



August Newsletter

by Rimban Katsuya Kusunoki

The 80th Anniversary of Hiroshima and Nagasaki A-Bombings

2025 was the 80th 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 Gene Masanori Fujita (age 17 at the A-bombing)

<https://youtu.be/EwS0B9KJdxI?si=eieXgzHOy-OMPK4k>

Gene went back to Japan with his parents in 1940.

On August 6th, 1945, it was so hot outside. They made us carry those heavy bags of rice to load them on the old horse buggies and to take them to the port in Hiroshima. We were only 16 or 17 years old. We did not feel like working. We decided to go into a bomb shelter and eat our little bento (lunch box) there.

We just saw one B-29 coming over. It was no big deal. I was about two miles away from Ground Zero. I was in the safe zone. Only thing I could remember was just a very bright light that came through. I just thought that one of the transformers blew up because we were close to a transformer.

Someone went out of the shelter to check and see what happened. Someone came back and said,

"Hey Gene, everyone is killed."

「おーいジーンさん、みんな死んどるぞ。」

They were not dead, just kind of burnt a little bit and stumped.

We went out to a riverbank. Hiroshima city was built on a delta. It was flat. We could see all the way across the city because all buildings were destroyed. We heard people's moaning. They were walking around and their skins were hanging down. I decided to get out of there.

My mother was on a streetcar, close to my workplace. Because she was on the other side from where the bomb fell, about one and a half miles away from ground zero, she was just knocked off and there was no damage.

My father was able to drive a motorcycle. He was assigned as a courier, I believe, for the Japanese army. He was supposed to carry documents from one office to another. The main office was right in the center where the bomb fell. There was nothing left there. All people were burned to death because it was about 2,000 degrees Celsius there. We could not find my father's body. We saw some bones here and there, but we didn't know who's who.

We just guessed that it was a new bomb that the Americans were using. The government started to make news that it was a new atomic bomb. At that time, we had no idea what "atomic" was. The bomb was called "Genshibakudan" in Japanese, which is "nuclear". The government did not say how many people were killed and just said that the whole city of Hiroshima was flattened out.

On that day, a B-29 was circling around. I thought it was just taking pictures like they usually did. We thought nothing of it. Only time we used to run was when P-51s came in and escorted the bombers. Then they used to come down and really shoot the hell out of us. They were 50 calibers.

We did not get any warning. Japan was getting bombed, one city after another, every night, anyway. They never bombed Hiroshima. Hiroshima was left alone.

My mother and I went to Hiroshima every day to look for my father, but we could not find him. It was quite horrifying to see many people dead, half roasted humans floating in the river, and some were still moving. There were thousands of humans floating down the river just like you boil wieners at home. The tide comes in and they come up the river

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at home. The tide comes in and they come up the river and the tide goes out, they drift out. This lasted about a week after the bomb. No one could scoop all these people out of there; most of them were already dead, anyway. These bodies were swollen. They could not be recognized.

Our family home was located away on a farm in the countryside. My grandparents were okay, and there was no effect there.

It took so long to go back to normal living conditions. People had a funny idea that dead people came out from their grave. Japanese had a funny psychology about the dead. At nighttime, I used to see those little balls of fire. Due to dead body contamination, a kind of ball ignites. We used to see them all over Hiroshima city. It was kind of eerie. It came from the dead bodies.

After the bomb, food was very scarce. But because our family was farming and my mother was running a beauty shop, we were lucky; we had some cashflow. We were able to get enough food for ourselves to eat. I guess in those days it was quite a fashionable thing to get permanents to keep their hair curly. Especially with the female population, it was one of the “in” things. The beauty shop did very well.

I would like to tell younger generations to stay away from nuclear bombs when you hear Atomic Bomb and nuclear bomb. I do not like it. It is scary that people are tossing it [the subject] up and down. It gives me the shakes. I just went through the smallest bomb. I don't want to go through it again. It was sad when you saw a mother with her child. The mother carried the baby on her back. The heat was so intense that the child was burned and stuck to the mother's back. I saw hundreds of those people walking down the street. I got over it, but I used to have nightmares. But still, every time I see a car accident, I turn the other way because it just comes back, really quick.

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.

Note: Earlier this year, volunteers refurbished and waxed the Shinran Shonin statue and Bonsho Bell in Wisteria Park. Thank you to conservationist Gabriel B and temple volunteers Tara T, Toshi S, Steven K, Craig N and Reverend Kusunoki for volunteering their time and energy.

“From his predecessor, Tsuyoshi Horike, [Temple President James] Komura inherited the Tsurigane Bell Towe Project. In early 1979 Yehan Numata of Tokyo had donated a one-and-one-half-ton bell, measuring nearly six-feet tall and three-feet wide. But the project languished three years for lack of funding. Then Mrs. Mitsuma Shimokon donated \$15,000 to cover the costs of installation. On September 26, 1982, in front of honored guests Mr. Numata and Mrs. Shimokon, the Sangha, and all of the Pacific Northwest Buddhist ministers, the sonorous bell resounded throughout the neighborhood.

Mr. Numata was so pleased he immediately pledged to donate to the Betsuin a 12-foot high statue of Shinran Shonin to be placed near the bell tower. Komura had to raise \$14, 121.19 to install the statue. At the dedication on February 13, 1983, Komura stated “I am sure the Tsurigane Bell Tower and St. Shinran Statue will definitely enhance the beauty of the Plaza and be admired by all.” (Magden, p. 269)

August 2026 Chair's Letter

By Tyler Moriguchi

Otsukaresama deshita

(Thank you for all your hard work)!



What a wonderful Bon Odori weekend

we just had. It was so magical to see the chochin lanterns lining the street once again. Special thanks to Alan H and the electrical crew who worked right up to the event to make it a reality. Thank you to all the *Sangha* members who worked to make the event a reality, especially those who came in from as far away as Japan, Hawaii, and New York to help. As Bon Odori committee chairperson Ron Hamakawa says, it truly is the most wonderful time of the year.

As we move closer to fully reopening the temple, events like Bon Odori are a great opportunity to introduce our temple to the wider public, and in time grow our *Sangha*. I particularly enjoyed meeting people who were experiencing Bon Odori for the first time and seeing the joy of discovering our Gathering of Joy. It is truly my hope that by continuing to share the *Buddha Dharma* we will ensure that the temple will continue to flourish for another 125 years.

Special thank you to long-time dance instructor Hatsune T. who retired (again) from dance instruction and congratulations to Sangha member, Julie M, on her 100th birthday.

Namo Amida Butsu,
Tyler Moriguchi



Musical Notes

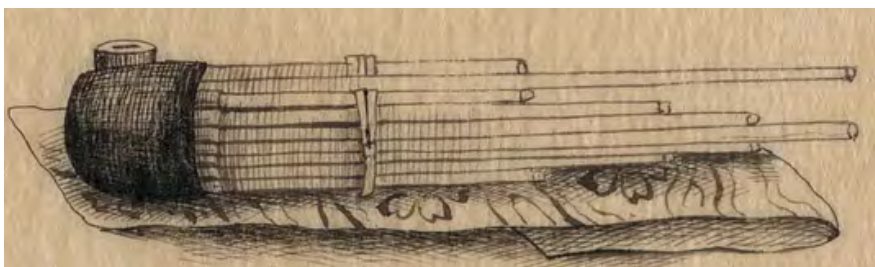
Submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi

Seattle Bon Odori 2026 music highlights:
The gagaku demonstration performers,
including Rev. Tadao Koyama on ryuteki



on Saturday, played “Etenraku.” Along with explaining that the Japanese court music is used for Jodo Shinshu special events, Rev. Kusunoki introduced each instrument and also mentioned the more modern music played with gagaku instruments such as when Rev. Fukami performed at our temple last year. The music display in the gym also highlighted photos of Rev. Fukami’s performance with the QRC to the Seattle Betsuin YouTube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CA2IDc2C8hE&t=1975s>



A shō, a Japanese free-reed wind instrument



Rev. Koyama, Dennis, Kemi, Esther, Mika, and Rev. Kusunoki



The Seattle Betsuin Ukulele Band will be rehearsing at 9:15 am on Sundays August 9 and 23. Anyone interested, including beginners, are welcome to join as we learn new songs and prepare for supporting service music again starting in September. The next Singing, Strumming, and Sharing Zoom will be on Monday, August 10. Please contact Ann Oxrieder or any SBUB member for practice details or the temple office for the Zoom link if you would like to join.

O BON!



Music display in the gym for Bon Odori



Dennis, Kemi, Esther, Mika, Kayla, and Rev. Kusunoki



The festive yagura

Musical Notes continued

Submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi



We appreciate that the Northwest Minyo Kai supported our Bon Odori with live music. Seattle Matsuri Taiko performances were also energetic and well-received. The people in the beer garden were entertained by Two Story Zori again this year.



Matsuri Taiko performing at Seattle Bon Odori



Tyler on bon daiko for “Goshu Ondo”



Sunday Service and Sunday

Dharma Exchange Notes

Submitted by Irene Goto

Sunday Services take place in the Hondo (main hall) at 10:00AM, in person. Please sign up for Seattle Betsuin's weekly e-news (newsletter) at www.SeattleBetsuin.org to receive live-stream notification and other news via e-mail. Recorded Sunday Dharma Messages are available at <https://www.youtube.com/SeattleBuddhistTemple>. Dharma Exchange takes place after Sunday Service from 10:50AM to 11:30AM, in the Hondo (Main Hall) or the adjacent Chapel, and is in-person only. You are invited to join us as we hear and discuss various aspects of the Dharma, typically led by a minister.

June 21, 2026

[D.T. Suzuki's Reflections on Pure Land Buddhism | MA Leonora Clarke | 2026-06-21](#)



Professor James C. Dobbins



Minister's Assistant Leonora Clarke

Minister's Assistant Leonora Clarke relates her path to Shin Buddhism by introducing James C. Dobbins, the day's after-service speaker. Professor Dobbins' lecture on D.T. Suzuki's life includes his early secular life of poverty and his successful career in America as a translator, writer, proof-reader and speaker of Zen. Largely self-taught, his mentors included Shaku Soyen and Paul Carus. This special lecture was an addition to Dharma Exchange on this day.

June 28, 2026

[Those Who Came Before, Those Who Serve Today | Rev. Irene Goto | 2026-06-28](#)



Reverend Goto

Minister's Assistant Irene Goto draws on Mukashi Mukashi: long, long ago, The First 100 Years of Seattle Buddhist Church to honor earlier temple members and inspire today's prospective members and leaders. She said her happiest memory was the temple's participation in Seattle's Pride Parade.



Seattle Betsuin participants in 2018 Pride Parade

At Dharma Exchange, Irene Goto introduced Evan Hashi. Evan began attending Seattle Betsuin about three years ago after previously participating in the East Bay Meditation Center in Oakland, California, with Buddhist teacher Mushim Ikeda. He described his recent trip to Japan with a small group and Rev. Dr. Mark Unno; attendees shared their own experiences visiting Japan and their paths to Jodo Shinshu. About 20 people attended.



Evan Hashi

July 5, 2026

[Remembrance, Gratitude, & Happiness | Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki | 2026-07-05](#)



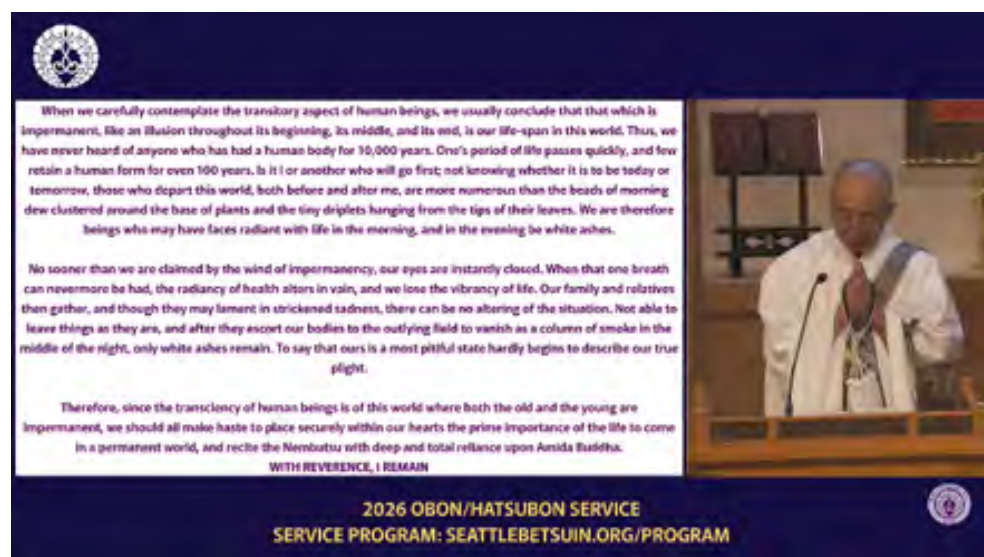
Rimban Kusunoki relates the importance of Oshoko/Incense Offering, especially in remembering our loved ones who came before us. Dharma Exchange was devoted to further reorganizing the temple rooms and materials and, also to preparing and setting up for bonodori practice taking place the following week.

Sunday Service and Sunday Dharma Exchange Notes Continued

Submitted by Irene Goto

July 12, 2026

[SEATTLE BETSUIN OBON / HATSUBON SERVICE | 2026-07-12](#)



Rev. Kusunoki recalled the story of Shakyamuni Buddha's disciple, Moggallana/Mokuren, and of serving others/dana. Dana is symbolized by the offering of fruit and, on this day, somen on our altar. Moggallana found his mother faring well in the afterlife after he released her from the realm of hungry ghosts by serving his fellow monks. He was so happy, he danced for joy. His action is why we dance for joy – Obon Odori. Our action of remembering is as precious as our actions of preparing and making offering. Our loved ones come back to us at Obon and anytime, anywhere, to check on us to see if we are happy, but especially, at Obon season.



July 11, Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Seattle, WA



July 12, Sunset Hills Memorial Park, Bellevue, WA

After Sunday Service, Rev. Kusunoki conducted Obon Services in the temple's nokostudo/ columbarium, at Evergreen Washelli Cemetery, where about 25 attended, and at Sunset Hills Memorial Park. On the previous day services were held at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery on Queen Anne Hill, Washington Memorial Park at Sea-Tac, and at Lake View Cemetery on Capitol Hill.

July 19, 2026 Bon Odori Service (Video recording is unavailable).

Service took place in the Hondo at 4:00 pm to begin Bon Odori with dance instructors and many in attendance offering incense.

Pictured at right is Bon Odori Service adjourning on Saturday, July 18. In the foreground, a table is set for guests to decorate ōgi fans in memory of passed loved ones.



Dharma School News

Submitted by Joan Nakano

What a beautiful weekend it was to celebrate Bon Odori on July 18 and 19! We extend our heartfelt thanks to Ron Hamakawa, the entire Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple Bon Odori Committee, and everyone whose dedication and hard work made this such a magical event for our community. There are far too many individuals to name, but please know how deeply grateful we are for all that you do.

Dharma School and friends staffed the Kori booth throughout the weekend, and it was especially inspiring to see our youth volunteering their time with enthusiasm, smiling faces, and a willingness to help. Their energy and commitment were a wonderful reflection of our community spirit.

Sunday Family Service will continue throughout the summer, and we will be excited to start the first day of Dharma School for the 2026–2027 year on **September 13**.

We wish everyone a safe, relaxing, and joyful summer. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Gassho,
Claire and Yvette



Photo source:
<https://seattlebetsuin.org/2026-bon-odori/>

BON ODORI AT OTHER TEMPLES



New York City, 2025



Tsukiji Hongwanji, Tokyo, Japan 2026



San Francisco, CA 2026

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.



Thank you for making Bachan's Closet a huge success at the 2026 Seattle Bon Odori.

Thank you to the SBBWA members that volunteered with making the kanzashi, sorting and pricing the items, setting up the booth and selling items at Obon practice and Bon Odori.



SBBWA continued

Submitted by Ileene Tanabe



Thank you to the SBBWA members that volunteered to bake blueberry mochi for selling at the Bon Odori.

Long time SBBWA members also made delicious Japanese meals for the visiting ministers during Obon. Thank you!

Congratulations!



July 25, 2026

One nice summer day on July 25, 2026, Rimban Kusunoki officiated the wedding of
Sean Wong and Olivia Bristow

They were married at the Kubota garden.

The bride, Olivia, and her family are long time members of the Sacramento Betsuin Buddhist Church in California. They joined our Bon Odori the last couple years. They will be back to Bon Odori next year!

Congratulations and best wishes from the temple to the newly married couple!

Share Your Memories

What's your favorite memory of Seattle Betsuin from the past 125 years?

While we know that no current Sangha member will remember anything from that long ago, family stories passed along over the years and personal journals are also the source of memories, and all these from 1901 to the present are what the 2026 Time Capsule Committee wants to collect.

Be on the lookout for paper handouts with three questions. They'll be distributed to inform organization heads, in assisted living communities visited by Rev. Kusunoki, and through a QR code in ENews and the Wheel of the Sangha. Also, you can pick one up at a small display table at Bon Odori.

We're counting on you to share memories and your wishes for the future of Seattle Betsuin.

Time Capsule Committee Chairs Andrea and Dana

TROOP 252 UPDATE

Submitted by Theo K and Brian K



During July, the troop's activities have wound down with weekly meetings on hold during summer break. The highlight of July was volunteering at Bon Odori. Each of the scouts took on different roles during this year's event such as helping with setup, dishes, trash, and the Teriyaki Chicken booth. They all had lots of fun helping with Bon Odori and contributing to the temple. A highlight of the festival was seeing all the lanterns lining the street at night. Scouts were able to talk to other volunteers and overall feel closer with the temple. Also, Scouts are able to use these volunteer hours to fulfill requirements for rank advancement and high school graduation.



Scouts Ansel K and Theo K helped build the stage during setup on the Friday before the festival.

CUB SCOUT PACK 252 REPORT

Submitted by Mayuko Tanimura



July 9th and July 14th @ Temple Gym

The children are on summer vacation and spending their days as they please. Scout activities are also on hold during the summer.

Instead, we held two fundraising events. We were also able to participate in the preparations and practices for the Bon Odori, and we are grateful for everyone's warm support on both occasions. Daifuku was very popular on both days! Thank you very much.





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).



Carol Aoki-Kramer,
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Akiko Yabuki, Sadie Yamasaki, Yoko
Yanari, Jim & Tomiko Zumoto

Compiled by Joan N. & Steph O.

**We would like to ‘WELCOME’ Allison Shibata, Alan
Osaki, Garrett Suzaka and Phyllis Verzosa as new
members to our Sangha.**



FRIENDLY REMINDER REGARDING 2026 SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP DUES

If you have yet to pay your minimum suggested dues, the basic dues towards the Church maintenance/operations, please consider doing so now. Membership fee is \$400 for those under 70 years of age; \$350 for those 70 years and older; age 30 years old or younger, is \$200. (There are no sustaining membership dues for children who are dependents under their parents). **The due date is September 30th. If you have been making installment payments, your balance is due by **September 30th** also.**

A portion of each sustaining membership collected is paid by the Betsuin to the BCA and the BCA Northwest District Council, an umbrella organization for BCA temples in the Pacific Northwest. Our 2026 membership count is reported to the BCA and to the NW District for our Betsuin's assessment count.

Any questions regarding your 2026 membership status, please contact the temple office.

**“THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT”
(Sustaining membership committee)**



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Funeral/Memorial/Nokotsudo	Given by:
Shigeki Okano's Memorial Service	Shigeki & Iyoko Okano
Patricia Kubota Memorial Service	Eri Tsurukawa
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Nokotsudo	Akiko Yabuki, Frances Shintaku



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Hatsubon / Obon - In Memory of Amy Emiko Bragdon

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Mae Yamasaki & Gordon Habu



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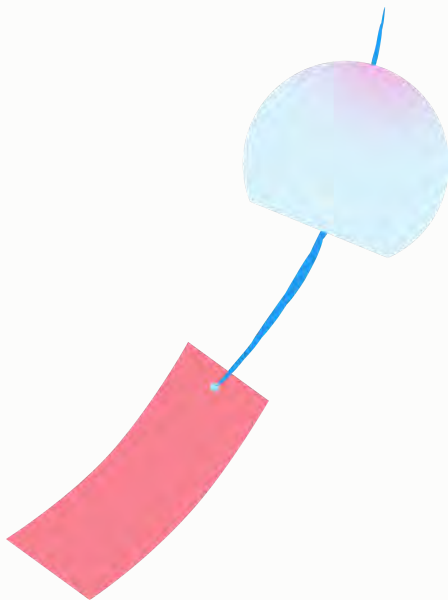
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AUGUST SHOTSUKI HOYO

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

Akada, Riyoichi	Itakura, Akiko	Moriyasu, Reikiichi	Shimada, Michelle
Akada, Shizuye	Iwamoto, Shigeru	Muromoto, Masu	Shimamoto, Fumi
Akizuki, George	Kajimura, Hareo	Masumoto, Riye	Shimomura, Tsuru
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Aoyama, Masatoshi Martin	Kaku, George	Nakagawa, Yoshie	Suganuma, Hiroyuki
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Fuji, Yukiko	Kawabata, Yoshikazu	Nakanishi, Toshio	Suzuki, Tazu
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Fujita, Kikumi	Kawamoto, Takayuki	Nakano, Tsuruko	Taki, Noboru
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SEPTEMBER SHOTSUKI HOYO

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

Abe, Shizu	Imanaka, Yaeko	Masumoto, Masako	Shimabukuro, Mitzi
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Akutsu, Aimee	Ishii, Ben	Miyauchi, Etsuro	Shimizu, Nobue
Akutsu, Jim	Isomura, Rikio	Mori, Masumi	Shimokon, Masaru
Bobrow, Mort	Iwami, Sachiko	Moriguchi, Lovett	Shimokon, Mitsuma
De Silva, Krisanthi	Kakishita, Nagisa	Morinaga, Kumie	Sumida, John
Demise, James	Kakiuchi, Kayoko	Moritani, Nobuichi	Sumita, Yoshiko
Fujioka, Kenneth	Kakutani, Juzo	Nagaishi, Chiseko	Susumi, Yuki
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Funai, Hisako	Kamimae, Kimio	Nakamura, Eitaro	Suzuki, Yoshiko
Furuta, Herb	Kano, Tom	Nakamura, Suma	Takada, Yoshiyuki
Gee, Tony SW	Katayama, Takeo	Nakamura, Yoshiye	Takaishi, Seiji
Gosho, Tatsuo	Kawaguchi, Masashi	Nakano, Toshikatsu	Takehara, Tadashi
Gunasekara, Mrs. H.D.E.	Kawahara, Frank	Nakashima, May	Tamai, Yoshitaka
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Hagimori, Kikue	Kawamoto, Yuki	Nishi, Miyeko	Tanabe, Kameyo
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Harada, Hatsumi	Kobuki, James	Oiye, Shoji	Tomoguchi, Tomoji
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Hayashida, Nobuko	Kondo, Yuzuru	Osaki, Mary	Uchida, Akira
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Higashi, Teru	Koyama, George	Painter, Hal	Utsunomiya, Fumihisa
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Idesaki, Katsusaga	Lu, Akiyo	Shiigi, Aileen	Yoshida, Mitsuji
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SEPTEMBER 2026 SPECIAL EVENTS September 6 BCA Founding Day Sept 13 First Day of Dharma School Sept 20 Fall Ohigan September 26 Salmon Dinner Sept 30 Membership Dues Deadline						1
2 10 am ATOMIC BOMB VICTIMS' MEMORIAL SERVICE (Inter-Faith Services)	3 <i>Rimban's day off</i>	4	5	6 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service	7	8
9 10 am SUNDAY SERVICE 10:50 am Dharma Exchange Japanese Service	10 <i>Rimban's day off</i>	11	12	13	14	15
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23 10 am SUNDAY SERVICE 10:50 am Dharma Exchange (combined)	24 <i>Rimban's day off</i>	25	26 11 am Merrill Gardens Renton	27 7 pm Betsuin Board Meeting	28	29 9 am Tri-Temple Softball Tournament
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August 2

10 am **ATOMIC BOMB VICTIMS' MEMORIAL SERVICE**
(Inter-Faith Service)

August 9

10 am **Sunday Service**
10:50 am Dharma Exchange
Japanese Service

August 16

10 am **Sunday Service**
10:50 am Dharma Exchange
Japanese Service

August 23

10 am **Sunday Service**
10:50 am Dharma Exchange (combined)

August 30

10 am **Sunday Service**
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