

“The 78th Northwest Buddhist Convention”

by Rimban Katsuya Kusunoki

It is our great honor to host the 78th Northwest Buddhist Convention and the Buddhist Churches of America National Council Meeting. We wish to welcome our distinguished guests, our Dharma friends, and all members of Northwest Sangha and all BCA temple delegates.



We hosted the 73rd Northwest Convention and BCA National Council meeting in February 2020. Right after the Convention, the Covid-19 pandemic happened, and everything was shut down. All BCA temples had to close their doors. Each temple used their creativity and tried to continue providing their activities and services.

As many temples were reopening and resumed their full activities, Seattle Betsuin had an arson fire on December 31, 2023. Seattle Betsuin has not been able to have any services in the hondo since then. We are hoping to have a temple soft opening in Spring, 2026. Seattle Betsuin celebrates their 125th anniversary and the completion of its restoration in November 2026. It is the year to renew our temple.

We picked the theme “Renewal – Jodo Shinshu for Today.” It is a great opportunity to share how we are restoring our temple building and programs after the Covid-19 pandemic and the fire. Seattle Betsuin is republishing the English translation of Rennyo’s Letters, (Gobunsho), which was originally published in 1976. Rennyo Shonin is also called “Great Restorer” in our tradition. We can learn from his words and his life how he delivered Jodo Shinshu over 500 years ago.

How can we make Nembutsu thrive at your local temple, in your city, and in this world? How can we make Nembutsu thrive within ourselves today? Jodo Shinshu’s Nembutsu path is the path for all bonbu, (ordinary beings), to be liberated from human suffering and to attain perfect enlightenment. As we all enjoy walking this Nembutsu path, let us use this opportunity to share our joy with each other.

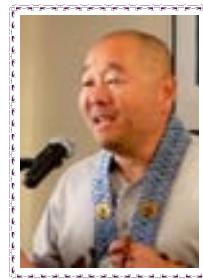
From Closure to Reopening

<u>2020</u>	
Feb.	BCA National Council meeting and 73 rd NW Buddhist Convention in Renton, WA
Mar.	The Covid-19 Pandemic. Temple was closed. All services and programs switched to virtual services & programs.
<u>2021</u>	
April	Hanamatsuri in-person Kanbutsu (first in-person gathering after the pandemic)
Nov.	The 120 th Anniversary of Seattle Betsuin & Eitaikyo Walkthrough Oshoko.
<u>2022</u>	
Feb.	Resumed small group events and meetings with masks and safety protocol.
April	Resumed in-person Sunday Service with masks and safety protocol.
Sept.	Resumed in-person Dharma School with masks and safety protocol
<u>2023</u>	
May	World BWA Conference in Kyoto, Japan and the Japan Tour
July	The 91 st Bon Odori (First in-person bon odori after the pandemic)
Dec.	Arson Fire
<u>2024</u>	
Feb.	Started having service in the Densho
Sept.	Started having service in the gym
<u>2025</u>	
Aug.	Inter-Faith Hiroshima Nagasaki A-Bomb victims memorial service
Dec.	Moved back to the Densho for Sunday Service
<u>2026</u>	
Feb.	BCA National Council meeting and 78 th NW Buddhist Convention in Renton, WA Spring Temple Soft Opening
Nov.	The Seattle Betsuin 125 th Anniversary The completion of the temple restoration

February 2026 Chair's Letter

By Tyler Moriguchi

At the January Board of Directors meeting, the following members were elected to the Seattle Betsuin Cabinet for a two-year term.



Chairperson: Tyler Moriguchi
Vice Chairperson 1: Calvin Terada
Vice Chairperson 2: Jason Yokoyama
Vice Chairperson 3: Ann Oxrieder
Recording Secretary: Andrea Mano
Corresponding Secretary: Alex Sakamoto
Treasurer: Gayle Teramoto
Auditor 1: Michael Teramoto
Auditor 2: Harrison Chinn
Auditor 3: Connie Ozeki-Chinn

Thank you to all who agreed to serve as temple officers. I would like to recognize Howard Luke for serving as temple Treasurer for almost 20 years and thank Jeremy Zimmerman and Charlene Yoritsune for serving as Corresponding and Recording Secretaries.

As we near the end of the Arson Restoration project, I look forward to working with the Cabinet and Board as we fully reopen the temple and celebrate our 125th anniversary.

Thank you to everyone who helped to plan and host the combined BCA National Council Meeting and Northwest District Convention. This is an opportunity for us to showcase the Northwest District to the BCA. I am especially excited for the Techno Hoyo event scheduled for Friday, February 13th. I hope you will join us at the Hyatt Regency Lake Washington.

In Gassho,
Tyler Moriguchi



The image is a screenshot of the Northwest District Buddhist Convention & BCA National Council Meeting website. The header features the text "Northwest District Buddhist Convention & BCA National Council Meeting" and the date "February 13 - 15, 2026". Below the date is the location "Hyatt Regency Lake Washington Renton, WA". A circular graphic with the text "RENEWAL: JODO SHINSHU FOR TODAY" and a stylized ginkgo leaf design is on the left. A portrait of Rev. Melissa Opel is on the right. The website URL "convention.seattlebetsuin.org" is at the bottom.

Feb 13 - 15, 2026

Northwest District Buddhist Convention & BCA National Council Meeting

Registration is now closed for Northwest District Buddhist Convention & BCA National Council Meeting. The convention will be held at the Hyatt Regency Lake Washington in Renton. More information on the convention, including the convention and workshop schedule, can be found below.

We are also looking for volunteers for the NWD Convention. If you are interested in volunteering or have more questions, please contact office@seattlebetsuin.org.

If you have any other questions, please email convention@seattlebetsuin.org.

Explore more events within the BCA and the Jodo Shinshu Community →



The image is a screenshot of the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) website. The header features the BCA logo and the tagline "Life of Gratitude". The main menu includes "Who We Are", "Learn", "News & Media", "Join Us", "Temple Locator", "Events", and "CBE". A search bar is at the top right. The "Events" page is displayed, showing a photo of a speaker addressing an audience. The page text describes the variety of events offered by the BCA, including education seminars, conferences, yoga retreats, festivals, and youth programs.

Musical Notes

Submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi

We are now counting down the days until the BCA National Council Meeting (NCM) and Northwest District Convention February 13-15, 2026 at the Hyatt Regency Lake Washington in Renton. But did you know that there is a BCA NCM virtual program with free public workshops on Saturday, February 7? For the Buddhist Education and Skills Development track, the BCA Music Committee is presenting a workshop on Bon Odori Taiko (BOT) activities at 3:30 pm.



The BOT subcommittee co-chairs Christine Kubo and Reiko Iwanaga will present current projects and review past workshops as well as announce details of the next BOT webinar “Grab a Partner: Bon Dance for Two” to be held on Saturday, May 16. The full list of NCM virtual workshops is posted on the convention webpage with the Zoom links provided:

<https://seattlebetsuin.org/2026-convention/ncm-workshops/>

If you are not able to attend the Sunday BCA Eitaikyo Service at 9:30 am on February 15, the YouTube livestream can be accessed:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UMBJE4c8t4E>

Seattle Gagaku Group supported by guest instrumentalists and Northwest District Singers with Seattle Betsuin instrumentalists will provide the special service music featured along with the Dharma talk by Rev. Gerald Sakamoto.

Other BCA Music Committee information can be found on the BCA Music webpage:

<https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/music>

We greatly appreciate sponsorship donations for BCA Music Committee projects as well as support for the Northwest District Convention.

Ukulele practice will be at 9:15 am on Sundays February 8th and 22nd – contact Ann Oxrieder to join. Zoom “Singing, Strumming, and Sharing” will be back to the first Monday of the month on Monday, February 2 and Monday March 2 at 7 pm. Please contact the temple office if you wish to be added to the group for the Zoom link.

Musical Notes - photos

February 2026

Seattle Betsuin Ukulele Band (SBUB) practice



Marlene, Lauren, and Donna



Jeff, Susie, Ann, and Greg



Sunday Service and Sunday

Dharma Exchange Notes

Submitted by Irene Goto

Sunday Services currently take place in Densho's community room while the Temple undergoes its last phase of reconstruction at 10:00AM until about the end of February 2026, in person. To view the service remotely, live-streamed, sign 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 <https://www.youtube.com/SeattleBuddhistTemple>.

You may also enjoy Rimban Kusunoki's New Year's Day message and Rev. Tadao Koyama's HoOnKo seminar, also listed here and at [Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/SeattleBuddhistTemple)



Jesse and Dean

January 1, 2026

Dharma Message

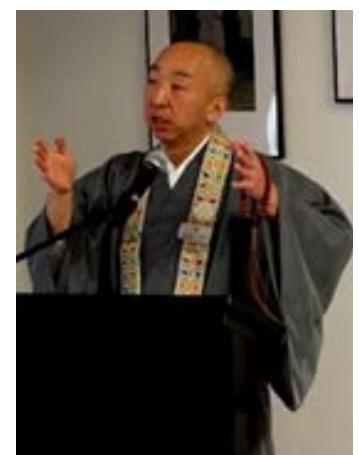
[Starting Off the New Year | Dharma Message | Rimban Kusunoki | 2026-1-1](#)

January 4, 2026

Dharma Message

[SEATTLE BETSUIN SUNDAY SERVICE | 2026-1-4 - YouTube](#)

Rev. Kusunoki talks about Jodo Shinshu's unique practice of being grateful every day, rather than following strict Buddhist precepts. Life is a bumpy road; life involves killing. Fishermen in Hiroshima stop fishing for one week during HoOnKo in appreciation for Amida Buddha's compassionate guidance.



Dharma Exchange

Rev. Kusunoki shared his appreciation for Jodo Shinshu's daily practice of gratitude, continuing from his dharma message of the day's Sunday Service. January 16 is HoOnKo, Shinran Shonin's Memorial Day, the biggest service in the year. What is the uniqueness of Jodo Shinshu? Shin Buddhism has no precepts; most schools have strict precepts, e.g. live as vegetarian. Rev Kusunoki eats hamburgers.



Dharma Exchange

Jesse Moneyhun and Dean O'Shields explained some of the workshops that are being prepared for the upcoming 78th Northwest Buddhist Convention of the Buddhist Churches of America that takes place February 13 – 15, 2026.

Sunday Service and Sunday Dharma Exchange Notes Continued.

January 10, 2026

[2026 Hoonko Seminar with Rev. Tadao Koyama | 2026-01-10](#)

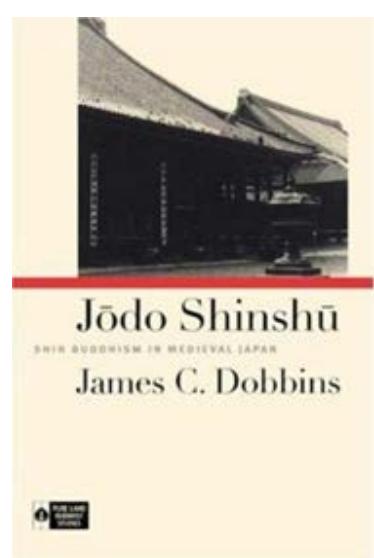
January 11, 2026 [The Goeiden, Godensho, and Shinran Shonin | Dharma Message | Rev. Tadao Koyama | | 2026-01-11](#)



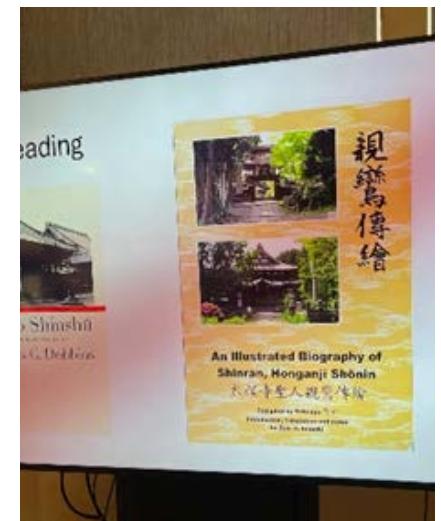
Dharma Message

Rev. Tadao Koyama, resident minister at Tacoma Buddhist Temple talks about the significance of HoOnKo. He describes Shinran Shonin's path that leads him to encounter Honen Shonin and his admonishment to just say the Nembutsu as described in the Larger Sutra. As Jodo Shinshu Buddhists we acknowledge who we are, our human-ness. Shakyamuni Buddha's teaching show us how to find relief from the suffering caused by our human weaknesses – say, Namo Amida Butsu.

Dharma Exchange



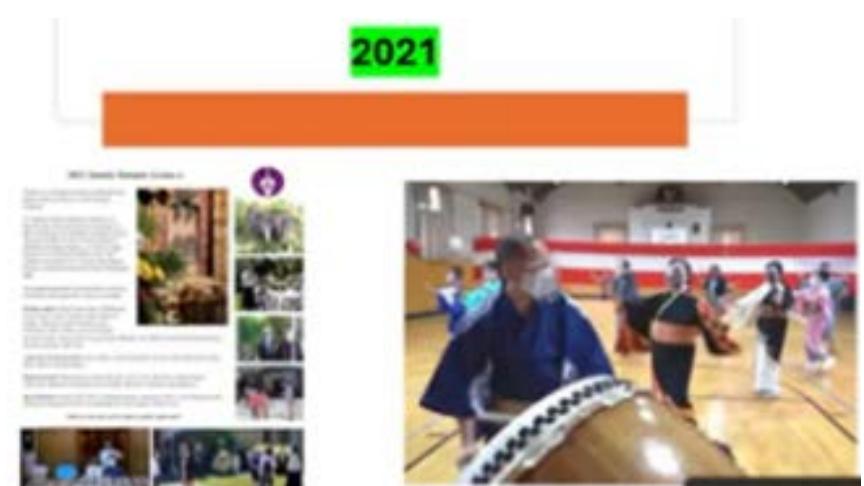
Rev. Tadao Koyama briefly explains his path to the priesthood – 2 years in Japan to receive specialized chanting and ritual license from Nishi Hongwanji. He explains that we observe memorials each month -- the 14th for Rennyo Shonin, the 16th for Shinran Shonin, the 23rd for Kakunyo Shonin and the 27th for Kenryo



Shonin, their significance and relationships to each other. He encouraged us to be proud of our long and rich Shin Buddhist tradition and culture.

January 18, 2026

[Dharma Message Seattle Betsuin: From Closure to Reopening | Dharma Message | Rimban Kusunoki | | 2026-01-18 - YouTube](#)



2021



2025

Rev. Kusunoki led us through Betsuin events of the last five years. We have to listen to the Buddha's teachings when we encounter difficulties; encountering the COVID-19 pandemic and the arson fire might give us clues on how to go forward.

Sunday Service and Sunday Dharma Exchange Notes Continued

Dharma Exchange

Kemi Nakabayashi led attendees in singing: “Sanbutsuge - Music Service Version” and Eko “Ondokusan II” in preparation for Opening Service, Saturday, February 15, 2026, at Northwest Buddhist Convention.

January 25, 2026

Dharma Message

[SEATTLE BETSUIN SUNDAY SERVICE | 2026-01-25](#)



Minister's Assistant Rev. Irene Goto shares her appreciation of offering incense, oshoko; she showed a video clip, [How to Offer Incense \(Oshoko\) Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Hongwanji-ha](#), on how to perform the ritual and encourages us to invite and share with newcomers its simple steps and their rich meaning.

Dharma Exchange

Seattle Betsuin Chairperson, Tyler Moriguchi, announced the new board members and those members retiring.



He will serve another term as chairperson.



Arson reconstruction project managers, volunteer Betsuin members Grace Tazuma and Gary Shibata, gave their third update on progress to date. They stressed that during soft re-opening, perhaps in March 2026, there will still be projects yet to be completed and asked for our patience. Re-opening in full is projected for some time in Spring 2026.



Lady Yoshiko Ohtani Lady Takeko Kujo

Feb 8, 10am
Lady Takeko Kujo and Lady Yoshiko Ohtani Memorial Service

Please join us for the Lady Takeko Kujo and Lady Yoshiko Ohtani Memorial Service on February 8, 2026.

Lady Takeko Kujo is known to be the co-founder of the BWA (Buddhist Women's Association) in Japan. Lady Takeko Kujo provided inspiration and hope through her poetry and social activism which continues to influence and inspire people today. Together with her sister-in-law, Lady Oshiko Ohtani, she established a movement of great humanitarian efforts to help those in need. This is one of three services coordinated by SBBWA every year.

Reverend Rosalie May will give the Dharma Talk.

Dharma School News

Submitted by Joan Nakano

February is here, which means the 2026 Northwest District Buddhist Convention and BCA National Council Meeting—from February 13–15—is just around the corner. A heartfelt thank-you to our chairpersons, Alex and Marissa, for leading this major endeavor, and to all the committee chairs and committee members for their dedicated support. We look forward to welcoming our Dharma friends from across the Pacific Northwest, as well as those traveling from all over the country.



Pounding the mochi

In January, Dharma School resumed classes in Densho and Wisteria after family service and will continue to do so until further notice. Dharma School was also invited to attend service and Mochitsuki at the Tacoma Buddhist Temple. We were grateful for this opportunity to join our sister temple to participate in their cultural and delicious annual tradition of pounding, rolling and eating the delicious mochi and manju.

Gassho,
Claire and Yvette



Shaping the mochi



Dharma School at Mochitsuki

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.

We were all saddened by the unexpected passing of our dear friend and past SBBWA President, Kiyo T. She continued to serve many years as an advisor, providing guidance and wisdom.



Tina T-Z, Nina T-K, Gail S, Lauren A, Ann H

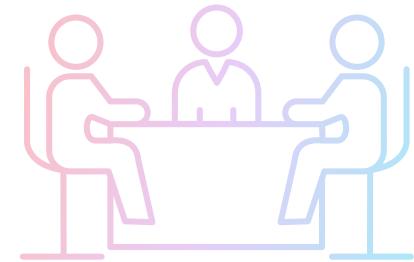
Ho'onko Service: thank you to Nina T-K for making nigome for the service offering.



Over 350 packages filled with cookies!

SEATTLE BETSUIN BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Submitted by Ann Oxrieder



January 22, 2025

Topics covered include:

Rev. Kusunoki suggested that in the future, instead of reading the Jodo Shinshu Creed II before cabinet and board meetings, we read Renyo's letters, since translations by earlier SBBT generations will be available to everyone soon.

Based on recommendations by the Nomination Committee, the board approved the following cabinet members for 2026-28 by acclamation.

Chairperson: Tyler Moriguchi; First VC: Calvin Terada; Second VC: Jason Yokoyama; Third VC: Ann Oxrieder; Recording Secretary: Andrea Mano; Corresponding Secretary: Alex Sakamoto; Treasurer: Gayle Teramoto; Auditors: Mike Teramoto, Connie Ozeki-Chinn, Harrison Chinn

Tyler thanked Howard Luke for his many years of service as Treasurer, and Charlene Yoritsune and Jeremy Zimmerman for their service as recording and corresponding secretaries.

The board approved a resolution to implement QuickBooks Online for all temple accounting.

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.

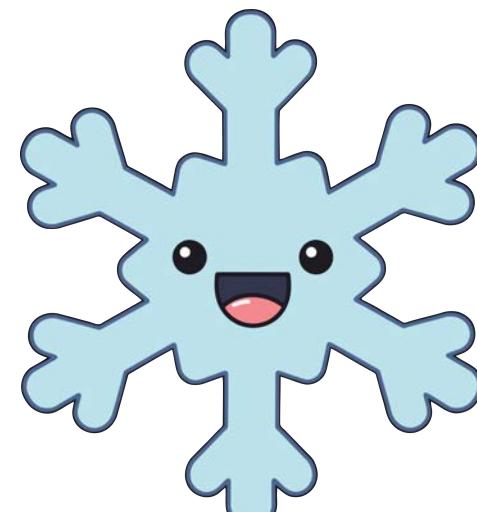
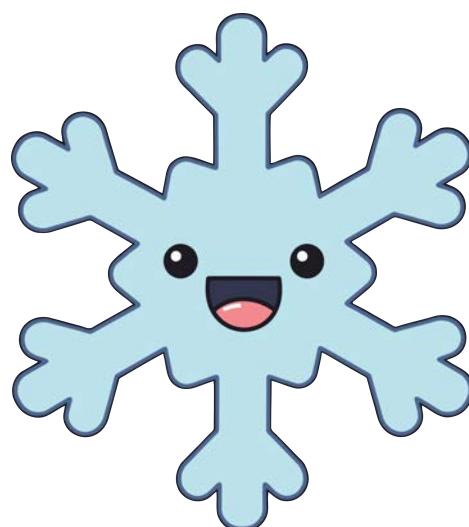
TROOP 252 UPDATE

Submitted by Mai Ketcherside

Article by Ansel



Have you slept in an igloo? Last March, Troop 252 Scouts joined Chinese Baptist's Troop 254 on their annual trip to Paradise on Mount Rainier. The most recent issue of Scout Life (formerly Boy's Life) magazine has a five page spread of photos showing the trip in more detail!



CUB SCOUT PACK 252 UPDATE

Submitted by Mitsue Giulietti



Jan 11th : First Aid @ Densho

Scouts learned about first aid from a parent who is a nurse.



Jan 25th
Pack meeting



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 are extremely grateful to the following that have contributed their sustaining membership dues for 2026. Sustaining Membership is our suggested basic dues towards Temple maintenance/operations (i.e. security-a high priority, 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).

To complete our 2025 list of sustaining members, we thank the following for their contributions



Suzanne Fujinari and
Stephanie Ojima



Janet Knutzen,
Kinue Kuwahara,
Tomio Moriguchi, and
Leslie Sumida

Compiled by Howard, Joan, & Steph

Thank you for volunteering!

Thank you to Gojikai for preparing coffee, tea, and treats for after-service refreshments for the month of January.

Thank you to Andrea Mano, Rev. Irene Goto, Leonora Clarke, Leanne Nishi Wong, Rick Wong, Marissa Wong, Sherryl Yamamoto, Miya Yamamoto, Dennis Shibata, Chirs Grabowski, Janice Deguchi, Steff Ojima, Rev. Matt May, Rev. Rosalie May, Nina Tomita Kato, Jesse Moneyhun, and

Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki for volunteering at Oshogatsu and cleaning Wisteria Park.

Thank you to Ron Hamakawa for preparing nigome and zenzai for Hoonko service.



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	Natsuhaba, 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
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



MARCH SHOTSUKI HOYO

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

Abe, Tatsu	Ito, Tsutomu	Murakami, Sachi	Suzaka, Kiyoko
Aoyama, Sue	Iwasaki, Tokusaburo	Murao, Ume	Suzuki, Warren
Aoyama, Tomisaburo	Izumi, Hisako	Nagai, Mariko	Takano, Tsukiyo
Araki, Masa	Jeppesen, Kayo	Nagano, Mary	Takemoto, Hisako
Brolley, Eddie	Kajimura, Saburo	Nakagawa, Henry	Takenaga, Tomizo
Burdett, Wilson	Kakiuchi, George	Nakagawa, Taira	Tanaka, Nobuichi
Chen, Sou-Chia	Kamada, Toshiro	Nakahara, Yasuhiko	Taniguchi, Sam
Date, Masuyo	Kamimoto, Saiichi	Nakama, Tomiko	Taniguchi, Yumi
Deguchi, Hatsu	Kanda, Ayako	Nakamura, Barry	Tazuma, Bunshiro
Desaki, Yasuko	Kawahara, Yoshinori	Nakamura, Jiro	Teramoto, Aya
Edamura, Osa	Kawamoto, Chiyoko	Nishikawa, Hisakazu	Teraoka, Miyako
Enomoto, Edward	Kawasaki, Mamoru	Nishimura, Fumi	Tomeoka, Iwao
Fujinaga, Suna	Kinoshita, Kiniyo	Nomura, Masu	Tsubota, Fusano
Fujita, Jayne	Kiyono, Gen	Ohara, Shio	Tsuchikawa, Masakatsu
Fujitomi, Yoshiye	Kobata, Hisashi	Ohtani, Michiye	Tsuchikawa, Wilma
Funai, Kimi	Kobayashi, Mitoki	Oishi, Matsuo	Tsuchikawa, Wilma
Grantham, Miles	Koda, Nobuyuki	Oiye, Shigenori	Tsue, Yone
Habu, Fumiyo	Kubota, Thomas	Oiye, Shizuko	Tsuye, Kikuyo
Hamatani, Tomio	Kunimoto, Shoji	Okada, Shigeko	Umemoto, Toshio
Hanada, Hatsuji	Kuranishi, Motoji	Okamura, Hatsui	Uyeminami, Kikutoshi
Hara, Fumi	Kusakabe, Kikuko	Okumura, Osamu	Uyenishi, Hiyoshi
Harada, Marji	Kusakabe, Kishiko	Okano, Tomiko	Watanabe, Hiro
Hashimoto, Sentaro	Lee, Weng	Ondo, Tanomu	Williams, Peggy
Higa, Teijun	Luna, Tsuyako	Ozeki, Sachiko	Yamada, Michiko
Hiu-Phan, Lien	Maekawa, Yuichi	Sado, Toshiko	Yamaguchi, Kanji
Holstram, Mary	Matsui, Aiko	Saiki, Kame	Yamamoto, Mary
Horike, Haruyo	Matsuoka, Tom	Saito, Matsuyo	Yamasaki, Takeo
Hung, Su-Yun	McLeod, Hugh	Saito, Matsuyo	Yanagimoto, Michiko
Hyodo, Matsue	Miyake, Henry	Sasakura, Naho	Yasunaga, Gloria
Ichida, Kingo	Miyamoto, Mieko	Shibata, Ayako	Yokota, William
Ikeda, Yoshiaki	Mizuki, Nikki	Shibuya, Masako	Yonekura, Margaret
Imabori, George	Mizumori, Lillian	Shimizu, Seihachiro	Yorioka, Mitsuko
Inaba, Hisako	Mori, Hideo	Shimizu, Tatsuko	Yoshijima, Takeo
Ishida, Mikiyo	Mori, Yoshio	Shimokon, Susumu	Yoshimoto, Kuni
Ishikawa, Richard	Morimoto, Hisa	Soejima, Somo	Yoshimoto, Leslie
Isomura, Yoko	Morimoto, Takeji	Sugiyama, Sansaku	Yoshino, Akira
Isomura, Yoshiaki	Murakami, Ishi	Sumida, Yoshiko	Yoshitake, Tomika



**The Seattle Betsuin
Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations from December 2025 - January 2026**

Funeral/Memorial/Nokotsudo

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Funeral Service for Kiyoko Takashima

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FEBRUARY 2026 BETSUIN CALENDAR

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MARCH 2026 SPECIAL EVENTS						<i>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.</i>
March 1 Camp Fire Sunday Service March 8 Seattle Betsuin General Annual Meeting March 15 Spring Ohigan Service March 29 Scholarship Sunday Service						<i>Visits by appointment only.</i>
1 10 am SCOUT SUNDAY SERVICE 10:50 am Dharma Exchange Dharma School	2 Rimban's day off	3 9:30 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom 6:30 pm Chanting Lesson on Zoom	4 Office closed	5 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service	6	7 <i>Office closed</i> 2026 BCA NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING PUBLIC ONLINE WORKSHOPS 9 am-4:20 pm PST
8 10 am LADY TAKEKO KUJO & LADY YOSHIKO OHTANI MEMORIAL SERVICE Guest minister: Rev. Rosalie May 10:50 am SBBWA General Meeting & Dana Day Dharma School	9 Rimban's day off	10	11 Office closed	12	13 78TH NORTHWEST DISTRICT BUDDHIST CONVENTION & BCA NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING	14 <i>Office closed</i> 78TH NORTHWEST DISTRICT BUDDHIST CONVENTION & BCA NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING
15 No service 78TH NORTHWEST DISTRICT BUDDHIST CONVENTION & BCA NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING	16 Rimban's day off	17	18 Office closed	19 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service 7 pm Betsuin Cabinet meeting Committee and program report deadline	20	21 <i>Office closed</i>
22 10 am NIRVANA DAY / PET MEMORIAL SERVICE 10:50 am Dharma Exchange Dharma School	23 Rimban's day off	24 9:30 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom	25 Office closed 11 am Merrill Gardens Service	26	27	28 <i>Office closed</i>
		8 pm Newsletter deadline				

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February 13 - 15, 2026 | Renton, WA

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Feb 13, 7-8:30 pm
Techno Hoyo
Hyatt Regency Lake Washington at
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In his second US tour, Rev. Gyosen Asakura continues to transform age-old Buddhist teachings into an immersive and inspirational experience, illuminated through colorful, digital light displays and techno beats.

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Techno Hoyo is a part of the Northwest District Buddhist Convention & BCA National Council Meeting, but this event is free and open to the public.

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**2026 SEATTLE BETSUIN SUNDAY SERVICES
and DX (Dharma Exchange)**

Feb 1

10 am Scout Sunday Service
10:50 am Dharma Exchange
Dharma School

Feb 8

10 am Lady Takeko Kujo & Lady Yoshiko Ohtani
Memorial Service
Guest minister: Rev. Rosalie May
10:50 am SBBWA General Meeting & Dana Day

Feb 15 No Service

75TH NORTHWEST DISTRICT BUDDHIST CONVENTION & BCA
NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

Feb 22

10 am Nirvana Day/Pet Memorial Service
10:50 am Dharma Exchange
Dharma School

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