



“Renewal - Jōdo Shinshū for Today”

by Rimban Katsuya Kusunoki

Seattle Betsuin will host the NW Convention on February 14, and 15, 2026 at the Hyatt Regency Lake Washington, Renton, Washington. This location is the same as that of the last NW convention which we hosted in 2020. The BCA National Council also convenes at this time. We are expecting 400-500 people to attend. It will be a big Buddhist Convention.

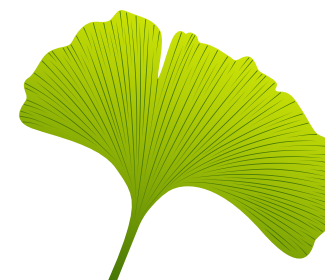
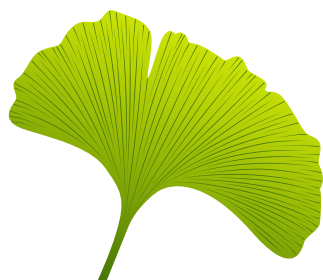


The committee chose the theme, “Renewal – Jōdo Shinshū for Today.” It is an opportunity to contemplate how each of us lives our lives today through the Jōdo Shinshū teachings. At the convention, we will discover a different point of view of seeing our lives and find another way to live today. About a year ago, while we were considering possible themes, the Seattle Betsuin restoration project was the first idea that came to mind. It has been almost two years since the arson fire. The construction is not yet complete. In 2023, the Covid -19 pandemic was coming to an end. The temple reopened and slowly resumed regular services and activities. Then, the arson fire happened on December 31, 2023. The fire broke out in the basement garage. Many items and documents in the basement were burned. Smoke spread all over the temple. The tables, chairs, floors, walls, and ceilings were covered by thick soot. We needed to discard many items and kept only a minimum number of items. Most historical documents were burned or got wet. We tried our best to scan and keep them digitally. Hundreds of meetings were held with the cleaning company, construction company, Insurance company, and others. After the fire, we tried our best to continue holding services and activities. It was not easy to complete this restoration project. This convention could be a precious opportunity to share our experiences and what we

learned in the last two years with our Dharma friends. I hope people will take home some valuable information for their local temples and Sangha to utilize.

In the history of the Hongwanji, (the head temple), and Jōdo Shinshū, (Shin Buddhism, True Pure Land Buddhism), many difficulties such as fire, war, etc., have also been experienced. Difficulties were overcome and the organizations were restored. I would like to introduce our 8th religious leader, Rennyo Shōnin (1415-1499), known as “the Restorer.” Hongwanji was still a small minor religious organization in Rennyo’s time, the Warring States period in Japan. Hongwanji was attacked by another sect of Buddhism and was forced to relocate several times. Under these difficult circumstances, Rennyo made every effort to spread the Jōdo Shinshū teaching. As we all know, there was no computer and technology at that time. Rennyo Shōnin wrote many letters to communicate with the followers and to deliver the teaching. He used clear and plain expressions for people to easily understand. He distributed the scroll of Namoamidabutsu to the followers. They could hang it at home and pay homage to Amida Buddha. He adopted the chanting of Shōshinge for daily, morning and afternoon, service instead of other complicated chants and rituals. As a result, Jōdo Shinshū was spread all over Japan and more people were able to encounter Amida Buddha’s guidance which Shinran Shōnin revealed. If Rennyo Shōnin was here today, how would he propagate Jōdo Shinshū teaching? We can all think about it.

These are the reasons we chose the theme, “Renewal – Jōdo Shinshū for Today.” We are organizing various meaningful workshops and programs that will be opportunities to meet new and old Dharma friends. Registration will be sent out soon. Please save the dates, February 14 -15, 2026, and join us. Gassho.



December Chair's Letter

By Tyler Moriguchi



At its November meeting, the Betsuin Board approved the 2026 budget, which includes a \$151,000 deficit to be covered by the temple's reserve funds. This shortfall is driven largely by rising insurance and security costs and does not include Arson Restoration Project temple improvements not covered by insurance.

While the temple is fortunate to have the reserves to absorb this loss, this is not sustainable. Over the coming year, the Betsuin board will work to increase revenue while reducing expenses. This includes exploring the possible sale of temple property.

If the budget shortfall was covered by temple membership, the Sustaining Membership dues per member would be over \$870. Although we are not proposing to raise Sustaining Membership to this level, we invite those who are in a position to do so to make an additional contribution.

As we close out 2025, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Rimban Kusunoki, the Seattle Betsuin Board of Directors, the Betsuin Cabinet, the Arson Restoration Project committee, Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association (SBBWA), Dharma School teachers, and everyone who donated their time and energy to support the temple. A special thank you to office manager Ileene T., who moved on after three years of service.

I hope you will be able to join us for our New Years Eve Joya-e and New Year's Day services. Please save the date for our New Year's Party & Installation of Officers on Sunday, January 25, 2026 and General Membership meeting on February 1, 2026.

In Gassho,
Tyler Moriguchi

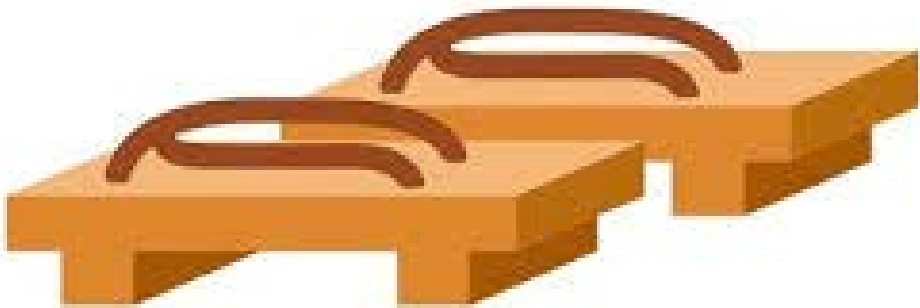


NOTIFICATION OF THE CHANGE TO SBBT BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS

Based on the Constitution of the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple, elections for the Board of Directors are held annually in December. This year there are 13 director positions available- 10 regularly scheduled openings and 3 vacancies due to resignations or unfilled positions from previous years. As of the writing of this article, we currently have 9 candidates.

The Board of Directors election process is a time and resource consuming process. As there are currently fewer candidates than open positions, the election of Directors will be conducted by process of acclamation at the December 18th Board of Directors meeting at 7:00 PM conducted via Zoom. All Sangha members are invited to attend and observe the proceedings.

If you would like to attend the election or nominate a candidate, please email chairperson@seattlebetsuin.org. Nominations may also be submitted by paper ballot at temple. The deadline for submitting a nomination will be Sunday, December 14th.



Musical Notes

Submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi

Thank you to all who attended and supported the seminar with Rev. Peter Hata and the 17th annual Autumn Music Service during the weekend of November November 22 and 23. Special kudos to Jesse Moneyhun and Alex Sakamoto for the pre-arrival technical preparations and event and service support for Rev. Hata's musical presentations. The Saturday seminar was interesting, creative and interactive, sharing the experience of astronaut/violinist Sarah Gillis. If you missed the seminar (not available for archival viewing), the video he used was of "Rey's Theme" from Star Wars: The Force Awakens <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ID1ixTr4JWY>



He also referenced the interview Sarah had with composer John Williams:

<https://jwfan.com/?p=16239>

However, the Autumn Music Service is available to view on the Seattle Betsuin YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M4yoQ9gdils&t=676s>



Rev. Hata discussing astronaut/violinist Sarah Gillis



Rev. Hata discussing "Days of Wine and Roses" at the Autumn Music Service



Reverend Peter Hata, Jazz Musician and Music Professor at the Saturday Seminar

Matsuri Taiko opened the service. Rev. Hata used the lyrics and music of the jazz standard "Wine and Roses" for this Dharma talk. Our youth and adult temple musicians presented "Golden Chain" by Donna Sasaki.



SBUB with Munehisa on percussion at the Autumn Music Service (photo from Ann Hasegawa)

The Seattle Betsuin Ukulele Band revival this year has been guided by Greg and Ann Oxrieder with inclusion of "Say Namu Amida Butsu" and "Living Gratefully" for the Autumn Music Service and Thanksgiving Sunday service. We expect more live music for Bodhi Day Service on December 7 and the New Year's Eve Service at 12 noon on December 31. How wonderful that Naho Umitani and Edythe Vassall could provide vocal support for the Autumn Music Service for both temple musician groups to lead the sangha singing as well as for an improved online audio experience!



Sunday Service and Sunday

Dharma Exchange Notes

Submitted by Irene Goto

Sunday Services take place each Sunday at 10:00AM in person in the temple's gym. To view the service remotely, live-streamed, sign-up for Seattle Betsuin's weekly e-news (news-

letter) at www.SeattleBetsuin.org and receive the live-stream link and other news via e-mail.

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

Recorded Sunday Dharma Messages, and occasional Dharma Exchanges, are available at

www.youtube.com/SeattleBuddhistTemple

November 2, 2025

Dharma Message [Cleaning the Temple: The Story of Shurai Handoki](#) | [Dharma Message](#) | [Rimban Kusunoki](#) | 2025-11-02 and Six Paramitas



Members enjoyed *Ochazuke* after Temple clean-up.

November 9, 2025 Eitaikyo Service recording seems to be unavailable.

Dharma Message Reverend Kusunoki explained the importance of remembering Temple members who gave so much in effort and donations for our temple to exist today. At Seattle Betsuin we honor those past members in conjunction with the anniversary of our founding on November 15, 1901.



Reverend Katsuya Kusunoki delivering his dharma message on Nov 2

Dharma Exchange The annual Temple clean-up took place in lieu of Dharma Exchange. After clean-up, Sangha was treated to ochazuke with salmon prepared and served by Ron Hamakawa, Marie Kosai-Luke and Joan Nakano, enjoyed by all.



Dharma Exchange Reverend Kusunoki asked for theme suggestions for the 125th Anniversary of Seattle Betsuin which will be observed next year, 2026. He is already planning a trip to Japan for the Sangha in November/December, holding the Buddhist affirmation ceremony Kieshiki. Other suggestions offered were: a commemorative Happi coat, a yearbook, a dance perhaps by Moxie, a 50th anniversary observance of Gojikai, a Grand Opening of the Temple after the fire.

November 16, 2025 [SEATTLE BETSUIN SUNDAY SERVICE](#) | 2025-11-16

Sunday Service and Sunday Dharma Exchange Notes Continued

November 16, 2025 [SEATTLE BETSUIN SUNDAY SERVICE | 2025-11-16](#)

Dharma Message Reverend Kusunoki explained the meaning of the Pure Land and Ku E Issho; that we need the Pure Land to compare it with this world of suffering for a meaningful, grateful life. Just as all waters become one in the ocean, we all become one with each other, even with those we hate.



Dharma Exchange Minister's Assistant Leonora Clarke introduced Mark L. Blum's thoughts on the topic of death rituals in Buddhism and in Jodo Shinshu. She asked the attendees to discuss in small groups their feelings about death rituals and, she gave the pillow service as an example as one ritual. In one group, the significance of the nembutsu, "NamoAmidaButsu," was discussed. It was unknown to some that a pillow service is available by the minister directly after our loved one passes away, and alternatively, before their expected passing.



Minister's Assistant Leonora Clarke

November 23, 2025 [SEATTLE BETSUIN AUTUMN MUSIC SERVICE | 2025-11-23 - YouTube](#)

Dharma Message Guest minister Reverend Peter Hata centered his talk around the song, "The Days of Wine and Roses," recognizing the Truth of Impermanence.



Reverend Peter Hata



Reverend Kusunoki and Reverend Hata



Dharma Exchange November 23, 2025

Dharma School News

Submitted by Joan Nakano

November is always a month of gratitude and celebration with the Betsuin Anniversary, Eitaikyo and Muen Hoyo and the Autumn Family Music Service. Dharma School students also enthusiastically pitched in during temple day clean up (so much dust on their rags!) and enjoyed sharing ochazuke afterward. Dharma School's "Gratitude Turkey" was put up in the gym, and we invite the sangha to add a feather with what you are grateful for. The Bodhi Day potluck, hosted by Dharma School will be on December 7. Please bring a salad, side or main dish to share with the sangha. Dessert will be provided by the Toyoshima family, and the Cub Scouts will have a bake and beverage sale. See you there!

Gassho,
Claire and Yvette



Dharma School pitching in at Temple Clean up



Dharma School's Gratitude Turkey

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.

On Sunday November 2nd the temple held its annual clean up day. Reverend Kusunoki’s thoughtful Dharma message explained the importance of cleaning in relation to Buddhist practice; it is comparable to cleaning our hearts and minds of un-necessary things.

The Sangha showed up well prepared with brooms in hand, buckets, mops, gardening tools and good cheer. It was nice to see the pews’ return to the Hondo giving hope that we will be gathering there very soon.

We concluded clean up day with a delicious lunch prepared by Ron H and crew. The ochazuke with toppings and warm apple crisp hit the spot! Fellowship and food refueled our tummy’s and hearts.



Aiko F.



Donna Z



Fran S, Janet B, Judith N



SBBWA continued

Submitted by Lauren Asaba



Nori N



Mae Y



Kari P



Marie K-L, Janay L, Ron H



Mae Y, Joan N

SBBWA continued

Submitted by Lauren Asaba

Thank you to our Standing Committees for all the “behind the scenes” work you do to keep us organized, updated, informed and connected.

SBBWA Membership Committee Report: Recruited nominees and assembled ballots for 2026-2027 SBBWA Board Directors. This year, 24 members will be elected for a two-year term, the new board will be in place by the December Board meeting.

SBBWA Religious Committee: Met to complete work on the 2026 budget.

Social Services Committee: Numerous cards with get well wishes and condolence messages were sent to members and members’ families.

Hospitality Committee: Prepared and served tea to guest minister Reverend Hata



December Upcoming Events

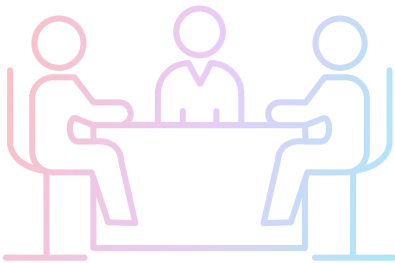
Dec 7th @ 12:00 pm Cabinet meeting, location TBD

Dec 14th @ 12:00pm BOD meeting, Cabinet elections, location TBD

Dec 31st @ 12:00pm Joya-E New Year’s Eve Service, gym

SEATTLE BETSUIN BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Submitted by Ann Oxrieder



November 20, 2025

Topics covered include:



Much of the discussion focused on the budget for 2026, given the temple’s current financial status, which has been negatively affected by arson restoration projects that are necessary but not covered by insurance. Decreasing membership and increasing expenses, most notably insurance and security, have resulted in a budget that will draw from temple reserves.



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Styro Recycle
Gail K. is accepting styrofoam to recycle on Sunday Dec 14th after Dharma Exchange.
Please meet at the back parking lot with styrofoam separated by color. No tan styrofoam or foam.
See styrorecycle.com guidelines
If you have any questions, please contact office@seattlebetsuin.org.

TROOP 252 UPDATE

Article by Jasper H.



In the month of November, Troop 252 scouts participated in a variety of activities that helped us be good citizens and learn new skills.

On November 2nd, Troop 252 helped clean up the Temple's front lawn and sidewalk by doing yard work before our Scout meeting. We raked up leaves and pine needles and picked up trash. Also, some scouts and parents helped with the Sunday Service Toban. During the month, the Scouts completed the railroading merit badge. Thanks to Mr. Ketcherside for being our merit badge counselor. On November 9th, scouts began work on earning the cycling merit badge by taking a bicycle repair class at the Center for Bicycle Repair in the Little Saigon neighborhood. The following week, Mr. Henley served as a merit badge counselor to help Scouts fulfill cycling merit badge requirements. In the future, we will go on bicycle rides together to complete the merit badge. On November 23rd, the Troop met at Phoenix Comics & Games for some fun by looking at comics and playing some games! Troop 252 wishes you a Happy Thanksgiving and Holiday season!



CUB SCOUT PACK 252 UPDATE

Submitted by Mitsue Giulietti



November 2, 2025
Pack meeting
Den visited Konko church of
Seattle



November 16, 2025
Pack meeting in temple gym





Committee seeks families of individuals housed in Nokotsudo

Last year, the Nokotsudo Committee was formed to explore converting the temple's Nokotsudo (Columbarium) from a temporary storage location of cremains to a permanent Nokotsudo. As part of the committee's work, we are attempting to locate family contacts for the approximately 300 individuals currently housed in the Nokotsudo. If you have a family member in the Nokotsudo, please contact the temple office at office@seattlebetsuin.org.

Also, if you would be interested in a niche in the permanent Nokotsudo, please contact the temple office.





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 **Religious programs** i.e., (Live Streaming of Sunday services, Special Services, seminars with guest speakers, Sensei’s podcast, and even our book club).



Plover Brown,
Steve Kubota,
Kuniko Takamura,
Brandon Yee

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

We would like to ‘WELCOME’ Plover Brown
as a new member to our Sangha.

‘WITH PALMS TOGETHER IN GASSHO’, the
Sustaining Membership Committee would like to
express our deepest gratitude to those who
contributed the suggested membership dues (or
more) for this year. The listed are the final additions
for our 2025 membership list.

Thank you for volunteering!
November Sunday Service
Thank you to Dharma School parents and students, Pack 252,
Troop 252, Camp Fire, Betsuin
Board members, tea group, meditation group, book study, and the
Music Department for
preparing coffee, tea and treats for after-service refreshments.
Thank you to Joan Nakano, Steph Ojima, and Ileene Tanabe for
helping with the Bodhi Day
mailing.



The Seattle Betsuin
Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations from October-November 2025

In Memory Of:	Given by:
Mary Yamashita Doi	Alice Doi
Edy Hideyoshi Horikawa	Norigiku Horikawa
Edy Hideyoshi Horikawa	Dale & Shizue Kaku
Arthur Kawaguchi	Jim Yamamoto
Yoshio Nakamichi	Robert Nakamichi

General Donations:

Donor:	For:
Tami Arinobu	Costco United Way Employees Campaign
Hsieh Family Charitable Giving Fund	General Donation
Kroger, Inc.	Community Rewards Program
Garrett & Patti Mau	In honor of Shirley Shimada
Akiko Payne	In appreciation of Japanese Dharma Discussion
Laura Sameshima	General Donation

Additional donations will be listed in subsequent Newsletter editions.



DECEMBER SHOTSUKI HOYO

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

Aoki, Takao	Kato, Tony	Nakamura, Lucile	Suyematsu, Toshio
Aoyama, Yoshiko	Kawafune, Hisami	Nakamura, Ruby	Tachiyama, Misayo
Araki, Nisaku	Kawahara, Masao	Nakamura, Sakae	Takahashi, Masao
Asai, Daisaku	Kawasaki, Meriko	Nakata, Hanako	Takano, Komaji
Bovee, June	Kawasaki, Yoshiko	Nakatani, Roy	Takenaga, Misao
Chen, Frank	Kido, Tom	Nakauye, Uichiro	Tamada, Junichi
Deguchi, Seiichi	Kikuchi, Mitsuyoshi	Nishimoto, Hideko	Tani, Shigemi
Ding, Joyce	Kinomoto, Yutaka	Nishimura, Haruko	Tanigawa, Frank
Dodobara, Yoshie	Kobuki, Haruko	Nose, James	Taniguchi, Saye
Doi, Mary	Kogita, Kaylin	Oba, George	Taniguchi, Theodore
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, Toshie
Harrison, Roy	Masuda, Rose	Sakaguchi, Takeshi	Uyeda, Ryu
Hata, Cheryl	Matsuda, Misu	Sakai, Nobuo	Wakavama, Helen
Hibino, Haruko	Matsui, Takashi	Sakamoto, Kiyo	Watanabe, Eitaro
Hirasawa, Walter	Matsumura, Sue	Sakamoto, Noboru	Watanabe, George
Horikoshi, Fusano	Miura, Yoshio	Sako, Sawayo	Watanabe, Ihei
Huynh, Thai	Miyamoto, Fusako	Sapp, Madelyn	Watanabe, Shiro
Ideta, Akio	Miyata, Mikiko	Shibata, Fusaye	Watanabe, Yoshiye
Imanishi, Shigeko	Miyatake, Robert/Steven	Shigaya, Harry	Yamaguchi, Tomi
Inouye, Isamu	Miyoshi, Yoshitaro	Shigaya, Ken	Yamamoto, Christopher
Ishii, Setsunosuke	Mizuhara, Kiyoshi	Shigeno, Kimi	Yamamoto, George
Iwamoto, Yoshito	Mizumori, George	Shimizu, Sengo	Yamamoto, Noe
Izumi, Norio	Mizumoto, Choichi	Shinsato, Yoshinori	Yamane, Amy
Jinda, Iyo	Mori, Aiko	Shiota, Yoshio	Yamane, Kōzō
Jinguji, Masayo	Mori, Takao	Simpson, Nellie	Yamane, Toku



DECEMBER SHOTSUKI HOYO

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Kajiwara, Tadashi
Kaneta, Miyoko
Kano, Masuko
Kashima, Yoshiko
Kashiwa, Herbert
Katayama, Chikuji
Katayama, Mary
Kato, Mie
Kato, Shigeo

Moriguchi, Akira
Morita, Mary
Moriya, Kenji
Moriya, Mary
Murakami, Jeff
Nabeshima, Yoshikuni
Naganawa, Yei
Nakagawa, Hanako

Suda, Sumiko
Suetsugu, Wayne
Sugita, Reiko
Sumida, Florence
Sumida, Koichi
Sumimoto, Shizuyo
Sumita, Sam
Sunohara, Hiroko

Yamashita, Goroku
Yamauchi, Betty
Yasuda, Satoshi
Yasui, Sumi
Yokota, Tatsue
Yoshida, Kiyoko
Yoshida, Umeno
Yuki, Koma



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Abe, Toshiko
Adachi, Misako
Akada, Sae
Akada, Tatsuo
Akiyoshi, Jane
Amano, Mitsusaburo
Aoki, Hideko
Aoyama, Naojiro
Arai, Nobu
Aramaki, Akira
Arita, Koichi
Asaba, Shuzo
Asayama, Sueo

Ishikawa, Randall
Iwago, Steve
Iwamoto, Kimiko
Iwamoto, Toshiyuki
Iwamoto, Yasu
Jinka, Shinobu
Kagimoto, Motonobu
Kakimoto, Teshin
Kamimae, Kametaro
Kanzaki, Toshie
Kase, Tsurunosuke
Kato, Doris
Kawahara, Harry

Morishima, Haruno
Murakami, Shinayo
Nagamatsu, Kenzo
Nagata, Hana
Nakano, Shiku
Nakashima, Hiroshi
Nakata, Ohisa
Nakauye, Kimiyo
Natsuhara, Terrie
Nishi, George
Nishikawa, Noriko
Nishimura, Hiroyuki
Nishimura, Miyoshi

Tamura, Kugayo
Tamura, Misako
Tanabe, Daichi
Tanabe, Hatsuye
Tanaka, Kuichi
Tanaka, Nami
Taniguchi, Hitoshi
Tanino, Etsuko
Tanino, Mitsumasa
Tateishi, Tsurutaro
Tatsukawa, Asako
Tatsukawa, Junko
Tatsukawa, Mitsuo



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Baer, Shizuko	Kawamura, Jyutaro	Nishiyori, Fuyo	Tatsukawa, Motoko
Fujikawa, Masao	Kikuchi, Shizue	Nitta, Masaru	Terada, Harry
Fujino, Hiroshi	Kikuchi, Yuri	Nitta, Masaye	Tokita, Elsie
Fujino, Kiku	Kinomoto, May	Nogaki, Kenji	Tokunaga, Dolly
Fujioka, Russell	Kinomoto, Suye	Ogami, Kenneth	Tomita, Paul
Fujita, Katherine	Kodani, Natsumi	Ogata, Yasuji	Tomita, Theodore
Fujita, Kenneth	Kokita, Someko	Ohara, Mari	Tsuji, Masao
Fujita, Sam	Kosai, Aizō	Oishi, Tatsue	Tsukui, Jeanette
Fujita, Tad	Koyama, Miyoko	Okada, Tetsuo	Tsunehara, Mary
Fujita, Taiko	Kozu, Fusa	Okamoto, Sugie	Uyeda, Ayako
Gargiulo, Michiyo	Kubo, Helen	Okayama, Chiyoko	Uyeminami, Kikuji
Haag, Maryo	Kubo, Masami	Onodera, Michiko	Wada, Guy
Ham, Marshall	Kubo, Sukesaku	Onouye, Doris	Wright, Sachiko
Hamasaki, Toki	Kubota, Akira	Osaki, George	Yagi, Kiri
Haraguchi, Kimie	Kubota, Yone	Oshiro, Jean	Yamada, Akira
Hasegawa, Tom	Kui, Gan Lung	Otsuka, Jeanette	Yamada, Chiyoko
Hashiguchi, Takako	Kuranishi, Tsuruno	Piencykoski, Kazuye	Yamada, Dan
Hashimawari, Iseyo	Kurimoto, Muneyuki	Saito, Akira	Yamada, Henry
Hata, Yoshio	Kurose, Kaemon	Sakaguchi, Mieko	Yamaguchi, Manichi
Hattori, Agnes	Kusakabe, William	Sakauchi, Yana	Yamaguchi, Tatsu
Hayashi, Roy	Lindbloom, Marion	Sakuma, George	Yamamura, Tatsuko
Heyamoto, Asayo	Mafune, Kura	Sakuma, Masao	Yasuda, Tetsu
Higashi, Michael	Mamiya, Masami	Seko, Amy	Yasunaga, Fred
Hino, Frank	Mano, Mariko	Senaga, Tsutomu	Yasunobu, Chiyono
Hirabayashi, Tsuneko	Masunaga, Taki	Sera, Kiyohiko	Yatagai, Chiyono
Hirai, Shizuko	Matsuda, Kiyoshi	Seto, Yoneko	Yee, Fukuyo
Hirasawa, Amy	Matsuda, Tami	Shigaya, Teruko (Terry)	Yee / Ma, Kan
Hiroo, Kanroku	Matsudaira, Tsuneaki	Shigihara, Yone	Yoda, Yoshiji
Hiroshige, Yoshiko	Matsui, Kame	Shimizu, Fusako	Yoneda, Yumi
Hirota, Irene	Matsumoto, Frank	Shimizu, Noboru	Yoshida, Frank
Horita, Tomio	Matsumura, Kaoru	Soejima, Gregory	Yoshida, Toshiye
Ikeda, Tsuru	Mayeda, Tamo	Sumida, Wataru	Yoshida, Yoso
Ikemura, Tomoko	Meadows, Aurora	Sumioka, Shigeo	Yoshimoto, Hanaye
Imanishi, Umajiro	Minato, George	Tai, Henry	Yoshinaka, Kazuo
Inaba, Fumiko	Mito, Hiroshi	Takato, Hideo	Yoshino, Kenjiro
Inoue, Masami	Miyahara, Takashi (Tak)	Taketa, Fred	Yutani, Nobuo
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DECEMBER 2025 BETSUIN CALENDAR

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JANUARY 2026 SPECIAL EVENTS January 1 New Year's Day service January 10 Hoonko Seminar, Rev. Tadao Koyama January 11 Hoonko Service, Rev. Tadao Koyama January 25 New Year's Party and Installation of Officers	1 <i>Rimban's day off</i>	2 9:30 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom	3	4 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service	5	6
7 10 am BODHI DAY (ENLIGHTENMENT DAY) SERVICE 10:50 am Dharma Exchange Japanese Language Service Dharma School 11:30 Sangha Potluck Luncheon	8 <i>Rimban's day off</i>	9 9:30 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom	10	11 7 pm Betsuin Cabinet meeting	12 12 pm Gojikai meeting	13 3 pm Gagaku practice
14 10 am SUNDAY SERVICE 10:50 am Combined Dharma Exchange Dharma School - Gingerbread house decorating	15 <i>Rimban's day off</i>	16 9:30 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom 6:30 pm English Dharma Dialogue on Zoom	17	18 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service 7 pm Betsuin Board meeting	19	20
21 10 am SUNDAY SERVICE 10:50 am Dharma Exchange Japanese Language Service	22 <i>Rimban's day off</i> 8 pm Newsletter deadline	23	24 11 am Merrill Gardens Service	25 CHRISTMAS DAY <i>observed, office closed</i>	26	27
28 10 am SUNDAY SERVICE 10:50 am Dharma Exchange Japanese Language Service	29 <i>Rimban's day off</i>	30	31 12 pm NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE (JOYA-E)			To view all services, please visit http://www.youtube.com/seattlebuddhisttemple Please call ahead to make an appointment with the Seattle Betsuin office at 206-329-0800. Visits by appointment only.



Dec 7th
Bhodi Day Potluck and Scouts
Bakesale

Bodhi Day is coming up on Sunday, Dec. 7th! There will be a potluck after service, so please bring a salad, side, or main to share with the Sangha. Thank you to the Toyoshima family for providing dessert.

There will also be a bakesale for Cub Scouts on Dec. 7th from 11:45-1pm in the gym.



JOYA-E (NEW YEAR'S EVE) SERVICE & BELL RINGING

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Join Reverend Katsuya Kusunoki for informal evening dialogues on Buddhism. Sensei will cover topics from 'Cocktails' by Rev. Masao Kodani. There is no cost to attend. Donations are gratefully accepted.

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and DX (Dharma Exchange)

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10:50 am Dharma Exchange
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Dharma School
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Dharma School - Gingerbread House Decorating

Dec 21
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10:50 am Dharma Exchange
Japanese Language Service

Dec 28
10 am Sunday Service
10:50 am Dharma Exchange
Japanese Language Service

DHARMA EXCHANGE
AFTER SERVICE
11:00 AM IN-PERSON

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