

“Eye, Nose, Mouth, Feet, and Eyebrow”

submitted by Rimban Katsuya Kusunoki

If each part of your body could talk, what would they say?

One day, your eyes, nose, and mouth started talking to each other.

Eye: “Hey nose, I envy you because you always enjoy the aroma when delicious dishes are served. I just watch them. There is nothing else I can do!”

Nose: “I can only smell them. I cannot eat them at all. I envy mouth because mouth eats the delicious meals all the time.”

Mouth: “Are you seriously saying that? You don’t understand me at all. All foods are just thrown into me, and I just bite and chew them. I cannot taste them. Only tongue tastes the delicious meals.”

Feet: “Hey, you guys are complaining too much even though you are always taken care of very well. Every morning, everyone on face is always washed. You are also made up nicely. What I do is only walk back and forth. Also, all your weight is on me!! It is so heavy!!”

Eye: “Wait a minute. Feet, you always enter the bathtub first. The water is always clean and warm. I have never entered the bathtub first!”

Nose: “Yes! Feet always gets into the bathtub first and gets out last. It is not fair! You can enjoy being in the bathtub longer until the very end!”

Mouth: “I want to take a bath, too!!”

Eyebrow: “Hey guys, you know what! I am just here all the time and do nothing from the beginning. Can you tell me what I am supposed to do?”

What do you think about this metaphor? Your heart and mind are not healthy when you envy and complain about others.

Everyone is different and unique. The color blue shines as blue. The color yellow shines as yellow. Red as red. White as white. All colors shine as they are.

We often overlook our own uniqueness and how we shine. We are all different and unique. Amida Buddha sees us as we are, listens to what we say, and ac-

cepts us as we are. Amida Buddha is calling us, “Please entrust to me and just come as you are.”

Gassho,



Dharma School

News submitted by Joan Nakano

Summer has been busy on the temple grounds and in the community. Although **Seattle lost to Tacoma during the championship softball game**, it sounds like all teams are already excited for another chance to win the coveted trophy next summer. We were fortunate to meet Kusunoki Sensei’s family at the welcome party/all sangha Obon on August 20, *see p. 8*. It was a nice way to start closing out all of our summer temple activities and prepare to welcome back our DS on September 10. While students are in the classroom, parents will be able to register their children, find out about other youth activities and sign up for DS sponsored events. A few important September dates to keep in mind are the NW District Convention from September 15-17, with a reminder that there will be no DS that Sunday. Saturday, September 23, will be the Salmon dinner, where it will be all hands-on deck to help with preparation, the event and clean up. Please continue sharing the QR code and invite friends and family to attend. On September 24, after service, our DS community will be able to meet and mingle over pizza. These are just the first activities of the first month back! There will be many volunteer opportunities to help support Dharma School for the ‘23 - ‘24 school year! Thank you!

Gassho,

Yvette Terada & Claire Murata
 Dharma School Superintendents

Dharma School student, Nathan T., attended the Buddhist Churches of America’s Buddhist Youth



Retreat 6 Summer Retreat at the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley from June 25 - July 1. It was noted in the registration that it would be and “unforgettable life changing experience...” Soon after returning from retreat, he wrote about his thoughts and agreed that this was an “unforgettable life changing experience,” and was grateful for the opportunity to attend. Here are his thoughts on his experience:

30 pages long, 3 long services a day. “Ki myo mu ryo ju nyo rai.” This is the first line of Shoshin Nembutsu Ge & Wasan, but by the end of Buddhist Youth Retreat 6 (BYR6), the words became so much more to me. Stepping into the naijin in the kodo at the Jodo Shinshu Center was the start of my newfound Buddhist journey. Honestly, packing and getting ready for the retreat, I was more excited to have the opportunity to be with my friends than a religious experience. I never would’ve guessed the workload we were about to study since when I arrived at the Jodo Shinshu Center, Auntie Judy warmly welcomed me as if I was going from my home to hers. When she showed me the schedule for the week, I tried to hide my surprise. Seeing that we were in store for 3 services, 3 lectures, and 2 life skills a day, I knew that this was going to be a very long week. Since we would not be chanting Ju Sei Ge, I was curious what we would be reciting every service. When I found out it was, Shoshin Nembutsu Ge & Wasan and that it was 30 pages long in Japanese with no English translation, I immediately thought, “Oh no!”

I have been a Dharma School student at the Seattle Betsuin since the infant/toddler class. My mindset going into the retreat was that I’d be open to learning new things, but there are many questions I had throughout the years, but didn’t know how to ask or even how to feel about it. The first takeaway that I wanted out of the retreat, was the confidence to recite the various chants and say the Nembutsu. In the past, I always had the habit of whispering the nembutsu when offering oshoko and quietly chant off the service book when I was focused for a short time. I was nervous in reciting because my dad and Baba excel in these aspects. The second takeaway was more personal for me. Growing up in the temple, I sometimes saw the temple as a place I “had” to go every Sunday rather than the feeling of myself wanting to. I always knew that I am Buddhist, but I felt that I couldn’t con-

nect to the dharma like my parents and other past generations did. Throughout the past couple years, I have been trying to find within myself why I am a Buddhist.

During the first day, my mind felt slow and felt like I wasn’t really taking in the information.

Throughout the week though, people like Reverend Endo and Reverend Hirano taught me how special the teachings really are and how Buddhism is a way to live our life. I was able to be more involved in the lectures and understand the Nembutsu with a different perspective. Listening to each reverend about how they started their paths of Buddhism made me realize how much Buddhism has also affected my life, even when I didn’t even know it. They were able to help me see things which is helping me create my new path and connect dots, which I will now try to put into practice. I feel really fortunate to meet these leaders because even though I was meeting them for the first time, they brought me in as if I was their own.

Buddhism was not all the only teaching we were taught throughout the week. I learned both life skills and social skills. From taxes to self-defense, we learned new ways to keep ourselves safe both financially and physically. We also had “teen talks,” where everyone could talk about things that they were going through, knowing that it would stay in the room. I knew most of the kids from Orange County Buddhist Church, but I knew that deep down inside, that this was a chance for me to meet someone new. My fellow peers were also a reason that helped me further understand some of the teachings because of the diversity of our group and the bond that some of us created within a couple days. It was really warming to see how we were able to talk about such sensitive topics.

In the middle of the week, we had the chance to take a field trip to San Francisco where we got to visit Japan town, San Francisco’s temple, and even Pier 39. Going on this trip felt relaxing because of how long we had stayed inside. Learning about the history of the first temple in America, I became inspired about knowing how devoted some of those founding members were. They were willing to destroy their temple to rebuild it with a beautiful stupa. We even got the chance to eat in Japan town and where I got to connect with Rev. Hirano personally, even talking about judo, since we had that in common. When we visited Pier 39, I was able to connect with someone very personally and I think because of that day and

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the rest of the week, I will cherish their friendship forever.

On the last day, I didn't even mentally complain that I would be chanting the 30 page Shoshin Nembutsu Ge & Wasan again. Instead, I was grateful to recite it with confidence and love, I chanted and recited the Nembutsu without whispering. At this point, I was having so much fun and felt so close to the teachings that I didn't want to leave. But we know that everything is impermanent and it was time. I left knowing why I choose to be Buddhist.

I'm so grateful to everyone who made this experience possible. Thank you to all of the teachers for showing me the ways how the dharma connects in my life. Thank you to Auntie Judy and the kitchen staff of the week for making us 3 delicious meals a day and always knowing how much to make since I know we ate a lot. Thank you to Mr. Koichi for giving us this opportunity to learn the dharma and connecting me to people all around the BCA. Thank you to Ellie and Molly for stepping up to the plate when Mr. Koichi got sick, taking care of us and keeping us out of trouble. Lastly, I want to also thank the Seattle Betsuin and my family for helping me throughout my Buddhist path in life and for taking care of me. Namu Amida Butsu.



Troop 252 Update

submitted by Ileene T.

In the first week of August, it was off to Fire Mountain Summer camp. Scouts had fun earning merit badges, getting to know each other better and making memories. Scouts will resume on Sunday, September 10th.

Scouts in pictures: Ansel K., Ervin N., Reese T., Sebastien K., Shaw C., Shaun W. and Theo K.



Jr. YBA Update

submitted by Corrina T.

Jr. YBA has not had a meeting since the NWBYL retreat. We are starting to plan for elections and the new school year. Shout out to the Jr. YBA members that volunteered for the Kids Summer Program Camp in early August. If you are interested in joining the Seattle Betsuin Jr. YBA, please email office@seattlebetsuin.org



Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association

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 Kanako Kashima

There were two main events that SBBWA participated/helped with this past month:

First, From Hiroshima to Hope: Suzanne F. & Shirley S. who are on the Board, did a tremendous job of planning and organizing the event. Char Y. coordinated the making of onigiri and sandwiches – Janet B., Nina T-K., Fran S., Char Y., Judith N. and her two daughters helped in making the onigiri and sandwiches.

Janie O. and Marlene O. car pooled to Green Lake; Karen A. donated salad; and Ritsuko K. helped with seasonings for the *onigiri*.

Suzanne F. made announcements prior to the program. SBBWA set up the snack table for volunteers, passed out programs, collected donations. Aiko's calligraphy group provided the writing for the lanterns. James and Merwyn helped with the boats and set up/take down. Other SBBWA members who came to support - Donna Z., Andrea M., Sensei, Ayano, and Yuiya, and probable others we didn't see in the large crowd. Others from the temple who helped were: Dennis Y., Merwyn K., and James K.

The second event was on Sunday, August 20. Members of the Kusunoki family (Katsu Sensei's mother, sister-in-law and 3 nieces) arrived from Nagasaki on August 19th. The Temple Sangha had a mini-Sangha obon and a potluck welcome party for the family. SBBWA members led by Mrs. Ritsuko K. made *barazushi* and salmon for the event. Suzanne F. coordinated giving gift bags for the visiting family as part of SBBWA's *omiyage* for the visiting family.



Musical Notes

Submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi
For Palo Alto Buddhist Temple this year, my home temple growing up through high school, there was uncertainty about who could lead the bon odori.



Rev. Dean Koyama and PABT temple president Eric Quock introduce Crystal Inge



Rev. Dean Koyama decided to invite Crystal Inge from Tacoma Buddhist Temple, so the Inge family traveled to California for the August 5-6 weekend. Ultimately, there was a significant Northwest District contingent besides Crystal and me. Tyler Moriguchi attended not only the Buddhist Church of Oakland bon odori on the Saturday evening, but also the Sunday bon odori at PABT. Gwen Florence and Gail Suzaka also traveled down to support. In addition to Crystal introducing the dance steps as done up in Washington, Kelsi Kobara from PABT led “Ei Ja Nai Ka”, the celebratory dance created by PJ Hirabayashi of San Jose Taiko. Kristy Carpenter, living nearby as a graduate student at Stanford, also joined the PABT festivities that weekend.

How wonderful also that we had our own Seattle sangha bon odori with the welcome of the Kusunoki family from Nagasaki! For those who attended the Matsuri Taiko post-service program on August 20, it was a special opportunity for others to try out playing taiko and also to learn “Ei Ja Nai Ka”. Thanks to Donna Zumoto for leading this session and to the coordinators of the sangha bon odori and potluck luncheon.

The featured gatha video from the BCA YouTube playlist on the BCA Music webpage for September is Donna Sasaki’s gatha “Time for Dharma School”. <https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/music>

Donna and I will present a workshop “Gathas in the Northwest District: Past, Present, and Future” on September 16 at the Northwest District Convention hosted by Tacoma Buddhist Temple. Hope to see you there!



Crystal and Tyler



Crystal, Tyler, Gwen, Kelsi, and Gail leading the bon odori at PABT



Kristy and Kemi at the PABT obon festivities

[Buddhist Churches Of America Music - YouTube](https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/music)



[Wheel of Dharma Monthly | BCA \(buddhistchurchesofamerica.org\)](https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org)

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, and book club).

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.

Gwen Florence, Louise Sakuma, Sato & Darlene Shimizu

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



FRIENDLY REMINDER REGARDING 2023 SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP DUES:

If you have yet to pay your minimum suggested dues, the basic dues towards the Church maintenance/operations, please consider doing so now. Memberfee is \$400 for those under 70 years of age, \$350 for those over 70 years old, and individuals, age 30 years old or younger, is \$200. **The due date is September 30th**. **If you have been making installment payments, your balance is due by September 30th** also.

A portion of each sustaining membership collected is paid by the Betsuin to the BCA and the BCA Northwest District Council, an umbrella organization for BCA temples in the Pacific Northwest. Our 2022 membership count is reported to the BCA and to the NW District for our Betsuin’s assessment count.

Any questions regarding your 2023 membership status, please contact the temple office.

“THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT”
(Sustaining membership committee)



GETTING DOWN TO BED ROCK

There comes a time in our lives when we find it necessary to get right down to the basics, right down to bed rock. So many times we play around the edges of life, making no real decisions on our own. We are being lulled into a state of relying on the opinion of commentators, writers, and fluent speakers.

One reason for this is our speed of daily living. Another is that many adults have not really given their children the chance to start thinking and making decisions on their own. Its been "don't do as I do, just do as I say"! Children have been expected to simply keep still and conform. Therefore when they suddenly leave to find their own ways, they waver and end up wandering around, with no real capacity or technique of thinking things out, of getting down to bed rock in their thoughts and actions.

Right now, most big decisions are being made by a limited few individuals and when one considers the many millions living in the world at this time it is amazing that the mass of humanity plays little part in thinking things out, or making decisions, which affect the lives of all of us.

We rarely take time to reflect and make truly worthwhile decisions.

For example, am I able to make even small decisions that are consistent with the Teachings of Buddha?

Do I waver back and forth like a reed in the wind?

Am I actually relying wholeheartedly upon Amida Buddha?

What is the most important thing to me?

When was the last time I sat down alone and reflected upon the important things of my life?

Shinran Shonin got down to bed rock when he spent the one hundred days at the Rokkaku-do Temple and then went straight to Honen Shonin and embraced the Pathway of Faith.

Jien said - "Go and search wherever you will and you will find the flower of the Law (Buddhism) the only true flower".

*Seattle Buddhist Church Research - 1427 S. Main St.
Seattle, WA 98144 - submitted by Kaya B.*



The Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations from 2023 July - August

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 Sachiko Ozeki – Memorial Service \$800.00
 Theodore Tomita – Memorial Service \$1,000.00

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Additional donations will be listed in subsequent Newsletter editions.



HATSUMAIRI CEREMONY

Sunday, October 15, 2023 - 10:00 am

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

The Hatsumairi Ceremony will be held in person on **Sunday, October 15, 2023, at 10:00 am**. Children of all ages are welcome to participate. If you would like to present your child(ren) at this ceremony,

please e-mail the following information to office@seattlebetsuin.org:

- Child’s Name
- Month / Day / Year of Birth
- Parent’s Name(s)
- Mailing address
- Phone number and E-mail Address

The deadline to register is October 8, 2022. A Dharma School representative will contact you with details after you register. If you have any questions, please call the Temple office at (206) 329-0800. Donations made to Seattle Betsuin are greatly appreciated. - IT





2023 Sangha Bon Odori & Welcome Party

Sunday, August 20
10:00am - Service

11:30am - Bon Odori & Welcome Party



Rimban and his mother dancing to *Tanko Bushi* with Julie Mayeda.
Photo by Kemi Nakabayashi



Sangha and Rimban Kusunoki's family before the party. Photos by Joe Gotchy



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

Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) Coming Events

I am pleased to share the **"Fire Chat Sessions on Shin Buddhism in the West and Beyond: With Guest Laypersons and Teachers,"** starting September 23, 2023 and will last until next March with seven sessions. This wonderful program is presented by Dr. Kenneth Tanaka, Professor Emeritus, Musashino University, Tokyo, and Former Assoc. Prof. and Assist. Dean, the Institute of Buddhist Studies, Berkeley, inviting many BCA Kaikyoshi Ministers and Laypersons on each interesting topic in unique seven sessions. For detailed sessions and topics, please check the following google drive or attached pdf version.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/16cRWP_RdTj3-HnIFvL4A7zPWG7SDATV7/edit

Application: Please apply here: <https://forms.gle/Y78zGCv9gR4NvEK37>

The application will close as the quota of 100 is reached. After that you will be placed on a waiting list. (A second session may open if there is demand.)

Gassho,
Mutsumi Wondra



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Seattle Betsuin Events and Programs

Salmon Dinner Fundraiser September 23rd

Please help spread the word to family and friends about this fundraiser for the Betsuin to help with its success. Please purchase your tickets early so we know what quantities of salmon are needed for ordering. We will stop accepting orders 9/17/23 at 6:00 P.M. - Howard L.

The Betsuin's Salmon Dinner will be held Saturday, September 23, 2023. We will be offering a salmon filet along with a side of rice, salad, tsukemono, corn on the cob and a dessert with the purchase of a ticket. There will be a pork loin option in limited quantities as an alternative. This event will be a pre-sale by ticket only. Tickets will not be available to purchase the day of the event.

It will be offered as a Drive-Thru from 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM and Dine-in is available as well from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM. Along with information on the Temple's website, the QR code to purchase tickets is to the right and there will also be posters around the Temple. Please use your phone camera to click and read all parts of the ticket application's website for the tickets. Tickets are priced at \$23.00 for the meal. Please let your family/friends know about this fundraiser to make this a success. Past attendees enjoyed this event, so don't miss out.



We will be looking for donations for the bake sale. Please make sure to label any items with ingredients that cause allergic reactions, e.g. nuts, wheat, gluten, dairy, etc., to list just a few.

Note: for those that cannot utilize the QR code or are having problems, please send an email to salmondinner@seattlebetsuin.org or call (206) 329-0800 for assistance.



Detailed information is also available at **Seattle Betsuin Salmon Dinner**

Meditation

meets each Sunday morning in person
9:00AM -9:45AM

We open with SanBujo, Sit in Gratitude Meditation for 20 minutes, chant Nembutsu and close with discussion. Join virtually, email: newsletter@seattlebetsuin.org

Shōtsuki Hōyo Memorial

(monthly memorial service sponsored by the temple)
in-person only; next takes place
Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 10:30AM.
The names of those loved-ones to remember are listed on page 11.

Wednesday Services with Rev. Katsu

Rev. Katsu is holding an in-person service most Wednesdays at the Seattle Betsuin for any who wish to attend! Services will primarily focus on the chanting and discussion of the Three Pure Land Sutras.

On most first Wednesdays of each month, he will hold a memorial service (Shotsuki) followed by "Ojoraisan" chanting workshop.

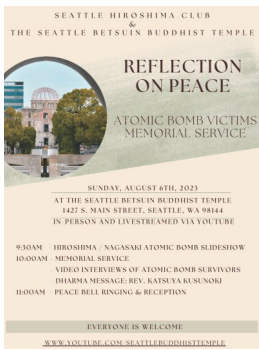
September services on Wednesdays begin at 10:30am and are open to any who would like to attend. See calendar on p. 13 for September services.

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Styro Recycle Sunday

September 3 Meet at the back parking lot with your clean, dry, no-tape... •Styro food containers, (separated by white, black, yellow, blue colors) •soft foam packing sheets •formed Styro •packing peanuts
Please note that occasionally there are too many large protective formed styro pieces to accept. If you have a Bellevue zip code, you can take them to the Bellevue drop off facility. Thanks for recycling.

- Gail K



ATOMIC BOMB VICTIMS' MEMORIAL SERVICE

“Reflection on Peace”
August 6, 2023

Submitted by Karen I. A.



Gene Fujita on videotaped interview

Above photos courtesy of Joe Gotchy



Photo courtesy of Tina Ko

dessert plate was served to all Sangha. The hostesses were Shizue Kaku, Andrea Mano Ramos, Judith Nakamura, Tina Ko, Karen Akira, Loraine Jacobs, Margaret Gotchy, pictured above; Ritsuko Kawahara, Leanne Nishi-Wong, and Suzanne Fujinari, not pictured.

Dr. Tsukasa Namekata, president of Seattle Hiroshima Club, displayed photos, documents, and publications concerning the bombing.

Twenty-nine calligraphed and illuminated paper lanterns glowed before the *naijin*. Each lantern named a relative of a Betsuin member who perished during or as a direct result of the bombing in Hiroshima on August 6, 1945. Eight videotaped Hiroshima Bomb survivors shared their harrowing experiences during and after the bomb. [Video interviews were made in 2010.]

Cascades of exquisite and colorful *orizuru* hung from two lecterns as Consul General of Japan, Hisao Inagaki, addressed the Sangha in Japanese and English. He had folded the *tsuru*, one-per-day, since his arrival in Seattle during COVID-19 and posted each one on Instagram. He said he was grateful to be able to display the *tsuru* to convey a message of “hope for health and peace for everyone”.

He noted that *tsuru* were an important motif for this year’s historic G7 Summit Meeting held in Hiroshima and were seen by Prime Minister Kishida as an opportunity to promote “nuclear non-proliferation” stating, “Let the momentum toward a world without nuclear weapons begin again in Hiroshima.”

Kusunoki Sensei’s Dharma Message focused on the phrase, “Hyogamuyo”, from the Larger Sutra which says that there is no need for soldiers nor weapons if we respect and support one another. Sensei said that the sadness we feel when talking or thinking about the devastation of the A Bomb is compassion, and it is this compassion that we must cultivate.

The Sangha sang, “Thousand Paper Cranes” which was written and composed by Michiko Pumpian for the Kids’ Summer Program held annually at Seattle Betsuin.

At the conclusion of the Service, The Sangha was invited to ring the Bonsho in Wisteria Green, across the street from Betsuin.

Finally, a reception was held in the Betsuin gym hosted by Seattle Hiroshima Club and Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women’s Association members. Tea and a



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 Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 10:30 AM.

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

OCTOBER SHOTSUKI HOYO

The October Shotsuki Hoyo Memorial Service will honor the memory of those listed below who passed away in the month of October. This service will be combined with the Joint Memorial Service on Wednesday, October 4,

Adachi, Teruo	Iwai, Shuei	Mukai, Minoru	Sugita, Yasunori
Aisaka, Jordan	Iwamoto, John	Nakama, Chutarō	Sullivan, Kay
Akutsu, Gene	Jeppeson, John	Nakamura, Ichiro	Suzaka, Toshiko
Aoyama, Sayeko	Jitodai, Hitomi	Nakamura, Kikutaro	Tachiyama, Takami
Asaba, Yetsuro	Kamada, Isao	Nakamura, Masako	Tagami, Takeji
Chikuse, Masaki	Kamada, Yuriko	Nakamura, Tsuruki	Takahashi, Mika
Deguchi, Tommy	Kaneta, Kito	Nakanishi, Toshito	Takano, Frank
Doi, Richard	Kano, Seiichi	Nakano, Masa	Takano, Richard
Emata, Etsuko	Kano, Terumitsu	Nakatani, Mihoko	Takao, Yanosuke
Endo, Koisa	Kawada, Hatsuye	Nishi, Robert	Takemoto, Saichi
Feng, Yun-Loong	Kawaguchi, Hatsume	Nishimura, Fumiko	Taketa, Haruso
Fujiki, Betty	Kawaguchi, Mitsue	Nomaguchi, Yuzaemon	Taniguchi, Manabu
Fujita, John	Kawahara, Seiichi	Noro, Ayako	Tanino, Matsu
Fukeda, George	Kayano, Yuji	Oda, Shizuko	Taverna
Fukuma, Sugiyo	Kido, Miyuki	Ohashi, Sumiye	Terada, Allan
Furukawa, Tomiko	Kimura, Haru	Ohtani, Hide	Teramae, Shigeru
Furumoto, Hideo	Kodama, Hosoe	Okamoto, Masao	Teranishi, Asako
Furuta, Mary	Kogita, Jay	Okamura, Masao	Terao, Hidetomi
Hada, Stanley	Kojima, Sute	Okawa, Kinpei	Tochiura, Jane
Hamada, Umeo	Konishi, Margaret	Okimura, Nashiyo	Tomita, Masako
Hanada, Stanley	Konishi, Tokio	Osaki, Torao	Toyaji, Haruye
Harada, Tadashi	Konishi, Wasa	Otomaru, Takeshi	Toyaji, Ted
Harada, Yukie	Kono, Mary	Quintua, Linda	Tsubota, Cherrie
Hasegawa, Shimayo	Kumata, Noboru	Saito, Chiyoko	Tsuchikawa, Chōsaburo
Hashikuni, Osao	Kumata, Sono	Sakai, Enjiro	Tsuye, George
Hashimoto, Tetsue	Kunimoto, Larry	Sakamoto, Takashi	Uchida, Masaharu
Hayami, Smith	Kuramoto, Ted	Sakata, Dorothy	Watanabe, Arthur
Higashi, Roy	LaGrange, Doreen	Sakoda, Aiko	Wataoka, Shoji
Hiroo, Kango	LaGrange, Shizuka	Sasaki, Yoshitsugu	Yamada, Frank
Hiroo, Kiyono	Ly, Tay	Scott, Masae	Yamamoto, Thomas
Hiroo, Mickey	Mamiya, George	Seko, Suye	Yamashita, Masaye
Honda, Martha	Maniwa, Chiyoko	Shah, Mieko	Yamauchi, Tsunehiko
Hori, Toshiaki	Maruoka, Chidori	Shibayama, George	Yanagimoto, Tsuruhiko
Horike, Tadashi	Masunaga, Shigeo	Shibuya, Kikue	Yasui, Hiroshi
Ideta, Sadako	Matsuhira, Matsuno	Shigaya, Mary	Yokota, Matsuyo
Ike, Joe	Matsumoto, Dairoku	Shimbo, Sherlock	Yoshida, Ineko
Imayanagita, Nobuko	Mihara, Setsuye	Shimbo, Tokuo	Yoshida, Miyuki
Iseri, Shima	Minato, Mary	Shimoyama, Juki	Yoshida, Jitsushi
Ishii, Keiko	Miyamoto, Toshimi	Shinbo, Mary	Yoshimoto, Richard
Ishii, Ray	Mori, Kimiko	Shiomi, Kikuo	Yoshimura, Misao
Ishimori, Nao	Moriguchi, Kame	Shiyoyama, Kamejiro	Yoshino, Keith
Isomura, Katsumi	Morimoto, Tadao		

September 2023 Seattle Betsuin Schedule

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Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SEPTEMBER 2023 SPECIAL EVENTS						1	2
<i>October 7 College Night</i>							
<i>October 15 Hatsumairi service</i>							
<i>October 22 SBBWA Memorial service</i>							
<i>October 29 Trunk or Treat</i>							
To view all services, please visit www.youtube.com/seattlebuddhistemple							
3		4	5	6	7	8	9
9 am	Meditation	<i>Labor Day</i>					
9:10 am	Japanese Service (Hondo)	(Office Closed)			1:30 pm Nikkei		
10 am	BCA FOUNDING DAY SERVICE				Manor Service		3 pm Gagaku
11 am	Dharma Exchange (Hondo)						Practice (hybrid)
10	<i>First Day of Dharma School</i>	11	12	13	14	15	16
9 am	Meditation	<i>Rimban's day off</i>		9 am Japanese		<i>NWD Convention</i>	<i>NWD Convention</i>
10 am	SUNDAY SERVICE			Dharma Exchange			
11 am	Dharma Exchange (Dining Room)			10:30 am Shotsuki		10:30 am Japanese	
	Japanese Service (Hondo)			Monthly Memorial Service		Playgroup	
				<i>Rimban's half day off</i>			
17		18	19	20	21	22	23
10 am	NW District Convention Sunday Service	<i>Rimban's day off</i>		9 am Japanese		10:30 am Japanese	SALMON DINNER
	at the DoubleTree in SouthCenter			Dharma Exchange	1:30 pm Nikkei	Playgroup	Fundraiser
				10:30 am Wednesday	Manor Service		
	*No Service at the temple			Dharma Exchange			4:30 pm
		8 pm Newsletter deadline		<i>Rimban's half day off</i>	7 pm Cabinet meeting		NWMA Seminar with Rev. Umezu
24		25	26	27	28	29	30
9 am	Meditation	<i>Rimban's day off</i>		9 am Japanese		10:30 am Japanese	
10 am	FALL OHIGAN SERVICE			Dharma Exchange		Playgroup	
	Speaker: Rev. Kodo Umezu (BCA Minister Emeritus)			10:30 am Wednesday			
11 am	Dharma Exchange w/ Rev. Umezu (Hondo)			Dharma Exchange			
				11 am Merrill Gardens	7 pm Board meeting		
1 pm	Fall Ohigan Japanese Seminar w/ Rev. Umezu (Hondo)		6 pm Gagaku Practice (Zoom only)	Renton Service			
				<i>Rimban's half day off</i>			

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2023 FAMILY MEMORIAL SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

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

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,
September 13, at 10:30AM
see page 11.

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 Sundays

9:00AM Meditation, in-person at
1439 S Main St & via Zoom

10:00AM SERVICE In-Person and Live-
Streamed at [https://youtube.com/
seattlebuddhisttemple](https://youtube.com/seattlebuddhisttemple)

Wednesdays - 10:30AM

in-person only; September 6 canceled

10:30AM Sutra Chanting & Monthly Joint
Memorial with Shotsuki Hoyo*

Chanting of Ojoraisan
Dharma Discussion

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



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"For Families"

- Memorial Services
- Wedding Ceremonies
- Home & Hospital Visits
- Funerals & Pillow Services

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