

Hoonko service in January

Submitted by Rimban Katsuya Kusunoki

A Happy New year. I hope all of your days in 2024 are precious and meaningful. I look forward to seeing you at the temple. In Jodo Shinshu, the most important service is conducted in January. It is called *Hoonko* which is our founder Shinran Shonin's (1173-1263) memorial service. This time, Tacoma Buddhist Temple, White River Buddhist Temple and Seattle Betsuin will get together and conduct a joint *Hoonko* service at the Seattle Betsuin on January 13th and 14th. We are also celebrating the 125th anniversary of Buddhist Churches of America at the same time. Rev. Tadao Koyama (Tacoma), Rev. Cyndi Yasaki (White River) and I are co-officiating this special observance. Our guest speaker is Rev. Yoshimichi Ouchi from Toronto Buddhist Temple. Rev. Ouchi, Rev. T. Koyama and I all graduated from Gonsniki Shidosho (school for Jodo Shinshu ritual, chanting, and Gagaku music) and received a license on Jodo Shinshu ritual. Not many ministers outside of Japan have this license. Because three of us are able to get together, I scheduled some special and unique workshops and rituals. Please come to join the workshops and services! Let me introduce the schedule for 2024 *Hoonko* services.

Saturday, January 13th

9:30am Workshop 1 "Learning from Goeden ~Life of Shinran Shonin~" led by Rev. Kusunoki

Goeden is an Illustrated Biography of Shinran Shonin. It is one of *Hoonko* traditions to respectfully hang the Goeden scrolls. This time, we respectfully hang the full set (4 scrolls) of the *Goeden* scrolls in the *Hondo* (main hall) which are owned by White River Buddhist Temple. As far as I know, White River Buddhist Temple is the only temple which owns the full set of the *Goeden* scrolls outside of Japan.

We learn Shinran Shonin's life, the history and teaching of Jodo Shinshu through the Goeden scrolls.

10:00am Workshop 2 "Ojoraisan (Hymns of Birth in the Pure Land) Chanting practice" led by Rev. Ouchi

It is a traditional style sutra chanting which has a beautiful melody. The melody is written in traditional music notation which is called "*hakase*". Before the service, we will learn how to read the "*hakase*" and practice chanting "*Ojoraisan*".

10:40am English Dharma Message by Rev. Cyndi Yasaki

Rev. Cindy Yasaki is going to deliver a Dharma Message on *Hoonko* and Jodo Shinshu teaching.

**11:00am Special Hoonko Ritual "Ojoraisan"
Chanting leader: Rev. Kusunoki**

"*Ojoraisan* (hymns of Birth in the Pure Land)" was written by one of the seven masters, Master Shantao. It was also chanted during Shinran Shonin's (1173-1263) time. We can feel the connection to our founder, Shinran Shonin, and the time when he lived through this chanting. The chanting of *Ojoraisan* was revised from time to time. The current version was revised in 1933. The chanting of *Ojoraisan* is a "call and response" type of chanting. Everyone can actively join this chanting.

12:00pm Workshop 3 "Naijin altar Tour" led by Rev. Kusunoki

It is the guided tour in the *Hondo* (main hall) and the altar. We can learn the altar adornments, altar fittings as well as the teaching and history of Jodo Shinshu.

Sunday, January 14th

10:00am Hoonko Service "Shuso Sango Saho Music Service" Chanting leader: Rev. Yasaki

"*Shuso*" means a founder. "*Sango*" means praise and respect. "*Saho*" means ritual. This ritual was established in 2008 to observe the 750th memorial ser-

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vice for our founder Shinran Shonin in 2011. *Shoshinge* (hymn of True Entrusting Heart and the Nembutsu) is chanted with *Junirai* melody which many people are familiar with. It has a rhythmical melody with a quick tempo. This chanting is accompanied by *Gagaku* (the court music of Japan), Taiko drums, and electric organ. The chorus group from each temple are also joining. Northwest District and our temples are the only group beside temples in Japan which can conduct the *Shuso Sango Saho* music service with live music.

10:50am English Dharma Exchange and Japanese Dharma Talk

Rev. T. Koyama leads the English Dharma Exchange in the *hondo* (main hall) and Rev. Ouchi will deliver a Japanese Dharma Talk in the chapel. They will both talk about *Hoonko* and Jodo Shinshu teaching.

11:30am Otoki Refreshment

In addition to some light refreshments, *Nigome* and *Zenzai* are served to all participants. *Nigome* is a Japanese vegetarian dish and a traditional *Hoonko* dish in Hiroshima. Seattle Betsuin and our Sangha have been continuing this tradition. *Zenzai* is a sweet red beans soup with mochi. Red beans were one of our founder's favorite foods. Please read a newsletter article (February, 2019) to know more about *Nigome* dish. [2019-February-Issue-4-web-ihg.pdf](https://seattlebetsuin.com/2019-February-Issue-4-web-ihg.pdf) (seattlebetsuin.com)

Dharma School News

Submitted by Joan Nakano

On behalf of the DS board, we wish everybody a happy and healthy 2024! Thank you for your continued support to DS so we can offer Dharma activities and education to our students, teachers, sangha and extended community.

DS hosted our first All-sangha potluck since 2019. With over 125 people in attendance for the Bodhi Day potluck, there was plenty of food and conversation. Thank you to our sangha for contributing yummy food and supporting the cub scouts with their bake sale. Also, a special thank you to Ron and his crew for coming in the day before to prepare the festive and

delicious sweets.

DS and sangha were invited to decorate gingerbread houses after our December Children's service. All the houses were unique and creative. There was a lot of donated candy that participants could eat while and after decorating. Thank you to June A. for her dana in sharing Tacoma Buddhist Temple's tradition with us.

Are you interested in getting your car washed while also supporting DS? Please purchase Brown Bear Car Wash tickets from us. They also make great gifts!

1-\$15

2-\$25

5-\$60

Thank you!

Gassho,

Yvette Terada & Claire Murata
Dharma School Co-Superintendents

Thank you to our sangha for contributing yummy dishes for the Dharma School sponsored All-Sangha Bodhi Day potluck!

Classroom Report

During the month of December, the 3/4/5 grade class reviewed the parts of the obutsudan so we knew how to set it up when we took them home. We also made Bodhi Day ornaments for our tree or to hang elsewhere. Our class was in charge of chairing Children's Service and after we decorated gingerbread houses with the group. We look forward to ringing in the new year with the sangha!

Pack 252 Update

Submitted by Mai Ketcherside

Thank you so much for stopping by at our bake sale on Bodhi Day! And thank you so much to those who donated the baked goods. With the proceeds from the bake sales and the popcorn sales, the pack is able to pay for advancements, supplies, events, and to cover the costs of adult training. This year we plan on holding a Pinewood Derby and the scouts are already excited! We're grateful for the continuous support from the Betsuin community, and for the sponsorship by the temple. We look forward to sharing our activities in 2024!

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

SBBWA had a card-making activity that took place the Friday after Thanksgiving. There were a lot of members who participated, as the dining room was filled with laughter and socializing. Creativity was abound all around. Here are some cards made by Machiko W.



The results of the new SBBWA Board members were finalized. Congratulations to the 24 members who were elected and added for 2024: Karen Akira, Diane Deaver, Janice Deguchi, Ann Hasegawa, Kathy Hasegawa, Pam Horn, Kanako Kashima, Shizu Kaku, Jan Keltner, Andrea Mano, Claire Murata, Debbie Shibata, Gail Suzaka, Frances Tamekuni, Erin Taylor, Gayle Teramoto, Julianne Tosaya, Susanne Umeda, Machiko Wada, Marissa Wong, Susie Yamane, Mae Yamasaki, Charlene Yoritune, Donna Zumoto.

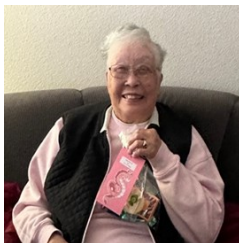
Our Social Service committee members were busy putting together and distributing Kimochi gifts to our senior members who are 90 and over. Thank you to Suzanne U. for spearheading this effort. Thank you to Susie T. for putting together the gift tags and bags. Thank you to Yvette, Anna, Leanne, Char, Fran, Lauren, Steph, Lauren and Ileene for helping to deliver the packages! A few pictures of the recipients:



Peggy H.



Aiko F.



June K.

Wishing you all a happy holiday season, and a happy Year of the Dragon!

Betsuin Tea Talk January 2024



Happy New Year!

Midnight, January 1st, a moment that is celebrated and observed by most of the world population. A holiday ushering out the old year and welcoming a new one. A time of reflection, written resolutions, and an upbeat attitude towards a new beginning.

As my term concludes, I look back on the past few years and find that it has been a rewarding, challenging, and a life-enhancing adventure. My resolution, for 2024, is to be efficient. I currently have too much to accomplish in a limited amount of time.

Each year, Rev. Kusunoki stamps resolution cards to remind sangha members to fulfill their commitments. If you need accountability, like I do, please attend a service in January to get your card stamped. Cards will be available in the foyer.

Thank you for all the support that I and the Betsuin continue to receive from you. With the election of Cabinet officers at the end of January, please embrace their new leadership with as much encouragement and enthusiasm as I have experienced.

I look forward to seeing you for special services/ events, which include, January 1st for the New Year Service; January 13th and 14th to celebrate Ho'onko; and on January 28th for the Betsuin's annual New Year's Party.

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

In Gassho,
Leanne
Leanne@seattlebetsuin.org

Musical Notes

Submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi

On December 17, we welcomed Donna Sasaki from Tacoma Buddhist Temple to Seattle Betsuin. After singing her lively gathas “Wake Up!” composed for the Northwest District Convention in 2017 and “We Are One” during the service, the High School Dharma School class and teachers worked with Donna to set the honorable mention award-winning lyrics to music. More to come of the developments of the work-in-progress....



Please plan to attend the special Hoonko weekend events and Sunday service on January 14. Our Seattle gagaku group will finally get to meet guest minister Rev. Yoshimichi Ouchi from Toronto in-person after many sessions on Zoom. Rev. Ouchi plays *hichiriki* and along with Rev. Tadao Koyama on *ryuteki* and Rev. Kusunoki on *sho*, the ministers will lead the rest of the gagaku players including percussion as well as singers from the Northwest District who have been practicing *Shuso Sango Saho*, the Music Service version of *Shoshinge* with *Wasan* and *Nembutsu* for the entire sangha to participate. It will be a momentous occasion, not to be missed!

Also in honor of our founder Shinran Shonin, the featured gatha videos on the BCA Music YouTube channel playlist <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLUP6bBfcX20CkMYqa3iew-I-s0RBjnvW0> this month are two renditions of *Shinran Sama*, one by Rev. Harry Bridge and the other by Rev. Yuki Sugahara.



Donna Sasaki with the some of the high school Dharma School students and teachers Jason Yokoyama, Harrison Chinn, and Ron Hamakawa

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).

David Lee & Dianne Kosai Lee, Connor McKinney, Corey & Claire Murata, Zachary Semke & Ann Ishimaru

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

The 2023 fiscal year has come to an end, and the Sustaining Membership Committee would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all those who contributed their basic dues which funded the Betsuin’s activities including our Japanese and English religious services, our Jodo Shinshu education and training programs, funding our minister and staff, maintenance, and costs of operating our temple. A final list of our 2023 membership will be posted on the foyer bulletin board in January 2024.

With the arrival of the new year, we will be accepting your contributions for 2024. Basic dues are \$400 for those under 70 years of age and \$350 for individuals 70 years and older. Individuals aged 30 years old or younger (non-dependents) can contribute \$200 as a Sustaining Member of the temple. Individuals who contribute at lower levels are non-voting Associate Members of the temple.

Membership submittals may be done electronically by clicking on the link “Becoming a Sustaining Member” found on the home page of the temple website www.seattlebetsuin.com. Checks can also be submitted. Installment payments are also welcomed.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the temple office at (206) 329-0800. Our committee members are also available, so feel free to contact any of us.

With palms together in gratitude....Howard, Ileene, Joan, Pauline & Steph



Donation Drive for Orion Center

Jr. YBA is holding a donation drive for the Orion Center. Orion Center serves as a safe and welcoming place for young people ages 12-24 throughout the day. Please join us in spreading warmth and care this holiday season! The Orion Center is seeking specific donations of new attire such as undergarments, belts, sporty or holiday socks, sweat-pants, shoes, hand and foot warmers, menstrual products, and hygiene items. There will be a place to donate items at the front of the foyer until the 29th of February.

Thank you for your support!

Submitted by Maia Taylor, Secretary Jr. YBA



WRBT 2024 hybrid BWA Kisaragi-ki Seminar Saturday,

February 10, 2024 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM PST @ White River Buddhist Temple or via Zoom

Rev. Anne Spencer of the Idaho-Oregon Buddhist Temple: **Funerals & Death Rituals As Sources of Healing After Loss**

In this interactive workshop, we will explore Buddhist perspectives on death and the rituals that surround it. We will review evidence showing mental health benefits of death rituals, while also acknowledging the reasons why many people feel awkward or uncomfortable with funerals and memorial services. Each participant will have a chance to reflect on what funerals mean to them (the good and the bad experiences) and what they would like a service for themselves or a loved one to involve.

Please register through our website at White River Buddhist Temple [White River Buddhist Temple \(wrbt.org\)](http://WhiteRiverBuddhistTemple.wrbt.org) if you would like to attend.

A no-host dinner will follow the seminar.

Submitted by Rev. Kusunoki

JANUARY 21, 2024
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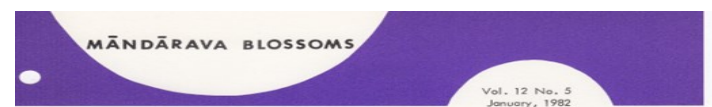
**1:00PM WELCOME AND GREETING AT TEMPLE ENTRANCE
1:30PM SERVICE IN THE TEMPLE HONDO
2:00PM TAKOYAKI MAKING
3:00PM GAMES AND ACTIVITIES (HANAFUDA, PICKLEBALL, PING PONG)**

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HOSTED BY SEATTLE YABA**

All are welcome!



HO-ONKO is a special service commemorating the passing of Shinran Shonin (May 21, 1173 - January 16, 1262) and is one of the most important services observed by followers of the Pure Land Faith. It is a time of deep reflection and a time for expression of gratitude to Shinran for the precious legacy left us. In one of the special HO-ONKO gathas, the words read as follows:

*If your teachings were unknown,
We would still be wandering on the path of eternal
darkness.
Because of your life-long devotion to the teaching of
the Nembutsu,
We are now able to know Amida's Compassion.*

*A deep joy swells up in our hearts
And happiness flows into the depths of our beings.
Even though our bodies be crushed and bones be broken,
O, how can we forget our gratitude to you?*

With these words in mind, let us not forget the gratitude we owe our great leader Shinran Shonin for without his courage and profound love for mankind, the road to salvation through mere utterance of the Nembutsu would not have been made accessible to us. Therefore, when putting our hands together in gassho, let us try to recite the Nembutsu with true conviction and reverence in our hearts.

Reverend Akio Miyaji, South Alameda Buddhist Church
Seattle Buddhist Church Research - 1427 So. Main St.
Seattle, Wash. 98144

The Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations from 2023 November - December

Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:

Herbert deRoulet, Sunahara deRoulet	\$800.00
Shumien Chiang Ho	\$1,000.00

Given by:

Joleene deRoulet
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In Memory of:

Takao ("Tak") & Ruth Aoki
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Special Services:

Autumn Music Service:

Ileene Kawahara Tanabe

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Hanamatsuri:

Fuyo Yoshida

Additional donations will be listed in subsequent Newsletter editions.



SEATTLE BETSUIN EVENTS

Shōtsuki Hōyo Memorial (monthly memorial service sponsored by the temple) in-person only; next takes place **Tuesday, January 9, 2024** at 11:00AM. The names of those loved-ones remembered are listed on pages 11 and 12.

New Day/Time

Tuesday

Services with Rev. Katsu

Rev. Katsu is holding in-person service most Tuesdays at 11:00am 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, and may include monthly memorial (Shotsuki) service and "Ojoraisan" chanting workshop.

See calendar on p. 14 for January services.

Buddhist Book Study On Saturday, **January 20th**, we will pivot back to a book discussion. The selected reading is ***Thus Taught Master Shichiri: One Hundred Gems of Shin Buddhist Wisdom*** by Gojun Shichiri. The [book is available for purchase](#) on Amazon for \$11.99. The session will take place in Memorial Hall at the Seattle Betsuin at 9:30-11:30am. - Leonora Clarke

Graduating High School? Or College Student (in your 2nd year or higher) with a Science Major?

For the applications, or more information, contact the Betsuin office, office@seattlebetsuin.org: subject "Betsuin Scholarship - Your Name". **Send completed applications by January 22, 2024, 2:30 p.m. to:**

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



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**EVENING STUDY
SESSIONS WITH
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January 9, 2024 | 6:30PM
Second Tuesday of Every Month
Online attendees welcome!

Seattle Betsuin
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Seattle, WA 98144

PLEASE REGISTER FOR THE SESSION
WITH THE QR CODE OR VIA THE TEMPLE
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Seattle Betsuin Podcast Channel

<https://open.spotify.com/show/2sCha3pM767xQg9YyvBpHZ?si=9c90c1eea5224aa4>

Connor and I will try to add more recorded Dharma Talks etc. Please follow it.

Japanese Dharma Talk will be uploaded sometime soon.

Gassho, Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki November 1, 2023

Sitting in Gratitude Meditation

meets each Sunday morning in person at 1439 S Main St from 9:00AM -9:45AM. We open with SanBujo, sit for 20 minutes, chant Nembutsu and close with discussion. Join virtually, email: newsletter@seattlebetsuin.org
NOTE: BY ZOOM ONLY ON DEC. 24. 31. 2023



Joint Ho'onko Celebration at Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple January 13 and 14, 2024

Seattle Betsuin, White River and Tacoma Buddhist Temples will observe and celebrate Master Shinran's 760th Memorial together at the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple

- Saturday January 13 will feature morning workshops, dharma talk, and chanting with an amazing group of ministers from around the area.
- Sunday January 14 at 10:00am Toronto Buddhist Temple's Rev. Yoshimichi Ouchi will be the guest speaker for Ho'onko Service.

All are welcome to attend the Saturday and Sunday events!
to marketing@seattlebetsuin.org for assistance!

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2024 NORTHWEST DISTRICT HO'ONKO SERVICE JANUARY 13 & 14



REV. KATSUYA KUSUNOKI

Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple



REV. TADAO KOYAMA

Tacoma Buddhist Temple



REV. CYNDI YASAKI

White River Buddhist Temple



REV. YOSHIMICHI OUCHI

Toronto Buddhist Temple

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

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SEATTLE WA 98144

This program is made possible, in part, by a generous donation by Jim Norton & Kemi Nakabayashi.

The Seattle Betsuin and Religious Department thanks you, Jim and Kemi, for your gift.

With palms together,

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**Joya-E/New Year's Eve
Sunday Service 12Noon
December 31, 2023**

**NY Day Service Monday
January 1, 2024 10:00AM**



2024 Seattle/Tacoma/White River Joint Ho'onko Service

"Our Founder Shinran Shonin's Memorial Day Observance"

Saturday, January 13th

9:30 am

Workshop 1: "On Goeden Scroll 'Who is Shinran?'" - Rev. Kusunoki

10:00 am

Workshop 2: "Chanting Practice of Hymns of Birth in the Pure Land (Ojoraisan)" - Rev. Ouchi

10:40 am

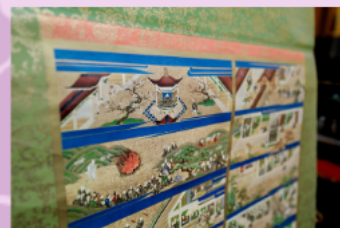
English Dharma Talk - Rev. Yasaki

11:00 am

Special Hoonko Ritual "Ojoraisan" - Chanting Leader: Rev. Kusunoki

12:00 pm

Workshop 3: "Tour of the Altar (Naijin)" - Rev. Kusunoki



Sunday, January 14th

10:00 am

Hoonko Service "Shuso Sango Saho Music service" with Gagaku, Taiko and Keyboard

Chanting Leader: Rev. Yasaki

English Dharma Talk: Rev. Ouchi

10:50 am

Japanese Dharma Talk: Rev. Ouchi

Combined English Dharma Exchange: Rev. Koyama

11:30 am

'Otoki' - Light refreshments in the Gym





BCA EVENTS

Buddhist Churches of America



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JANUARY 27, 2024

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"May there be peace in the world." - Shinran Shonin

IN PERSON & VIRTUAL EVENT (9AM - 12PM)
Keynote Speaker (In English and Japanese)



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BCA YOUTH EVENTS



BYR & FRIENDS REUNION EVENT
11/25/23 9am - 7pm
Jodo Shinshu Center
High School & College Age

BYR - SEATTLE EVENT
5/24/24 - 5/26/24
Seattle Betsuin
High School & College Age

BYR SUMMER RETREAT
6/23/24 - 6/29/24
Jodo Shinshu Center
High School age first time participants only

BCA YOUTH RETREAT PROGRAM
Questions: bkmizushima@bcahq.org

WATCH SERVICES ONLINE

Watch local services or explore the dharma being shared at temples throughout the United States.

[Watch Services Online | BCA \(buddhistchurchesofamerica.org\)](https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org)

Checkout other BCA offerings on YouTube - Click [Buddhist Churches of America - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/BuddhistChurchesofAmerica)

Chant along with ministers to audio of sutra chanting by clicking [Chanting | BCA \(buddhistchurchesofamerica.org\)](https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org)

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Call the toll free number - 800-817-7918 to hear Bishop Harada's message
Push "1" for English and "2" for Japanese

DECEMBER SHOTSUKI HOYO

December Shotsuki Hoyo Memorial Service will honor the memory of those listed below who passed away in the month of December. This service will be combined with the Joint Memorial Service on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 11AM.

Aoki, Takao	Kawafune, Hisami	Nakamura, Lucile	Suyematsu, Toshio
Aoyama, Yoshiko	Kawahara, Masao	Nakamura, Sakae	Tachiyama, Misayo
Araki, Nisaku	Kawasaki, Meriko	Nakata, Hanako	Takahashi, Masao
Asai, Daisaku	Kawasaki, Yoshiko	Nakatani, Roy	Takano, Komaji
Bovee, June	Kido, Tom	Nakauye, Uichiro	Takenaga, Misao
Chen, Frank	Kikuchi, Mitsuyoshi	Nishimoto, Hideko	Tamada, Junichi
Deguchi, Seiichi	Kinomoto, Yutaka	Nishimura, Haruko	Tani, Shigemi
Ding, Joyce	Kobuki, Haruko	Nose, James	Tanigawa, Frank
Doi, Mary	Kogita, Kaylin	Oba, George	Taniguchi, Saye
Donchak, Kimiko	Kokita, Kaoru	Obata, Henry	Taniguchi, Toshio
Fujihira, Teruko	Komoto, Amie	Okada, Bart	Tanji, Shizuko
Fujioka, Takeno	Komoto, Kimiyo	Okada, Fumiko	Tomoguchi, Ayako
Fujishima, Sono	Komura, Elizabeth 'Betty'	Okada, Yoshito	Tosaya, Kazuko
Fujita, Brian	Kondo, Miyoko	Oki, Shizuno	Tsubouchi, Kinko
Fujita, Tomiko	Koura, Arthur	Ono, Koshun	Tsuchida, Florence
Furuta, Sumiko	Koura, Florence	Ono, Shigeru	Tsuchida, Vicki
Furuta, Yoshio	Kuramoto, Masayo	Ono, Wayne	Tsukamaki, Kanichi
Hale, Don	Kyono, Motoji	Osaki, Aiki	Tsutsumi, Tamotsu
Hamano, Gladys	Maekawa, Shojiro	Otsuji, Nobuko	Utsunomiya, Setsuko
Hamasaki, Harry	Mano, Akira	Ozaki, Luisa	Uyeda, Henry
Harada, Kameichi	Maruhashi, Mary	Ozeki, Kikuo	Uyeda, Paul
Harada, Roger	Masuda, Kika	Saito, Yasu	Uyeda, Ryu
Harrison, Roy	Masuda, Rose	Sakaguchi, Takeshi	Wakayama, Helen
Hata, Cheryl	Matsuda, Misu	Sakai, Nobuyo	Watanabe, Eitaro
Hibino, Haruko	Matsui, Takashi	Sakamoto, Kiyo	Watanabe, George
Hirasawa, Walter	Matsumura, Sue	Sakamoto, Noboru	Watanabe, Ihei
Horikoshi, Fusano	Miura, Yoshio	Sako, Sawayo	Watanabe, Shiro
Huynh, Thai	Miyamoto, Fusako	Sapp, Madelyn	Watanabe, Yoshiye
Ideta, Akio	Miyata, Mikiko	Shibata, Fusaye	Yamaguchi, Tomi
Imanishi, Shigeo	Miyatake, Robert/Steven	Shigaya, Harry	Yamamoto, George
Inouye, Isamu	Miyoshi, Yoshitaro	Shigaya, Ken	Yamamoto, Noe
Ishii, Setsunosuke	Mizuhara, Kiyoshi	Shigeno, Kimi	Yamane, Amy
Iwamoto, Yoshito	Mizumori, George	Shimizu, Sengo	Yamane, Kōzō
Izumi, Norio	Mizumoto, Choichi	Shinsato, Yoshinori	Yamane, Toku
Jinda, Iyo	Mori, Aiko	Shiota, Yoshio	Yamashita, Goroku
Jinguji, Masayo	Mori, Takao	Simpson, Nellie	Yamauchi, Betty
Kajiwara, Tadashi	Moriguchi, Akira	Suda, Sumiko	Yasuda, Satoshi
Kano, Masuko	Morita, Mary	Suetsugu, Wayne	Yasui, Sumi
Kashima, Yoshiko	Moriya, Kenji	Sugita, Reiko	Yokota, Tatsue
Kashiwa, Herbert	Moriya, Mary	Sumida, Florence	Yoshida, Kiyoko
Katayama, Chikuji	Murakami, Jeff	Sumida, Koichi	Yoshida, Umeno
Kato, Mie	Nabeshima, Yoshikuni	Sumimoto, Shizuyo	Yuki, Koma
Kato, Shigeo	Naganawa, Yei	Sumita, Sam	
Kato, Tony	Nakagawa, Hanako	Sunohara, Hiroko	

JANUARY SHOTSUKI HOYO

The January Shotsuki Hoyo Memorial Service will honor the memory of those listed below who passed away in the month of January. This in-person service will be combined with the Joint Memorial Service on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 11AM.

Abe, Toshiko	Ishikawa, Haruko	Morimoto, Toshiyuki	Tamura, Kugayo
Adachi, Misako	Ishikawa, Randall	Morinaga, Taiji	Tamura, Misako
Akada, Sae	Iwago, Steve	Morishima, Haruno	Tanabe, Daichi
Akada, Tatsuo	Iwamoto, Kimiko	Murakami, Shinayo	Tanabe, Hatsuye
Akiyoshi, Jane	Iwamoto, Toshiyuki	Nagamatsu, Kenzo	Tanaka, Kuichi
Amano, Mitsusaburo	Iwamoto, Yasu	Nagata, Hana	Tanaka, Nami
Aoki, Hideko	Jinka, Shinobu	Nakano, Shiku	Taniguchi, Hitoshi
Aoyama, Naojiro	Kagimoto, Motonobu	Nakashima, Hiroshi	Tanino, Etsuko
Arai, Nobu	Kakimoto, Teshin	Nakata, Ohisa	Tanino, Mitsumasa
Aramaki, Akira	Kamimae, Kametaro	Nakauye, Kimiyo	Tateishi, Tsurutaro
Arita, Koichi	Kanzaki, Toshie	Natsuhara, Terrie	Tatsukawa, Asako
Asaba, Shuzo	Kase, Tsurunosuke	Nishimura, Hiroyuki	Tatsukawa, Junko
Asayama, Suelo	Kato, Doris	Nishimura, Miyoshi	Tatsukawa, Mitsuo
Baer, Shizuko	Kawahara, Harry	Nishiyori, Fuyo	Tatsukawa, Motoko
Fujikawa, Masao	Kawamura, Jyutaro	Nitta, Masaru	Terada, Harry
Fujino, Hiroshi	Kikuchi, Shizue	Nitta, Masaye	Tokita, Elsie
Fujino, Kiku	Kikuchi, Yuri	Nogaki, Kenji	Tokunaga, Dolly
Fujioka, Russell	Kinomoto, May	Ogami, Kenneth	Tomita, Paul
Fujita, Katherine	Kinomoto, Suye	Ogata, Yasuji	Tomita, Theodore
Fujita, Kenneth	Kodani, Natsumi	Ohara, Mari	Tsuji, Masao
Fujita, Sam	Kokita, Someko	Oishi, Tatsue	Tsukui, Jeanette
Fujita, Tad	Kosai, Aizō	Okada, Tetsuo	Tsunehara, Mary
Fujita, Taiko	Koyama, Miyoko	Okamoto, Sugie	Uyeda, Ayako
Gargiulo, Michiyo	Kozu, Fusa	Okayama, Chiyoko	Uyeminami, Kikuji
Haag, Maryo	Kubo, Helen	Onodera, Michiko	Wada, Guy
Ham, Marshall	Kubo, Masami	Onouye, Doris	Wright, Sachiko
Hamasaki, Toki	Kubo, Sukesaku	Osaki, George	Yagi, Kiri
Haraguchi, Kimie	Kubota, Akira	Oshiro, Jean	Yamada, Akira
Hasegawa, Tom	Kubota, Yone	Otsuka, Jeanette	Yamada, Chiyoko
Hashiguchi, Takako	Kui, Gan Lung	Pienykoski, Kazuye	Yamada, Dan
Hashimawari, Iseyo	Kuranishi, Tsuruno	Saito, Akira	Yamada, Henry
Hata, Yoshio	Kurimoto, Muneyuki	Sakaguchi, Mieko	Yamaguchi, Manichi
Hattori, Agnes	Kurose, Kaemon	Sakauchi, Yana	Yamaguchi, Tatsu
Hayashi, Roy	Kusakabe, William	Sakuma, George	Yamamura, Tatsuko
Heyamoto, Asayo	Lindbloom, Marion	Sakuma, Masao	Yasuda, Tetsu
Higashi, Michael	Mafune, Kura	Seko, Amy	Yasunaga, Fred
Hino, Frank	Mamiya, Masami	Sera, Kiyohiko	Yasunobu, Chiyono
Hirabayashi, Tsuneko	Mano, Mariko	Seto, Yoneko	Yatagai, Chiyono
Hirai, Shizuko	Masunaga, Taki	Shigaya, Teruko (Terry)	Yee, Fukuyo
Hirasawa, Amy	Matsuda, Kiyoshi	Shigihara, Yone	Yee / Ma, Kan
Hiroo, Kanroku	Matsuda, Tami	Shimizu, Fusako	Yoda, Yoshiji
Hiroshige, Yoshiko	Matsudaira, Tsuneaki	Shimizu, Noboru	Yoneda, Yumi
Hirota, Irene	Matsui, Kame	Soejima, Gregory	Yoshida, Frank
Horita, Tomio	Matsumoto, Frank	Sumida, Wataru	Yoshida, Toshiye
Ikeda, Tsuru	Matsumura, Kaoru	Sumioka, Shigeo	Yoshida, Yoso
Ikemura, Tomoko	Mayeda, Tamo	Tai, Henry	Yoshimoto, Hanaye
Imanishi, Umajiro	Meadows, Aurora	Takato, Hideo	Yoshinaka, Kazuo
Inaba, Fumiko	Minato, George	Taketa, Fred	Yoshino, Kenjiro
Inoue, Masami	Mito, Hiroshi	Taketa, George	Yutani, Nobuo
Ise, Hal	Miyahara, Takashi (Tak)	Taki, Takako	Zaratkiewicz, Winslow
Ishii, Michika	Mizuta, Yosaburo	Tamaki, Michiyo	

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 in-person service will be combined with the Joint Memorial Service on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 11AM.

Adachi, Hisayo	Ishigai, Midori	Nagata, Katsumi	Tanaka, Tom
Asakura, Masaaki	Ishikawa, Kevin	Nakagawa, Toshiko	Tanino, Teruyo (Terrie)
Asakura, Ryutaro	Ishikawa, Miye	Nakamichi, Katsumi	Tatemichi, Kazuto
Bacon, Douglas	Iwami, Kanichi	Nakamoto, Kiyoko	Tazuma, Elmer
Castro, Judy	Kajimura, Fugie	Nakamura, Joichi	Tazuma, Sawano
Chow, Koku-An	Kajimura, Isako	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	Mano, George	Seo, Tamio	Yamamoto, Sekiyo
Hori, Shigeichi	Maruhashi, Hisaichi	Shigaya, Mitsu	Yamamoto, Shigeiko
Horike, Kumaichi	Masuoka, Ryuei	Shimizu, Rie	Yamamoto, Shigeru
Horita, Kazuo	Matsubara, Fuyuko	Shinoki, Wayne	Yamamoto, Shio
Ichiyama, Kiji	Matsuura, Kikue	Shishido, Tsuruyo	Yamamura, Masakazu
Ikesuye, Asano	Mayeda, Kiichi	Sugitachi, Yoso	Yamane, Jun
Imamura, Harry	Miyamoto, Shizuko	Sumida, Ruth	Yamashita, Patricia
Imanishi, Edith	Mizuhata, Paul	Suwabe, Ise	Yasutake, Tom
Inoue, Takara	Mizuno, Noritoshi	Tada, Marjorie	Yatagai, Makoto
Inouye, Inouye	Mizuta, Nobuo	Takahashi, Eiko	Yokota, Kyōsuke
Inouye, Kazuko	Mukai, Noritsugu	Takamura, Jinsei	Yoshikawa, Minoru
Inouye, Keizo	Murakami, Yoshi	Takeuchi, Mitsuye	Yoshimura, Denichi
Ise, Miyoko	Muzzy, Toshiko	Tanabe, Hiroko	Yoshitomi, Itaro
Iseri, Maka	Nagai, Ukiye		Yoshitomi, Ritsuko

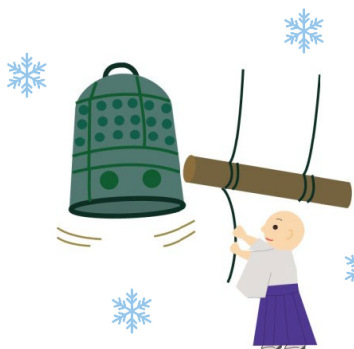
January 2024 Seattle Betsuin Schedule

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5	6
		10 am NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE					
					1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service		
				<i>Rimban's half day off</i>			
7		8	9	10	11	12	13
9 am	Meditation Hybrid	<i>Rimban's day off</i>	9:30 am Japanese				HOONKO Special
10 am	SUNDAY SERVICE		Dharma Discussion on Zoom				Observance
11 am	English Dharma Talk		11 am Shotsuki/Joint Memorial Service				See pages 8, 9
	Dharma Exchange		6:30 pm Evening Study Session				
	Japanese Language Service			<i>Rimban's half day off</i>			
14		15	16	17	18	19	20
9 am	Meditation Hybrid	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	9:30 am Japanese				9:30 am Buddhist Book
10 am	JOINT HOONKO SERVICE	<i>Office Closed</i>	Dharma Discussion on Zoom				Study in Memorial
	English Dharma Talk (Guest speaker, Rev. Yoshimichi Ouchi, Toronto Buddhist Temple)		11 am Shinran				Hall Chapel, in person see p. 7 for details
11 am	Dharma Exchange		Shonin Monthly Memorial Service		1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service		
	Japanese Language Service			<i>Rimban's half day off</i>			
21		22	23	24	25	26	27
9 am	Meditation Hybrid	<i>Rimban's day off</i>	9:30 am Japanese	11 am Merrill			
10 am	SUNDAY SERVICE		Dharma Discussion on Zoom	Gardens Renton			
11 am	English Dharma Talk						
	Dharma Exchange		11 am Morning Service				
	Japanese Language Service			<i>Rimban's half day off</i>			
28		29	30	31	FEBRUARY 2024 SPECIAL EVENTS		
9 am	Meditation Hybrid	<i>Rimban's day off</i>	9:30 am Japanese		February 4	Scout Sunday Service	
10 am	CHILDREN'S SERVICE/SUNDAY SERVICE		Dharma Discussion on Zoom		February 11	Lady Kujo & Lady Otani Memorial Service/ Dana Day/SBBWA Meeting	
11 am	English Dharma Talk				February 18	Nirvana Day and Pet Memorial Service	
	Dharma Exchange		11 am Morning Service		February 25	Betsuin Annual General Meeting	
	Japanese Language Service			<i>Rimban's half day off</i>		BCA Eitaikyo Service	
11:30am	Seattle Betsuin New Year's Party						

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Joya no Kane Year end Bell Ringing

Date: Sunday, December 31st, 2023
Time: 12:00 PM (noon*) – 1:00 PM
Place: Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple
(Jodo Shinshu, Shin Buddhism)
1427 South Main Street
Seattle, WA 98144
<https://seattlebetsuin.org/>



No registration fee is required. Donations are welcomed.

☆Let's ring the big bell at the end of this year and welcome the New Year of 2024. Please bring your family and friends. Everyone is welcome.

New Year's Eve Service will be held at 12Noon on December 31st, followed by bell ringing and a celebration in the gymnasium with refreshments! Registration is not required and all are welcome to attend!

RIMBAN REV. KUSUNOKI's
IN-PERSON AND ONLINE
SECOND TUESDAY EVENING
6:30pm STUDY SESSION
resumes January 9, 2024
TO REGISTER SEE FLYER ON PAGE 7

Next Shotsuki/Joint Memorial
Services take place 2024 in-person on
Tuesday, JANUARY 9, 2024
at 11:00am see pages 11 and 12.

Seattle Betsuin's **BOOK STUDY** Group will meet in person on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 9:30am in Memorial Hall chapel. See p. 7 for book info.

2024 RELIGIOUS SERVICES Sundays

9:00AM Meditation, in-person (except 12/24, 31) at 1439 S Main St & via Zoom

10:00AM SERVICE (12:00N on Dec. 31)
In-Person and Live-Streamed
<https://youtube.com/seattlebuddhisttemple>

New Day/Time Tuesdays

11:00AM Sutra Chanting

Next Monthly Memorial (*Shotsuki Hoyo*) Tues. Jan. 9, 2024*
Chanting of Ojoraisan and Dharma Discussion

* SEE p. 14 for calendar or online at
<https://seattlebetsuin.com/calendar/>

Dharma Exchange
Sundays after Service
11:00AM in-person
temple Main Hall



Personal Services

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

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