



September Newsletter

by Rimban Katsuya Kusunoki

Receiving Buddhist Name

The Seattle Betsuin's 125th anniversary service is scheduled for Sunday, November 8th. Bishop Marvin Harada is going to officiate the service. He is also going to conduct the *Kieshiki* Affirmation Ceremony at 2:30



Saturday, November 7th at Seattle Betsuin. "*Kieshiki*" is the important ceremony for Buddhists to receive their Buddhist name and affirm the Buddhist path as their path to walk. On this very special occasion, please receive your Buddhist Name.

I would like to introduce four different ways to live as a Buddhist. These are: becoming a member of a Buddhist temple, receiving a Buddhist name, receiving *Tokudo* ordination, and receiving *Kyoshi* certification.

The first one is to be a member of a Buddhist temple. Becoming a member of a Buddhist temple means that the person respects the Buddha's teaching and supports a Buddhist temple and the Buddhist minister in spreading the Buddha Dharma. There are different ways to support them. These are: making donations, cleaning up the temple, attending the service, helping with the temple activities, and introducing Buddhism to non-members. Our temple also asks our members to contribute their membership fees to help maintain the temple.

Next, the second one, is to receive a Buddhist name. Our minds are fuzzy, unsteady, and uncertain. People need something to rely on or something to be the core of their life. People rely on religion, money, status, their family, their friends, and/or a well-known person. Receiving a Buddhist name means to take refuge in Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha and make Buddha's teaching the core of their life. As Jodo Shinshu followers, we make *Namoamidabutsu*, (Amida Buddha's Wisdom and Compassion), which Shinran Shonin revealed, the core of our life.

The third way is to receive *Tokudo* ordination. Receiving *Tokudo* ordination means to live as a Buddhist minister/monk. Aspirants must take several hours of training to become a Jodo Shinshu minister. After they have completed this training, they are allowed to attend *Tokudo* ordination. In *Tokudo* ordination, they are given a yellow *Okesa* (special outer garment) by the *Gomonshu*, (the head priest and leader of our mother temple, Hongwanji). The *Tokudo* ordained are officially allowed to wear the *Okesa*. The *Okesa* is the official and proper attire for Buddhist ministers. Receiving *Tokudo* ordination means they are expected to wear *Okesa* to enter the *Naijin*, (altar area). The ordained ministers are responsible for serving the Buddha, which means to keep the *Onaijin* clean, offer candles, flowers, incense, and sutra chanting, and participate in Buddhist services/rituals in the *Naijin*.

The last way is to receive *Kyoshi* certification. *Kyoshi* means teacher and master. Receiving *Kyoshi* certification means to be responsible for teaching and spreading the Buddha Dharma. The person who receives *Kyoshi* can be a resident minister. The resident ministers have a role in conveying Buddhism, Jodo Shinshu, to their Sangha (temple members) and area residents. The ministers who have *Kyoshi* are models of Buddhism. The members follow and listen to their guidance.

I was born and raised at my family temple in Japan. I have been a member of the temple since I was born. I received my Buddhist name and *Tokudo* ordination at the age of 21. I went to Kyoto to study Buddhism and received *Kyoshi* certification at the age of 28. To be honest, I was just becoming aware of what it means to receive a Buddhist name, *Tokudo* ordination, and *Kyoshi* certification after I was assigned to Buddhist Churches of America as *Kaikyoshi* minister, (full-time resident minister), at the age of 32. Although I am still immature as a minister and repeat one trial and error after another, I enjoy serving the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple.

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These are different ways to live as a Buddhist and there is no superior or inferior among them. Please think about which way fits your life as a Buddhist. I hope more people will become members of our temple and receive a Buddhist name. You can find the application form for the *Kieshiki* Affirmation ceremony in this newsletter. Please let me know if you are interested in receiving your Buddhist Name.

Kieshiki (Affirmation) Ceremony

The Seattle Betsuin will sponsor a special Kieshiki (Affirmation) Ceremony at 2:30pm on

Saturday, November 7th at the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple. The ceremony will be held as part of the Seattle Betsuin 125th Anniversary.

To apply for this ceremony, you need to select one character (kanji). You can use the HOMYO KANJI LIST as reference. Please contact Rev. Kusunoki if you would like a consultation on the selection of a Buddhist name.

There is a registration fee of \$50 per person.

Registration deadline is September 21st.

Make check payable to Seattle Buddhist Temple and write 2026 Kieshiki in memo.

Please fill out the Kieshiki application form and mail it to the Seattle Buddhist Temple along with your payment.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Seattle Betsuin office for more information at (206) 329-0800.

Application form and additional details linked below

September 2026

Chair's Letter

By Tyler Moriguchi



September is a busy month at the temple. With the start of the school year we welcome back families with children to Dharma School, Camp Fire, and Scouting. The hallways and classrooms fill with the sounds of activities. I look forward to catching up with friends and hearing about summer adventures.

September is also the time of our Salmon Dinner fundraiser and Fall Ohigan service, one of our six major services of the year. Thank you to Howard L. and the Salmon Dinner committee for organizing one of the biggest fundraising events of the year. I hope you will be able to support the temple and volunteer for the event. Please be sure to place your preorders by September 16th.

In the past I have thanked all our wonderful Dharma School teachers and Camp Fire and Scouting leaders for giving their time and energy to teaching our children. This year I would also like to thank the parents for bringing their children to temple week after week so that they can receive the Dharma.

Lastly, a friendly reminder that the deadline for 2026 Sustaining Membership (ijikai) dues is September 31st. Sustaining membership not only supports programs like Dharma School, but also the maintenance and upkeep of our temple, assuring that the Buddha Dharma will be available for anyone who wishes to hear and receive it for generations to come.

I hope you will be able to join us for our Fall Ohigan service on Sunday, September 20th.

Lastly, I would like to take a moment to observe the sudden passing of Alvin and Mitsuko Terada. The Teradas were longtime Dharma friends to our Sangha and pillars of the Seattle Judo community. They will be greatly missed.

Namo Amida Butsu,
Tyler Moriguchi

[Application Form](#)

[Kieshiki Meaning](#)

[2026 Kieshiki Ceremony](#)

[Homyo Kanji List](#)

Musical Notes
Submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi

After Seattle Bon Odori, many of our sangha members enjoyed the other bon odori events in the Northwest District. Did you know that the White River Buddhist Temple YouTube channel has the livestream of the bon odori from July 25 available to watch?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F5q2aMZltnM> – the introductions to the dances start at 4:23 into the livestream.

Seattle Betsuin Ukulele Band (SBUB) will be leading “We Are One” for the first day of Dharma School service on Sunday, September 13. SBUB rehearsals are usually twice a month at 9:15 am on selected Sundays with plans to prepare a selection for the Autumn Music Service on November 22. The next Singing, Strumming, and Sharing Zoom will be on Monday evening, September 14 at 7 pm. 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.



Strummers Marlene, Greg, Ann, Lauren, and Donna practicing!

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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.

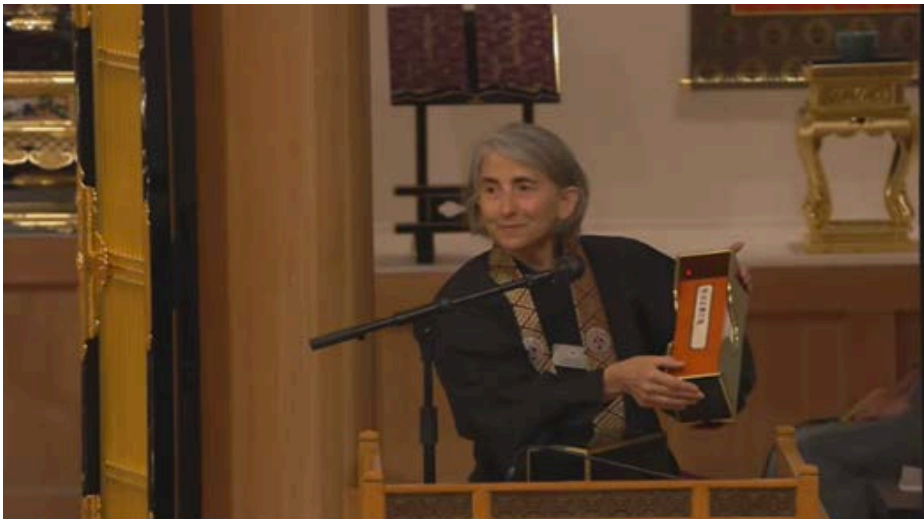


Sunday, August 2, 2026 **SEATTLE BETSUIN ATOMIC BOMB VICTIMS' INTERFAITH MEMORIAL SERVICE | 2026-08-02 - YouTube or https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LCuOA3Gtg_4**
Venerable So Anh Em, Wat Khemarak Pothiram offered opening chant. Clergy from Konko Church and Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church offered prayers. In lieu of Dharma Exchange, fellowship took place in the gym where refreshments were served.



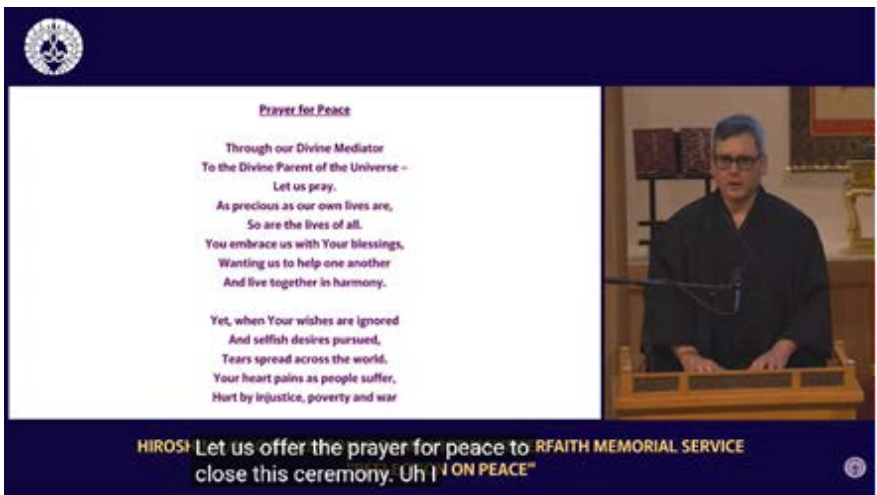
Rev. Kusunoki leads Atomic Bomb Victims Memorial Service.

Sunday, July 26, 2026 [The Storehouse of the Dharma | MA Leonora Clarke | 2026-07-26](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QjMcfKR3Emc&t=339s)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QjMcfKR3Emc&t=339s>
Minister's Assistant Leonora Clarke relates The Threefold Refuge's storehouse of the Dharma to books and the library. She relates the story of Honkobo Ryoken who saves the KyoGyoShinSho from a fire in Rennyō Shōnin's time.



MA Leonora shows a sacred text, the cover of which is red; the color is said to be inspired by the story Hagagomori no Shōgyō, and why our service book covers were traditionally red.

Rev. Robert Giuletti, Konko Church of Seattle, offers closing prayer.



At Dharma Exchange MA Leonora and Rev. Castro updated progress on rebuilding the Seattle Betsuin library.



MA/Carpenter Leonora is shown sawing panels of board for shelving in the new library.



Rev. Karen Yokota Love, Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church, offers her poem and a prayer

Sunday Service and Sunday Dharma

Exchange Notes Continued

Submitted by Irene Goto

Sunday, August 9, 2026

[SEATTLE BETSUIN SUNDAY SERVICE | 2026-08-09 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IUJyKwTounI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IUJyKwTounI)



Rev. Kusunoki explains the most important practice in Jodo Shinshu Buddhism--listening. He relates the story of Kisa Gotami and the compassion she receives at each household she visits in looking for one that has never experienced death. Dharma Exchange was led by Rev. Kusunoki in the singing practice of Cho Rai Mon which will be sung at Seattle Betsuin's 125th Anniversary Service on November 8, 2026, with the Gagaku group. The complete chanting/singing with Sho Shin Nembutsu Ge can be found at [Bing Videos https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bqVbkUHQVdE&t=30s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bqVbkUHQVdE&t=30s) with Rev. Yuki Sugahara and Rev. Henry Adams. Other practice opportunities will take place at Seattle Betsuin before the November 8 Anniversary Service.

Sunday August 16, 2026

[SEATTLE BETSUIN SUNDAY SERVICE | 2026-08-16 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CpMro1TOk7E&t=1543s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CpMro1TOk7E&t=1543s)



Past Head Priest of Buddhist Churches of America, Rev. Kodo Umezu, performs symbolic *kamisori*, shaving of the head, during October 11, 2015, *Kieshiki* ceremony at Seattle Betsuin.

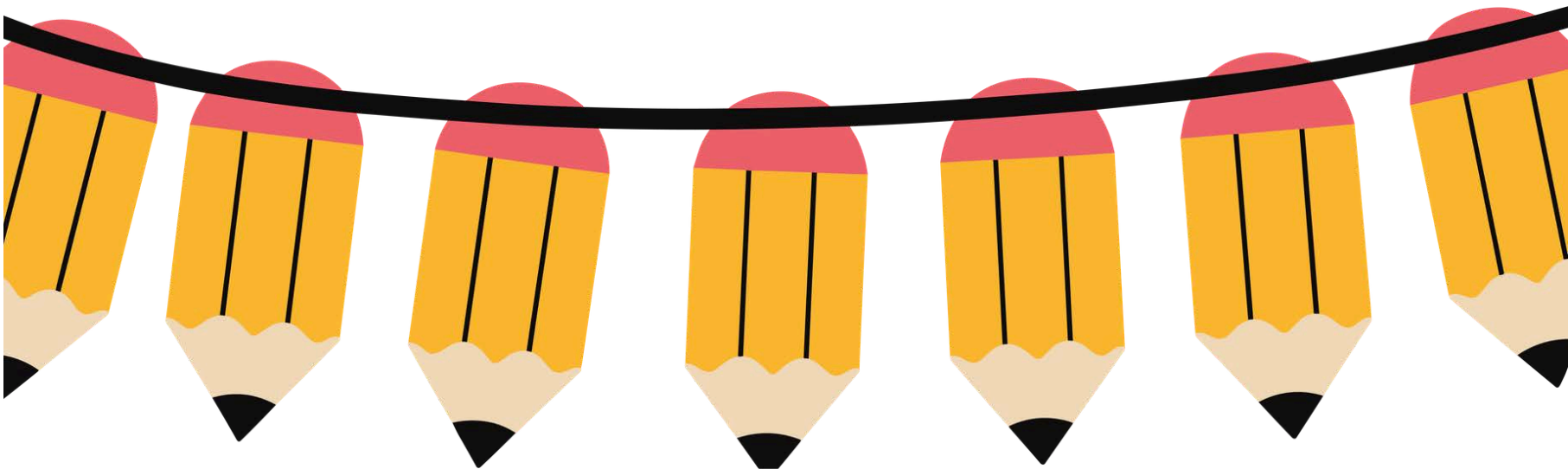


Rev. Irene Goto relates her experience of receiving her *honmyo*, Buddhist Name, at *Kieshiki* Ceremony and her discovery of self-benefiting and benefiting others, *jiri rita*.

Rev. Goto led Dharma Exchange with the idea of requiring *Kieshiki*/Affirmation applicants to have a certain degree of understanding of Buddhism. One attendee offered that Amida Buddha and we, as Jodo Shinshu, accept everyone as we are, without requirements. About 20 in attendance offered their experiences of *Kieshiki*/Affirmation ceremony and a suggestion to make an informational brochure for *Kieshiki* and *Honmyo*/Buddhist name opportunity.

Dharma School News

Submitted by Joan Nakano



After a relaxing summer, the Dharma School teachers and board members are gearing up for an exciting school year. Teachers are getting their classrooms ready, especially exciting because the classrooms in Memorial Hall are now ready after the temple restoration project. The middle school/high school class won a prize for the song lyrics they wrote last spring; they hope it will be ready for everyone to sing by November. A magazine called *Seattle's Child* is interested in running a piece about the Dharma School. Temple volunteers continue to offer a creative, relaxing school environment where students learn to incorporate the Buddha Dharma into their daily lives.

Gassho,
Claire and Yvette



DON'T FORGET DHARMA SCHOOL
BEGINS SEPTEMBER 13, 2026!

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.

Happy 100th
BIRTHDAY JULIE!



We celebrated SBBWA member, Julie M's 100th birthday in July.
She was celebrated by her family and many friends as well as recognized
at Obon this year.
Wishing Julie health and happiness throughout this monumental year!

Submitted by Susie Y.

Image from Japan Times

Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association continued



In August, our temple, along with the Seattle Hiroshima Club held an interfaith Atomic Bomb Victim's Memorial Service, remembering the many lives lost in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and renewing our commitment to world peace. SBBWA has members who were in Hiroshima at the time of the bombing and are still active members today. We are deeply grateful for their years of dedicated service to our organization.

Submitted by Tina K.

This was taken at the Polynesian Festival, held at the Renton Uwajimaya on August 8th.



Tomi performing the hula.



Tomi Z., Peggy H. with daughter, Alecia, visiting the event and Marlene O. played the ukulele.

Thank you SBBWA members that volunteered for the Hiroshima to Hope event.

- Bonnie Dussler
Suzanne Fujinari
Ann Hasegawa
Gail Suzaka
Nina Tomito-Kato
Machiko Wada
Kate Wehr
Char Yoritsune
Lauren Asaba
Janice Deguchi

TROOP 252 UPDATE

Submitted by Theo K.



August 20, 2026

During August, the troop went to summer camp! We went to Camp Parsons, on Hood Canal, for a week. Scouts worked on merit badges in the morning, participated in activities with the troop in the afternoon, and had fun at different camp-wide events in the evening. Scouts earned merit badges such as motorboating, wilderness survival, and even nuclear science! Troop time allowed us to bond through activities such as jumping off Camp Parsons' well-known pier into the Puget Sound, rock climbing, and tomahawk throwing. In the evenings, camp staff hosted events like campfires with skits and songs as well as a funny live action recreation of the 'Mario Movie.' Some of us had been to summer camp multiple times before but for five scouts this was their first time. Congrats to Tyden, Miles, Kenichi, Alexis, and Nico for completing their first summer camp! On the final day of camp there was a multi-event competition called the 'Hullabaloo' between troops where we participated in field games, a relay race, and a canoe race. We all had a great time and are excited for weekly meetings to start back up in September.



The troop prepares to go swimming. Featured: Theo, Ansel, Shaun, Jasper, Felix, Tyden, Nico, Alexis, Kenichi, and Miles



Scouts Theo and Ansel jump off the pier



Interested in joining the Scouts?

New Scouts (age 11-17) can sign up for the troop below:

[Join Boy Scouts Troop 252](#)



SBBT Archives Committee

125th Anniversary History Workshop, November 7, 2026

Join us for a 125th Anniversary Seattle Betsuin History workshop, “Our Shared Past: Recording the History of our Temple and our Lives,” on Saturday, November 7, 2026, 1:00-2:00pm at the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple.

Topics: During this one-hour workshop, we will highlight significant events in the Seattle Betsuin’s 125th year history and share information about how you can get started recording and preserving your memories, as well as those of your family and fellow Sangha members.

Takeaways: Leave the workshop with knowledge of the people, events, and experiences that shaped the Seattle Betsuin into what it is today, and record at least one Seattle Betsuin Temple memory (for inclusion in the 125th Anniversary Time Capsule).

Register Now! The workshop is free to attend -- no registration fee. See our workshop flyer to register online or contact the Seattle Betsuin Archives Committee at archives@seattlebetsuin.org.

We look forward to seeing you!

OUR SHARED PAST
Recording the History of
our Temple & Our Lives

Saturday, November 7, 2026, 1:00-2:00pm
Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple
There is no cost to attend - it's free!

LEARN ...

- Interesting facts about the Seattle Betsuin's first 125 Years
- Why it's important to preserve and record memories
- How to start preserving and recording your personal, family and Temple memories

Register Now!

[Archives History Workshop Online Registration Form Link](#) OR 

Questions? Email us at archives@seattlebetsuin.org



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).



Janice Deguchi
Irene Goto
Sandra Cross
Toki Gow
John & Lynda Hamakami
Ritsuko Kawahara
Joanne Kimura
Lisa Kumasaka
Lynn Miyauchi
Junko Nakano
Sumio & Hiromi Sakata
Henry & Christy Watanabe
Keiko Watanabe

Compiled by Joan N. & Steph O.

**We would like to “WELCOME” Toki Gow
as a new member of 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)



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
Akada, Shigeo	Inouye, Towa	Miyake, Naoko	Shimizu, Mary
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
Fujita, Atsushi	Kamikawa, Joe	Nagamatsu, Komatsu	Suzaka, John
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
Hada, Masaji	Kawamoto, Mitsuo	Nishi, Eizo	Tamura, Suma
Hagimori, Kikue	Kawamoto, Yuki	Nishi, Miyeko	Tanabe, Kameyo
Hama, Miya	Kawamura, Yoshiko	Nishimoto, Tsuruyo	Tanabe, Shigeo
Hamada, Hanako	Kihara, Saki	Nishimura, Ai	Tanigawa, Kame
Hamanaka, Joseph	Kimura, Mitsuyo	Nishio, Mitsu	Taniguchi, Takeo
Hamasaki, Kiyo	Kitano, Kimi	Nomura, George	Terada, Masato
Hara, Dick	Kobuki, Frank	Ohashi, Isa	Terada, Matsuko
Harada, Hatsumi	Kobuki, James	Oiye, Shoji	Tomoguchi, Tomoji
Hata, Jimmy	Komura, James	Okada, Karoku	Toyaji, Kimie
Hayashida, Nobuko	Kondo, Yuzuru	Osaki, Mary	Uchida, Akira
Hibino, Bungo	Kosai, Masayoshi	Osako, Masami	Unno, Enryo
Higashi, Teru	Koyama, George	Painter, Hal	Utsunomiya, Fumihisa
Hirai, Riyo	Koyano, Naohide	Palmer, Noriko Goto	Uyeda, Kiyomi
Honmyo, Marie	Kuwahara, George	Quasius, Chiyoko	Watanabe, Yozo
Horike, Tsuyoshi	Litz, John	Saito, Kay	Yasui, Sachiko
Hoshino, Momo	Locklear, Milo	Sakai, Hiroko	Yorioka, Kengo
Idesaki, Katsusaga	Lu, Akiyo	Shiigi, Aileen	Yoshida, Mitsuji
Imamura, Fumiye	Masuda, Satoshi		



OCTOBER SHOTSUKI HOYO

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

Adachi, Teruo	Isomura, Katsumi	Moriguchi, Kame	Tachiyama, Takami
Aisaka, Jordan	Iwamoto, John	Morimoto, Tadao	Takahashi, Mika
Akutsu, Gene	Jeppeson, John	Mukai, Minoru	Takano, Frank
Aoyama, Sayeko	Jitodai, Hitomi	Nakamura, Ichiro	Takano, Richard
Chiang Ho, Shumien	Kamada, Isao	Nakamura, Masako	Takemoto, Saichi
Chikuse, Masaki	Kamada, Yuriko	Nakanishi, Toshito	Taketa, Haruso
Deguchi, Tommy	Kaneta, Kito	Nishi, Robert	Taniguchi, Manabu
Doi, Richard	Kano, Seiichi	Nishimura, Fumiko	Tanino, Matsu
Dykes, Burke	Kano, Terumitsu	Noro, Ayako	Taverna
Emata, Etsuko	Kawada, Hatsuye	Oda, Shizuko	Terada, Allan
Endo, Koisa	Kawaguchi, Hatsume	Ohashi, Sumiye	Teramae, Shigeru
Feng, Yun-Loong	Kawaguchi, Mitsue	Ohtani, Hide	Teranishi, Asako
Fujiki, Betty	Kayano, Yuji	Okamoto, Masao	Terao, Hidetomi
Fujita, John	Kido, Miyuki	Okamura, Masao	Tochiura, Jane
Fukeda, George	Kimura, Haru	Okawa, Kinpei	Tomita, Masako
Fukuma, Sugiyo	Kodama, Hosoe	Okimura, Nashiyo	Toyaji, Haruye
Furukawa, Tomiko	Kogita, Jay	Otomaru, Takeshi	Tsubota, Cherrie
Furumoto, Hideo	Kojima, Sute	Quintua, Linda	Tsuye, George
Furuta, Mary	Konishi, Margaret	Saito, Chiyoko	Uchida, Masaharu
Hamada, Umeo	Konishi, Tokio	Sakai, Enjiro	Uyenishi, Tazuko
Harada, Tadashi	Konishi, Wasa	Sakamoto, Takashi	Watanabe, Arthur
Harada, Yukie	Kono, Mary	Sakata, Dorothy	Wataoka, Shoji
Hasegawa, Shimayo	Kubota, Patricia	Sasaki, Yoshitsugu	Yamada, Frank
Hayami, Smith	Kunimoto, Larry	Scott, Masae	Yamamoto, Thomas
Hiroo, Kango	Kuramoto, Ted	Seko, Suye	Yamashita, Masaye
Hiroo, Kiyono	LaGrange, Doreen	Shah, Mieko	Yamauchi, Tsunehiko
Hiroo, Mickey	LaGrange, Shizuka	Shigaya, Mary	Yanagimoto, Tsuruhiko
Honda, Martha	Ly, Tay	Shimbo, Sherlock	Yasui, Hiroshi
Hori, Toshiaki	Mamiya, George	Shimbo, Tokuo	Yokota, Matsuyo
Ideta, Sadako	Maruoka, Chidori	Shimoyama, Juki	Yoshida, Betty
Ike, Joe	Matsuhira, Matsuno	Shinbo, Mary	Yoshida, Ineko
Imayanagita, Nobuko	Matsumoto, Dairoku	Shiomi, Kikuo	Yoshida, Miyuki
Ishii, Keiko	Mihara, Setsuye	Shiyoyama, Kamejiro	Yoshida, Jitsushi
Ishii, Ray	Minato, Mary	Sugita, Yasunori	Yoshimoto, Richard
Ishimori, Nao	Miyamoto, Toshimi	Sullivan, Kay	Yoshimura, Misao
	Mori, Kimiko	Suzaka, Toshiko	Yoshino, Keith

SEPTEMBER 2026 BETSUIN CALENDAR

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SEPTEMBER 2026 SPECIAL EVENTS October 17 Nambutsu Seminar: Rev. Dr. Takashi MiyaJI October 18 SBBWA Memorial Service October 25 Hatsumaiiri ceremony		1	2	3 1:30 pm Nikkel Manor Service	4	5
6 10 am BCA FOUNDING DAY SERVICE 10:50 am Combined Dharma Exchange	7 Labor Day Office Closed	8	9	10	11	12
13 10 am FIRST DAY OF DHARMA SCHOOL 10:50 am Dharma Exchange Japanese Service Dharma School	14 Rimban's day off	15	16	17 1:30 pm Nikkel Manor Service 8 pm Cabinet Meeting	18 12 pm Gojikai	19
20 10 am FALL OHIGAN 10:50 am Dharma Exchange Japanese Service Dharma School 8 pm Newsletter deadline	21 Rimban's day off	22	23 11 am Merrill Gardens Renton	24	25	26 1 pm - 5 pm Salmon Dinner Fundraiser
27 10 am SUNDAY SERVICE 10:50 am New Member Social Dharma School	28 Rimban's day off	29	30 Temple Membership Dues Deadline	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. Visits by appointment only.		



The Seattle Betsuin
Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations from July 20, 2026 - August 19, 2026

Funeral/Memorial/Nokotsudo	Given by:
Mae Deguchi 7th Service & Seiichi Deguchi 33rd Service	Jean Deguchi, Chris Grabowski & Janice Deguchi
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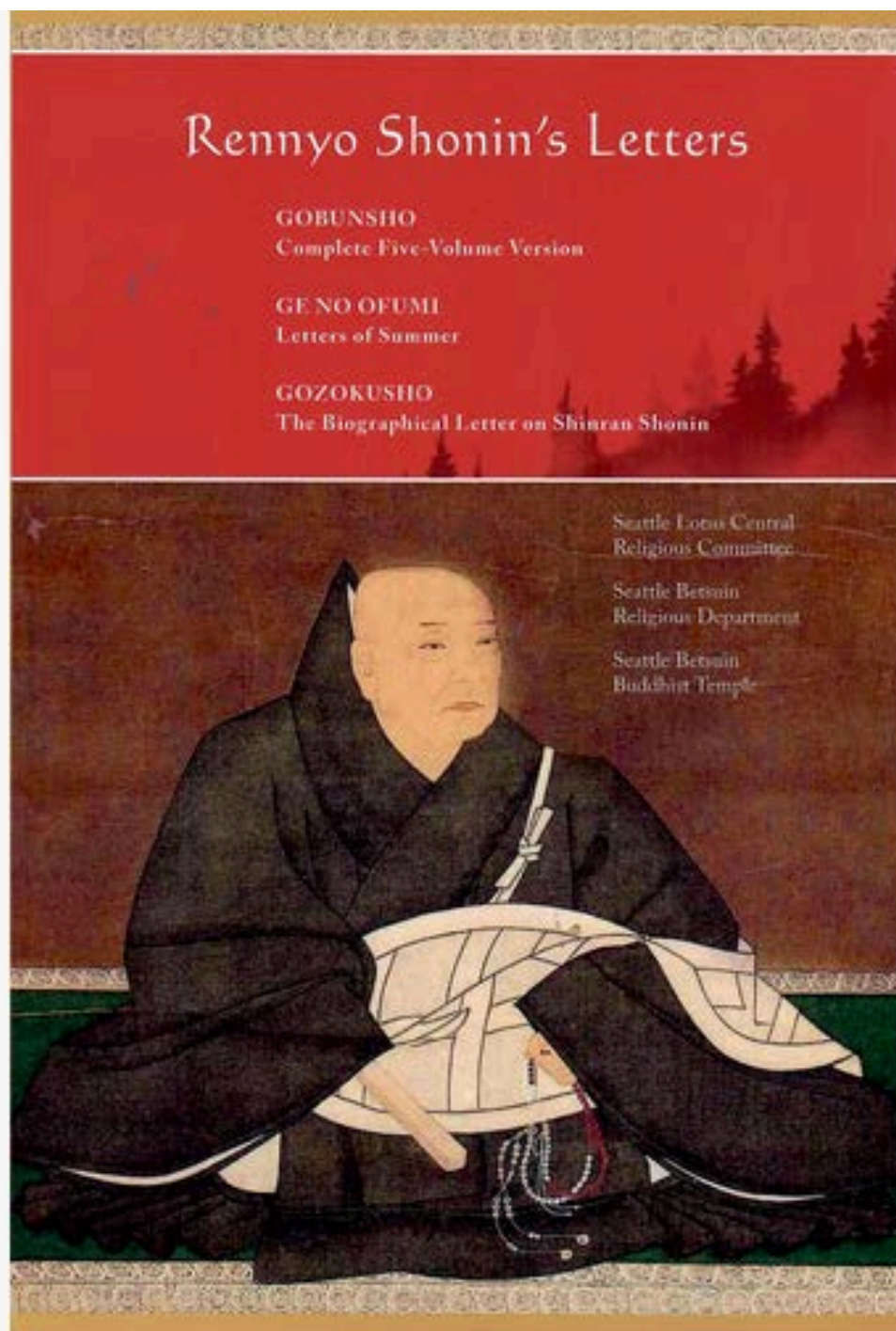


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