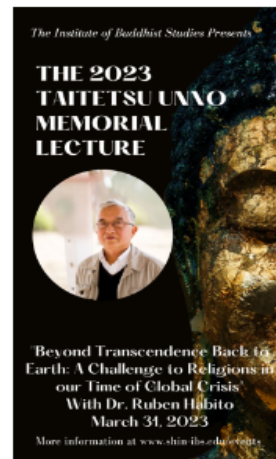
REGISTER & INFO HERE:

<https://tinyurl.com/ShinjinSeminar3>



2023 Taitetsu Unno Memorial Lecture

March 31



The 2023 Taitetsu Unno Memorial Lecture will be held in person at the Jodo Shinshu Center on Friday March 31, as well as virtually.

Dr Ruben Habito will deliver a talk entitled "Beyond Transcendence Back to Earth: A Challenge to Religions in our Time of Global Crisis."

Our global community today is in a critical moment of our history, with impending ecological destruction, violent conflicts between sectors of our human family that needlessly destroy many lives, a yawning gap between the multitudes of those living in poverty and the very few who are able to live in luxury. There is also an increasing sense of a loss of meaning and hope for the future among the youth. In the face of all this, Religion may offer a source of solace and security, with its doctrines of transcendence, including the promise of a better afterlife, thus tending to veer the attention of their adherents from the urgent tasks of our Earth community. This lecture will explore how Religion, specifically Buddhism and Christianity, in dialogue with one another, may offer a vision and empowerment for healing our wounded selves and our wounded world.

About Dr. Ruben Habito:

Ruben L. F. Habito is Professor of World Religions and Spirituality, and Director of Spiritual Formation at Perkins School of Theology. Before coming to Perkins in 1989, he was a member of the Society of Jesus for twenty-five years, and taught at the Jesuit-administered Sophia University in Japan. A member of the American Theological Society and of the American Academy of Religion, he has also served as President and Board member of the Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies, and of the Buddhist Peace Fellowship. He is the author of numerous books and articles in English and Japanese, including *Be Still and Know: Zen and the Bible* (2017), *Zen and the Spiritual Exercises* (2013), *Healing Breath: Zen for Christians and Buddhists in a Wounded World* (2008); *Experiencing Buddhism: Ways of Wisdom and Compassion* (2006) among others. He serves as Guiding Teacher of the Maria Kannon Zen Center in Dallas, Texas, where he resides with his spouse Maria Reis Habito. Together they have two adult sons, Florian and Benjamin.

Registration information coming soon.

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Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association

Submitted by Kanako Kashima

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.

The Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association has had a busy month of activities.

Weekly pickleball sessions continue on Tuesdays at the Temple gym from 9:30 set-up until noon. Those who attend have a lot of fun getting exercise and socializing. If you have time and would like to join, come and join us! all Seattle Betsuin members are welcome.

SBBWA had the Lady Kujo and Lady Ohtani Memorial service on February 12th. Reverend Ko'e Umezu was the guest speaker for the Dharma message, which was well-received by all. She also led the all sangha dharma exchange in the *hondo* after the service.

We also had the SBBWA Sokai/Irokai General meeting/luncheon the same day to thank all the BWA members for their support of our organization and the Temple. Over 50 SBBWA members attended.

Some pictures from the event, courtesy of Tina Zumoto-Ko:



The SBBWA also observed Dana Day on February 12.



This special day to promote the practice of *Dana*, or selfless giving, is to be observed yearly on the second Sunday in February as initiated at the World Women's Fed-

eration Convention in 1965.

SBBWA also assisted the Betsuin New Year's committee with making *bara sushi*, *kimpira gobo*, *kuro mame* and cabbage *tsukemono* for the Betsuin



New Year's party on February 26th. Mrs. Ritsuko Kawahara, Mrs. Aiko Fujii, Mrs. Junko Nakano, Mrs.



Kiyoko Nakanishi and Mrs. Susie Taketa made the cabbage *tsukemono*. Mrs. Janet Baba and Mrs. Nina Tomita-Kato cooked the sushi rice for the *bara zushi*.



Betsuin Tea Talk - March 2023

Is It Almost Spring?

As I write this, the wind is howling outside, and the weather forecast calls for freezing temperatures and lowland snow. It is hard to believe that in a few weeks, the daylight will be longer, the weather will get warmer, and the flowers will start blooming. Nevertheless, I am looking forward to the new season.

Spring Ohigan will be celebrated on March 12 at the Betsuin. It is also Daylight-Saving Time, which means you will get up an hour earlier to attend service. As an incentive to attend, a treat will be given to you in person after the service. Thank you to the Betsuin's Women's Association for providing the home-made delicacy.

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 teach us to recognize and overcome these negative traits and welcome all life's blooms. The Six Paramitas or "perfections" (dana, self-discipline, patience, effort, meditation, and wisdom) are observed during the weeklong celebration of Ohigan. May your reflections on Buddha's teachings be meaningful to you.

The new season also welcomes renewed interest in the in-person events and programs that have been on hold for three years. Please see the temple's website for upcoming temple events.

The Kids Summer Program is returning, in-person, July 31 - August 4. Application forms are available for children entering 1st through 8th grades in Fall 2023. For registration and additional information, please write to me at the email listed below.

May you be touched by Buddha's wisdom and compassion.

In Gassho,
Leanne, chairperson@seattlebetsuin.org



From Seattle Betsuin Archives *THE DIGNITY OF THE ELEPHANT*

"BEFORE AMIDA BUDDHA WHOM ALL ANGELS WORSHIP I HUMBLE MYSELF IN DEEPEST REVERENCE. IN HIS WONDROUS LAND OF BLISS - SURROUNDED IS HE BY COUNTLESS SAINTS."

Watching a travelogue showing an elephant walking through the woods one is impressed by the manner of his stride. A Monkey will leap about rather frantically from branch to branch. A Rabbit will race full speed ahead. A Bird may flutter and cry out. But the Elephant goes along with a dignified gait, sure footed and confident. Of course he is capable of getting angry and tearing up things, but ordinarily he appears steady and not flustered.

A Buddhist monk once wrote to "walk serenely on and on through life"

You may say how can we walk serenely on and on when we live in what has been called a violent society . . . in which one race of people is trying to overpower or control another. When vast armies destroy ancient temples and historic places of great value. Where there is mass killings of innocent beings. When there is fantastic wealth and enormous poverty. When explosives wipe cities from face of the earth and make the soil unusable for many, many years to come. And starvation galore.

On the other hand this has been a very inventive era when man has gone from walking to horse and buggy to speed. He has developed amazing cures and medicines, really mind boggling to realize. If we stopped to think of life as a Wheel, ever turning and considered how we very early commence to show likes, dislikes, develop craving, passions, and rush through life blindly, it would be time well spent.


Further, if we could see how we allow greed and pride to control our minds . . . even up to old age, we'd see why life among us humans is as it is today. If we'd reflect upon the general aggressive and destructive behavior of man, we'd be amazed. Again, if we could bring ourselves to become aware of how we were (are) thinking, perhaps a grain of compassion and humility would enter our heart.

Finally to realize that regardless of all these conditions, we are still embraced in the Compassion of Amida Buddha, should not only make us very humble and thankful, but enable us to walk and on through life, with a certain dignity, which is not really ours, but a gift from Amida Buddha.



Musical Notes by Kemi Nakabayashi

Thank you to Gabe Shen for providing his rendition of “Precious Earth” for Scout Sunday last month. Like Scout Sunday, this month Camp Fire Service will be in-temple only on March 5. Look for Ami and Kira to provide the service music. Then for children’s service on March 12, the Bodhi Ensemble will lead the service music in the gym while the Spring O - Higan service is presented in the hondo.

The latest videos posted to the BCA Music Committee YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/@buddhistchurchesofamericam9267> are the collaborative gatha videos presented for the BCA National Council Meeting services. Alex Sakamoto did the primary video-editing for “We Are One” by Donna  Sasaki. Donna recorded the piano track with vocalists representing all eight BCA districts. Vocalists from Seattle Betsuin on the recording are Irene Mano, Paul Mori, and Dennis Yamashita. Photos by Joe Gotchy were included in this video. “Ondokusan II” recorded in 4-part harmony with piano track by Elaine Jones of San Jose, included Paul and Dennis along with Naomi Takemura representing Seattle Betsuin and the Northwest District.

Later this month, the BCA Bon Odori/Taiko sub-committee will present a webinar “What is Obon?”, co-hosted by the BCA Center for Buddhist Education on Saturday morning, March 25. [Flyer details are forthcoming.]

ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

We would like to “**thank**” the following for contributing their **2023** sustaining membership dues - the basic dues towards Temple maintenance/operations (i.e. - fix the roof, remodel of the Memorial Hall) and programs (i.e. – Live Streaming of Sunday services and Special Services, & seminars).

The minimum for individual membership is **\$400 (for under 70 years of age), \$350 (for 70 years of**

age and over), and \$200 (for those under 30 years of age). Installment payments can be made. Deadline for membership contributions is September 30th.

Cynthia Hinds, Dale & Shizue Kaku, Julie Mayeda, Yoshio & Judith Nakamura, Mabel Nishizaki, Dean O'Shields, Angela Sanchez, Shirley Shimada, Megumi Soga, Robert Taki, Sam & Masako Uchida

We would like to ‘**WELCOME**’

Megumi Soga and Robert Taki

as new members of our Sangha,

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

2023 FAMILY MEMORIAL SERVICE

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. During this Covid-19 pandemic, at your request, Rinban Kusunoki will conduct a memorial service in person, on Zoom or read your loved one’s name during the Joint Memorial Services on the first Wednesday of the month at 10am. If you have a family member who passed away in the following years, you are encouraged to hold a memorial service in 2023:

SCHEDULE

<u>Year of Death</u>	<u>Service</u>
2022	1st year memorial
2021	3rd year memorial
2017	7th year memorial
2011	13th year memorial
2007	17th year memorial
1999	25th year memorial
1991	33rd year memorial
1974	50th year memorial

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



Troop 252 News

Submitted by Reese T.

In January, Troop 252 continued to work on and complete their personal fitness merit badge.

The Pack and Troop participated in Scout Sunday Service on February 5th in person for the first time in 2 years.

On February 16th, Alexander B. represented Troop 252 in leading the Pledge of Allegiance in Olympia for the Day of Remembrance ceremony.

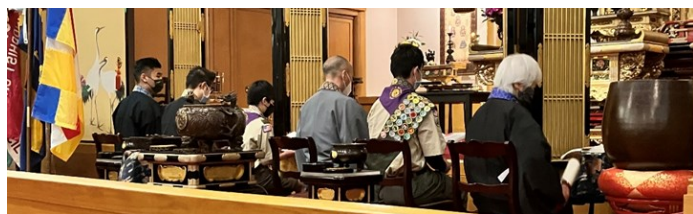
Starting on March 5th, scouts will be having a food drive for Scouting for Food. The food drive will end on Sunday, March 26th.



Reese T. for Scout Sunday



Alexander B. in Olympia



Eagle Scouts: Alex Sakamoto and Jason Yokoyama;
Scouts: Ervin N. and Alexander B., Rimban Kusunoki
and Rev. Irene Goto

Jr Young Buddhist Association

Submitted by Kaya T.

Happy March! At the last Jr. YBA meeting on February 5th, the members had a fun bonding experience! After the high schoolers and middle schoolers attended Dharma Exchange, the members went downstairs for something that everyone looks forward to; activities that involve food! We had the opportunity to make chocolate-covered strawberries and Oreos. Catching up with friends and meeting new members was a great way to celebrate our most recent and successful service project for the Bailey Gatzert Elementary School. Thanks to our Jr. YBA advisors and co-presidents, everybody had a fun time creating a few sweet treats.

Save Animals to Be Human

by Bishop Marvin Harada <https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/post/save-animals-to-be-human>

Jon Kawamoto, the editor of the Wheel of Dharma, recently shared with me an amazing article and video from the Washington Post about a woman in Ukraine, who in the midst of the war there, returned to save the animals from her animal shelter.

Asya Serpinska is from the town of Hostomel, Ukraine, and was formerly a math professor. Upon retirement, she established an animal shelter that quickly grew to have hundreds of cats and dogs. With the attack of Ukraine, she was forced to initially flee, but then returned to rescue her animals at the shelter. Her surrounding area was bombarded and she said it felt like an earthquake. Russian soldiers confronted her and her staff, accusing them of assisting the Ukrainian army. When Asya's favorite beloved dog, Gina, barked at the soldiers, one soldier shot and killed her dog. She said, "Any dog defends its territory. It's their nature."

The soldiers threatened to kill her, and a staff member was bound and restrained on the floor overnight.

Asya even fed and took care of a lion and other animals from the local zoo that were also innocent victims of the war.

I was so impressed by something that Asya said in the video that ran with the story. She said, "To save animals is to be human."

The war and the attack on Ukraine, is a vivid example of what it means to lose one's sense of humanity. As we have seen on the news, hospitals, schools, residential areas have all been bombed and attacked, and innocent citizens from children to the aged have lost their lives. How can you do such things if you have any sense of humanity?

Asya, on the other hand, in saving the animals at her shelter, is affirming her humanity. Such an expression of her humanity is maybe stronger than the bullets and bombs being inflicted on the Ukrainian people.

Many years ago, I translated a book on Shin Buddhism from Japanese to English, by Hideo Yonezawa, a popular lay speaker in Japan. In his book, he

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Seattle Betsuin Events

Shōtsuki Hōyo Memorial

(monthly memorial service sponsored by the temple)

in-person only; takes place

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

at 10:00AM.

The names of those loved-ones who will be remembered; call temple office. See p. 10.

Virtual Groups:

Dharma Exchange *see p.13* **Meditation** *see below*

To join these groups, e-mail
webmaster@seattlebetsuin.com or
newsletter@seattlebetsuin.org

for Links - specify the group in the subject line

Meditation

meets each Sunday morning

9:00AM -9:45AM

We open with SanBujo, Sit in Gratitude Meditation for 20 minutes, chant Nembutsu and close with discussion.

Please join us **either in person or on Zoom**. E-mail newsletter@seattlebetsuin.com and specify SBC Meditation to receive more information and the Link. - IG



DHARMA REALM An occasional **podcast conversation** between Harry Gyokyo Bridge, resident minister of

the Buddhist Church of Oakland, and Scott Mitchell, Dean of the Institute of Buddhist Studies, about Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, Buddhism in the modern world, pop-culture, music, sci-fi, and how all those things are related.

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expressed that Shin Buddhism is the path to becoming truly human. The path of the Nembutsu is the path to becoming a true human being. I immediately recalled that expression when I saw what this woman in Ukraine was doing for the animals.

Other religions “assume” that we are human, but in Buddhism, we have to “discover” our humanity. In other religions, it is often thought that man was created by god to rule over the earth, over other beings like plants and animals.

In Buddhism, we are all sentient beings, no greater and no less than other beings. We were not made to rule the earth over other beings. In contrast, if it weren't for other beings, we couldn't live. If anything, it is the opposite. We should be bowing our heads in respect and gratitude for other beings that make our life possible.

In the midst of this terrible war in Ukraine, where we see what happens when human beings lose their sense of humanity, we also see a beautiful example of one person who is affirming their humanity by saving the animals. Asya Serpinska, in saving animals, is saving not only her sense of humanity, she is showing the entire world what it means to be human.

Submitted by Irene Goto

Educational Presentations

- go to **BCA Center for Buddhist Education - YouTube** to view at your convenience - topics that include:

- 2022 BCA Virtual Obon Dance
- Reflections on the Pure Land
- Shakyamuni to Shinran
- Finding the Antidote to Ignorance
- Antidote to Anger
- *My Visit to India*—in Japanese by Rev Ryuta Furumoto
- What I should Know About Sunday Services
- What's on the Minds of BCA Youth?
- Jodo Shinshu at the Movies
- Women In Jodo Shinshu - YouTube



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 Wednesday, March 1st, at 10AM.

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

APRIL SHOTSUKI HOYO

The April Shotsuki Hoyo Memorial Service will honor the memory of those listed below who passed away in the month of April. This service will be combined with the Joint Memorial Service on Wednesday, April 5th, at 10AM.

Arlin, Lillian	Jinka, Noboru	Masumoto, Henry	Saiki, Ululani
Asaba, Joanne	Kanegae, Roy	Matsui, Melvin	Sakamoto, Leah
Asaba, Larry	Kano, Nobuyoshi	Matsui, Mitsue	Sakuma, Cedric
Asakura, Ume	Kano, Shigeo	Matsumoto, Thomas	Sakuma, Katherine
Baba, Sadao	Katayama, Akira	Matsumura, Toshio	Santon, Tamiko
Baba, Yuriko	Katayama, Chima	Matsuno, George	Sasame, Teru Kan
Clem, Cora	Kato, Hisako	Mikami, Takumi	Shibata, Tom
Dodobara, Masako	Kato, Kuniye	Mitchell, Peggy	Shigaya, Mary
Ekinaka, Fumiko	Kato, Mitsue	Miyake, Yukiko	Shinbo, George
Emata, Hideji	Kawada, Noboru	Mizokawa, Shigeyo	Shinoda, Kimi
Fujii, Ernest	Kawahara, Makie	Mizuhata, Michiko	Shintaku, Tomeko
Fujii, Kozaburo	Kawanishi, Teikichi	Mizuhata, Sueko	Sudo, Eiko
Fujii, Minoru	Kawasaki, Victor	Mizuta, George	Sudo, Mamoru
Fujii, Yoshito	Kido, Edward	Mizuta, Kimi	Suetsugu, Etsuko
Fujioka, Chikayo	Kihara, Yayeko	Mochizuki, Yoneko	Suzuki, Tohachi
Fukuhara, Tadashi	Kimura, Haruyo	Morisaki, Harry	Takashima, Sadamu
Glass, Nadine	Kimura, Kikuno	Moritani, Shigeru	Takemoto, Kazuo
Gojio, Shōtaro	Kishida, Yaso	Nagai, Tamotsu	Takemoto, Misako
Groves, Fumiko	Kitashima, Richard	Nagamatsu, Kimiko	Takenaga, Shige
Hagimori, Kaoru	Kogita, Marion	Nagata, Inori	Takeshita, Kazuko
Hagimoto, Shuichi	Kolby, Chin	Nakamura, Alan	Tamura, Tokio
Hanada, Iwao	Komatsu, Hisakichi	Nakanishi, Shizuichi	Tanaka, Masaye
Hanada, Seiji	Komorita, Kaga	Nakano (Infant)	Tanemura, Masao
Hara, Ricky	Kondo, Keiji	Nakano, Haruko	Tsubokawa, Terumi
Harada, Toshio	Kondo, Teruko	Nakano, Krista	Tsukamaki, Asako
Haraguchi, Mitsuru	Kondo, Yo	Nakashima, Hidehiro	Tsutsui, Komatsu
Harrison, Mitsue	Konishi, Tom	Nakashima, Masao	Usui, Chise
Harui, Norio	Kono, Asano	Nakashima, Masato	Uyeda, Nobukazu
Hata, Carmen	Kubo, Kazuo	Nakashima, Yoshiko	Wittshirik, Hiromi
Hayashida, Tani	Kubo, Masayoshi	Nishimoto, Masao	Yabuki, Ryoto
Higashi, Hatsune	Kubo, Tomi	Nitta, Bobby	Yamada, Asaichi
Hoshino, Gayle	Kuramoto, Amy	Nitta, Yoshiko	Yamaguchi, Moto
Ikemura, Terunobu	Kurita, Mio	Ogami, Tayeko	Yamamoto, Kay
Imabori, Teruo	Kuwada, Kazuo	Ohashi, Mokichi	Yamane, Shizue
Inouye, Hajime	Lee, Toh	Okamoto, Masao	Yamazaki, Hitoshi
Ito, Itsuko	Mack Harada	Okamura, Mineko	Yanagawa, Shigeto
Ito, Nami	Maeshiro, Asamitsu	Okuma, Linda	Yorita, Teruo
Ito, Tsune	Masuhara, Ichiyo	Okumura, Yoshiko	Yoshihara, Fujiko
Iwamura, Katsuzo	Masuhara, Kenichi	Quiett, Kathleen	Yoshijima, Yoshihisa

March 2023 Seattle Betsuin Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
APRIL 2023 SPECIAL EVENTS April 2 Betsuin Hanamatsuri April 16 Earth Day & Music Service April 22 Earth Day Seminar April 23 Eshinni-Ko & Kakushini-Ko Memorial Service April 28 Spring Nembutsu Seminar (Japanese) April 29 Spring Nembutsu Seminar (English)						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9 am Meditation - Hybrid	Rimban's day off		10 am Morning Svc In person			
10 am CAMPFIRE SUNDAY SERVICE					11 am Gojikai Service on Zoom	
English Dharma Talk						
Japanese Dharma Talk (video)						
11 am Dharma Exchange - Hybrid (Rev. Matt May)			Rimban's half day off			2 pm Gagaku - Hybrid
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Daylight Saving Time starts	Rimban's day off	9:30 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom	10 am Morning Svc In person	10 am Shinran Shonin Memorial Service		
9 am Meditation - Hybrid				1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service		
10 am SPRING OHIGAN / CHILDREN'S SERVICE				7 pm Betsuin Cabinet Meeting		
English Dharma Talk (Rimban)						
Japanese Dharma Talk (Rimban)						
11 am Dharma Exchange - Hybrid			Rimban's half day off			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9 am Meditation - Hybrid	Rimban's day off	9:30 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom				
10 am SUNDAY SERVICE			11 am Merrill Gardens Renton			
English Dharma Talk (Rev. Irene Goto)						
Japanese Dharma Talk (video)						
11 am Dharma Exchange -Hybrid (Rev. Irene Goto)	8 pm Newsletter deadline		Rimban's half day off	7 pm Betsuin Board Meeting		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
9 am Meditation - Hybrid	Rimban's day off	9:30 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom	10 am Morning Svc In person			
10 am SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS SERVICE						
English Dharma Talk						
Japanese Dharma Talk (video)						
11 am Dharma Exchange -Hybrid (Rimban)				7 pm Seattle Betsuin Speaker Series		
11:45 am Naijin Tour & Introduction to Buddhism			Rimban's half day off			

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2023 FAMILY MEMORIAL SERVICE SCHEDULE

Year of Death
Service

1st year 2022 memorial

3rd year 2021 memorial

7th year 2017 memorial

2011
13th year memorial

17th year 2007 memorial

25th year 1999 memorial

33rd year 1991 memorial

50th year 1974 memorial

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

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**Dharma Gatherings, *HOWAKAI*:
Nikkei Manor 1st & 3rd Thursdays
1:30PM**

Merrill Gardens, Renton
4th Wednesdays at 11:00AM
 please consult the facility for visitation guidelines

**Shotsuki/Joint Memorial Service will take place in-person on Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 10:00AM; passed loved-ones will be remembered.
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Seattle Betsuin's BOOK STUDY Group now meets monthly in-person one Saturday morning each month! For details email newsletter@seattlebetsuin.org

2023 RELIGIOUS SERVICES

9:00AM Meditation, in-person & via Zoom

10:00AM SERVICE In-Person and Live-Streamed at <https://youtube.com/seattlebuddhisttemple>

11:00AM Dharma Exchange in-person & via Zoom

Wednesdays
in-person only

10:00AM Sutra Chanting & Monthly Joint Memorial with Shotsuki Hoyo*

11:00 AM Dialogue on sutra

* SEE pp. 10, 11 FOR DATES & LISTINGS

Dharma Exchange
Sundays after Service
11:00AM in-person
temple dining room

**Also by Zoom Link
at**
**[https://
us02web.zoom.us/
meeting/register/
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Quovtn1e24imCjey
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NEXT DEADLINE:

March 20, 2023

8:00 PM

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