



“Learning from *Kenchashiki*” (Tea Offering Ceremony)

by Rimban Katsuya Kusunoki

The essence of Jōdō Shinshū (Shin Buddhism)’s ritual and ceremony originates from “Five Right Practices (goshōgyō)” taught by Master Shan-Tao (613-681). These are 1. Sutra Chanting, 2. Visualization, 3. Worshipping, 4. Saying the name of the Buddha, (Namoamidabutsu), and 5. Praising & Offering.



These are the right practices for Pure Land followers to walk the path without losing directions. Among these, 4. Saying the name of the Buddha is the act of true settlement, and the others are auxiliary acts.

This time, I would like to focus on “offering”. “Offering” is one of our acts/practices to express our appreciation to the Buddha. From olden times, incense, flowers, and candlelight have been offered to the Buddha. In the Larger Sutra, there is a passage that tells us how to make offerings to the Buddha. It says, “light lamps, scatter flowers, and burn incense.” Following the Larger Sutra, we offer flower arrangements, burn incense, and light candles on the maejoku table regularly. In addition, we also offer fruit and sweets for special occasions. At our mother temple, Hongwanji, ten different kinds of foods are offered for Hoonko service, (our founder Shinran Shonin’s annual memorial observance), in January. Also, the Grand Master of Yabunouchi School of Tea visits our mother temple, Hongwanji, and Tsukiji Hongwanji for Gōtan’e, (Our founder Shinran Shonin’s birthday), in May to conduct “Kenchashiki,” (Tea Offering Ceremony). It is the highest form of offering tea to the Buddha and sacred images. The aim is not only to offer tea to the Buddha but also to show the Grand Master’s gratitude in his action of making and offering tea to the Buddha.

In a record, it is said that the 13th Monshu of Hongwanji, Ryonyo Shonin (1612-1662), welcomed the second Grand Master of Yabunouchi School of Tea,

Shinnō Yabunouchi, in 1640 and he conducted Kenchashiki to serve green tea to Ryonyo Shonin in 1644. Also, the 18th Monshu of Hongwanji, Monnyo Shonin (1744-1799), deepened the relationship with Yabunouchi school. Since then, it has become customary to have Kenchashiki at Hongwanji for major services such as Gōtan’e. Because the Yabunouchi School of Tea has a close relationship with Hongwanji, they recognize their tea as “Tea for Temple” and “Tea for Buddha Dharma”. Kenchashiki at Hongwanji is not for pleasure and social events. Rather, it is a ritual to settle people’s minds in preparation to face the Buddha and listen to the Buddha Dharma. For this reason, the Buddha and Buddha Dharma is the main object at the Kenchashiki.

Kenchashiki is conducted with respect and gratitude to the Buddha and Buddha Dharma by the Grand Master. How do they set up all the equipment? How do they prepare themselves for this ceremony? What is the meaning of each action? What thought do they put into each action? Through Kenchashiki, we can learn how we should offer flowers, candlelight, and incense; how we should serve for the Buddha, and how we should listen to Buddha Dharma. We can discover something new and learn how we can improve ourselves as Jōdō Shinshū followers.

Seattle Betsuin was established in 1901 and celebrates its 125th anniversary in 2026. Seattle Betsuin has a Yabunouchi Tea group which is the only group outside of Japan. In commemoration of the 125th anniversary, I am wondering if we can invite the Grand Master of Yabunouchi school to have Kenchashiki at the Seattle Betsuin’s Hondo which is totally refurbished. It must be a precious opportunity for us and future Sangha to perpetually maintain Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple as cherishing Buddha, Dharma and Sangha. Gassho, 2022 Tsukiji Hongwanji Kenchashiki

<https://youtu.be/7R9lML-SS2o?si=6Iu6m8Ys1QOdx1Nd>





New Year's Message Monshu Kojun Ohtani

As we welcome the new year, I wish to extend to you my greetings.

First of all, in recent years, natural disasters such as typhoons, heavy rains, earthquakes and large-scale forest fires have occurred frequently in Japan and other parts of the world, causing great damage. I would like to express my sincere condolences to those who lost loved ones and convey my sincere sympathy to everyone who was affected by these disasters. I sincerely hope that everyone will be able to return to a sense of peace and normalcy as soon as possible.

Last year was a milestone year marking 80 years since the end of World War II. In July, I had the precious opportunity to conduct memorial services in Okinawa, Hiroshima, and Nagasaki, each location which experienced indescribable destruction in this war. I was also given the precious opportunity to listen to the stories of those who experienced the war. Listening to those stories, it made me reflect on the message delivered in 1995 by then Sokunyo Monshu at the "Memorial Service for All the Victims of the 50th Anniversary of the End of the War," at which time he expressed his regret that our organization went against the teachings of our founder and actively cooperated in the war in the name of Buddhism. I was reminded that I must take to heart the words of Sokunyo Monshu and move forward carrying out my duties with a renewed determination.

The post war journey of our organization began with the aim of realizing a peaceful society where all people can live happily, while not forgetting how we actively cooperated and participated in the war. We must remain mindful of this fact and never repeat the same mistake. Even today, wars and conflicts continue around the world, and many precious lives are threatened. In such a situation, let us always keep in mind the wish of our founder, Shinran Shonin, and move forward each day guided by his words, "Let there be peace in the world, and may the Buddha Dharma spread".

January 2026 Chair's Letter

By Tyler Moriguchi

Happy New Years! As we enter into our 3rd year of rebuilding from the temple fire,



I would like to start by thanking the Sangha for their continued support of the temple during our rebuilding effort. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we have navigated the challenges of rebuilding.

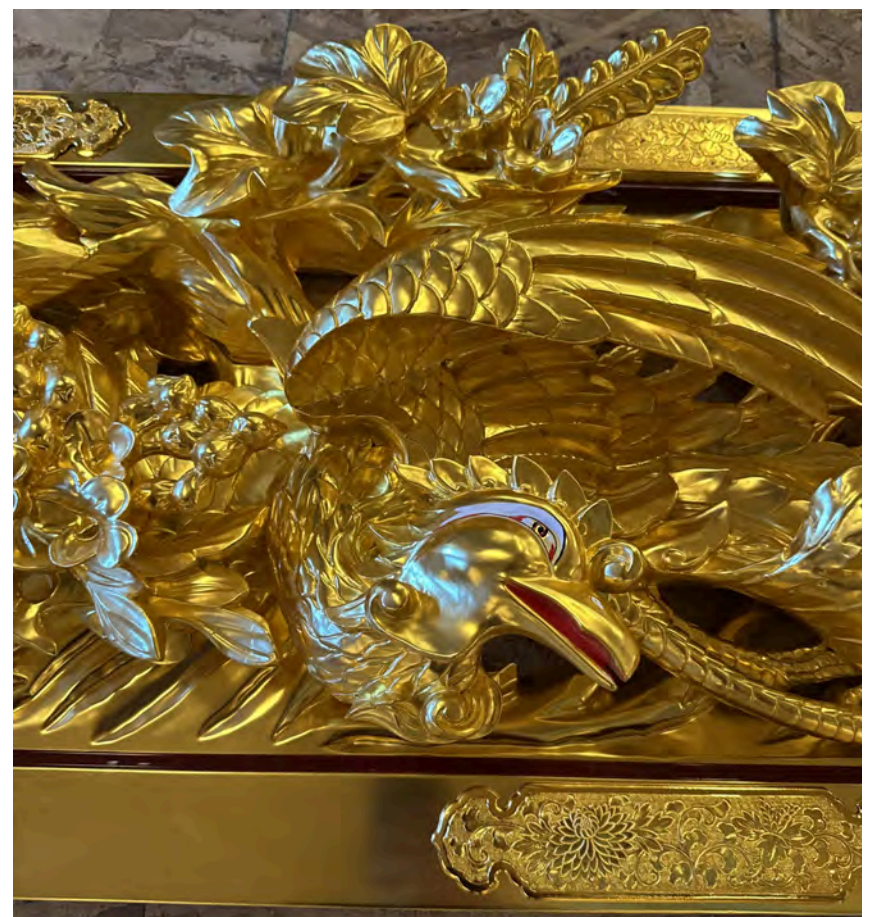
When we talk about rebuilding the temple, it is easy to think of the symbolism of the Phoenix- the mythical bird that rises from the ashes of its immolation. This Phoenix is based on the Egyptian/Greek mythology. The Japanese Phoenix, Hōō (鳳凰), is slightly different. Based on the Chinese Fenghuang, the Hōō is said to appear only in times of peace and prosperity and virtuous rulers. The Hōō is also associated with Amida Buddha and is said to guide followers to the Pure Land at the moment of their passing. There is a carving of the Hōō in the ranma (欄間) that runs above the Onaijin. It is my hope that the Hōō and our rebuilt temple will herald a new time of peace and prosperity for the Sangha and usher in a renewal of Jōdo Shinshū in the Pacific Northwest.

I hope you will join us for our Hōonkō seminar and service, observing the passing of Shinran Shonin.

Wishing you a happy year of the horse,

Tyler Moriguchi, Chair

Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple



Musical Notes

Submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi

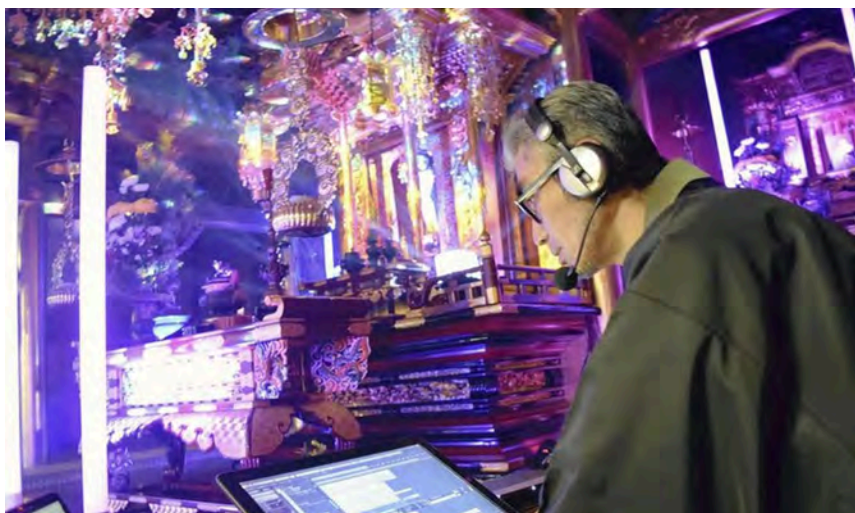
Thank you to the musicians who presented “The Bodhi Tree” for Bodhi Day Service on December 7 with me: Ann, Aki, Esther, Paul and lead vocalists Naho and Zoe.



With services held in the Densho building, we will do our best to provide optimal gatha selections, particularly for online viewers.

In the meantime, Donna Sasaki and I are working with the BCA NCM/NWD convention planning committee for music elements for the weekend of February 13-15, 2026. Rev. Harada requested Techno Hoyo be included, so Rev. Gyosen Asakura will present on Friday evening, February 13. To view videos from the Techno Hoyo BCA tour in 2024, you may check out this New York Buddhist Church YouTube channel playlist:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL9P7K3huZH8Vpj7v1TdPjPWNiZEjpKNMh>



Gyosen Asakura performs a “techno hoyo” ritual in Fukui. Image from [thejakartapost.com](https://www.thejakartapost.com). URL:

<https://www.thejakartapost.com/life/2017/04/17/illuminating-buddhism-in-a-high-tech-light.html>.

Bonbu Stories will present a “Lantern Song” workshop for Dharma School students and perform for the banquet entertainment. Donna Sasaki assisted by Lisa Horikawa Orpilla will also present a music workshop. We are excited to have the support of these talented creative artists. Please register for convention if you have not done so already!

We are still finalizing service music plans for the convention. If you are interested in participating there or when we are back to the larger service space, please contact me through the temple office. We also welcome any general suggestions to enhance service music as well as music offerings for the Seattle Betsuin 125th anniversary celebration year.



Ukulele practice will be at 9:15 am on Sundays January 4th and 18th – contact Ann Oxrieder to join. Zoom “Singing, Strumming, and Sharing” will be on Monday, January 12 at 7 pm instead of the first Monday of the month. Please contact the temple office if you wish to be added to the group for the Zoom link.



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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. However, from December 21, 2025 until about the end of February, 2026, in person Sunday Service will take place in Densho's



community room, while the Temple undergoes its last phase of Reconstruction. To view the service remotely, **live-streamed**, sign up up for Seattle Betsuin's weekly e-news (newsletter) at

www.SeattleBetsuin.org and receive the live-stream link and other news via e-mail. **Dharma Exchange** takes place after Sunday Service from 10:50AM to 11:30AM, currently meeting in Densho's community room, 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 30, 2025

Dharma Message [SEATTLE BETSUIN SUNDAY SERVICE | 2025-11-30 - YouTube](#) Minister's Assistant Leonora Clarke's Dharma Message explored the need and purpose for having a library at the temple. She touches on the difference between Faith and Path and the origin of Buddhist sutras as they were discovered – in books, and her personal experience of holding and reading actual books, rather than virtual books online.

Dharma Exchange Rev. Kusunoki showed the Buddhist Churches of America's 125th Anniversary's video, [History of the Buddhist Churches of America | Celebrating 125 Years](#). This year, 2026, Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple will celebrate its 125th year anniversary.

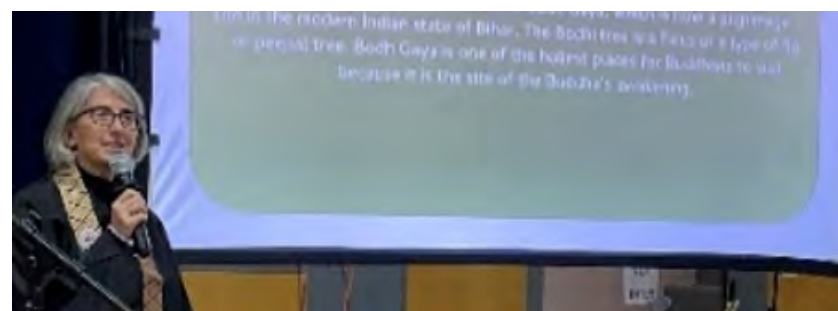


December 7, 2025

Dharma Message

[SEATTLE BETSUIN BODHI DAY SERVICE | 2025-12-07 - YouTube](#), the day Shakyamuni Buddha attained enlightenment under the Bodhi Tree. While enjoying Bodhi Day with Music, Food, and Fun Activities, Buddha Dharma is at the center of the celebration. Rev. Kusunoki touches on the difference

between God and Buddha -- God may forgive people and Buddha accepts people for their imperfections. "To all humans who live in fear I will give great peace," is a passage from the sutra, SanButsuge. Shuntaro Tanigawa wrote a book, [Question Corner/Box](#), in which he writes that a question asked in words, doesn't need to be answered in words; they can be answered using all our senses such as with a hug, serving tea, offering sake. Rimban then showed a cartoon slide show/video by Rev. Nakamura.



Minister's Assistant Leonora Clarke on the enlightenment of Shakyamuni Buddha

In lieu of Dharma Exchange, potluck luncheon was enjoyed by attendees. While the tables and chairs were reset, Leonora Clark reviewed the enlightenment of Shakyamuni Buddha with a brief slide presentation.



December 7, 2025, Bodhi Day potluck in the gym.

December 14, 2025

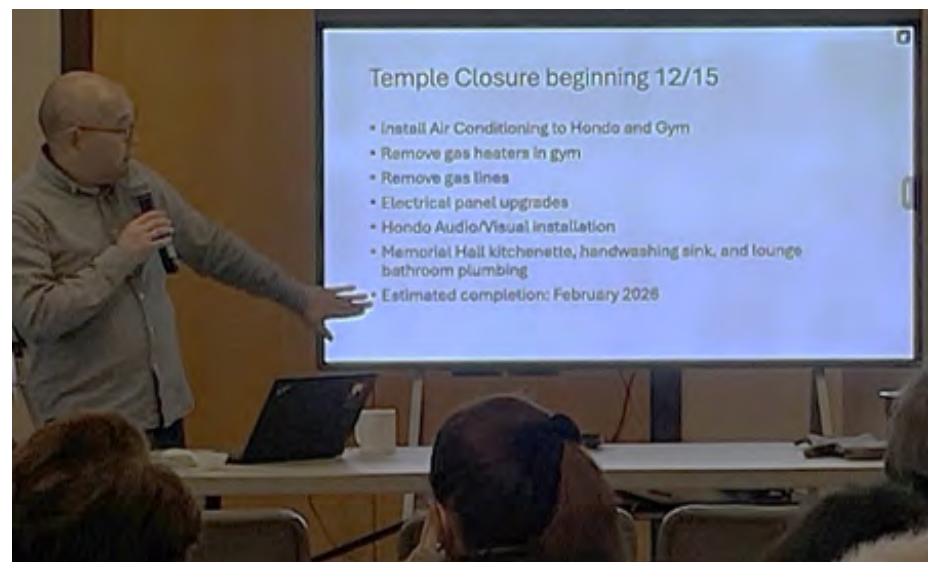
Dharma Message [Practicing Shōshinge | Dharma Message | Rimban Kusunoki | 2025-12-14](#) Rimban explains the tradition and significance of Shinran Shonin's Shoshin Nembutsu Ge and the feeling of oneness it provides in chanting it together.

Dharma Exchange was led by Chairperson Tyler Moriguchi and reconstruction project co-manager Grace Tazuma. They presented slides and explained their remediation, restoration, and reconstruction work over the past two years since the arson fire.



December 14, 2025, Chairperson Tyler Moriguchi and Reconstruction Project Co-manager Grace Tazuma at Dharma Exchange in the Temple Dining Room.

Sunday Service and Sunday
Dharma Exchange Notes
Continued



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December 21, 2025

Dharma Message [Jodo Shinshu, Offerings, and Yabunouchi Tea Ceremony | 2025-12-21](#) Rev. Kusunoki explained the offering of tea as one of the Five Right Practices of ritual and ceremony of Jodo Shinshu as taught by Master Shan-Tao (613-681). Offering of tea is considered an act of true settlement; it is an auxiliary act to saying the Nembutsu. Since the 18th century it has been the custom for the Grand Master of Yabunouchi School of Tea to offer tea at Hongwanji.



Rev. Kusunoki delivering his message on Yabunouchi Tea Ceremony offering at Densho

Dharma Exchange Dharma Exchange Kemi Nakabayashi gave an update on the BCA Music Committee. Also see [Bing Videos](#) for the Echo Ekoji podcast interview with Kemi.



Kemi Nakabayashi at Dharma Exchange referencing Sacred Symphonies and Ondokusan



Dharma School News

Submitted by Joan Nakano

Happy New Year!

During the month of December, we celebrated Bodhi Day with a much-anticipated potluck. Thank you to everyone who shared your delicious dishes, with a special thank you to the Toyoshima family for providing the beautiful cakes for the sangha. Although Santa arrived a week late, when he came, he was able to admire our Dharma School students' creative gingerbread houses. Thank you to June from Tacoma Buddhist Temple for her continued support in helping make this festive activity possible.

Dharma School is currently on break until January 4, but we encourage students and families to join the sangha for regular family services, as well as the New Year's Eve and New Year's Day services. When Dharma School resumes, please note that due to HVAC and electrical work in the temple gym, Hondo, kitchen, and dining room, the primary class will meet in the Densho small room, and the middle/high school class will gather in the Wisteria meeting room after family service.

If you have not already, please remember to register for the 78th Northwest District Convention, taking place February 13–15 at the Hyatt Regency Lake Washington. Your support of Dharma School fundraisers helps us subsidize registration fees for our students, so thank you for making this possible!

Gassho,
Claire and Yvette



Decorated gingerbread houses
Bodhi Day Tree



Dharma School Gingerbread Village

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.

This year's **Bodhi Day** service was followed by a potluck luncheon that included a very special gift donated by the family of Mrs. Michiko Toyoshima. The three tiered cake was intricately decorated and truly captured the essence of the occasion. A sincere thank you to the Toyoshima family for this much appreciated (and photographed) cake in memory of Michiko.

Michiko was a long-time member of White River Buddhist Temple and then the Seattle Betsuin from around 2008. I think many remember her as an avid knitter who generously donated her knitted caps which were shared with local organizations. Michiko was a long-time member of White River Buddhist Temple and then the Seattle Betsuin from around 2008.

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Our **Social Services Committee** organized our annual Kimochi gift giving for our members that are not able to attend in-person service. Committee chairs, Sheri M and Susanne U selected a nice variety of items and enlisted members to help assemble gift bags. A nice handmade card from the Dharma School children was tucked inside each bag. The home visits and gifts were very much appreciated all the way around. This is a meaningful event that helps our members stay connected.



Sheri M., Donna Z., Susie T., Tina Z-K, Lauren A.,Steph O, Lisa B., Susanne U., Joan N.



Akiko T



Yasuko N and Haruko M



Mabel N and Fran T



Irene M



Lisa B and Miyoko T

December 14: Arigato to our members that attended a manju making class and then shared their finished products with the sangha to enjoy following service. The treats were delicious. Perhaps a follow-up class for those that weren't able to attend??

Membership Committee: successfully recruited candidates for the SBBWA Board of Directors and Cabinet, results will be available in the next newsletter. Thank you to our dedicated committee chairs and their members.

Upcoming Activities

January 1, 2026 Betsuin New Year service

January 4, 2026 SBBWA Cabinet Meeting, Densho large room/Zoom

January 11, 2026 Hoonko service, assistance with food prep needed

January 16, 2026 FBWA Panda Express fundraiser, your contributions will be used towards the 2026 FBWA Conference

Save the Date

2026 FBWA Conference October 2-4, San Diego-Mission Valley

2027 Hawaii FBWA has opened registration and hotel reservations for 2027 WBWC

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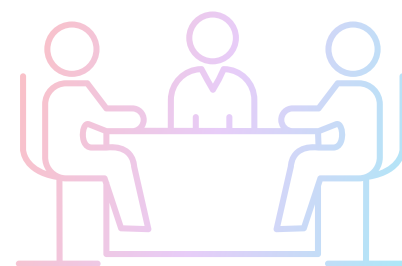
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SEATTLE BETSUIN BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Submitted by Ann Oxrieder



December, 2025

Topics covered include:



Board chair Tyler congratulated the slate of candidates who were accepted by the board in an uncontested election to fill open positions next year. They are:

- Chris Grabowski
- Ron Hamakawa
- Evan Ko
- Connor McKinney
- Corey Murata
- Nori Nakamura-Suguro
- Ann Oxrieder
- Toshi Shahbaghlian
- Marissa Wong
- Rick Wong

He also thanked members whose terms ended this year: Craig Nakashima, Tara Tamarabuchi, Jeremy Zimmerman.



The board also appointed Gayle Teramoto to a vacant director position that expires in a year, and authorized the formation of a Board Officers Nominating Committee to recommend candidates for the Officers' election to be held on January 22.

UPDATE ON BETSUIN ARSON REPAIRS

The Temple will be closed beginning Monday, December 15th, 2025, due to the final stage of restoration work. The closure is estimated to last until the end of February 2026. Beginning December 21st, Sunday and special services will continue during the closure in the Densho community room. Densho can be accessed via the back alley behind the Temple. Thank you to everyone for your patience and understanding during this time.

🚗Attention: Rear parking lot usage🚗

The South half of the back parking lot is closed for construction on the Weld building. The North half of the lot is available for use. As space is limited, please leave the back lot open for those who may have trouble walking. Otherwise, please park on street or upper parking lot and walk around the alley to access Densho.

Visit seattlebetsuin.org/calendar to view the full temple schedule.

TROOP 252 UPDATE

Submitted by Marinko Kordich and Darla DeFrance.

Article by Felix K.



During the month of December the Scouts of Troop 252 did several things, including holding a Court of Honour, learning how to change a flat bicycle tire, and doing elections for leadership roles.

This month we had fewer meetings than usual, mainly because of the 2-week long break before the western new year. Consequently, the meetings we did have were much more productive than normal. On December 7th Scouts each brought a wheel and, instructed by Mr. Henley, deflated it and pulled out the inner tube to 'change' the tire. (no inner tubes were harmed during this exercise).

During elections, the role of Troop Historian was dusted off and finally taken after being vacant for 5+ years. Happy holidays!

CUB SCOUT PACK 252 UPDATE

Submitted by Mitsue Giulietti

Dec 7th : The Pack held a bake sale conjunction with the Bodhi Day Luncheon.

Thank you for supporting our Pack!

And regular pack meeting at 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:

As we start the New Year, we are extremely grateful for the following to get a jump start in contributing their sustaining membership dues for **2026**. **Sustaining Membership is our suggested basic dues towards Temple maintenance/operations** (i.e. security- a high priority, staffing, up-to-date tech equipment/maintenance, restoration features not covered by insurance) **plus our Religious Department programs** (i.e., Live Streaming of Sunday services, Special Services, seminars with guest speakers, and Sensei’s podcast).



Steve Hamai & Mariana Espinoza,
Robert Seko

Florence Fujita
Gary & Sandee Hamatani,
Cynthia Hinds, Rose Kishi,
Susan Moriguchi, Ayn Quan,
Kiyo Takashima,
Grace Tazuma,
Miyoko Tazuma,
Susanne Umeda, Kate Wehr,
Sadie Yamasaki

Compiled by Howard, Joan, & Steph

‘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.





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

Abe, Toshiko	Ishikawa, Randall	Morishima, Haruno	Tamura, Kugayo
Adachi, Misako	Iwago, Steve	Murakami, Shinayo	Tamura, Misako
Akada, Sae	Iwamoto, Kimiko	Nagamatsu, Kenzo	Tanabe, Daichi
Akada, Tatsuo	Iwamoto, Toshiyuki	Nagata, Hana	Tanabe, Hatsuye
Akiyoshi, Jane	Iwamoto, Yasu	Nakano, Shiku	Tanaka, Kuichi
Amano, Mitsusaburo	Jinka, Shinobu	Nakashima, Hiroshi	Tanaka, Nami
Aoki, Hideko	Kagimoto, Motonobu	Nakata, Ohisa	Taniguchi, Hitoshi
Aoyama, Naojiro	Kakimoto, Teshin	Nakauye, Kimiyo	Tanino, Etsuko
Arai, Nobu	Kamimae, Kametaro	Natsuhara, Terrie	Tanino, Mitsumasa
Aramaki, Akira	Kanzaki, Toshie	Nishi, George	Tateishi, Tsurutaro
Arita, Koichi	Kase, Tsurunosuke	Nishikawa, Noriko	Tatsukawa, Asako
Asaba, Shuzo	Kato, Doris	Nishimura, Hiroyuki	Tatsukawa, Junko
Asayama, Sueo	Kawahara, Harry	Nishimura, Miyoshi	Tatsukawa, Mitsuo
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



JANUARY SHOTSUKI HOYO

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Hiroo, Kanroku	Matsuda, Tami	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
Ikemura, Tomoko	Mayeda, Tamo	Sumida, Wataru	Yoshida, Yoso
Imanishi, Umajiro	Meadows, Aurora	Sumioka, Shigeo	Yoshimoto, Hanaye
Inaba, Fumiko	Mito, Hiroshi	Tai, Henry	Yoshinaka, Kazuo
Inoue, Masami	Miyahara, Takashi (Tak)	Takato, Hideo	Yoshino, Kenjiro
Ise, Hal	Mizuta, Yosaburo	Taketa, Fred	Yutani, Nobuo
Ishii, Michika	Morimoto, Toshiyuki	Taketa, George	Zaratkiewicz, Winslow



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

Adachi, Hisayo	Iwami, Kanichi	Nagai, Ukiye	Tanaka, Tom
Asakura, Masaaki	Kajimura, Fugie	Nagata, Katsumi	Tanino, Teruyo (Terrie)
Asakura, Ryutaro	Kajimura, Isako	Nakagawa, Toshiko	Tazuma, Elmer
Bacon, Douglas	Kakishita, Nikichi	Nakamichi, Katsumi	Tazuma, Sawano
Castro, Judy	Kakutani, Yu	Nakamoto, Kiyoko	Terada, Charles
Chun, Lee	Kamimae, Midori	Nakamura, Joichi	Terada, Hideko
Enomoto, Toshiko	Kanzaki, Tsutomu	Nakamura, Sumiyo	Terada, Joseph
Enomoto, Yoshito	Kataoka, Tokuno	Nakanishi, Tadashi	Terao, Masaru
Fujii, Shige	Kawahara, Masako	Nakano, Hiroshi	Thomas-Gilliam, Veronica
Fujimoto, Tosei	Kawauchi, Michiko	Namekata, Yune	Tomita, Bessie
Fujino, Shigenobu	Kido, Momoko Morinaga	Natsuhara, George	Toshi, Chisato
Fujita, Lutes	Kihara, Tsuneko	Nitta, Nobuichi	Umeda, Kazuko
Fujita, Suzie	Kikuchi, Isamu	Nomura, Michiye	Uyeda, Minoru
Fujiwara, Kosao	Kitamura, Tadao	Nomura, Mitsu	Uyeda, Tatsuo



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

Fukeda, Kinuyo	Kitamura, Toichiro	Nomura, Unio	Virnig, Fujie
Goto, Masako	Kojima, Izo	Nose, Shizuko	Wada, Masao
Hamada, Chiyo	Kojima, Masu	Oana, Thomas	Wada, Sachie
Hamada, Kuniko	Kubo, Matsu	Oita, Katashi	Watanabe, Katsuko
Hamanishi, Naoe	Kubota, Chieko	Omori, Mable	Watanabe, Kimie
Hamasaki, Glenna	Kunihiro, Tetsuya	Osaki, Tom	Watanabe, Suehiro
Haraguchi, Shizuko	Kurata, Sumiko	Osumi, Fred	Wataoka, Akiko
Hasegawa, Kishie	Kurosu, Asao	Parker, Edward	Yahagi, Alice
Hasegawa, Shunji	La Grange, Irl	Sakamoto, Masaru	Yamada, Toyo
Hayashi, Kyoko	Le, Yuxiang	Sakamoto, Miyoko	Yamaguchi, Takeo
Hikida, Fusa	Makishima, Satoyo	Sako, Steve	Yamamoto, Chiyoko
Hori, Lily	Mamiya, Sowa	Sanbo, Akiye	Yamamoto, Helen
Hori, Shigeichi	Mano, George	Sato, Toshiko	Yamamoto, Shigeko
Horita, Kazuo	Maruhashi, Hisaichi	Sawa, Koichi	Yamamoto, Shigeru
Ichiyama, Kiji	Masuoka, Ryuei	Shigaya, Mitsu	Yamamoto, Shio
Imamura, Harry	Matsubara, Fuyuko	Shinoki, Wayne	Yamamura, Masakazu
Imanishi, Edith	Matsuura, Kikue	Shishido, Tsuruyo	Yamane, Jun
Inoue, Takara	Mayeda, Kiichi	Sugitachi, Yoso	Yamashita, Patricia
Inouye, Inouye	Miyamoto, Shizuko	Sumida, Ruth	Yasutake, Tom
Inouye, Kazuko	Mizuhata, Paul	Tada, Marjorie	Yatagai, Makoto
Ise, Miyoko	Mizuno, Noritoshi	Takahashi, Eiko	Yokota, Kyōsuke
Ishigai, Midori	Mizuta, Nobuo	Takamura, Jinsei	Yoshikawa, Minoru
Ishikawa, Kevin	Mukai, Noritsugu	Takeuchi, Mitsuye	Yoshimura, Denichi
Ishikawa, Miye	Muzzy, Toshiko	Tanabe, Hiroko	Yoshitomi, Itaro
			Yoshitomi, Ritsuko



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JANUARY 2026 BETSUIN SCHEDULE

Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FEBRUARY 2026 SPECIAL EVENTS							
February 1 Scout Sunday Service, Annual General Meeting & Officer Installation							
February 8 Lady Takeko Kujo & Lady Yoshiko Ohtani Memorial Service							
February 13-15 NWD Convention, BCA National Council Meeting							
February 22 Nirvana Day / Pet Memorial Service							
4 10 am SUNDAY SERVICE 10:50 am Dharma Exchange Dharma School	5 Rimban's day off	6 9:30 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom	7		8 Office closed	9	10 1 pm HO-ONKO SEMINAR Guest speaker: Rev. Tadao Koyama
11 10 am HO-ONKO SERVICE Guest minister: Rev. Tadao Koyama 10:50 am Dharma Exchange Dharma School	12 Rimban's day off	13 9:30 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom 6:30 pm Chanting Lesson on Zoom	14 Office closed		15 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service 7 pm Betsuin Cabinet meeting	16	17 Office closed
18 10 am SUNDAY SERVICE 10:50 am Dharma Exchange Japanese Language Service	19 Rimban's day off 8 pm Newsletter deadline	20 9:30 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom	21 Office closed		22 7 pm Betsuin Board meeting	23	24 Office closed
25 10 am SUNDAY SERVICE 10:50 am Dharma Exchange Dharma School	26 Rimban's day off	27 9:30 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom	28 Office closed 11 am Merrill Gardens Service 7 pm Seattle Betsuin 2026 Japan Tour Meeting on Zoom		29	30	31 Office closed

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**2026
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**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY
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Register in
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HO-ONKO SEMINAR

Guest Speaker: Rev. Tadao Koyama

The Goeiden, Godensho, and Shinran Shonin:
A Close Look at Hoonko

Saturday January 10, 2026

1:00pm - 2:30pm

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February 13 - 15, 2026

Hyatt Regency Lake Washington
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Keynote Speaker:
Rev. Melissa Opel



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2026 SEATTLE BETSUIN SUNDAY SERVICES
and DX (Dharma Exchange)

Jan 4
10 am Sunday Service
10:50 am Dharma Exchange
Dharma School


Jan 11
10 am HO-ONKO SERVICE
Guest minister: Rev. Tadao Koyama
10:50 am Dharma Exchange
Dharma School


Jan 18
10 am Sunday Service
10:50 am Dharma Exchange
Japanese Language Service

Jan 25
10 am Sunday Service
10:50 am Dharma Exchange
Dharma School

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