



## “The 80th Anniversary of Hiroshima & Nagasaki A-Bomb”

by Rimban Katsuya Kusunoki

2025 was the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hiroshima and Nagasaki A-Bombings. Together with Seattle Hiroshima Club, I will introduce the account of A-Bomb Hibakusha survivor who has connection to Seattle. On this occasion, we learn from the tragedy which happened about 80 years ago and think about “Peace.”



Account of A-Bomb by Haruso Taketa (age 13 at the A-bombing)

<https://youtu.be/X57YmN6MfIM?si=G-pF-UwSX8MUINDw>

*In 1939, Haruso went to Japan from US with his father Shikao, but his father left him in Japan and went back to US.*

I was alone. I had to make a living. When I became a full-time farmer at age 9, I bought a bull. It was a nice-looking bull for working on the field and to make manure for fertilizer for our farm. No other 9-year-old children could use a cow or a working animal. I didn't have to speak Japanese to farm. I had to trade in the bull because it was hard to control. When we were on a street, he just pulled me right into grass that he wanted to eat.

We went to Jinseki-gun that was a famous place for good quality cattle. I traded the bull in and brought another cow home. Although the bull was hard to handle, the cow was easy to handle. She was trained to pull carts. It was just fine for farming, too. About two or three years later, the bull killed a man on the way to the slaughterhouse. I was lucky I got rid of him.

We lived 14 kilometers north, northeast of the city center. In the morning on August 6, 1945, I was supposed to go to volunteer work around 8:30 or 9 o'clock. I heard the radio saying there was an enemy plane in the area. So, I went outside and saw the

bomber way up high. I saw a white trail which was a mixture of air. Anyway, I followed it which came from east toward the city and then went through the city. I was watching up there. Right over the city, there was a shiny thing floating and coming down. We didn't know what it was. I kept looking at it. And all of a sudden, flash, a strong flash and I closed my eyes. Then I opened my eyes and looked up. There was a white cloud from the bomb. It was pushing, like surfing in an ocean, its way toward the beach. For about 38 seconds later, big bomb, I heard it. I figured this out because sound travels at 1090 feet per second. I saw the flash right away. We didn't know what was going on. I saw the mushroom which was kind of pinkish red with white smoke. Of course, the mushroom wasn't like a perfect picture like it is in a book or movie. It was kind of stirred. A few hours later, black smoke started to come out because the city was on fire at the same time. Because the explosion from the air crushed the houses down to the ground; the whole city was on fire. And the smoke was going up higher and higher. And then about two or three hours later, we started seeing paper, cotton, something light coming down. It was dark with the smoke above.

I don't exactly remember what time it was. I thought it was around noon. Right after that debris started coming down, there was black rain. It was pretty black. The rice paddy was all black. We didn't know what was going on. About three days later, I saw the victims with burns. Some people had the sides of their faces all burned and their ear melted completely. And some had burned bodies.

They were supposed to wear protection over their face and head. They had protection before the A-bomb. But the plane was gone and it was all clear, so they took it off. That's the reason they got burned. Those who kept their protection on didn't get burned.

## Kusunoki continued

One of my classmates came home about three or four days after the A-bomb. His injury wasn't very severe and serious, but he was affected by radiation. His hair all came out and his tongue started to melt. It was terrible. Amazingly he survived. It took about two or three years to cure his illness. He was still alive in 1960. I don't know how long he lived after that because I lost contact. A lot of victims had died after 10-15 years.

I had a cousin. After the bomb, my aunt went over to find him because they had an evacuation location in case something happened. She knew where it was, so she went there. On the first day, she could not find him. On the second day, there was no luck. The third day, she found him lying in an assembly area. He was hurt really bad. There was no cart or truck to haul him home. My aunt put him on her back and carried him all the way back to gion probably 3 miles away. It was a long distance to carry a boy.

She had to take a detour because the bridge was down and some streets couldn't get through. I don't know how long it took her to get home. Her son survived for three days. Sadly, he died. He was only 13 and a half years old, which was same age as I was. His father came home, and she had to tell him that he was gone. I could remember that and it was a really sad story. His father was so shocked and he screamed. The neighbors all heard us. That was the story from my aunt.

I'm really afraid of the bomb getting in wrong people's hands some day and they use it. The bomb at Hiroshima is probably a 2,000<sup>th</sup> smaller than what they have now -- the hydrogen bomb. It will be scary. I hope nobody uses it. And now I could say to even young people, you enjoy your life, be sensible, and then hope for the best. For me, it doesn't matter, because I don't really have much life to live.

## March 2026 Chair's Letter

By Tyler Moriguchi

*"Old friends become new teachers."*

– Rev. JP De Guzman

First off, Otsukaresama deshita. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and energy and attended the Northwest District Convention and BCA National Council Meeting. Special thanks to convention co-chairs Marissa and Alex for years of planning and coordination. I would also like to express my deep gratitude to all the Northwest District temples who helped put on a successful event.

At the BCA National Council public workshops held on February 7<sup>th</sup>, Rev. JP De Guzman, minister's assistant at the Buddhist Church of Santa Barbara and San Fernando Valley Buddhist Temple, spoke on growing their Sangha. During the workshop, Rev. De Guzman's quote above resonated with me. While we may not all be ordained Buddhist ministers, we can all be teachers to friends, family, and everyone we encounter, in the way we live our lives following the Buddha Dharma.

As we reopen our temple, we can expect to welcome many new, and returning, visitors curious to see the renovated temple. This will be an opportunity for all of us to be teachers by welcoming these visitors and making them feel part of the Sangha. I encourage all of us to extend our hospitality to our guests and create an inclusive environment.

In Gratitude,  
Tyler Moriguchi



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# Musical Notes

Submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi

Rev. Kusunoki and I were attending the BCA National Council Meeting along with the Seattle Betsuin delegates while the NWD convention workshops took



place, so it was nice to hear comments from others at the Sunday February 22 Dharma Exchange about the workshop programs. For the convention theme “Renewal: Jodo Shinshu for Today,” music was included in various ways throughout the weekend including music elements likely new to many attendees and feature BCA Music Committee efforts. For the BCA Music Committee report to the BCA National Council, I was happy to welcome the attendees from across BCA to the Northwest District where BCA Music Committee started in summer 2020 when Bishop Rev. Marvin Harada and then BCA President Kent Matsuda had asked the Northwest District to form a Music Committee. Look for more convention music details in the April issue of the BCA Wheel of Dharma.



Donna Sasaki presenting “Gathas: Hear and Now” with tech support from Jesse Moneyhun

In the meantime, kudos to Alex Sakamoto and Marissa Wong as convention co-chairs and Jesse Moneyhun and Dean O’Shields (NWD workshops) with Yvette Terada and Claire Murata (DS programs) for organizing a memorable weekend. Background music before services were supported by Esther Sugai and Hieu Moriguchi. Donna Sasaki, assisted by Lisa Orpilla, led two sessions of “Gathas: Hear and Now” to present and teach some of the more recent BCA Music Committee gatha compositions. Bonbu Stories led a youth workshop ‘ “Lantern Song” Unplugged’ with a craft activity to decorate memorial tassels for lanterns and taught “Lantern Song” bon odori. These creative artists were the featured entertainment for the convention banquet sharing a variety of original gathas with taiko choreography. Northwest Minyo Kai leading “Tanko Bushi” provided a rousing celebratory ending to the banquet entertainment.



“Tanko Bushi” Ann S. and Tara T.



Northwest Minyo Kai



Decorated lantern tassels from the “Lantern Song’ Unplugged” workshop

Many convention attendees commented on the involvement of youth and the variety of music included. For the BCA Eitaikyo Service, having the instrumentalists and singers from the Seattle Betsuin middle school/HS DS class join for “Light of Wisdom” was really great! For the ministers’ procession for the BCA Eitaikyo service, Seattle Gagaku Group members Rev. Tadao Koyama, Kayla Butler, Esther Sugai, and Dennis Yamashita were supported by Rev. Ryuta Furumoto, Pam Matsuoka, and Edythe Vassall. Edythe playing the kakko drum part really enhanced the gagaku performance! She also supported the Northwest District singers for the service along with Elaine Jones from San Jose Betsuin.

The joint event started Friday evening, February 13 with Techno Hoyo by Rev. Gyosen Asakura, arranged by Rev. Harada and BCA, as the first stop of this year’s Techno Hoyo US Tour [Techno Hoyo US Tour | BCA](#)



Techno Hoyo!

## Musical Notes continued



Rev. Marvin Harada with Bonbu Stories and Northwest Minyo Kai after the banquet entertainment

Ukulele practice will be at 9:15 am on Sundays March 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> – 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.



EN: Kangen Gagaku. Photograph from Music Department of the Imperial Household Agency 2005.

# Sunday Service and Sunday

## Dharma Exchange Notes

Submitted by Irene Goto

Sunday Services have been taking place in Densho's community room while the Temple is in its last phase of reconstruction. Sometime in March Sunday Services are expected to resume in the hondo (main hall) at 10:00AM, in person, after over two years of construction. However, live-stream of Sunday service will likely not be available for some weeks. Please sign up for Seattle Betsuin's weekly e-news (newsletter) at [www.SeattleBetsuin.org](http://www.SeattleBetsuin.org) and receive live-stream updates and other news via e-mail.

Dharma Exchange takes place after Sunday Service from 10:50AM to 11:30AM, the location is to be determined and will be in-person only. Coffee and tea, hopefully, will be available as 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>.

**February 1, 2026**

### Dharma Message

Seattle Betsuin Scout Sunday [SEATTLE BETSUIN SCOUTS SUNDAY SERVICE | 2026-02-01](#)



**February 8, 2026**

### Dharma Message

[SEATTLE BETSUIN LADY TAKEKO KUJO & LADY YOSHIKO OHTANI MEMORIAL SERVICE | 2026-02-08](#) "Choices"

### Dharma Message

Rev. Rosalie May gave an inspiring message based on two important women of Nishi Hongwanji-ha who established the Buddhist Women's Association in Japan and internationally. Please view her talk online.

### Dharma Exchange

The Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association general meeting was held in the Densho community room in lieu of Dharma Exchange.

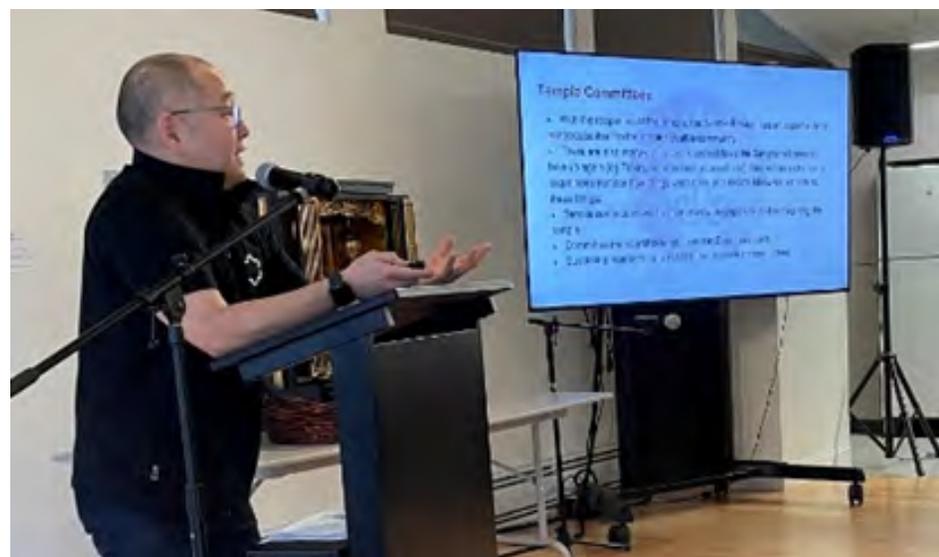
**February 15, 2026** [2026 BCA NATIONAL COUNCIL EITAIKYO SERVICE 2026-02-15](#) Also accessible from [seattlebetsuin.org/](http://seattlebetsuin.org/).

Service was held at Northwest District Buddhist Convention at the Hyatt Regency Hotel Renton, WA; photo below, left. The 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention was held in conjunction with the meeting of Buddhist Churches of America National Council. A banquet for all attendees was held on Saturday, February 16, 2026; below.



### Dharma Exchange

Seattle Betsuin Chairperson Tyler Moriguchi gave an update on Board positions and committees. He encourages everyone to participate in a task or committee in order to keep the temple programs and offerings available and to increase membership.



# Sunday Service and Sunday Dharma Exchange Notes Continued.

**Dharma Exchange** was the experience of attending NW Convention -- meeting old friends and new friends, experiencing the dharma.



**February 22, 2026**

## [SEATTLE BETSUIN NIRVANA DAY PET MEMORIAL SERVICE | 2026-02-22](#)

Rimban Kusunoki conducts service and gives the dharma talk. He recommends a children's book by BDK for young children. Rev. Kusunoki relates the story of the passing of Shakyamuni Buddha into Nirvana. The Buddha accepted dana from everyone, regardless of their status, but because of their sincere heart.

**Dharma Exchange** submitted by Leanne Nishi-Wong and Joan Nakano. Sensei discussed the NW Convention and had members of the sangha speak about their experiences.



Rev. Kusunoki



Joe G.



Paul M.



Tina Z-K



Kathy H and Junko N.



Kemi N.



Susie T., Calvin T., Paul M., Tina Z-K., Kevin Y., Debbie S.

# Sunday Service and Sunday Dharma Exchange Notes Continued.

Rev. Kusunoki asked for comments and feedback about the workshops at the Convention since he was tied up in BCA activities and was unable to attend any of them. The comments were too numerous to list, but feedback about the workshops was very positive. Attendees were impressed with the presenters as well as the content of the workshops. They were also inspired by the keynote speech delivered by Rev. Melissa Opel. It was nice to hear everyone's perspective



Above Rev. Melissa Opel, minister at Buddhist Church of San Francisco, <https://www.buddhistchurchofsanfrancisco.org/>, delivers the Dharma Message at Saturday Morning Service February 14, 2026, on interdependence, causes, and conditions in her life.



# Dharma School News

Submitted by Joan Nakano

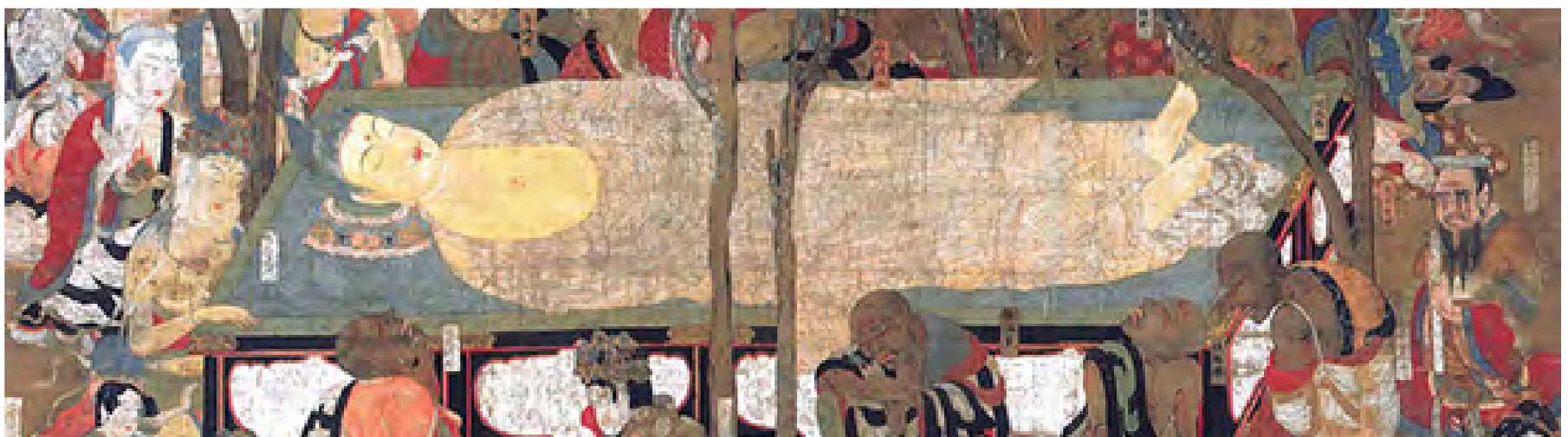
February was a busy month, especially for Alex and Marissa. A heartfelt thank you to both for serving as the co-chairs for the 78th Northwest District Buddhist Convention and BCA National Council Meeting, and to everybody who supported this event to help make it so successful. Dharma School/Jr. YBA was also able to provide Seattle Buddhist Temple students with a subsidy to support their registration.



Photo from BCA Bookstore  
<https://bcabookstore.org/wrist-onejuzi-1/>

During the weekend, Dharma School students attended the Bonbu Stories workshop and the Onenju-making session with our very own Rev. Matt May and Rev. Rosalie—thank you both! Students created additional stanzas for Buddha Loves You and “adopted” Beanie Baby pets to take home. We invited other attendees to write their own stanza and adopt a pet at our Dharma School table, so you might have spotted Bishop Harada and other guests carrying around their newly adopted Beanie Babies!

We also made Valentine’s Day cards, enjoyed snacks, colored, and played games with both new and longtime Dharma friends.



We also observed Nirvana Day at the temple and hope to restart our traditional Nirvana Day potluck next year. Dharma School is now helping to decorate our new hanamido for Hanamatsuri. If you would like to help fold and glue origami papers to create our beautiful flowers, please see Kathy—your help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Gassho,  
Claire and Yvette



Hanamido. Photo from <https://www.kanpai-japan.com/lifestyle/hana-matsuri-kanbutsue>

# SBBWA

Submitted by Ileene Tanabe

*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.*

## 2026 SBBWA Cabinet

**Co-Presidents: Tina Ko and Susie Yamane**

**Co-Vice Presidents: Susie Taketa and Lori Kozai**

**Co-Recording Secretaries: Suzanne Fujinari and Andrea Mano**

**Corresponding Secretary: Ileene Tanabe**

**Treasurer: Debbie Shibata**

**Auditors: Nori Nakamura and Jan Keltner**

SBBWA had the Lady Kujo and Lady Ohtani Memorial service on February 8th in the Densho building. Reverend Rosalie May was the guest speaker for the Dharma message. It was followed by the SBBWA General Meeting in Densho and Zoom. Looking forward to the New Member luncheon in April!



Lady Takako Kujo and Lady Yoshiko Ohtani

Photos from Buddhist Temple of San Diego  
<https://www.buddhisttemplesandiego.org/bwa-background-history>



Pictures from Northwest District Convention of SBBWA and temple members

# SBBWA Continued

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Fukuda Chiyo-ni, a Japanese Buddhist nun and haiku poet of the Edo period.



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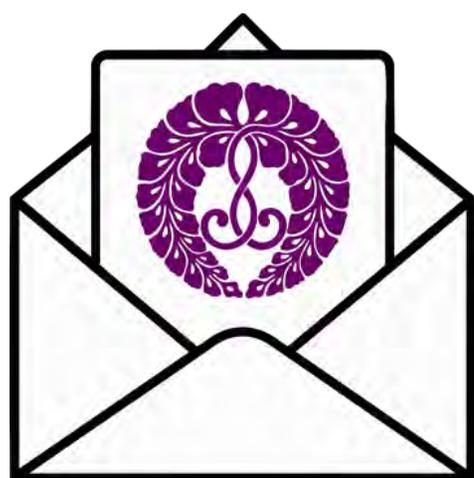
## Upcoming Event

### Book Discussion Group

The group read Dr Blum's Cultivating Spirituality last year. He is a respected scholar of Japanese literature and Buddhism. Due to his visit to the Betsuin on Sunday, March 15, we will hold our next meeting on April 11 9:30-11. We will study the writings of James C. Dobbins. Details to follow.

Everyone is welcome.

Submitted by Gail K.



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# TROOP 252 UPDATE

Submitted by Felix Kordich and Darla DeFrance



In the month of February the Scouts of Troop 252 had a full schedule, starting with Scout Sunday and later the NVC Volunteer Appreciation Brunch. Then, we had a Day of Remembrance ceremony at the State Capitol.

In the Scout's Sunday service, many members of Troop 252 led – or were helping to lead – various parts of the service.





## **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](mailto: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).



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Kevin Tanemura,  
Kayoko Terada,  
Senoe Torgerson,  
Arlene Yamada.

Compiled by Howard, Joan, & Steph

We would like to **'WELCOME' Senoe Torgerson** as a new member of the Betsuin Sangha.

**Thank you for volunteering!**

**Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help make the 2026 78th Northwest District Buddhist Convention & BCA National Council Meeting a success, and thank you in particular to Marissa Wong and Alex Sakamoto for co-chairing the Convention Event committee.**

**Thank you to Gary Shibata, Grace Tazuma, Craig Nakashima, Dean O'Shields, Andrea Mano, Henry Watanabe, Corey Murata and Steve Kubota for having maintenance work parties on February 7th and 21st to complete various projects in and around the temple.**



## 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, Shigeo	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



## 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, Isune	Masunaga, Fumiye	Saiki, Ululani
Aoyama, George	Iwamura, Katsuzo	Matsui, Melvin	Sakamoto, Leah
Asaba, Joanne	Jinka, Noboru	Matsui, Mitsue	Sakuma, Cedric
Asaba, Larry	Kanegae, Roy	Matsumoto, Thomas	Sakuma, Katherine
Asaba, Marian	Kano, Nobuyoshi	Matsuno, George	Santon, Tamiko
Asakura, Ume	Kano, Shigeo	Mikami, Takumi	Sasame, Teru Kan
Baba, Sadao	Katayama, Akira	Mitchell, Peggy	Shibata, Tom
Baba, Yuriko	Katayama, Chima	Miyake, Yukiko	Shigaya, Mary
Clem, Cora	Kato, Hisako	Mizokawa, Shigeyo	Shinbo, George
Dodobara, Masako	Kato, Kuniye	Mizuhata, Michiko	Shinoda, Kimi
Ekinaka, Fumiko	Kato, Mitsu	Mizuhata, Sueko	Shintaku, Tomeko
Emata, Hideji	Kawada, Noboru	Mizuta, George	Sudo, Eiko
Fujii, Ernest	Kawahara, Makie	Mizuta, Kimi	Sudo, Mamoru
Fujii, Minoru	Kawanishi, Teikichi	Mochizuki, Yoneko	Suetsugu, Etsuko
Fujii, Yoshito	Kawasaki, Victor	Morisaki, Harry	Suzuki, Tohachi
Fujioka, Chikayo	Kido, Edward	Moritani, Shigeru	Takashima, Sadami
Fukuhara, Tadashi	Kihara, Yayeko	Nagai, Tamotsu	Takemoto, Kazuo
Glass, Nadine	Kimura, Haruyo	Nagamatsu, Kimiko	Takemoto, Misako
Groves, Fumiko	Kimura, Kikuno	Nagata, Inori	Takenaga, Shige
Hagimori, Kaoru	Kishida, Yaso	Nakamura, Alan	Takeshita, Kazuko
Hagimoto, Shuichi	Kitashima, Richard	Nakanishi, Shizuichi	Tamura, Tokio
Hanada, Iwao	Kogita, Marion	Nakano (Infant)	Tanaka, Masaye
Hanada, Seiji	Kondo, Keiji	Nakano, Haruko	Tanemura, Masao
Hara, Ricky	Kondo, Teruko	Nakano, Krista	Toyaji, Susan
Harada, Toshio	Kondo, Yo	Nakashima, Hidehiro	Tsubokawa, Terum
Haraguchi, Mitsuru	Konishi, Tom	Nakashima, Masao	Tsukamaki, Asako
Harrison, Mitsue	Kubo, Kazuo	Nakashima, Masato	Tsutsui, Komatsu
Harui, Norio	Kubo, Masayoshi	Nakashima, Yoshiko	Usui, Chise
Hata, Carmen	Kubo, Tomi	Nishimoto, Masao	Uyeda, Nobukazu
Hayashida, Tani	Kuramoto, Amy	Nitta, Bobby	Wittshirik, Hiromi
Higashi, Hatsune	Kurita, Mio	Nitta, Yoshiko	Yabuki, Ryoto
Hoshino, Gayle	Kuwada, Kazuo	Ogami, Tayeko	Yamada, Asaichi
Ikemura, Terunobu	Lee, Toh	Ohashi, Mokichi	Yamaguchi, Moto
Imabori, Teruo	Mack Harada	Okamoto, Masao	Yamamoto, Kay
Inouye, Hajime	Maeshiro, Asamitsu	Okamura, Mineko	Yamane, Shizue
Ito, Itsuko	Masuhara, Ichiyo	Okuma, Linda	Yamazaki, Hitoshi
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# MARCH 2026 BETSUIN CALENDAR

## MARCH 2026 BETSUIN SCHEDULE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>MARCH 2026 SPECIAL EVENTS</b> April 5 Hanamatsuri Service April 20 Earth Day Family Music service April 27 Eshinni-ko & Kakushinni-ko Memorial Service						
<b>1</b> 10 am <b>CAMP FIRE SUNDAY SERVICE</b>  10:50 am Dharma Exchange Dharma School	<b>2</b> <i>Rimban's day off</i>	<b>3</b> 9:30 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom	<b>4</b> <i>Office closed</i>	<b>5</b> 1:30 pm Nikkai Manor Service	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <i>Office closed</i>
<b>8</b> 10 am <b>SUNDAY SERVICE</b>  10:50 am <b>GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING</b> Dharma School	<b>9</b> <i>Rimban's day off</i>	<b>10</b> 9:30 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom	<b>11</b> <i>Office closed</i>	<b>12</b>  7 pm Betsuin Cabinet meeting	<b>13</b> 12 pm Gojikai Meeting	<b>14</b> <i>Office closed</i>
<b>15</b> 10 am <b>SPRING OHIGAN SERVICE</b> Guest speaker: Dr. Mark Blum  10:50 am DX: Guest Lecture: Dr. Mark Blum Dharma School	<b>16</b> <i>Rimban's day off</i>	<b>17</b> 9:30 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom	<b>18</b> <i>Office closed</i>	<b>19</b> <i>Rimban traveling</i>  1:30 pm Nikkai Manor Service  7 pm Betsuin Cabinet Meeting	<b>20</b> <i>Rimban traveling</i>	<b>21</b> <i>Office closed</i>
<b>22</b> 10 am <b>SUNDAY SERVICE</b>  10:50 am Dharma Exchange Dharma School	<b>23</b> <i>Rimban's day off</i>	<b>24</b> 9:30 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom  8 pm <b>Newsletter                      deadline</b>	<b>25</b> <i>Office closed</i>  11 am Merrill Gardens Service	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <i>Office closed</i>
<b>29</b> 10 am <b>SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY SERVICE</b>  10:50 am Scholarship Celebration Dharma Exchange Dharma School	<b>30</b> <i>Rimban's day off</i>	<b>31</b> 9:30 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom	To view all services, please visit <a href="http://www.youtube.com/seattlebuddhisttemple">http://www.youtube.com/seattlebuddhisttemple</a>  Please call ahead to make an appointment with the Seattle Betsuin office at 206-329-0800.  Visits by appointment only.			

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2025-2026 LECTURE SERIES

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Please see link below to view program trailer and ticket purchase link to the performance on April 11, 2026, 6 PM, at UW Meany Hall.

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- March 1
  - 10 am Camp Fire Sunday Service
  - 10:50 am Charma Exchange  
Dharma School
- March 8
  - 10 am Sunday Service
  - 10:50 am General Annual Meeting  
Dharma School
- March 15
  - 10 am Spring Ohigan Service
  - 10:50 am Dharma Exchange: Guest Lecturer,  
Dr. Mark Blum
- March 22
  - 10 am Sunday Service
  - 10:50 am Dharma Exchange  
Dharma School
- March 29
  - 10 am Scholarship Sunday Service
  - 10:50 am Scholarship Celebration  
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