

Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple, A Shin Buddhist Temple  
Jodo Shinshu Nishi Hongwanji-ha

An online monthly newsletter of Seattle Buddhist Church

## “First Pitch” by Rimban Katsuya Kusunoki



At 12:46PM, Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, an historical ceremonial first pitch was thrown at the Seattle Mariners game at T-Mobile Park. I was the pitcher, and my son Yuiya was the catcher. It was a

pitch on the high inside corner. It should be the first time that a Buddhist minister, who wore minister's attire (*fuho* and *wagesa*), threw a first pitch from the pitching mound at a Major League Baseball game. Many people supported this first pitch. Some people even came to this game from California. Some people made donations although they could not come to the game. I would like to express my deepest appreciation to all the people who supported this event.

Let me share three good and meaningful things which I felt from this first pitch. First, it was a fundraising event to raise money for Seattle Betsuin's Arson Restoration Fund; \$5 per purchased ticket from Seattle Betsuin's website was donated to Seattle Betsuin. Second, it was a great promotion for Seattle Betsuin. Those who did not know Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple could recognize our existence and who we are. Last, it was a precious opportunity to reconnect people to Seattle Betsuin. After the fire, many people were disconnected from the temple. But, because of this first pitch, many people including non-members also talked about this first pitch and our temple. I would like to cherish the karmic connections between these people and the temple.

I flattered myself for my first pitch that really went well. My son also made a great catch! Some people said, "How could you throw the ball even while you wore the minister's robe?" Let me tell you the secret of how to throw a baseball to the target.

When you throw the ball, you turn your eyes, left arm (right arm if you are lefty), and left leg (right leg if you are lefty) straight into the catcher's mitt (the target). If you do it right, you can throw the ball to the target. Please try it!

It is important to turn ourself in the right direction. But this logic can apply to different situations as well. When I see a chorus group, all choir members are facing their conductor, then they can create beautiful harmony.

When my son was in pre-school, his teacher told the students, "Please turn your eyes and belly button toward me." Then the teacher started talking to students. Indeed, it was as the teacher said. When students turned their eyes and belly button, they totally faced their teacher who was speaking. They were all ready to listen to their teacher's talk.



Nowadays, most temples have installed a TV monitor or screen in the Hondo (main hall). Sutra is also shown on the screen for sutra chanting. Many ministers prepare a slideshow and show it when they deliver their Dharma Talk. Things are all changing. Each temple and minister try to adopt the latest technology for service and propagation. But I have a question and concern whether we really turn ourselves in the right direction during the service at the temple. Are we facing Amida Buddha when we chant Sutra? Are we facing a speaker when we listen? Now, everything is shown on a monitor, so our body and mind naturally turn toward the monitor rather than facing to Amida Buddha. The distance between the pitcher's mound and home plate is about 60 feet. It is quite a distance. When a pitcher throws a ball, the ball goes somewhere else if pitcher's eye, arm and leg are even slightly off target. We may think it is just a slight angle difference between turning Ami-

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### ...First Pitch... continued

da Buddha and turning the monitor. But, after 5 years, after 10 years, it may make a big difference.

In Amida Sutra, **“Beyond a hundred thousand Kotis of Buddha-lands westwards from here, there is a land called ‘Perfect Bliss’. In that land there is a Buddha called Amida who is expounding the Dharma at this moment.”** It teaches us that Amida Buddha is now preaching Buddha Dharma to us from the Pure Land. As the Jodo Shinshu followers, we turn ourselves to Amida Buddha. It is the preparation and attitude of the listener. We listen to Amida Buddha’s guidance and live our life walking toward Amida Buddha’s Pure Land. It is the way we walk this Nembutsu path. We call the room “hondo” (main hall) because it is the precious space where Amida Buddha’s statue is enshrined. It is the place where we correct our direction and directly face Amida Buddha. The home altar is another important place to remind us of how we physically and religiously face Amida Buddha. It is important to utilize technology for propagation. But, even if we make use of abundant technology for our service, we miss the opportunity to receive the Buddha’s teaching unless we turn the right direction. Please think again whether you truly turn yourself to Amida Buddha and you are ready to listen to Amida Buddha’s guidance.

## Happy October

On September 22nd we held two milestone events since fire struck the temple on New Years’ Eve: the opening day Dharma of School and service in the temple dining hall. It was so nice to see so many Dharma friends and Dharma School families together again. Thank you to the Dharma School board and teachers for working so hard to continue holding Dharma School in these challenging times.

The 22nd was also the Autumnal equinox, known as O-Higan in Japan. In our Jodo Shinshu tradition, O-Higan is a time to reflect on the Six Parmitas (perfections) of Dāna, generosity (fuse, 布施); Śīla, virtue (jikai, 持戒); Kṣānti, patience (ninniku, 忍辱); Vīrya, energy (shōjin, 精進); Dhyāna, concentration (zenjō, 禪定); and Prajñā, insight, wisdom (hannya, 般若). Today I would like to focus on Dāna:

Besides monetary donations, our temple cannot

function without the generosity of time and expertise of our members. Our Sangha is seeking volunteers for these vital positions:

Wheel of the Sangha editor. After almost 20 years of editing the Wheel of the Sangha newsletter, MA Irene Goto, is stepping down at the end of the year. The Wheel of the Sangha is our monthly newsletter that keeps our Sangha informed and connected.

Temple Board of Directors and Committee members. The Seattle Betsuin is governed by the board of directors. Board members set the priorities for the temple and ensure its operations. The Board recruitment committee is currently seeking candidates for this year’s slate of directors. With several long-serving members stepping down, this is a great opportunity to bring fresh ideas and perspectives to help guide our temple through an important chapter of renewal and growth. In addition to serving as a board member our temple committees are looking for members to help with various aspects of temple operations.

Northwest District Treasurer: The Northwest District (NWD) Treasurer maintains the finances for the NWD temples. The NWD meets approximately 3 times a year. This is a great opportunity to work with people from other NWD temples and support our district.

I hope you will consider volunteering for one of these positions. Please reach out to me at chairperson@seattlebetsuin.org if you would like to volunteer or would like more information.

I’m happy to report that we have completed the cleanup and remediation portion of the Arson Restoration Project and are now on to the reconstruction phase. We hope to begin holding services in the gym starting later this month (October). I look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming services.



Gassho, Tyler Moriguchi

Thank you for volunteering!

Please sign up for

## Sunday Service Toban

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084FA8AE2FA0FDC70-50134596-sunday>

Thank you for volunteering for set-up and clean-up! - Ilene

# Call for Board of Directors Candidates

As we look toward the future of Seattle Betsuin, we are seeking new leaders to join our Board of Directors. With several long-serving members stepping down, this is a great opportunity to bring fresh ideas and perspectives to help guide our temple through an important chapter of renewal and growth.

Board members play a crucial role in shaping the future of Seattle Betsuin. They provide input on strategic and financial planning, community engagement, and participate in decision-making that will influence the direction of our temple for years to come. The commitment is a 3-year term, with monthly meetings focused on key initiatives and matters that impact member-engagement, religious & social programming and facilities just to name a few.

In the next 6, 12, 18 months, we will be re-emerging from the challenges of the arson and re-opening our temple. Now, more than ever, we need dedicated individuals who are passionate about shaping this new era for Seattle Betsuin.

Your involvement as a board member will leave a lasting legacy and help ensure the strength and vitality of our temple for future generations.

If you are interested in serving or would like more information, please contact Ileene in the Temple Office.

Gassho, Ann Oxrieder and Grace Tazuma

## ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE...

We would like to “thank” the following for contributing their **2024** 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).

**Steven Aisaka, Eric Ashihara, Clara Beard, Tami Echigoshima, Florence Fujita, David Gibbs & Tara Tamaribuchi, Steve Hamai & Marina Espinoza, John & Lynda**

**Hamakami, Robert Hamatani, Paul Harada & Dr. Michele Nishina, Stephen Hasegawa, Mark & Haru Hirota, Steven & Cathleen Hokoda, Malcolm & Eileen Kanemoto, Lisa Kumasaka, Sybil Mar, Tyler Moriguchi & Thy Pham, Quinn Nakano, Chiaki Ito Schomer, Nori Suguro, George Suetsugu Jr., Kuniko Takamura, Robert Taki, Mark & Erin Taylor, Grace Tazuma, Miyoko Tazuma, Alvin & Mitsuko Terada, Ronald & Suzuko Terada, Don & Amy Tokunaga, Robert Umeda, Sam Umeda, Henry & Christy Watanabe, Jeff & Susie Yamane, Dr. Ken Yocum & Anna Tamura, Curtis Yokoyama, Fusae Yokoyama, Jason Yokoyama, Charlene Yoritsune**

We would like to ‘**WELCOME**’ **Steve Hamai & Marina Espinoza** as new members of our Sangha

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

### TACOMA BUDDHIST TEMPLE 2024 FALL SEMINAR

Live Broadcast of Minds of Ministers

MIND OF MINISTER  
WITH REV. KATSU



**Date:** October 19, 2pm-4pm

**Place:** Tacoma Buddhist Temple Social Hall  
1717 Fawcett Ave, Tacoma, WA 98402

**Contact:** [revtadaok@gmail.com](mailto:revtadaok@gmail.com)

**Description:**

Come and enjoy a live broadcast and conversation of Seattle Betsuin's Mind of Minister with Rev. Katsu. Join the conversation as Alex Sakamoto, Rev. Katsu, and Rev. Koyama discuss various topics of our tradition of Jodo Shinshu.

**BBQ will follow! BBQ cost: \$15 suggested donation**

Sign up here:



View Seattle Betsuin events online  
— live-streamed and recorded  
[www.YouTube.com/  
SeattleBuddhistTemple](http://www.YouTube.com/SeattleBuddhistTemple)

# Pack 252 Update

Submitted by Katherine Brownlee

The Cub Scout families enjoyed starting the school year by playing games of kickball and pizza tag at Wisteria Park. Four Cub Scouts participated in a successful Pack fundraiser at the Northwest district Buddhist Convention held at Muckleshoot Casino.



## Temple Restoration Update Sept 10 - 16, 2024

The Maintenance Committee removed cabinets and cupboards in the pantry room.

The Cub Scout room was cleared to be available for Dharma School use for the coming year.

Small, white water leak sensors have been placed throughout the building to detect any water leaks. These were provided by our new insurance company. Please do ***not*** move these sensors or get them wet as they will set off an alarm.

Submitted by:

[Tyler Moriguchi](#), Seattle Betsuin Chairperson

# Dharma School

Submitted by Joan Nakano

On September 22<sup>nd</sup> our dining room was packed with our sangha. It was a wonderful way to start off the Dharma school year on our temple grounds. After family service, students met their teachers and each other.

We then all gathered to share in a light lunch and enjoy each other's company.

Thank you for everybody's understanding and flexibility. For the time being, we will have Dharma School service and classes in the dining room and Scout room until we are able to use the gym. Thank you to our DS Board and teachers for their continued *dana* to share the Dharma. DS will be meeting on a weekly basis for infant/toddlers through high school students. QR code to register is below!

Thank you for your support and see you at temple!  
Gassho,  
Claire and Yvette



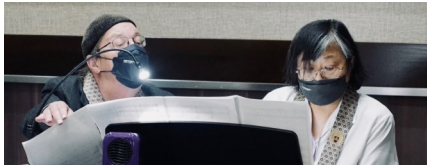
Some of our high school students enjoying the first day of Dharma School together

Watch BCA's 125th Anniversary Telethon Event at [Buddhist Churches of America - YouTube](#)

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# Musical Notes

By Kemi Nakabayashi



Were you able to watch the BCA 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary Founding Day Service livestream or recorded video? Two of the videos presented by BCA Music Committee during the service were prepared by Alex Sakamoto and Marissa Wong. Alex produced the video for a new gatha recording by the Midwest Buddhist Temple string quartet and BCA vocalists who recorded to my piano track of “Nembutsu” by Chizu Iwanaga. The gatha video of “Storms and Peace” produced by Marissa was prepared with the audio recording by composer Francis Wong and lyricist Skylar Lam, joined by Rev. Yuki Sugahara, Rev. Noritake Imada, and Lisa Orpilla. The separate gatha videos can be viewed on the BCA Music YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@buddhistchurchesofamerica9267/videos>

Also recently uploaded to the BCA Music YouTube channel is “Light of Wisdom,” the new gatha completed as a collaborative effort by the Seattle Betsuin Dharma School High School classes of 2023 and 2024 with Donna Sasaki. The lyrics submitted in June, 2023 received honorable mention in the youth category of the BCA 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary gatha lyric contest. We are very proud of the group effort and acknowledge Macy, Vincent, Cori, Drew, Hieu, Jared, Kaya, Kenzo, Maia N, Maia T., Mika, Misa, Nathan, and Reese and teachers Harrison Chinn, Ron Hamakawa, and Jason Yokoyama.

The verses were refined and set to music by Donna after meeting with the class and teachers in December, 2023. Jim Norton arranged the parts for the instrumentalists from the class with Donna’s piano track. Student summer schedules were busy, so Mark Taylor helped by recording the flute part. Kudos to vocalists Macy, Misa, and Ron and instrumentalists Drew, Maia T, and Hieu. The video of “Light of Wisdom” produced by Alex premiered at the Sunday service of the Northwest District Convention on September 15. Please enjoy viewing and learning “Light of Wisdom.”

Northwest District singers at the Convention learned “Sincerest Gratitude” composed by Jim Norton to lyrics by Darlene Bagshaw, also in attendance from Stockton representing BCA, as well as “Light of Wisdom”. The gagaku musicians played *Etenraku* for the ministers’ procession for the Sunday service. The NWD singers also helped lead *Shuso Sango Saho* including the special choral portion of the “Wasan and Nembutsu” and “Ondokusan” for the Sunday service with the gagaku musicians and electric keyboard.

Plans for the Autumn Music Service scheduled on November 10 will be adapted to facility logistics with the goal to offer live music when possible. In the meantime, we are truly grateful for the technical support for such impressive gatha videos. Namo Amida Butsu.



Grateful to Joe Gotchy for all these photos, pictured here with Margaret Gotchy.



Singers from Seattle, White River, Tacoma, and Oregon BT at the Northwest District Convention



Northwest District singers at the Northwest District Convention singing with the gatha video of “Light of Wisdom”.



Gagaku musicians playing *Etenraku*



Ken Garner from OBT with Paul Mori and Mas Tamekuni



Junko Nakano and Darlene Shimizu

**SBBWA** Submitted by Lauren Asaba  
*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.*

September is a busy time for families and educators returning to school. On August 28<sup>th</sup>, our Sangha had the opportunity to assist the Beacon Hill International Elementary School staff in setting up classrooms and the library for returning students. Many of our members participated and the feedback from staff was so positive that we hope to have this be an annual Sangha volunteer opportunity.

Our SBBWA Board Meeting held in the Densho building on September 8<sup>th</sup> was well attended, it was once again preceded by a delicious potluck luncheon. A big thank you to our leadership who continue to find creative ways for us to gather.

The Northwest District Convention is always a wonderful opportunity for members of our local temples to come together to hear and share the dharma. This year's theme, *Connections: Building for the Future*, offered a variety of workshops and speakers with a focus on fostering relationships for the future. The convention, held at the Muckleshoot Casino and Resort also presented an interesting historical connection with local Native American tribes and Japanese farmers. Many of our members enjoyed a full weekend of activities. A special thanks to our talented crafters

who donated items for our craft table and to our volunteers who staffed the table during the convention.

We hope everyone enjoyed the *ohagi* prepared for Ohigan service, thank you to our members who arrived early to make the delicious treat.

The SBBWA Memorial Service will be held on Oct 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 am in the Densho Building behind the temple. We hope you can attend this service held annually to remember and honor all of our members who have passed on to the Pure Land.

### NWD Banquet



Front row: Kanako K, Janie O, Julie M, Janet B  
 Back row: Suzanne F, Machiko W, Sunnie N, Tina K

## Styro Recycle

By Gail Kaminishi

The last Styro recycle for this year will be on Sunday, October 27, after Dharma exchange. Meet in the back parking lot. In the event that too many large items are brought in that day, you may need to take them to Bellevue recycling.

All items must be clean, dry, and free of tape. **No tan trays accepted.**

- Styrofoam (#6 or EPS recycle symbol)
- Picnic Coolers
- Coolers
- Shipping Coolers
- Styrofoam sheets
- Takeout Containers (clean)
- Polyethylene
- Packing Peanuts (in bags or other container)
- Clear Bubble Wrap
- Clear Plastic Wrap
- "XPS" Foam Insulation (Pink, Blue, or Gray)

For details go to [styrorecycle.com](http://styrorecycle.com)



Janet B, Suzanne F, Andrea M, Machiko W

**WEEKLY DHARMA MESSAGES AVAILABLE ON SEATTLE BETSUIN YOUTUBE AND SPOTIFY**

[SEATTLE BETSUIN ON YOUTUBE](#)  
[SEATTLE BETSUIN ON SPOTIFY](#)

## HATSUMAIRI “First Visit”

Sunday, October 27, 2024  
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 27, 2024**, at **10:00 am**. Children of all ages are welcome to participate. If you would like to present your child or children at this ceremony, please e-mail [office@seattlebetsuin.org](mailto:office@seattlebetsuin.org) with the following information:

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

The deadline to register is **October 20, 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 is greatly appreciated.

## Volunteer Writer(s) Needed

Volunteer(s) are needed to take over the production of the “Wheel of the Sangha” and keep the members receiving messages from Rimban Kusunoki, learning about events and programs sponsored by BCA and other temples, and getting updates from Dharma School and SBBWA.

For more information about the responsibilities, time involved, and opportunities to negotiate possible changes to make the job more manageable, please contact Ann Oxrieder, [Communications@seattlebetsuin.org](mailto:Communications@seattlebetsuin.org)



SEATTLE BETSUIN BUDDHIST TEMPLE

### ENGLISH DHARMA DIALOGUE WITH REVEREND KUSUNOKI

Sep. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12 and Dec. 10 | 6:30PM  
via Zoom

[WWW.SEATTLEBETSUIN.ORG/SEMINARS](http://WWW.SEATTLEBETSUIN.ORG/SEMINARS)

## 2024 CC Jr. YBA Conference

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November 9, 2024

[2024 CC Jr YBA Conference Website](#)

The Central Cal Jr YVA conference is for 8th -12th Graders and is being held in Fresno, CA. This is a one day conference (7:30 am - 11pm) but there may be some folks arriving Fri and leaving on Sunday. If you are interested in chaperoning or sharing rooms, please contact Ann Shintani (OBT): [ann@hoonko.com](mailto:ann@hoonko.com)

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you again and we look forward to meeting you and your Delegates in November!

In Gassho, Izumi Ryan and Jackson Loewen  
2024 CC Jr. YBA Conference Co-Chairs

Caroline Tao and Noreen Kajihara, Parent Advisors

Fresno Betsuin Buddhist Temple  
2690 E Alluvial Ave.  
Fresno, CA 93720

### View Past Services

<https://youtube.com/seattlebuddhisttemple>

**Calendar:** p.13 this newsletter issue and  
[SeattleBetsuin.com/calendar](http://SeattleBetsuin.com/calendar)

# Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations from August - September 2024

## Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:

Tony Gee – Funeral Service  
Yoshiko Kozai – Burial Service  
Toshikatsu Moriguchi – 49<sup>th</sup> Day  
Toshio Ohara – Funeral Service  
Harunori Seki – Memorial Service  
Hiroyuki Suganuma – Memorial Service  
Jinsei Takamura – Nokotsudo

## Given by:

Joni Gee  
Estate of Yoshiko Kozai  
Susan Moriguchi  
Masae Ohara  
Hideo Suganuma  
Hideo Suganuma  
Kuniko Takamura

## In Memory of:

Donald Akira  
  
Alvin Elkins  
Suteko (Sue Fujino)  
Yoshiko Kozai  
  
Toshikatsu Moriguchi  
Toshio Ohara  
  
Herb Osaki  
Louise Sakuma  
  
Rikuko Tanaka  
Betty Tomiyo Yoshida

## Given by:

Aiko Fujii, Roy & Deanna Ikegami, Mabel Nishizaki, Fusae Yokoyama  
  
Brian McKinney & Susan Taketa  
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Lauren Asaba, Sharon Ito, Marc & Janice Keltner, Jeffrey Ko & Tina Zumoto-Ko, Dennis LaRue & Bonnie Natsuhara, Greg McCormack & Jean Natsuhara, Brian McKinney & Susan Taketa, Ken Mizuta, Charles Natsuhara, Kathryn Natsuhara, Yoshiaki & Naomi Takemura  
  
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Fusae Yokoyama, Jeffrey & Shelley Yokoyama, Kevin & Kari Ann Yokoyama  
  
Fusae Yokoyama  
Ileene Kawahara-Tanabe, Brian McKinney & Susan Taketa,  
Teruko Nakamichi, Yoshiaki & Naomi Takemura  
Patricia Shigihara  
  
Estate of Katsumi and Teruko (Terrie) Tanino

## Endowment:

## General Donations:

### Donor:

Clara Beard  
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Cyrus Honmyo & May Chin-Honmyo  
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Stacy Mizumori

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In Honor of Anna Tahara's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
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Victor Mizumori

In Honor of Anna Tahara's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

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Ileene Kawahara-Tanabe

**Hanamatsuri:**

Ileene Kawahara-Tanabe

**Hatsubon/Obon:**

Heidi Hiraoka, Pauline Sakuma, Ileene Kawahara-Tanabe, Paul & Mabel Tomita, Kevin & Kari Ann Yokoyama

**Hoonko:**

Ileene Kawahara-Tanabe

**Spring Ohigan:**

Ileene Kawahara-Tanabe

Additional donations will be listed in subsequent Newsletter editions.

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[BCA: Center for Buddhist Education - YouTube](#)



**PSYCHOLOGY OF SHINJIN**  
And how it affects our daily lives

10 AM - 4 PM  
**11 MAY**

A doctrinal, therapeutic, and practical application of Shinjin in our daily lives.

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BYR (BCA YOUTH RETREAT) :  
PROMO VIDEO

**CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

Founder of the ToDo Institute, a Naikan Education Retreat Center in Vermont, and one of the leading authorities on Japanese psychology in North America

**Gregg Krech**  
LIVING THE DHARMA (LTD)

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Strategies for Working with Conflict & Disagreement

IS THERE ORTHODOXY IN JODO SHINSHU  
SUMMER PACIFIC SEMINAR

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2024 Summer Pacific Seminar: The significance o...

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SUMMER PACIFIC SEMINAR

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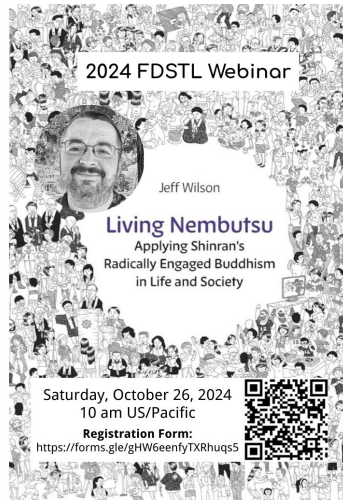
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# COMING SOON IN OCTOBER



## Sangha, Karuna, Community

Submitted by Ann Oxrieder

Twelve Seattle Betsuin Sangha volunteers helped staff at Beacon Hill International Elementary School set up classrooms and the library on August 28, 2024 just before the start of the school year.

Tina Ko, Susie Yamane, and Kathy Hasegawa had once been students at Beacon Hill, and Nina Kato taught there.

Kanako Kashima and Mae Yamasaki shared their experiences, saying that in the kindergarten area they coded art supplies, labeled workbooks, cubbies and folders, then went to the library to cover new books. Other helpers worked in the gym.

The impetus for the activity came from Reverend Irene who wanted to create a Sangha-wide volunteer project. The inspiration for this particular project was a twelve-year-old program involving many churches in Bellevue who send volunteers to elementary and middle school classrooms every year.

While this summer's program start needed a bit of smoothing out, in that teachers didn't request volunteers until the last minute, the temple turnout exceeded expectations, and the teachers and the librarian responded enthusiastically to the help they received.

Kathy Hasegawa went well beyond the call of duty. She brought carts full of office supplies donated by her office, Kubota Vision, and she plans to drop off a case of "48 kids' binoculars" at the school.

"Nina," wrote one recipient of help, "The temple volunteers were SO AMAZING. Thank you so much for thinking of us." Another said, "I was in awe of what they were able to do."

Given this positive beginning, we hope in 2025 the school's leaders will join with us to set a date in the spring and recruit more interested teachers, which will allow more Sangha members to participate in a project that this year's volunteer crew enjoyed.

In addition to the volunteers named above, Brandt Tosaya, Josh McKinney, Alina Butler and Gabe Shen, Paul Mori and Charlene Mano worked in the school that day.



The group photo at Beacon Hill elementary, above, and below, with 5th grade teacher Kyle Okada, center, and his former KSP students and *sempai*-s Brandt and Josh



## 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.*

Adachi, Teruo	Isomura, Katsumi	Morimoto, Tadao	Sugita, Yasunori
Aisaka, Jordan	Iwai, Shuei	Mukai, Minoru	Sullivan, Kay
Akutsu, Gene	Iwamoto, John	Nakama, Chutarō	Suzaka, Toshiko
Aoyama, Sayeko	Jeppeson, John	Nakamura, Ichiro	Tachiyama, Takami
Asaba, Yetsuro	Jitodai, Hitomi	Nakamura, Kikutaro	Tagami, Takeji
Chiang Ho, Shumien	Kamada, Isao	Nakamura, Masako	Takahashi, Mika
Chikuse, Masaki	Kamada, Yuriko	Nakamura, Tsuruki	Takano, Frank
Deguchi, Tommy	Kaneta, Kito	Nakanishi, Toshito	Takano, Richard
Doi, Richard	Kano, Seiichi	Nakano, Masa	Takao, Yanosuke
Emata, Etsuko	Kano, Terumitsu	Nakatani, Mihoko	Takemoto, Saichi
Endo, Koisa	Kawada, Hatsuye	Nishi, Robert	Taketa, Haruso
Feng, Yun-Loong	Kawaguchi, Hatsume	Nishimura, Fumiko	Taniguchi, Manabu
Fujiki, Betty	Kawaguchi, Mitsue	Nomaguchi, Yuzaemon	Tanino, Matsu
Fujita, John	Kawahara, Seiichi	Noro, Ayako	Taverna
Fukeda, George	Kayano, Yuji	Oda, Shizuko	Terada, Allan
Fukuma, Sugiyō	Kido, Miyuki	Ohashi, Sumiye	Teramae, Shigeru
Furukawa, Tomiko	Kimura, Haru	Ohtani, Hide	Teranishi, Asako
Furumoto, Hideo	Kodama, Hosoe	Okamoto, Masao	Terao, Hidetomi
Furuta, Mary	Kogita, Jay	Okamura, Masao	Tochiura, Jane
Hada, Stanley	Kojima, Sute	Okawa, Kinpei	Tomita, Masako
Hamada, Umeo	Konishi, Margaret	Okimura, Nashiyo	Toyōji, Haruye
Hanada, Stanley	Konishi, Tokio	Osaki, Torao	Toyōji, Ted
Harada, Tadashi	Konishi, Wasa	Otomaru, Takeshi	Tsubota, Cherrie
Harada, Yukie	Kono, Mary	Quintua, Linda	Tsuchikawa, Chōsaburo
Hasegawa, Shimayo	Kumata, Noboru	Saito, Chiyoko	Tsuye, George
Hashikuni, Osao	Kumata, Sono	Sakai, Enjiro	Uchida, Masaharu
Hashimoto, Tetsue	Kunimoto, Larry	Sakamoto, Takashi	Uyenishi, Tazuko
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, Mieke	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, Betty
Imayanagita, Nobuko	Mihara, Setsuye	Shimbo, Tokuo	Yoshida, Ineko
Iseri, Shima	Minato, Mary	Shimoyama, Juki	Yoshida, Miyuki
Ishii, Keiko	Miyamoto, Toshimi	Shinbo, Mary	Yoshida, Jitsushi
Ishii, Ray	Mori, Kimiko	Shiomi, Kikuo	Yoshimoto, Richard
Ishimori, Nao	Moriguchi, Kame	Shiyoyama, Kamejiro	Yoshimura, Misao
			Yoshino, Keith

## NOVEMBER SHOTSUKI HOYO

*The November Shotsuki Hoyo Memorial Service will honor the memory of those listed below who passed away in the month of November.*

Abe, Ricky Kunimitsu	Iwamura, Yoshiye	Mukai, Shizuko	Takao, Mineyo
Akizuki, Kikuko	Jinka, Kinuko	Muraoka, Toshie	Takashima, Hanayo
Arinobu, Ginya	Jitodai, Ikuno	Nagaye, George	Takayoshi, Raku
Asaba, Kei	Kajioka, Mary	Nakagawa, Dorothy	Takehara, Fusae
Asaba, Tamae	Kano, Osamu	Nakamura, Shikajiro	Takei, Rikizo
Asakura, Tomiko	Kariya, Masanobu	Nakano, Hikotaro	Takemura, Mary
Deguchi, Ben	Kataoka, Julie	Nakano, James	Tamura, James "Jim"
Deguchi, Mae	Katayama, Francis	Nakano, Kazuo	Tanaka, Harue
Feragen, Hisako	Katayama, Glenn	Nakano, Smith	Teranishi, Spencer
Fifer, Kiyoe	Kato, Shizu	Nakata, Gerald	Terao, Eiyu
Fujino, Haruo	Kawaguchi, Matahei	Nakatani, Kenny	Toyoji, Tadae
Fujita, Kaname	Kawamura, Thomas	Nakawatase, Shiwo	Toyoshima, Michiko
Fujita, Sachiko	Kawase, Kirino	Natsuhara, Jack	Tsuchida, Kitaro
Fujikawa, Kazuo	Kido, Tsuya	Nishi, Gentaro	Tsue, Yoshio
Fujiwara, Momoe	Kitajima, Hide	Nishimori, Tsue	Tsuji, Yasu
Fujiye, Yoneko	Kitano, Hiroko	Nishizawa-Martinez, Akiko	Tsujihara, Yoshiko
Fukuchi, Yoshio	Koba, Teruo	Oba, Michiko	Tsutsumi, Kii
Fukuda, Hatsue	Koga, Hisaye	Ogino, Kono	Uyeda, Aiko
Furugori, Sen	Komine, Masako	Okada, Hisano	Uyeno, Lillian
Furukawa, Kazuko	Kono, Robert	Okada, John	Watanabe, Atsushi
Furuta, Kiwa	Kubo, Chiyeno	Okada, Mamoru	Watanabe, Suna
Goto, Morita	Kubota, Tadashi	Okada, Matsuno	Yakushijin, Toshiko
Green, Leslie	Kubota, Takemitsu	Ondo, Mae	Yamagiwa, Hidejiro
Hamanaka, Yone	Kumasaka, Roy	Ono, Shigeo	Yamagiwa, Michihiko
Hamasaki, Kimiye	Kuramoto, Sumi	Otsuka, Eiichi	Yamaguchi, Masao
Hasegawa, Hiroko	Kusakabe, Brian	Rhoades, Dixie	Yamamoto, Harry
Hayakawa, Tatsuro	Kuwahara, Akio	Saito, Sutejiro	Yamamoto, Hiroshi
Hayashi, Kiyomi	Maruoka, Shuzo	Sakamoto, Shigecko	Yamamoto, Kimie
Higa, Hatsumi	Masumoto, Tadashi	Sako, Masako	Yamasaki, Yasuo
Higa, James	Matsuda, Esther	Sakoda, Aya	Yamato, Hisataro
Higa, Tsuyuko	Matsui, Masuko	Sanada, Seiichi	Yamauchi, Howard
Higashi, Mina	Matsumoto, Benjamin	Segimoto, Toshie	Yamazaki, Toshio
Hiraoka, Rose	Mayeda, Frank	Seino, Sueki	Yanagimoto, Shokichi
Horikawa, Hideyoshi	Mikami, Yoshie	Shibuya, Masanari	Yoda, Wayne
Hoshiba, Yasukichi	Mitoma, Mabel	Shimizu, Umetaro	Yokoyama, Kazuo
Iida, Bob	Miyauchi, Yoshiko	Shirasago, Suna	Yokoyama, Lawrence
Ikeda, Robert	Mizuta, Sadano	Soejima, Roy	Yoshida, William
Ikeda, Taijiro	Mori, Harue	Sunahara, Herbert	Yoshihara, Hide
Imanishi, Toshiko	Morikawa, Akiye	Suto, Judy	Yoshihara, Teruo
Inouye, Hisa	Morimoto, Denichi	Suzuki, Yahachi	Yoshinaka, Hanako
Iseri, Isamu	Morimoto, Nobu	Tabusa, Matsuyo	Yoshino, Lillian
Isomura, Kiyou	Morimoto, Ruth	Taguchi, Miho	Yukawa, Shizuye
Isomura, Nobuo	Morishima, Toshio	Takahashi, Minosaku	
Isomura, Toshiko	Morita, Yonezo	Takano, William	

# October 2024 Seattle Betsuin Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>NOVEMBER 2024 SPECIAL EVENTS</b> November 3 Temple Cleanup November 9 College Night November 10 Autumn Music Service November 17 Betsuin Anniversary & Eitaikyo & Muen Hoyo service <i>To view all services, please visit</i> <a href="http://www.youtube.com/seattlebuddhisttemple">www.youtube.com/seattlebuddhisttemple</a>		1	2	3	4	5
6	9	10	11	12	13	12
10 am SUNDAY SERVICE	<i>Rimban's day off</i>	9:30 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom  6:30 pm Evening Study Session on Zoom		1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service	11 am Gojikai meeting in dining room	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
10 am SUNDAY SERVICE	<i>Rimban's day off</i>	9:30 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom		1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service  7 pm Cabinet meeting		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
10 am SBBWA MEMORIAL SUNDAY SERVICE	<i>Rimban's day off</i>	9:30 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom  8 pm Newsletter deadline	11 am Merrill Gardens Renton Service	7 pm Board meeting		
27	28	29	30	31		
10 am HATSUMAIRI / SUNDAY SERVICE	<i>Rimban's day off</i>	9:30 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom				

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*Of all of the problems that we face in life, the matter of our mortality is the most challenging. Some religions teach an everlasting life after death. Shin Buddhism aims to awaken us to the timeless in the here and now, to transcend life and death and awaken to our true essence. Our journey is like a wave in the ocean that awakens to its essence as water and no longer fears hitting the shore.*

[Buddhism in Your Life | BCA](https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/Buddhism-in-Your-Life)  
([buddhistchurchesofamerica.org](https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org))

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Dharma  
Message



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## 2024 SEATTLE BETSUIN SUNDAY SERVICES

**Oct 6 10:00AM SUNDAY SERVICE**

**Oct 13 10:00AM SUNDAY SERVICE**

**Oct 20 10:00AM SBBWA MEMORIAL SUNDAY SERVICE**

**Oct 27 HATSUMAIRI/SUNDAY SERVICE**

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**Dharma Exchange**  
occasionally after Service  
11:00AM in-person  
Building behind Temple  
**Personal Services**



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