

80th Anniversary of Hiroshima and Nagasaki's A-Bombs

by Rimban Katsuya Kusunoki

The Peace Memorial Ceremonies

are held annually in Hiroshima and Nagasaki on the days that the A-Bombs were dropped. Representing A-Bomb survivors in Nagasaki, Mr. Seiichiro Mise, (Age 89), who is a member of the Kogenji temple, (my family's temple), delivered his "Pledge for Peace" at the Nagasaki Peace Memorial Ceremony on August 9, 2024. Let me introduce it to think about peace.



"Pledge for Peace"

I was age ten. It was during summer break. An air-raid alarm was lifted in the morning. My grandmother and mother began washing clothes and cooking lunch. I was trying to copy the sound of the B-29 bomber by playing the organ. My grandmother came in a flurry and shouted at me, "Stop doing it. People may be confused if a B-29 comes." I reluctantly obeyed and closed the organ. When I stood up, there was a sudden gleam of light.

As I learned at school, right away, I closed my ears and eyes and laid down by the organ. The next moment, I heard a dull booming sound, and a boom blast blew through my house. Frightened, I just stayed there. After a while, it became silent. I fearfully raised my head and looked around. It was a frightful sight. I was stunned at the sight and felt as if the sun had dropped onto the earth. My mother was terrified and looked for her children in panic. Fortunately, my family of eight were all fine and no one was injured.



The next few days, we cleaned our house. My friend and I also worried about our school, Irabayashi elementary school, so we went to look. There, we saw people who were stripped to the waist, injured, and covered in blood. We could not recognize their gender. They kept saying, "Give me water. I want to drink water." The injured people were carried inside the school's gym, but no one was giving them any water and treatment. They were just laid down there. It was hot and the gym was filled with nasty smells. It was as if it was hell.

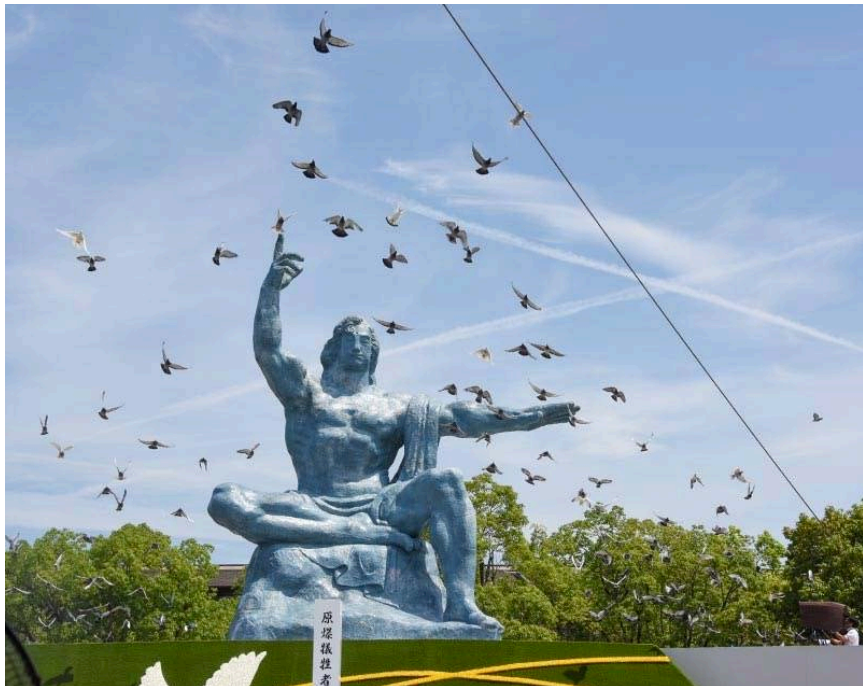


People were screaming because of the pain. The next moment, they suddenly became quiet and died. Adults held dead people's heads and legs and carried them out to the school ground. They dug a hole, put the dead bodies on wooden boards, and cremated them. I can never forget the scene of my school's ground being used as a crematorium.

Seventy-nine years have passed since then. We, A-bomb survivors, have always worried about our health and have been demanding the abolition of nuclear weapons. However, when we see this world now, Wars in Ukraine and Palestine are bogged down rather than moving toward peace, and many children's lives are taken.

I hear and see this sorrowful reality. I cannot look away from it and I feel how foolish the act of war is. I deeply appreciate how precious Peace is every day.





It is said that there are 12,120 nuclear warheads in this world today. We hear news about the possibility of using nuclear weapons. This world is in such a state that it is a tinderbox waiting to explode. If worse comes to the worse and a nuclear weapon is used somewhere, the whole earth could be destroyed.

I would like to ask Prime Minister Kishida to preserve this beautiful earth, for our children to live at ease. To achieve this, I strongly wish that Japan, as the only country that has experienced the A-Bomb, should set the total abolition of nuclear weapons in this world as the most important task and sincerely work to accomplish it.

Since 2015 I, as a member of Nagasaki Peace Promotion Committee, have been conveying the fear of nuclear weapons to youth and students who visit Nagasaki. I have also begun sharing my experience in English since 2023. I would like to keep thinking and learning about what Peace is with everyone. I continue devoting myself for world peace as long as I can.

In conclusion, I share these words with you. "Peace is World heritage shared by all humankind." It is my "Pledge for Peace" and I offer this to all A-Bomb victims who have already died.



April Chair's Letter

By Tyler Moriguchi

Happy Spring!

April is a wonderful time of the year- the days are getting longer and warmer, leaves and flowers are emerging, and we celebrate the birth of the Buddha. If it wasn't for pollen allergies it might be my favorite month of the year.

Temple reconstruction continues, although several setbacks have slowed and delayed the timeline. We remain hopeful that the Onaijin will be reinstalled in time for our Bon Odori festival this summer.

Thank you to the Sangha for your patience and support throughout this ordeal. Thank you also to all the volunteers who have assisted in the many aspects of the reconstruction process.

I hope you will be able to join us for our Hanamatsuri service on April 6th and Earth Day Music service on April 20th. Also, a hearty welcome to the new SBBWA members, who we will welcome on April 27th.

In Gratitude,
Tyler Moriguchi
chairperson@seattlebetsuin.org



Musical Notes

Submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi

Spring is here!

But before all the exciting news for April, thank you to Emi Nakashima, Tara Tama-ribuchi, and Matsuri Taiko for providing the New Year's Party 23.



Emi playing Okinawan sanshin

Emi performed songs she learned in Okinawa. Tara described reviewing buyo dances she learned in Portland from the late Satomi Tachibana that she had practiced again recently for her

memorial gathering.

Matsuri Taiko performed with energy and spirit, concluding with the snake chasing Donna Zumoto across the stage.

Thank you to Hieu and Drew for assisting me to teach gathas to Dharma School students on March 23.



Tara's elegant buyo dancing

We were fortunate that Naho joined us to lead the singing of "Peace is a Seed" and "Peace and Harmony" by our Dharma musician friend Debbie Kubota from Hawaii! Members of the Seattle Betsuin Ukulele Band have re-emerged since prior to the Covid-19 pandemic! The "Happy Buddha Day" gatha with "Sakura chira chira" chorus will be featured for Hanamatsuri service again with strummers and keyboard. Don't forget to encourage your extended family and friends back to Seattle Betsuin on April 19 and 20 when Rev. Harry Bridge from Buddhist Church of Oakland returns as guest speaker and musician for a Saturday program with Miharu Okamura and Miko Shudo and for the Sunday Earth Day Music Service.

The Saturday event will not be live-streamed, and the Sunday service and after service program will be one best experienced in-person! We'll be dancing "Lantern Song" to live music both days, led by Miko and Miharu, the composers of the bon odori song. The Saturday evening event requires registration for all attendees with discounted pricing for middle school through college students and free for 5th grade and younger. Please register by April 12 for the dinner included with the program – vegan and gluten-free

options included! Read more about "Lantern Song" in the April issue of the BCA Wheel of Dharma with reflections written by Bonbu Stories member Kendall Tani.

Matsuri Taiko at the New Year's party



Dharma Exchange Notes

Submitted by Irene Goto

Dharma Exchange takes place after Sunday Service from 11:00AM to 11:30AM, currently meeting in the gym. After enjoying coffee and tea together, we hear, and discuss various aspects of the Dharma, usually led by a minister. All are invited to participate.



Board of Directors' names at General Meeting



February 23, 2025
Seattle Betsuin's Annual General Meeting took place in lieu of Dharma Exchange. Following, the New Year Party,

co-chaired by Kiana Luke, Jason Yokoyama, and Harrison Chinn, the meeting took place in the gym. A hearty curry lunch with sides, coordinated by Ron Hamakawa, was offered buffet style and Matsuri Taiko, Tara Tamaribuchi-Gibbs, and Emi Nakashima provided entertainment.



Matsui Taiko performing

March 2 2025 Live broadcast of the 2025 Buddhist Churches of America Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Service, "A Promise Shared" & closing program for the BCA National Council of 3/2/2025, experienced technical difficulties and prevented those who attended in-person at Seattle Betsuin to view it. The BCA Service can be viewed online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CJ-2BUrWHEU>.



2025 BCA Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Service

In lieu of Dharma Exchange, gyoza soup prepared by the Scouts, was enjoyed by all.

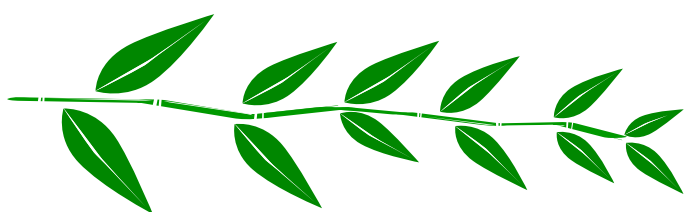


March 9, 2025

Seattle Betsuin Camp Fire Groups commemorated Camp Fire's 115th Birthday by conducting Sunday Service. Minister's Assistant Leonora Clarke gave the dharma message.



Minister's Assistant Leonora Clarke



Dharma Exchange Notes Continued

Following Service and coffee break, Dharma Exchange proceeded with Rev. Kusunoki introducing the memory of the dropping of Atomic Bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki 80 years ago. He showed online videos of the events including perspective looking back. He introduced Mrs. Sonoe Taketa and Mrs. Teruko Nakamichi who experienced the bombings. They shared some of their personal experiences of that time and answered questions from the audience. Thank you, Mrs. Nakamichi and Mrs. Taketa for taking the time and effort in sharing your stories in-person.



Emi Nakashima, interpreter, Mrs. Teruko Nakashima, Mrs. Sonoe Taketa, Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki

March 16, 2025 After Spring Ohigan service, Rev. Kusunoki introduced a panel of youth: Kenzo Yocum, who explained and read his college statement, which is required for college applications; Nathan Terada and Vincent Yagi who shared their experience and impressions of attending the Seventh Annual BCA Youth Retreat held on June 23-29, 2024 at the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley, CA; that event's details are at [Seventh Annual BCA Youth Retreat Held on June 23-29 at JSC](#). [Click here for more information](#).



Kenzo Yocum, Nathan Terada, and Vincent Yagi

March 23, 2025 Rev. Irene Goto gave the dharma message at regular Sunday Service. After coffee break, a panel of four -- three long-time comers and one newcomer to Seattle Betsuin -- talked about their experiences when they first began attending the temple, who and what kept them coming. The experiences of Leonora Clarke, Irene Goto, Ann Oxrieder, and Evan Hashi were varied – involving a bodhisattva, and other welcoming members. In-person feedback suggests that the panel discussion was thought-provoking and one volunteer came forward to act as a designated welcomer.



Dharma School News

Submitted by Joan Nakano



Thank you to our sangha for supporting Dharma School's car wash and Jr. YBA's bake goods fundraiser at the New Year's party to support BCA's Southern California Wildfire Relief Fund. We sent over \$800 to help assist

Southern District temple members and community support efforts, in addition to our well wishes during their recovery from the devastating wildfires. Thank you again to the New Year's Party committee for a delicious and fun program!

At Dharma Exchange, Kenzo, Vincent and Nathan participated as a high school panel. Kenzo shared a college essay about how Buddhism and "Our Pledge" has impacted his life, and Vincent and Nathan shared their experiences at the Buddhist Youth Retreat (BYR) at the Jodo Shinshu Center. We are excited to hear that a couple more students are planning to attend BYR this summer! Kenzo is also the recipient of the H.N. and Yoshiko Tsujihara Memorial

High School Scholarship Grant, and Macy is the recipient of the Masaru and Mitsuma Shimokon College Scholarship Grant. We are grateful to these families who have helped support our temple's youth, as they continue

their educational endeavors. Congratulations and best wishes! Thank you to Kemi for joining our DS classes to teach us 2 new gathas, "Peace Is A Seed" and "Peace and Harmony" to go along with our Peace theme for the year. We are looking forward to singing these gathas with the sangha in the future.



Dharma School Fundraising Team

See you at Hanamatsuri! Dharma School will be continuing to sell our Brown Bear Car Wash tickets! These proceeds support our DS program and subsidize our students' registration for future conference events. Gassho, Claire and Yvette



2025 Sangha & Dharma Award Class
L-R: Rev. Kusunoki, Misa H., Drew T., Maia N., Ervin N., Reese T.





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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 fellow-ship among its members; to serve and support the Seattle Betsuin, and contribute services to the welfare of the community.

Spring is the perfect time to try a new activity; the SBBWA has a variety of opportunities to gather together and learn a craft, new recipe, play pickleball and of course have fun with friends.

Our New Member/All Member lunch will be held April 27th at 11:30 in the gym following the Eshinni-ko and Kakushinni-ko service at 10 am. The membership of our organization is open to all women who are dues paying members of the Seattle Betsuin. If you are interested in joining us, please contact office@seattlebetsuin.org. The annual Eshinni-ko and Kakushinni-ko service pays tribute to the wife of Shinran Shonin and their daughter who were instrumental in the foundation of the present day Hongwanji organization.

Thank you Lisa B for coordinating two paper flower lei making workshops! Our goal is to help make 100 leis for the volunteers at the 2027 Hawaii worldwide BWA convention. Thirty-two people participated in the workshops and folded a total of 540 flowers (9 leis worth). Lisa also collected an additional 1140 flowers (19 leis) that people folded at home so far!



Paper Flower Lei making



Susan Y, Karen M, Sensei



Char, Machiko



Akiko T.

For Ohigan, our Food Preparation Committee chairs, Gail S and Ann H did a terrific job gathering a crew and providing instruction in the art of ohagi making. Thank you to everyone who came out to help on Saturday and Sunday morning. A total of 277 ohagi were made and enjoyed by the Sangha and we were able to make 25 Kimochi deliveries to members who are not able to attend in-person service. The sweetest treat was seeing the smiles from those that made home deliveries and from recipients who very much appreciated the visit and Ohigan treat.

Upcoming Activities: April 6th Hanamatsuri

April 19th Material cutting and sewing for Obon: 10-12 am, no experience needed.

April 27th Eshinni-ko and Kakushinni-ko Service at 10 am and New Member Lunch at 11:30 in the gym.

PICKLEBALL: April 12 and 26th, May 17th and 31st, 10-11:2 am



ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

We would like to “thank” the following for contributing their 2025 sustaining membership dues - the basic dues towards Temple maintenance/operations (i.e. security-a high priority, staffing, up-to-date tech equipment/maintenance) plus Live Streaming of Sunday services, Special Services, seminars with guest speakers, and even our book club).



On behalf of the Seattle Betsuin, we'd like to **‘WELCOME’** Hiromi & Lorraine Sakata as new members of our Sangha. Additionally, **‘WELCOME BACK’** Lynn Miyauchi.

Compiled by Howard L, Ilene T., Joan N., & Steph O.

Lani Carpenter, Bonnie Dussler, Toshiko Fukeda, Gordon Habu & Mae Yamasaki, Nina Tomita-Kato, Wayne Kuramoto, Lynn Miyauchi, Danilo Murata, Greg & Ann Oxreider, Hiromi & Lorraine Sakata, Gary & Debbie Shibata, Sato & Darlene Shimizu, Sonoe Taketa, Kevin Tanemura, Peggy Tanemura, , Susanne Umeda, Dennis Yasukochi & Lynne Goodrich

Thank you for volunteering!
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Nina Tomita-Kato, Ann Oxrieder, Mai Ketcherside,
Kanako Kashima, Evan Ko, Todd Natsuhara, Marissa Wong,
Rick Wong and Tina Zumoto-Ko
March Sunday Service Toban
Camp Fire, Jr. YBA, Dharma School parents, Steph Ojima,
Alex Sakamoto, Andrea Mano, Paul Mori, Nina Tomita-Kato,
Marissa Wong, and Tina Zumoto-Ko

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APRIL SHOTSUKI HOYO

The April Shotsuki Hoyo Memorial Service will honor the memory of those listed below who passed away in the Month of April

Arlin, Lillian	Ito, Tsune	Masunaga, Fumiye	Saiki, Ululani
Aoyama, George	Iwamura, Katsuzo	Matsui, Melvin	Sakamoto, Leah
Asaba, Joanne	Jinka, Noboru	Matsui, Mitsue	Sakuma, Cedric
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Fujioka, Chikayo	Kihara, Yayeko	Moritani, Shigeru	Takemoto, Kazuo
Fukuhara, Tadashi	Kimura, Haruyo	Nagai, Tamotsu	Takemoto, Misako
Glass, Nadine	Kimura, Kikuno	Nagamatsu, Kimiko	Takenaga, Shige
Gojio, Shōtaro	Kishida, Yaso	Nagata, Inori	Takeshita, Kazuko
Groves, Fumiko	Kitashima, Richard	Nakamura, Alan	Tamura, Tokio
Hagimori, Kaoru	Kogita, Marion	Nakanishi, Shizuichi	Tanaka, Masaye
Hagimoto, Shuichi	Kondo, Keiji	Nakano (Infant)	Tanemura, Masao
Hanada, Iwao	Kondo, Teruko	Nakano, Haruko	Toyaji, Susan
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Harada, Toshio	Kono, Asano	Nakashima, Masao	Tsutsui, Komatsu
Haraguchi, Mitsuru	Kubo, Kazuo	Nakashima, Masato	Usui, Chise
Harrison, Mitsue	Kubo, Masayoshi	Nakashima, Yoshiko	Uyeda, Nobukazu
Harui, Norio	Kubo, Tomi	Nishimoto, Masao	Wittshirik, Hiromi
Hata, Carmen	Kuramoto, Amy	Nitta, Bobby	Yabuki, Ryoto
Hayashida, Tani	Kurita, Mio	Nitta, Yoshiko	Yamada, Asaichi
Higashi, Hatsune	Kuwada, Kazuo	Ogami, Tayeko	Yamaguchi, Moto
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MAY SHOTSUKI HOYO

The May Shotsuki Hoyo Memorial Service will honor the memory of those listed below who passed away in the Month of
May

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Barda, Clifford	Kihara, Koichi	Okabe, Fuku	Tsuchida, Takeshi
Deguchi, Jene	Kihara, Yoshito	Okada, Hiroshi	Tsuji, Shohichi
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Fujishima, Craig	Kubota, Yoshiko	Ouchi, Sadamaro	Uno, Riichi
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Fujita, Shizuko	Kumata, Kenryū	Sakai, Grace	Uyeji, Toshio
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Fujiwara, Teruko	Kusakabe, John	Sakata, Howard	Watanabe, Aimie
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Furukawa, Kano	Mamiya, Ron	Sakuma, Kazuo	Watanabe, Taki
Goto, Shizue	Matsui, George	Shimada, Masayuki	Yamada, John
Habu, Toki	Matsui, Tsugio Jack	Shimbo, Shizuko	Yamada, Masako
Hada, Maki	Matsumoto, Suma	Shirakata, Kiku	Yamagishi, Fude
Hamasaki, Jolene	Miyahara, Hiromu	Sudo, Shigeko	Yamamoto, Sadako
Hamasaki, Tokiya	Nagamatsu, Shoji	Sueda, Ella	Yamamoto, Yaeko
Hara, Lisa Shizuko	Nagamatsu, Sumio	Suetsugu, George	Yamane, Jim
Harris, Nga	Nagano, Makoto	Suto, Fred	Yamasaki, Fujie
Hasama, Yoshimi	Naito, Richard	Tachiyama, Jack	Yamasaki, Rise
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Hattori, Hideo	Nakamoto, Satoru	Taketa, Shimano	Yasui, Kiyoshi
Hayashi, Harold	Nakamura, Joyce	Tamaki, Akiko	Yoneyama, Isamu
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APRIL 2025 BETSUIN SCHEDULE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>May 2025 SPECIAL EVENTS</p> <p>May 3 Nembutsu Seminar with Rev. Dr. Nobuo Haneda</p> <p>May 11 Rennyō Shōnin Memorial Service</p> <p>May 18 Gotan-e Service</p> <p>May 25 All Sangha Memorial Service</p>		<p>1</p> <p>9:30 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p> <p>10 am HANAMATSURI SERVICE</p> <p>10:50 am Combined Dharma Exchange/Japanese Language Service</p> <p>Dharma School classes</p> <p>11:45 am Hanamatsuri Brunch</p>	<p>7</p> <p><i>Rimban's day off</i></p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:30 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom</p> <p>6:30 pm Evening Study Session on Zoom</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>11 am Gojikai meeting</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p> <p>10 am SUNDAY SERVICE</p> <p>10:50 am Dharma Exchange - the Buddhacarita - Aśvaghoṣa's Sanskrit story of the Buddha's life</p> <p>Japanese Language Service (Rimban Kusunoki)</p> <p>Dharma School classes</p>	<p>14</p> <p><i>Rimban's day off</i></p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service</p> <p>7 pm Betsuin Cabinet meeting</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>3 pm Gagaku Practice</p> <p>4:30pm Groove & Gatha: Music with Dharma Friends</p>
<p>20</p> <p>10 am EARTH DAY FAMILY MUSIC SERVICE</p> <p>English Dharma Talk - Rev. Harry Bridge (Oakland BT), KO-HA Miharu Okamura, and Miko Shudo</p> <p>10:50 am Combined Dharma Exchange/Japanese Language Service</p> <p>Dharma School classes</p>	<p>21</p> <p><i>Rimban's day off</i></p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:30 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom</p>	<p>23</p> <p>11 am Merrill Gardens Renton</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7 pm Betsuin Board meeting</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p> <p>10 am ESHINNI-KO & KAKUSHINNI-KO MEMORIAL SERVICE & SBBWA NEW MEMBERS SERVICE</p> <p>10:50 am Combined Dharma Exchange/Japanese Language Service</p> <p>Dharma School classes</p>	<p>28</p> <p><i>Rimban's day off</i></p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:30 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom</p>	<p>30</p>			
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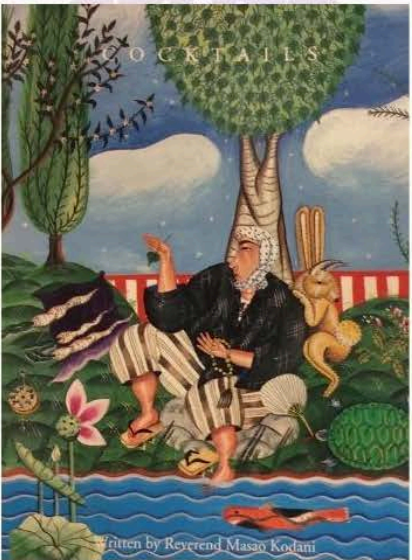
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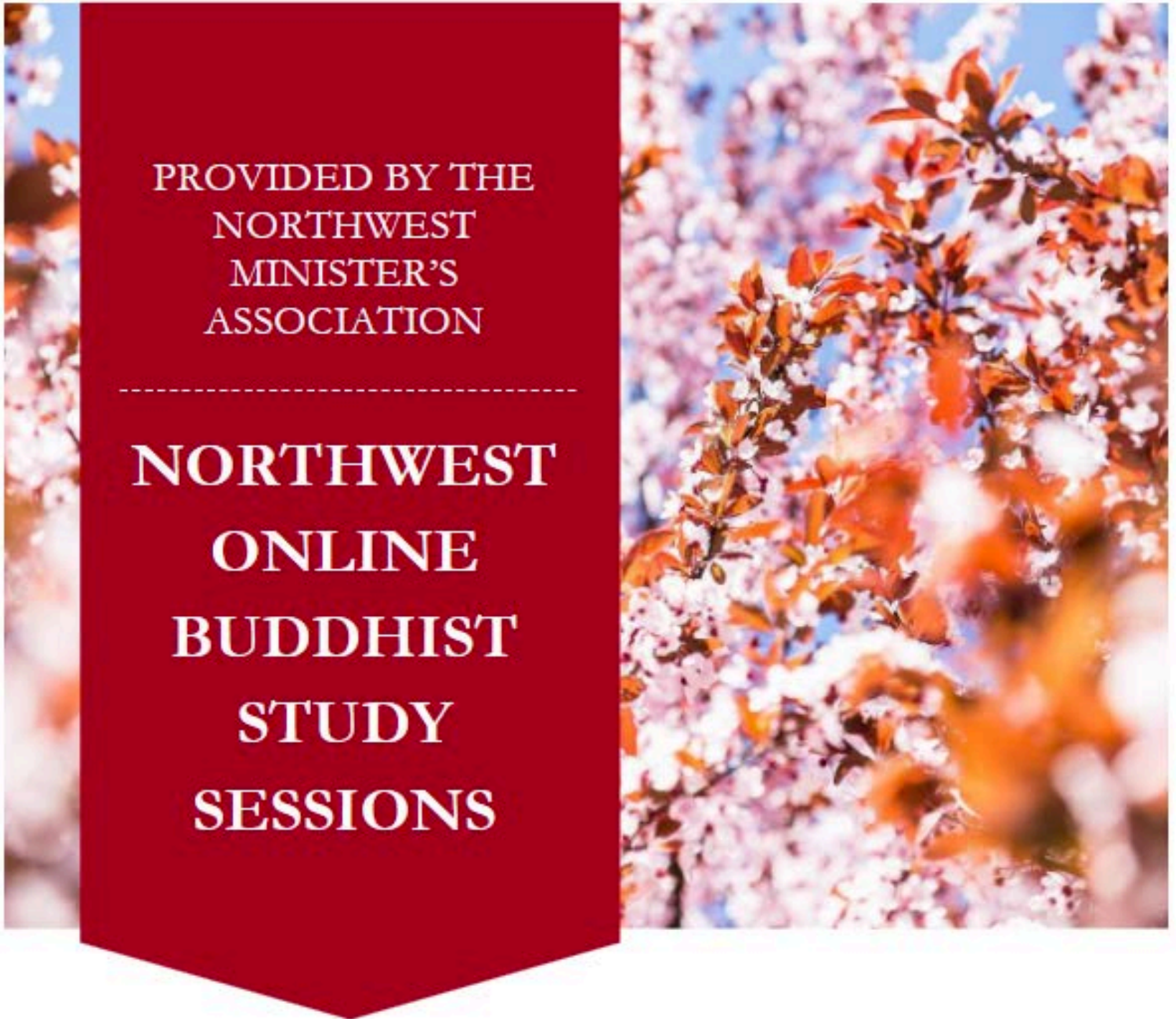


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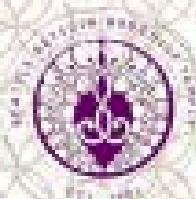
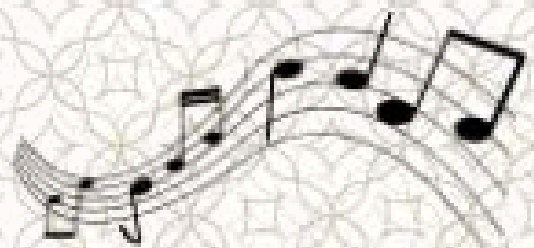
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