



June Newsletter

by Rimban Katsuya Kusunoki

Buddha's Words

It is the saddest event to separate from a loved one. It is unbearably painful. However, I think there is another reason why we lament our separation from our loved one. We lament because our encounter and interaction with our loved ones was a



wonderful, meaningful, and precious event in our life. Lamenting this separation from our loved one is proof that this encounter is a treasure to us.

When I conduct a pillow service or a funeral service, I contemplate my life through his/her life who passed away. And I ask myself what my “life” is. What is a good life? What does it mean to live my life? When these questions come to my mind, I remember a poem which was written by a Jodo Shinshu follower.

**HOTOKESAMA NO KOTOBA –Buddha’s words-
You, as you are, you’re just right.
Your face, body, name, surname,
For you, they are just right.**

**Whether poor or rich,
Your parents, your children, your daughter-in-law, your grandchildren,
They are, all for you, just right.**

**Happiness, unhappiness, joy and even sorrow.
For you, they are just right.
The life that you have tread is neither good nor bad,
For you, it is just right.
Whether you go to hell or to the Pure Land,
Wherever you go is just right.**

**Nothing to boast about, nothing to feel bad about,
Nothing above, nothing below.
Even the day and month that you die,
Even they are just right.**

**Life in which you walk together with Amida (BUDDHA),
There’s no way that it can’t be just right.**

**When you receive your life as just right,
Then a deep and profound trust begins to open up.**

NAMUAMIDABUTSU

My mother taught me this poem just before I moved to the US. She always has a copy of this poem in her chanting bookcase. When she experiences hardships and painful events, she reads this poem. This poem says, “You, just as you are, you are just right.” This “You” means myself. I should not read this poem while pointing at another person with my finger. I read and listen this poem as if the Buddha is speaking to me.

When I look back on my life, I often compare it with the lives of others.

“That person is so much smarter than I am.”

“That person is wealthy—how fortunate, and compared to them, I...”

“I’m glad I haven’t become ill like that person.”

Even while saying, “Others are others, and I am myself,” we are often unable to measure the value of our own lives except in comparison with others. By comparing ourselves to others, we rejoice, become discouraged, worry, and suffer.

Yet, Amida Buddha’s compassion accepts and embraces this very life of mine without measuring it, without placing labels upon it, without judging it as superior or inferior, simply saying, “You as you are, you are just right.”

Shinran Shonin wrote in his Wasan (poem),
**Seeing the sentient beings of the nembustu
Throughout the worlds, countless as particles, in the ten quarters,
The Buddha grasps* and never abandons them,
And therefore is named “Amida.”**

*grasps (攝取setsu-shu): Once grasped, one is never abandoned. Setsu 撮 means to pursue and grasp the one who seeks to run away. Setsu 撮 means to take in; shu 取 means to receive and embrace.

A life lived together with the Buddha—whether long or short, no matter what others may say, whatever kind of life it may be—is a life lacking nothing. It is a full life. Day by day, with gratitude, I live this life with Amida Buddha and recite the Buddha’s name. Namoamidabutsu.

June 2026 Chair's Letter

By Tyler Moriguchi

As we come to the end of another Dharma School year, I'd like to thank our wonderful Dharma School board and teachers for their generosity of time and expertise.



I am grateful for the gift of the Dharma that our children received throughout the school year. Thank you also to all the Dharma School parents who drove, dragged, and/or bribed their children to temple on Sundays.

Thanks to the Archives committee, I have been reading old Wheel of the Sangha newsletters from 2001, when the temple was celebrating its 100th anniversary. It's amazing to see how many activities occurred at the temple throughout the week – there was even pickleball two days a week back then! As we work our way to being fully reopened, I am inspired by the possibilities that the temple can once again be a gathering place for the Sangha to gather, share, learn, and play. Please feel free to reach out if you have ideas on activities that the temple can host.

I hope you will be able to join us for our Bishops' and Rimbans' Memorial service on May 31st.

In Gratitude,
Tyler Moriguchi



125th Anniversary

Mukashi, Mukashi...

In honor of the Seattle Betsuin's upcoming 125th anniversary in November, we will be featuring excerpts from Mukashi Mukashi, long long ago, The First Century of the Seattle Buddhist Church, written by Ronald E. Magden, Ph.D. to commemorate the temple's 100th anniversary in 2001.

“On March 11, 1954, the Seattle Buddhist Church received notification from Nishi Hongwanji of its elevation to Betsuin status (a direct branch temple of Nishi Hongwanji). Upon recommendation of the Buddhist Churches of America, Reverend Tatsuya Ichikawa was to be addressed as Rinban. Only Los Angeles and Fresno had achieved this high rank prior to Seattle. The Riji [chair of the board of trustees] immediately set in motion plans for the formal installation ceremony. The Seattle Fujinkai [present day SBBWA] donated a complete set of colorful formal and black informal robes for the use of the Rinban and ministerial staff.” (Magden, p. 195)

Note: The Nishi Hongwanji Temple in Kyoto is the head temple of the Nishi Hongwanji Jodo Shinshu school of Buddhism, of which the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple belongs. There are currently 5 Betsuin within the BCA: Fresno, Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Jose, Seattle.

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

The screenshot shows the BCA website header with the logo and tagline 'Life of Gratitude'. Below the header is a navigation bar with social media icons and a search bar. The main content area features a section titled 'Events' with a photograph of a man speaking at a podium in front of an audience.

Musical Notes

Submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi

After the Gotan-E service on May 17, the BCA Music Youth Gatha Lyric Contest results were announced to the in-person attendees. Congratulations to the Seattle Betsuin High School Dharma School class!



Their class lyric entry “The Dharma is Here” was selected as the winner. The judging panel consisted of Rev. Michael Endo, Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji, Rev. Melissa Opel, Ellie Mizushima, Karen Mukai, Donna Sasaki, and me. Darlene Bagshaw for the Federation of Dharma School Teachers League and BCA Music Committee accepted the lyric entries and provided them to the judging panel so that we did not know the name, grade, or temple of the submissions. However, Rev. Kusunoki, Rev. Tadao Koyama, Donna Sasaki and I are very proud of our Northwest District winners.

The lyrics were sent to Gordon Ah Tye from the Fresno Betsuin to set to music. Gordon is the composer of the gathas “Say Namu Amida Butsu” and “I’m a Link in the Golden Chain,” which are among the favorite gathas at many temples across BCA. The BCA New Buddhist Music subcommittee is delighted that Gordon accepted the task.

If you missed the Partner Dance webinar on May 16, the recorded video has been posted to the BCA Music YouTube channel.

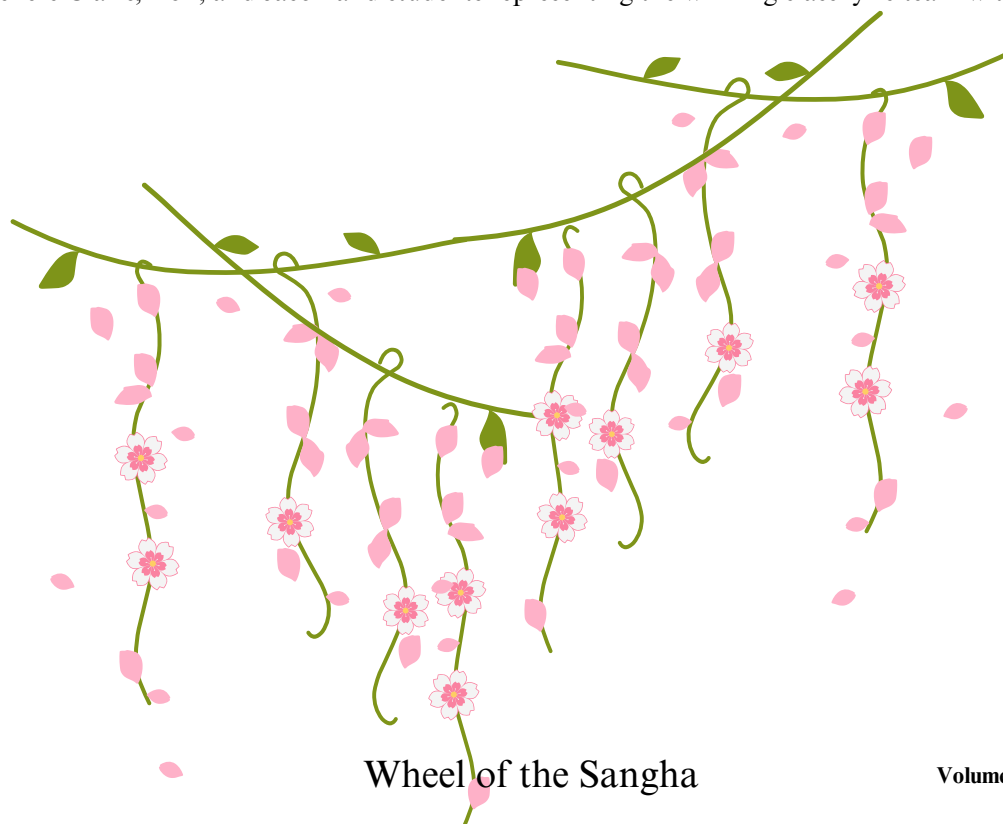
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wZHT02yFC4E>

Check out these fun dances taught by instructors Kerry Wong from Buddhist Church of Stockton and Valerie Yotsuya with assistance from Shirley Baba Price from Cortez Sangha.

The next Singing, Strumming and Sharing Zoom will be on Monday, June 8. Please contact the temple office for the Zoom link if you would like to join.



Teachers Claire, Ron, and Jason and students representing the winning class lyric team with Rev. Kusunoki



Sunday Service and Sunday

Dharma Exchange Notes

Submitted by Irene Goto

Sunday Services have resumed in the Hondo (main hall) at 10:00AM, in person. Live-streaming of Sunday service will likely be somewhat interrupted until technical issues are perfected. Please sign up for Seattle Betsuin's weekly e-news (newsletter) at 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, usually in the Hondo, and is 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>



April 26, 2026 Eshinni-ko and Kakushinni-do Memorial Service

Rev. Sara Perrott, Minister's Assistant with Tokudo, serving at White River Buddhist Temple, gave the dharma message and led Dharma Exchange.

May 3, 2026

Rev. Dr. Nobuo Haneda, originally scheduled to give the dharma message, was not able to attend. In his stead, Rev. Kusunoki gave a message about being flexible, as opposed to being hardened like cement. Dharma Exchange was a video on the life of D.T. Suzuki introduced by Rev. Don Castro.



May 10, 2026 Mother's Day

Rev Matt May gave the dharma message on Rennyō Shōnin -- how he shaped our rituals, liturgy, and understanding that we experience today.

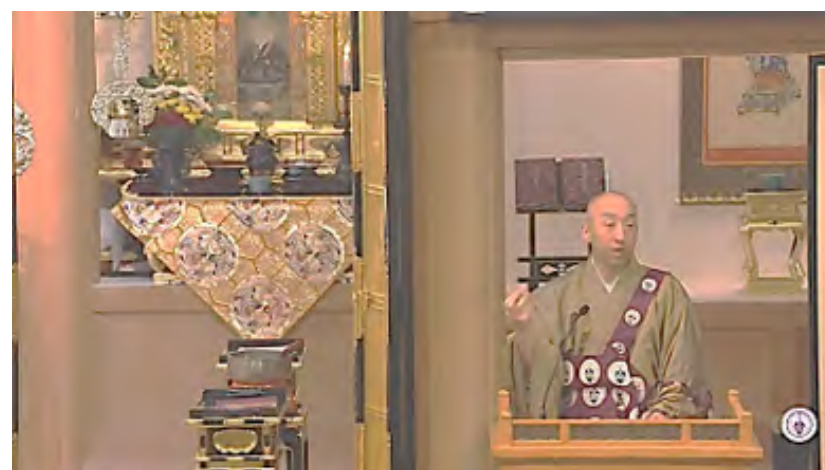
May 10, 2026 Mother's Day Continued

Dharma Exchange was held in Memorial Hall Chapel. Rev. Irene Goto and Chris Grabowski explained the Butsudān Adoption Program at Seattle Betsuin. Several obutsudan, home altars, were displayed along with home altar, where to place it, and how to respect and hold home service in front of it. Chris also explained that many butsudān are in need of repair and has suggestions that repairs can be done.



May 17, 2026

Celebration of Shinran Shōnin's Birthday, born May 21, 1173. Rimban Kusunoki reminded us of the significance of birthdays, how they came to be celebrated in Japan, and ways we celebrate birthdays today. He asked us, "Are you enjoying your Pure Land Cruise?"



Dharma Exchange experienced technical difficulties; the video on the life of D.T. Suzuki will continue the following Sunday.

A delicious Gotan-e lunch of won ton soup and dessert was served in the gym. Boy Scouts also offered baked goods. "Thank you," to all who made this a happy social gathering.

Dharma School News

Submitted by Joan Nakano

Five Dharma School Sundays in May!

On the first Sunday, the primary class took a walking field trip to the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Washington (JCCCW) to Kodomo No Hi where the students were able to participate in crafts and watch performances and demonstrations. A few teachers and Dharma School board members joined Scouts and Camp Fire to promote Dharma School and our youth groups, while hosting a craft table to make koi, kori and kabuto.

We enjoyed celebrating Shinran Shonin's birthday as a sangha. Thank you to the Gotan-e lunch crew for making the delicious dumpling soup and desserts. Would you like to enjoy another lunch together? Dharma School will be having our end of the year service and lunch at North Bend with Tacoma Buddhist Temple Dharma School on June 7. Please join us! Also, please keep an eye out for Obon sign-ups coming soon!

Gassho,
Claire and Yvette



Dharma School craft table at Kodomo No Hi



JAPANESE
CULTURAL &
COMMUNITY
CENTER of
WASHINGTON



Koi flags

<https://jacc.org/events/kodomo-no-hi-childrens-day-celebration-2021/>

2026 Seattle Betsuin Scholarship Awards

Submitted by Steve and Lori Chisholm

The Betsuin high school scholarships are awarded through a generous donation from the Harold N. and Yoshiko Tsujihara family. The selection criteria includes leadership and participation in the temple, BCA, school and the community, along with scholastic achievement and a commitment to stay involved in the temple. The applicants also submit an essay to show their understanding of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism.

The theme of this year's essay was "Finding the Path in Life Every Day" and was from an article in "Encountering The Buddha" written by Mr. Tomohide Numata (BDK, Society for the Promotion of Buddhism).

The 2026 recipients are as follows:

Hieu Moriguchi (The Downtown School – A Lakeside School) is the current president of the Jr YBA. He has been involved in the Seattle Betsuin Bodhi Ensemble for 12 years and helped write, produce and record the gatha "Light of Wisdom". At high school, Hieu served as the ASB Vice President and was the group leader of the Asian American Affinity group. Hieu plans to study engineering in college.

Drew Taylor (Lincoln High School) is currently the treasurer of the Jr YBA. He has been involved in the Seattle Betsuin Bodhi Ensemble for 6 years. He was awarded the "Dharma Award" for completing the Betsuin Sangha Class. Drew has worked as a life guard and swim teacher with Seattle Parks and Recreation. At high school he has been involved in Jazz Band, Wind Ensemble and Symphony Orchestra. He plans to study sociology in college.

Nathan Terada (Kentrige High School) was the vice president of the Young Buddhist League. Nathan was a six-time perfect attendance award recipient for Dharma School. He was a camp counselor at the Los Angeles Buddhist Church Summer Camp. At high school, Nathan was Varsity Judo Captain and Scholar Athlete. He was also a Varsity Scholar Athlete in Golf. Nathan was involved in numerous leadership roles in ASB, the Student Athlete Leadership Team, the National Honor Society, DECA, and Key Club. He is also a Washington State Regional Judo Referee. He plans to study business administration in college.

Vincent Yagi (Roosevelt High School) was the secretary for the Young Buddhist League. Victor was captain of the high school wrestling team and was a state qualifier and district champion. He was the founder and captain of the Judo high school team. Victor plans to study biology in college.

A big congratulations and good luck to Hieu, Drew, Nathan and Vincent!



Claire Murata, Vincent Yagi, Tomi Zumoto (daughter of Harold N and Yoshiko Tsujihara), Drew Taylor, Hieu Moriguchi, Reverend Kusunoki, (Not pictured – Nathan Terada)

Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association

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.

SBBWA participated in the ACSR Walk for Rice Fundraiser held on May 16th. The weather held up and we raised almost \$2400, (We surpassed our \$2000 goal!) Thank you to Tina, Susie, Kanako, Rev. Irene, Jesse, Tish, Toshi and Esther for walking. This 35+ year fundraiser is helping with food insecurities in the Asian and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander communities. Thank you for all the generous donations! Hope to see you next year!



SBBWA requests immediate donations of any kimono, yukata, happi, obi in ahead of Obon to sort and prepare before Obon. Also, donations of other dance items such as tabi, geta, kanzashi (hair decorations), kachi-kachi (castanets) uchiwa (round fan) or sensu (folding fan) are welcomed. Items will be sorted and cleaned if needed. Items in good condition will be sold as a fundraiser at Obon on July 18 & 19. Funds are being raised to offset costs of meals for our "Beiju"- (88 y/o + members) and to subsidize members attending BCA and BWA meetings, seminars, workshops etc. Other donated items will be re-purposed for future craft projects.

Your items may be brought on Sundays and given to Suzanne Fujinari or left at Temple office. Arigato Gozaimasu!

Thank you to SBBWA members for attending the Kanzashi flower craft workshop!

The first workshop on April 19th was attended by:

Patty Hiroo-Mastrude
Bonnie Dussler
Lisa Butler
Tina Ko
Janice Deguchi
Mae Yamasaki
Nina Tomita Kato
Char Yoritsune
Fran Shintaku
Machiko Wada
Andrea Mano
Donna Zumoto
Tish Oye
Mai Ketcherside
Mitsui Giulietti
Carol Aoki-Kramer
Lori Chisholm



Second Workshop on May 3 attended by:

Bev Sakamoto
Nina Tomita-Kato
Fran Shintaku
Patty Hiroo-Mastrude
Mae Yamasaki
Machiko Wada
Mai Ketcherside
Ann Hasegawa
Bonnie Dussler
Char Yoritsune
Tish Oye
Lisa Buttler
Susie Taketa
Mitsue Giulietti

Thank you to Kayoko Terada for making musubi with salmon for workshop attendees!

SEATTLE BETSUIN BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Submitted by Ann Oxrieder

May 21, 2026



The meeting began with a reading of Rennyō Shōnin's Letter Number 1

Highlights included:



An announcement of a Kawabe Foundation Grant submitted by Grace for \$15,000 for AV equipment.



Board approval of a company called “Bloomerang” for its Customer Relations Management system, (CRM).



Heard a presentation by Chris on the work of the Nokotsudo Committee to date. Topics presented included sizes of nokotsudo among different BCA temples, estimated funeral costs in the Seattle area, and responses by sanghas in Seattle, White River and Tacoma to the possibility of sharing one large nokotsudo in Seattle Betsuin.



Board decision to hold off getting involved at this time with the proposed Judkins Park Business Improvement Area, a tract that begins just north of the temple and borders Rainier Avenue South past the I-90 entrance/exit.

VOLUNTEER FOR THE JAPAN FAIR AND BON ODORI

Please help spread the word that volunteers are needed for both Japan Fair and Bon Odori. Below are links to sign up:

- Japan Fair 2026 Sign Up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4DA9AB29A3FF2-64205691-japan#/>
- Bon Odori: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4DA9AB29A3FF2-64159912-2026#/>

TROOP 252 UPDATE

Submitted by Felix Kordich and Darla DeFrance



During May,

Scouts had Camporee and competed very well for the size of the Troop. We tried very hard, and our work partially paid off. We didn't win any awards, but it's the learning and effort that counts, right?

The Scout Troop went down to a camp to train for disasters. We had fun, and got very wet from the rain. Some activities we did included CPR, wilderness first aid, codes, plant identification, and more!

Last month we camped out in North Bend with the new Scouts.



Later, over the Memorial Day weekend we planted flags on Nisei veterans' graves at Evergreen Washelli Cemetery. On Memorial Day, we were flag bearers for the Nisei Veteran's Service at Lake View Cemetery. We have had a good May, and we will do more soon. Bye!





Congratulating Our Permanent Office Administrator - Jesse Moneyhun!



Photo by Joe G.

It is with great excitement that the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple Board of Directors announces Jesse's new position as the Office Administrator!

Since joining the Temple in June 2025 as Project Coordinator, Jesse quickly stepped up to serve as Acting Office Manager following Ileene T.'s departure last November. After nearly six months in that role, Jesse officially began serving as Office Administrator on May 18, 2026.

While managing office operations, Jesse has already introduced positive improvements to the Temple office by expanding volunteer support for routine tasks, allowing greater focus on high-priority operations. For those who may need a refresher, Jesse's bio is shared below:

Jesse received a degree in Rhetoric Studies and Japanese from Whitman College, where he was able to study abroad in Kyoto, Japan at Doshisha University for one year. During his time at Whitman and abroad, he practiced tea ceremony, which he still practices today. After graduation he moved to Idaho and worked as a program facilitator and teacher with the International Rescue Committee, Idaho Office of Refugees, and local colleges to help newly arrived refugees navigate citizenship and employment. He moved to Seattle in 2021 and worked as a music teacher for 4 years.



Seattle Betsuin Earth Day Recycling Follow Up

Seattle Betsuin Sangha, you rock! What a great job you did bringing in your items for recycling and proper disposal on April 19! In addition to polystyrene (styrofoam), we received 19 pounds of alkaline batteries, quite a few nickel, lithium, and rechargeable batteries, and a compact fluorescent light bulb. Some of you even knew that batteries should have the ends taped! Let's all learn together as we continue to work on ecological practices.

The styrofoam collected is being taken to Styrorecycle <https://styrorecycle.com/> in Kent.

With the updated ban of batteries in trash in Seattle, the collection of the alkaline batteries is important as well. All batteries collected will be taken to one of the Hazardous Waste Facilities:

<https://www.seattle.gov/utilities/your-services/collection-and-disposal/where-does-it-go#/item/batteries>

For those living on the Eastside, please refer to City of Bellevue guidelines:

<https://bellevuewa.gov/city-government/departments/utilities/manage-your-utility-services/solid-waste/year-round-recycling-guide-for-unusual-items>



We plan to publicize again future opportunities to bring your items to the temple in order to encourage your good recycling practices. Please contact the temple office if you are interested in joining the Seattle Betsuin Eco-Sangha team or have additional information or suggestions.





Seattle Betsuin Earth Day Recycling Follow Up Dharma Exchange and Gym Photos from 4/19/2026



Rev. Castro leading an Eco-Sangha discussion at Dharma Exchange



Rev. Kusunoki, Rev. Castro, and Leanne with the Eco-Sangha display items



Enjoying the Hellinika gelato cart offerings



125th Anniversary Photo Request – Help Us Celebrate Our History!

As part of the Seattle Betsuin’s 125th Anniversary celebration, committee members Krista Lee and Dean O’Shields are gathering digital photos to feature in a year-long social media campaign honoring our temple’s history.



We are looking for old and historic photos of:

- The temple building (past and present)
- Temple organizations (BWA, YBA, Scouts, Dharma School, etc.)
- Temple events and celebrations, including Obon
- Any meaningful moments that capture our community’s history



If you have digital photos you’d like to share, please email them to the Temple Office. office@seattlebetsuin.org

When submitting, please include:

- The date or approximate year
- Names of people or organizations pictured (if known)
- Any background information that may be of interest

While we cannot guarantee that every submission will be used, we warmly welcome all contributions as we work to preserve and share the memories that shape the Betsuin’s story.



Thank you for helping us honor 125 years of community, tradition, and gratitude.



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 2026 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).



Brian Baba Jr., Janet Baba,
Lani Carpenter, Ellen Hale, Jamie Huh,
Wayne Kuramoto, Daniel Nakahara,
Greg & Ann Oxrieder,
Gary & Debbie Shibata,
Steve & Valerie Yamasaki,
Irwin Yoshimura

Compiled by Howard, Joan, & Steph



**We would like to “WELCOME”
Brian Baba Jr., Daniel Nakahara,
and Irwin Yoshimura
as new members of our Betsuin Sangha.
(Compiled by Joan N., & Steph O.)**



JUNE SHOTSUKI HOYO

The June Shotsuki Hoyo Memorial Service will honor the memory of those listed below who passed away in the Month of June within the last 50 years

Adachi, Shinsaburo	Hoshino, Akio	Matsumoto, Nobuko	Shimizu, Patrick
Aiko Shimizu	Hyde, Jane	Matsumoto, Patricia	Shimooka, Kazue
Akada, Same	Ichikawa, Satoru	Matsuoka, Toru	Shinagawa, Chieko
Akada, Shizue	Ideta, Henry	Mihara, Minoru	Shinbo, Tamio
Akutsu, Mary	Iguchi, Roy	Miyahara, Kiyoko	Shiota, Shiro
Amabe, Hisano	Imanishi, Yoshio	Miyamoto, Sumio	Song, Linyu
Aoyama, Katsumi	Inaba, Kenkichi	Miyao, Ume	Sumida, Hiroyuki
Baba, James	Inaba, Shigeko	Mizuki, Hisato	Suto, Bessie
Bobrow, Patricia	Iriumi, Hayato	Mizumoto, Fukiko	Suyematsu, Mitsuo
Doi, James	Ishibashi, Isao	Mizumoto, Nobuo	Suzaka, Frank
Dumont, Marion	Isomura, Mary	Moriguchi, Toshikatsu	Tai, Hisano
Eguchi, Otome	Iwasaki, Sachiko	Murakami, Tamae	Takei, Toshiko
Eng, Shee	Iwata, Nochi	Nagamatsu, Toshiko	Taketa, Arlene
Fudetani, Yoshio	Kajimura, Gary	Nagasugi, Tokuye	Tamura, Mary
Fujii, Yukiko	Kajimura, Hiroshi	Nakagawa, Kazuo	Tanabe, Riso
Fujikawa, Nobuko	Kanaya, Toshiji	Nakanishi, Misuno	Tanaka, Yoshimi
Fujimoto, Kiyoko	Kanegae, Toshie	Nakashima, Suyeko	Tani, Nobuko
Fujioka, Harumi	Kato, Michio	Ninomura, Sue	Tazuma, Masako
Fujioka, Momoko	Kawahara, Kiyoko	Nishimura, Iso	Tazuma, Noboru
Fujita, Kinu	Kawahara, Yoshisuke	Nokichi, Miwa	Terada, Kakichi
Furukawa, Shizuye	Kawamoto, Masao	Obata, Rose	Terada, Yayeko
Furuta, Roy	Kawasaki, Tokuyoshi	Ohara, Masato	Teramoto, Kenso
Furuta, Terumasa	Kianzon, Tatsu	Ohara, Rinzo	Terao, Fred
Hamano, Grace	Kido, Haruko	Ohmiya, Masasue	Tsuchikawa, Chiyo
Hamasaki, Satoko	Kiuchi, Janice	Oiye, Nobuko	Tsuji, Kitaro
Hanada, Ronald	Kobata, Kay	Okada, Sadaye	Tsuruyama, Miyo
Hara, Don	Kosai, Wesley	Okamura, Ray	Uyeji, Kamekichi (Kam)
Harada, Charles	Kozai, Yoshiko	Okawa, Archie	Watanabe, Shoji
Hasegawa, Yoriko	Kuramoto, Daisy	Ōmura, Kimi	Wataoka, Linda
Hayashi, Roger	Kurimoto, Aki	Pawloski, Junko	Yamaguchi, Iwao
Higashi, Shōzō	Kurosaki, Tsuyano	Platnick, Tamiko	Yamamoto, Gary
Higo, Seki	Maruko, Sadami	Sawa, Ayako	Yamamoto, Mineyo
Hirabayashi, Tomonobu	Matsuba, Fude	Shibayama, Kamekichi	Yokoyama, Hideyo
Hiraga, Noboru	Matsubu, Shigeko	Shimizu, Haruko	Yoshimi, Aiko
			Yoshinaka, Catherine



JULY SHOTSUKI HOYO

The July Shotsuki Hoyo Memorial Service will honor the memory of those listed below who passed away in the Month of July within the last 50 years

Adachi, Elaine	Hiroo, Edward	Moriguchi, Sadako	Takahashi, Mary
Akada, Yoshio	Horike, Ayako	Morikawa, George	Takano, Tomi
Aoki, Ruth	Iboshi, Ralph	Moriyama, Tamotsu	Taketa, Shikao
Arinobu, Yuki	Idaka, Totaro	Muneta, Jean	Tamura, Tadashi
Asaba, Kimiko	Inaba, Frank	Muramoto, Raymond	Tanaka, Shizue
Chang, Wai Kam	Inaba, Miyoko	Nagaishi, Shigeo	Tanemura, Toshikazu
Chu-Chan, Mee	Inouye, Shizu	Nakagawa, Nami	Tanino, Katsumi (Kats)
Demise, Ayako	Ishida, Kenichi	Nakamura, Jimmie	Taylor, Fusako
Fugami, Irene	Ishii, Miyoko	Nakamura, Saiji	Terada, Kimi
Fujihira, Shiro	Kajimura, Tsutomu	Nakashima, Fumiko	Terada, Minoru
Fujimoto, Asataro	Kajita, Aico	Nakashima, Yoneko	Terada, Toshiko
Fujino, Paul	Kaku, Yoshi	Nakawawa, Katsuko	Terao, Sadao
Fujita, Aiko	Kanaya, Mary	Nakayama, Kozo	Tokunaga, Joe
Fujita, Jack	Katayama, Donna	Namba, Chieko	Tsuboi, Tamiye
Fukai, Kiyoshi	Katayama, Yoshiko	Nishi, Asako	Tsuchida, Tsune
Funai, Aubrey	Kato, Michiko	Nishimoto, Junzo	Tsujihara, Naoto
Funamori, Yoneko	Kato, Sumiye	Nitta, Sami	Tsujii, Janet
Furuta, Charles	Kawahara, Kikuno	Nogami, Hamano	Tsukui, Florence
Furuta, Ikuno	Kawahara, Masano	Nomaguchi, Chiyokesa	Uchida, Yoshio
Furuta, Isamu	Kawanishi, Fusa	Ohara, Toshio	Yabuki, Haru
Gota, Helen	Kitano, Osamu	Ogohara, Kazue	Yamagiwa, Paul
Hamano, Kinuyo	Kiuchi, Kin	Okawa, Miye	Yamaguchi, Atsumi
Harada, Yoshito	Koura, Hatsuko	Okimura, Teimei	Yamaguchi, Kozo
Haraguchi, Sadame	Kubo, Masako	Omori, Aiko	Yamamoto, Dawn
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JUNE 2026 BETSUIN CALENDAR

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JULY 2026 SPECIAL EVENTS July 6, 7, 8 Bon Odori Practice July 18-19 Seattle Bon Odori	1 <i>Rimban's day off</i>	2 9:30 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom	3 <i>Office closed</i>	4 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service	5	6 <i>Office closed</i>
7 10 am SUNDAY SERVICE DS at North Bend: Last Day of Dharma School and Award Recognition 10:45 am Dharma Exchange Japanese Program	8 <i>Rimban's day off</i>	9 9:30 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom	10 <i>Office closed</i>	11 7 pm Betsuin Cabinet Meeting	12 12 pm Gojikai Meeting	13 <i>Office closed</i> 11 am - 5 pm Camp Fire Craft Fair
14 10 am BISHOPS / RIMBANS' MEMORIAL SERVICE 10:45 am Dharma Exchange Japanese Program	15 <i>Rimban's day off</i>	16 9:30 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom	17 <i>Office closed</i>	18 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service	19	20 <i>Office closed</i> 8 pm Newsletter deadline
21 10 am SUNDAY SERVICE 10:30 am Guest Seminar: Dr. James Dobbins	22 <i>Rimban's day off</i>	23 9:30 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom	24 <i>Office closed</i> 11 am Merrill Gardens Service	25	26	27 <i>Office closed</i>
28 10 am SUNDAY SERVICE 10:45 am Dharma Exchange Japanese Program	29 <i>Rimban's day off</i>	30 9:30 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom	<p><i>To view all services, please visit</i> http://www.youtube.com/seattlebuddhisttemple</p> <p>Please call ahead to make an appointment with the Seattle Betsuin office at 206-329-0800.</p> <p>Visits by appointment only.</p>			



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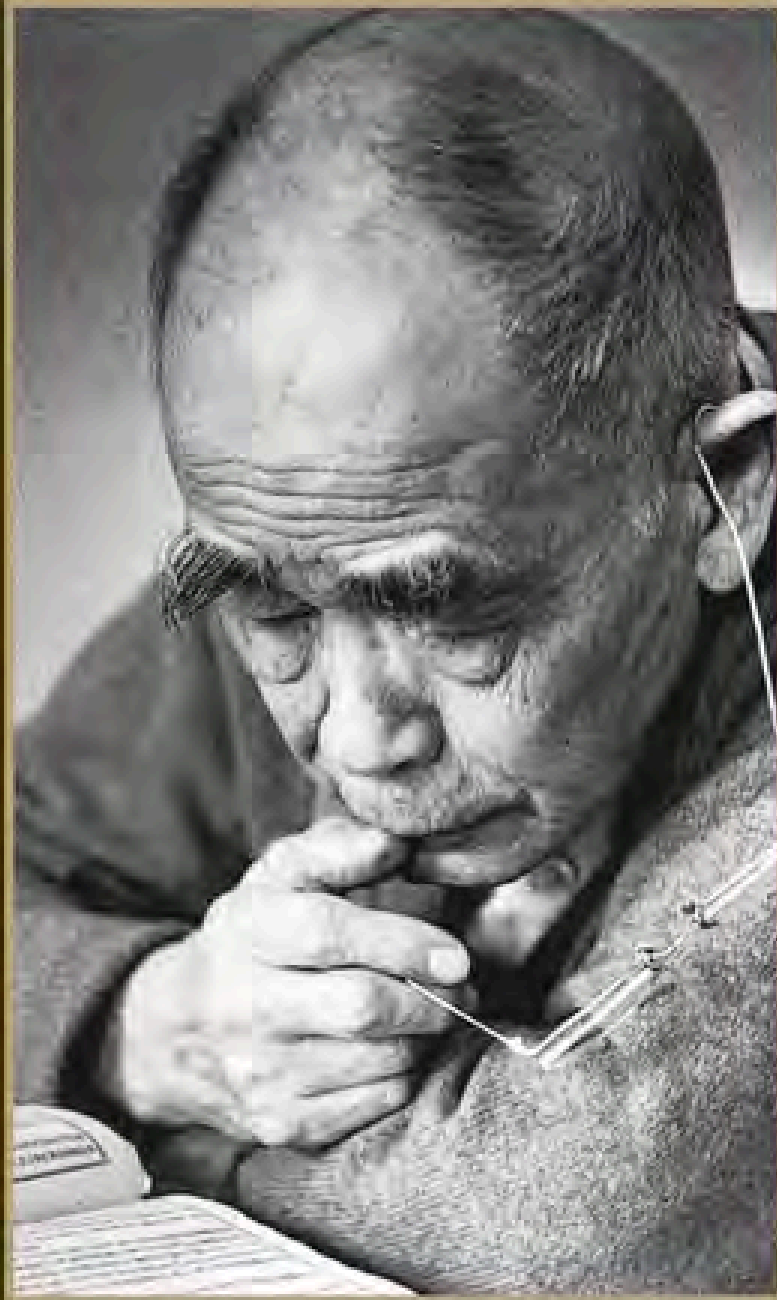


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D. T. Suzuki, A Buddhist for the Modern World: His Reflections on Pure Land Buddhism

Daisetz Teitarō Suzuki, who popularized Zen worldwide, also had a long and deep tie to Pure Land Buddhism, particularly to Jōdo Shinshū. The first half of the seminar will be an overview of Suzuki's life and his role as a bridge figure between Japan and the West. The second half examines the teachings of Pure Land Buddhism specifically and the various ways they could be understood based on Suzuki's thought. Suzuki's great contribution was to infuse Pure Land thinking with a modern awareness, helping make it a living religion today.

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Help Represent the Seattle Betsuin at the Camp Fire Craft Fair!



Volunteers are needed on **Saturday, June 13**, to help staff the Seattle Betsuin table at the regional Camp Fire Craft Fair (hosted at the temple). The event will feature 48 vendors and a photo booth. There are also tentative plans to provide one hondo tour each hour of the event.

Volunteer shifts are two hours long:

- 11:00am - 1:00pm
- 1:00pm - 3:00pm
- 3:00pm - 5:00pm

*Two volunteers per shift preferred.

If you were ever involved in the temple's Camp Fire program, this would be a wonderful opportunity to participate and reconnect!

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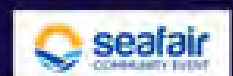
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June 7
10 am **Sunday Service**
DS at North Bend: Last Day of Dharma School
10:45 am Dharma Exchange
Japanese Program
June 14
10 am **BISHOPS/RIMBANS' MEMORIAL SERVICE**
10:45 am Dharma Exchange
Japanese Program
June 21
10 am **SUNDAY SERVICE**
10:30 am **Guest Seminar: Dr. James Dobbins**
June 28
10 am **Sunday Service**
10:50 am Dharma Exchange
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