



October Newsletter

by Rimban Katsuya Kusunoki

125th Anniversary

A commemorative publication issued in 1954 to mark Seattle Betsuin's elevation to the status of Betsuin in 1951 describes the founding of Seattle Betsuin as follows:



“More than fifty years ago, during the tenure of Monshu Myōnyo Shōnin, the Hongwanji planned to establish a Buddhist missionary presence in the United States, taking its first step toward propagation in North America in San Francisco. In Seattle, on November 15, 1901 (Meiji 34), seven individuals, including Rev. Michi Hatanō, Chōjirō Fujii, and Jirō Iwamura, took the initiative in organizing a group called the ‘Buddhist Young Men’s Association.’ They rented a two-story building at 624 Main Street and, with Rev. Kakuryō Nishijima traveling from San Francisco, held the inaugural meeting. This day became the anniversary of the founding and is the reason that the Muen Hōyō (Memorial Service for those without Family or relatives) is conducted each year.”

This year marks the 125th anniversary of that inaugural meeting. On November 8, during our Eitaikyō Memorial Service, we will hold a special service commemorating the 125th anniversary of the founding of Seattle Betsuin, together with a celebration marking the completion of the first phase of the rebuilding project following the fire.

Following the service, a banquet will be held. We warmly invite everyone to join us and celebrate this special occasion together. Please come and share the joy of this historic 125th anniversary year.

As part of the celebration project, a calendar was created for the 100th anniversary of Seattle Betsuin in 2001 by the Adult Buddhist Association (ABA). Using that calendar, I would like to take a brief look back at the history and journey of Seattle Betsuin over the years.

- 1901 The first service was held, marking the founding of the **Bukkyo Seinen Kai (Buddhist Young Men’s Association)** at 624 Main Street.
- 1907 A groundbreaking ceremony was held for the new church building at **1020 Main Street**.
- 1908 The **Seattle Buddhist Women’s Association** was established.
A dedication ceremony was held for the new church building, followed by the first **Ochigo procession**.
- 1912 The **Sunday School (Dharma School) Department** was organized.
- 1922 The **Lotus Young Buddhist Association (YBA)** was founded.
- 1932 **Bon Odori** was started.
Boy Scout Troop 52 was chartered.
- 1933 The present **Buddha’s altar** was enshrined.
- 1934 **Seattle Buddhist Church Camp Fire** was chartered.
- 1941 A **cornerstone-laying ceremony** was held for the new church building at **1427 Main Street**, the present location of Seattle Betsuin.
A procession carrying the **Buddha’s altar** was held, followed by the opening service at the new church.
- 1942 All church activities were suspended due to the war.
The church building was rented to the **U.S. Maritime Commission**.
William Hugh Co. became the church custodian.
- 1946 The **U.S. Maritime Commission** vacated the church building.
Opening services were held following the church’s return.
- 1948 **Boy Scout Troop 252** was chartered.
- 1949 A **Cub Scout Pack** was chartered.

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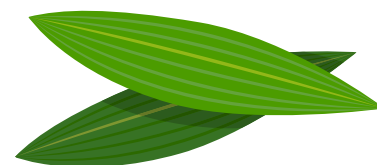
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- 1951** A commemorative scroll was received from the **23rd Gomonshu, Shonyo Shonin**, marking the **50th anniversary of the church**.
- 1954** **Seattle Buddhist Church was elevated to Betsuin status.**
The Seattle Buddhist Scouts Drum and Bugle Corps was organized.
- 1962** The first annual **memorial service for all deceased church members** was held.
- 1963** **The Betsuin Youth Council** was organized.
The Betsuin Choir was organized.
- 1964** The **Shinran Shonin 700th Anniversary Memorial Hall** was dedicated.
Dharma Exchange was started.
- 1971** The **Camp Fire Karuna Award** was established.
- 1976** A complete English translation of the **Gobunsho** was published.
The **Archives Committee** was established.
- 1977** **Wisteria Plaza** was dedicated.
- 1981** **Wisteria View Manor** was dedicated.
The **Adult Buddhist Association (ABA)** was established.
- 1982** **The Bell Tower** was dedicated.
- 1983** A statue of **Shinran Shonin** was dedicated.
The first annual **Summer Youth Retreat** was held.
- 1986** **Dada-kai** was established.
- 1987** The **Children's Service at the Memorial Hall** began.
- 2001** Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple celebrated its **100th Anniversary**.
- 2017** The **Northwest District Softball Tournament** was revived.
- 2019** The **25th Gomonshu, Sennyō Shonin**, visited Seattle Betsuin.
- 2020** All in-person temple activities were suspended due to the **COVID-19 pandemic**.
- 2023** The **Memorial Hall garage** was set on fire in an arson incident.
- 2024** **Rimban Kusunoki** threw the ceremonial first pitch at a **Seattle Mariners** game.
- 2026** The **first service in the Hondo (Main Hall)** was held following the arson fire.
Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple celebrated its **125th Anniversary**.

I believe there are many other important events and records that are not included here. The earlier history of the Seattle Betsuin is documented in detail in Mukashi Mukashi. However, there does not appear to be a record

that documents the history and development of the Seattle Betsuin since the 100th Anniversary Commemorative Service. It would be wonderful if we could create a commemorative publication documenting these past 25 years.

Based on this material, I would like each of you to create your own timeline of the Seattle Betsuin's history. Please include the events and memories that you feel are particularly important or meaningful.



October 2026 Chair's Letter

By Tyler Moriguchi

Welcome to October. By the time this article comes out we will be just a month away from our Eitaikyō-Muen Hōyō 125th anniversary service on November 8th. Thank you to the celebration planning committee that has been hard at work planning for a busy weekend of events, including a Kieshiki ceremony and anniversary banquet. I hope you will be able to celebrate this wonderful milestone with us.

The Eitaikyō-Muen Hōyō (永代経無縁法要) service is a fitting time for us to observe the temple's anniversary. Eitaikyō (永代経, perpetual sutra) is our continuing commitment to share the Buddha Dharma to anyone who wishes to hear it, while Muen Hōyō (無縁法要, memorial service for those without surviving relatives) honors all Sangha members who have come before us, especially those without surviving family. It is a time where we look back to express gratitude to all who have supported the temple to today and reaffirm that we will work to ensure that the temple continues for many years to come.

Namo Amida Butsu,
Tyler Moriguchi



Musical Notes

Submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi

Musical highlights of the September services were the Seattle Betsuin Ukulele Band (SBUB) leading “We Are One” for the first day of Dharma School and presenting the Shoshinge to the Junirai



to be presented at the Seattle Betsuin Eitaikyo 125th anniversary service on November 8. Check out the archived services on the Seattle Betsuin YouTube channel for excellent videography. <https://www.youtube.com/@SeattleBuddhistTemple/streams>

Thank you to Edythe Vassall who added the taiko to the keyboard part as written for Shuso Sango Saho.

The next SBUB rehearsal will be at 9:15 am on October 11, and the next Singing, Strumming, and Sharing Zoom will be on Monday evening, October 12 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.

Prior to presenting service music for the Seattle Betsuin 125th anniversary weekend, the band Otonowa led by drummer Akira Tana, will be performing at The Royal Room in Seattle’s Columbia City neighborhood on Thursday evening, November 5 at 7:30 pm. Tickets can be purchased from The Royal Room’s website: <https://theroyalroomseattle.com/event/akira-tana-and-otonowa/> Reserved seating can be selected with a dinner reservation after ticket purchase.

Don’t miss the opportunity to hear the many other jazz-inspired Japanese tunes that Otonowa has arranged and performed over the years since organizing initially to fund-raise for the Tohoku area earthquake tsunami disaster. They will be joining us in Seattle upon return from Japan from this year’s Tohoku outreach tour.

Also check out the BCA Music website <https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/music> for information about the film premiere of BCA Music Committee’s short documentary film “The Making of Kangie” at the Silicon Valley Asian Pacific Film Festival (SVAPFF) at AMC Sunnyvale on October 25. There is also a ticketed option for the virtual option to view “The Making of Kangie” the week after the conclusion of SVAPFF starting October 26. <https://watch.eventive.org/svapfilmfest2026/play/6a8b1972436379c784ef73ff/6a9799e5c273767b44bf2487>

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125th Anniversary

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.

“Dr. [James] Doi announced on February 6, 1999, the formation of a Centennial Planning Committee: Suzanne Fujinari, and Terrie Tanino were named co-chairs, Gail Kaminishi recording secretary and Dale Kaku treasurer. The team selected as the centennial theme “Nembutsu: Bridging the Past and Present to the Future” and set the date for the celebration as Sunday November 11, 2001.”

By Saturday, November 10, 2001, all was ready. Nine of the 48 ministers who had served the Betsuin attended the Kikyoshiki (Homecoming) Service at 3:00 p.m. in the Hondo. The widows of five other ministers also were honored. Bishop Hakubun Watanabe and his wife Kuniko and Reverend LaVerne Sasaki, the guest speaker, and his wife Helen also attended. Sunday morning the doors of the Hondo opened at 9:00 a.m. for members to oshoko and view the shrine restoration. On the walls were gorgeous Centennial commemorative quilts featuring the lives of Siddhartha and Shinran Shonin. At 9:50 the Bonsho bell tolled. The ministers and Ochigo led the procession from the Hondo to the auditorium. At 10:00 the Eitaikyo-Muen Hoyo Centennial Service began.” (Magden, p. 303, 305-306)

Musical Notes
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The SBUB
Photos by Claire M.



Gian, Kemi, Jeff, Marlene, Lauren, Ann, Greg, Susie and Donna



Gian, Kemi and Jeff



Ann, Greg, and Susie



Marlene, Lauren, Ann, and Greg



Kemi at the piano



Kemi at the piano with Edythe on taiko

Higan Service musicians for Shoshinge, photos by Grace Tazuma

NOBUKO MIYAMOTO

REVEREND MAS KODANI

THE MAKING OF KANGIE

A Buddhist minister and a movement singer
reshaped Japanese American Obon music.
Forty years later they are called to bring
a pandemic-scattered community
back into the circle.



WORLD PREMIER Oct 25th



Silicon Valley Asian Pacific FilmFest

<https://svapfilmfest.org>

DIRECTED BY DEREK NAKAMOTO
EDITED BY SAENAH BOCH

Produced by Derek Nakamoto & Evan Kodani | Executive Producer The Buddhist Churches of America

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.

August 23, 2026 [Reflections on 2026 Bon Odori | MA Alex Sakamoto | 2026-08-23](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KYeDaBTqE30) or <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KYeDaBTqE30>

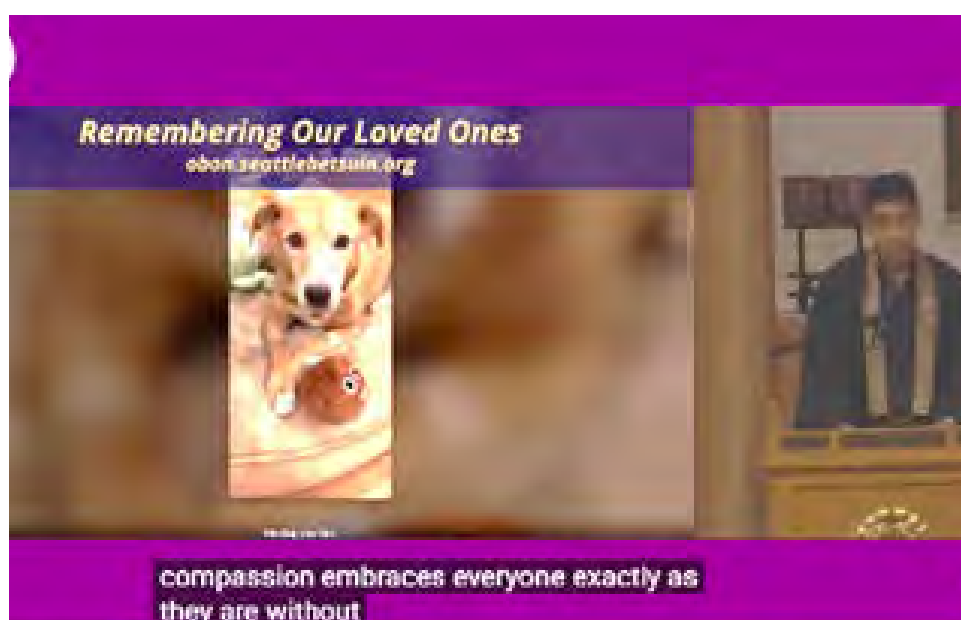
Ministers' Assistant Alex Sakamoto shares his appreciation for a new feature in the Hondo during bon odori this year. The opportunity for everyone to include a photo to display and remember a passed loved-one was introduced and designed to teach newcomers about Jodo Shinshu; Alex found that it taught him that everyone can experience Amida Buddha's great compassion.



At Dharma Exchange Ann Oxrieder and Grace Tazuma asked for suggestions on what to include in the 125th Anniversary Time Capsule; about 20 people were in attendance. Ideas can be directed to office@SeattleBetsuin.org



Rimban Rev. Kusunoki announces softball win.



Minister's Assistant Alex Sakamoto delivers Dharma Message

Sunday, August 30, 2026

Due to technical difficulties no live-stream recording is available. Rev. Kusunoki announced that the Seattle Betsuin Team won the annual softball game the previous day. His dharma talk was about dana/giving and illustrated one form of dana with the telling of a Jataka tale of King Shibi and the pigeon.



In lieu of Dharma Exchange, Sangha Bon Odori was held in the gym with dance, music, drums, and somen refreshment.

Sangha members dance in the gym on August 30 post Bon Odori of July 18, 19.

Sunday Service and Sunday Dharma Exchange Notes Continued

Submitted by Irene Goto



Minister's Assistant Erin Hoffman-John

Sunday, September 6, 2026

Due to technical difficulties no live-stream recording is available. Rev. Kusunoki introduced new Seattle Betsuin Minister's Assistant Erin Hoffman-John. As the dharma message, MA Erin introduced herself and described her path to Jodo Shinshu. Of special note on her path, among various teachers, was Rev. Gibbs whose feeling of reverence and compassion she felt deeply. She is currently enrolled in the Institute of Buddhist Studies program in Berkeley, CA.

During Dharma Exchange MA Erin answered questions about her dharma message. Rev. Kusunoki held a practice session on Ojoraisange which the sangha will chant/sing during the Sunday, November 8, 125th Anniversary Service.



Minister's Assistant Rev. Matt May

Sunday, September 20, 2026 [SEATTLE BETSUIN SUNDAY SERVICE | 2026-09-20 - YouTube https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0UPmeCBX9Rw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0UPmeCBX9Rw)

At Fall Ohigan Service, Rev. Kusunoki tells the story of Ugume no Yure where the mother may be interpreted as Amida Buddha and the baby as oneself.

At Dharma Exchange Rev. Kusunoki answered questions about the story of Ugume the motherly ghost of Kougenji. He reviewed the Six Paramitas, explained some of the elements of the Toraiban ritual that he earlier performed to celebrate Ohigan, and the significance of Shakyamuni Buddha in Jodo Shinshu (Shin Buddhism) who seems to be absent in our altar.

Refreshments of ohagi and iced matcha latte were served in the gym.

Sunday, September 13, 2026 [Rituals Reflecting On Loss | Rev. Matt May | 2026-09-13. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s1_NDoTOL24&list=PLN-W5PUbhUr9M-FCctGBRu2f-8hH3qDal](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s1_NDoTOL24&list=PLN-W5PUbhUr9M-FCctGBRu2f-8hH3qDal)

Ministers Assistant Rev. Matt May relates his experience in Mexico with Dia de Los Muertos and compares it to Obon in his talk. At Dharma Exchange he explained the process to Jodo Shinshu ministry, personally, and which is followed by ministers in the Buddhist Churches of America.



Rev. Kusunoki delivers Dharma Message



Rev. Kusunoki answers questions at Dharma Exchange in the Hondo

CORRECTION TO September's newsletter article: The Sunday, July 26, photo caption should read "MA Leonora shows a sacred text, the cover of which is red; the color is said to be inspired by the story Haragomori no Shogyo, and why our service book covers were traditionally red." – MA Rev. Irene Goto

Dharma School News

Submitted by Joan Nakano



The Dharma School is off to a great start. Representatives from Camp Fire, Scouts, Taiko, Bodhi Ensemble, and a cool Minecraft art project greeted parents in the Memorial Hall chapel. Parents registered their kids and bonded over doughnuts. Meanwhile, up in the classrooms, the kids bonded over pizza. We have some new families, and we're looking forward to Hatsumairi and Ochigo! We're excited to bring back children's services, which are scheduled for:

October 25
January 31
March 14
April 11
May 23

We're also bringing back the Halloween party on October 25 and gingerbread house decorating on December 6. Sangha members are welcome to join Halloween and gingerbread events!

Gassho,
Claire and Yvette



SEATTLE BETSUIN BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Submitted by Ann Oxrieder

August 27, 2026



Highlights included:



The responsibility to plan, work and execute a capital campaign will move from ARP to the temple board level. Board Chair Tyler Moriguchi expects this to be a two-to-three-year project. Committee members include: Tyler, Grace Tazuma, Janice Deguchi, Connie Ozeki-Chinn, Alan Hoshino, and Patty Hiroo-Mastrude. Tyler encouraged anyone with fundraising experience and an interest in joining the committee contact him.



The 2026 Bon Odori netted \$101,000, more money than in 2025, including significant sales from SBBWA Bachan’s Closet.



Furniture for Dharma School classrooms should arrive in time for the first day of Dharma School, September 13.



Updates on the 125th anniversary plans including a November 7 Kieshiki (Buddhist naming) ceremony. Bishop Harada will officiate. Down payments have been made to Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue for a luncheon on November 8, and plans are being made for a group photo.



Alex Sakamoto spoke to the complexity of filling the new Customer Relationship software called Bloomerang with accurate, useful data. The immediate priority is to finish reconciling the constituent information for 2024 through the present.



The board discussed a proposed fee schedule for special services, also one for use of the facility by outside organizations, and made recommendations for changes.

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.

Upcoming events:

48th BCA FBWA Conference in San Diego from October 2 - 4, 2026

SBBWA Memorial Service at Seattle Betsuin on October 18, 2026 at 10 am



Thank you to following people who helped
with making the delicious ohagi for Fall
Ohigan refreshments:

Suzanne Fujinari

Ann Hasegawa

Tina Ko

Fran Shintaku

Gail Suzaka

Nina Tomita Kato

Machiko Wada

Susie Yamane

Mae Yamasaki

Thank you to the SBBWA members, Dharma School students and sangha members who helped



with cutting the cabbage for the tsukemono.

Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association continued



Sangha Bon Odori held in August 2026

Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association continued

Community service at Beacon Hill International Elementary

Submitted by Tina Ko-Zumoto



Fran S, Tina K-Z, Kyle O (staff), Josh M, and Susie T are ready to help at Beacon Hill International School September 1, 2026.
Not pictured: Mae H. Ellen S and Rick H.

Can you help next week? Seven volunteers from the Sangha and SBBWA answered the call for assistance and were able to go the day before school was projected to start, to assist staff at nearby Beacon Hill International elementary school. Tasks included classroom set-up, organizing equipment for the PE classes, and helping with the general and classroom libraries. This was the third year of our connection which we hope to continue. The ties to the Betsuin's Kids summer program, KSP, continue with our younger helpers once being students of two of the BH teachers! Staff members Therese K treated us to a yummy lunch and snacks. Thank you to Nina T-K and Tina K-Z for coordinating this activity.

TROOP 252 UPDATE

Submitted by Theo K.



September 19, 2026

Congrats to Reese T for earning his Eagle Scout rank! A major highlight of this month was the Eagle Court Ceremony held in his honor. It was Troop 252's first Eagle Court since before the pandemic. Most of our troop came to celebrate him as well as his friends, family, and temple community. It was a fun time for all of us and gave the younger scouts some inspiration to continue their scouting career. Monthly meetings have also started up again for the fall. The first meeting we held was at the Garfield Track and focused on the Personal Fitness Merit badge. We did some pushups, situps, and ran a mile. Our goal is to come back next month and do better than we originally did.



Scouts congratulate Reese for his achievement. Featured (From left to right): Felix K, Shaun W, Theo K, Ansel K, Reese T, Jasper H, Taiden B, Alex B, Kenichi S

CUB SCOUT PACK 252 UPDATE

Submitted by Mayuko Tanimura



September 13th at Temple

After spending their respective summer breaks, we kicked off the new fiscal year in September. The members returned showing clear signs of growth over the summer, as they had moved up a grade, we began by holding a self-introduction game to get reacquainted.





The Seattle Betsuin would like to congratulate Todd Miyata and Fukuko Tanaka who were married in the Seattle Betsuin hondo by Reverend Castro on August twenty-second in the presence of their families. The service was streamed to Japan as the temple's first streamed wedding. Todd is the son of temple member, Tetsuo and Linda Miyata. We all wish them much happiness together!

Submitted by Mae Yamasaki



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).



Noriko Brubeck, Toshi Fukeda,
David Gibbs & Tara Tamaribuchi,
Chris Grabowski, Stephen Hasegawa,
Pam Horn, Gail Kaminishi,
Malcom & Eileen Kanemoto,
Marc & Jan Keltner, Carolyn Minako Kunihiro,
Paul & Teresa Mori, Tricia Mori,
Danilo Murata, Kiyoko Nakanishi,
Teruko Nakamichi, Joan Nakano,
Quinn Nakano,
Dang Nguyen & Nicole Shimizu,
Ray & Sarah Parker, Gloria Shigeno,
Robert Taki, Ileene Kawahara -Tanabe,
Calvin & Yvette Terada, Don & Amy Tokunaga,
Akio Ueno & Silvia Sylvestre Nunes,
Jeff & Susie Yamane,
Kenneth Yocom & Anna Tamura,
Trevor Yokoyama

Compiled by Joan N. & Steph O.



We would like to “WELCOME” Tricia Mori, Ray & Sarah Parker, Gloria Shigeno, Akio Ueno & Silvia Sylvestre Nunes as new members of our Sangha.

Hatsumairi Service

Sunday, October 25, 2026
10:00 am

Hatsumairi or “First Visit” is a Jodo Shinshu tradition that acknowledges the child’s first visit to the temple. Parents present their children before the image of Amida Buddha and members of the Sangha as an expression of their gratitude and desire to expose them to the teachings of the Buddha.

The Hatsumairi Ceremony will be held in person on Sunday, October 25, 2026, at 10:00 am. Children of all ages are welcome to participate. If you would like to present your child(ren) at this ceremony, please e-mail the following information to office@seattlebetsuin.org:

	
Child's Name	
Month / Day / Year of Birth	
Parent's Name(s)	
Mailing address	
Phone number	
E-mail Address	

The deadline to register is October 18th. A Dharma School representative will contact you with details after you register. If you have any questions, please call the Temple office at (206) 329-0800. Donations made to Seattle Betsuin is greatly appreciated.

Ochigo Procession

Seattle Betsuin 125th Anniversary

Eitaikyo Service



This is a very special service, and we would love to have your family join us. Please feel free to invite your children and grandchildren to come and share this special occasion with us. Please email Ayano Kusunoki to sign up. The registration deadline is Sunday, October 25.

Date & Time	Sunday, November 8 Gathering Time: 8:30 AM
Venue	Seattle Betsuin
Ages	1-11 years old
Registration	Email: kusuniki.ayano@gmail.com



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	Toyogi, 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
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NOVEMBER SHOTSUKI HOYO

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

Abe, Ricky Kunimitsu	Ito, Yaeko	Morishima, Toshio	Takano, William
Akizuki, Kikuko	Iwamura, Yoshiye	Morita, Yonezo	Takao, Mineyo
Arinobu, Ginya	Jinka, Kinuko	Mukai, Shizuko	Takashima, Hanayo
Asaba, Tamae	Jitodai, Ikuno	Muraoka, Toshie	Takayoshi, Raku
Asakura, Tomiko	Kajioka, Mary	Nagaye, George	Takei, Rikizo
Deguchi, Ben	Kano, Osamu	Nakagawa, Dorothy	Takemura, Mary
Deguchi, Mae	Kariya, Masanobu	Nakamura, Shikajiro	Tamura, James "Jim"
Feragen, Hisako	Kataoka, Julie	Nakano, James	Teranishi, Spencer
Fifer, Kiyoe	Katayama, Francis	Nakano, Kazuo	Terao, Eiyu
Fujino, Haruo	Katayama, Glenn	Nakano, Smith	Toyoshima, Michiko
Fujita, Kaname	Kawamura, Thomas	Nakata, Gerald	Tsuchida, Kitaro
Fujita, Roger	Kido, Tsuya	Nakatani, Kenny	Tsue, Yoshio
Fujita, Sachiko	Kitajima, Hide	Nakawatase, Shiwo	Tsuji, Yasu
Fujikawa, Kazuo	Kitano, Hiroko	Natsuhara, Jack	Tsujihara, Yoshiko
Fujiye, Yoneko	Koba, Teruo	Nishimori, Tsue	Tsutsumi, Kii
Fukuchi, Yoshio	Koga, Hisaye	Nishizawa-Martinez, Akiko	Uyeda, Aiko
Fukuda, Hatsue	Komine, Masako	Oba, Michiko	Uyeno, Lillian
Furugori, Sen	Kono, Robert	Ogino, Kono	Watanabe, Atsushi
Furukawa, Kazuko	Kubo, Chiyeno	Okada, Hisano	Yakushijin, Toshiko
Furuta, Kiwa	Kubota, Tadashi	Okada, John	Yamagiwa, Hidejiro
Goto, Morita	Kubota, Takemitsu	Okada, Mamoru	Yamagiwa, Michihiko
Green, Leslie	Kumasaka, Roy	Okada, Matsuno	Yamaguchi, Masao
Hamasaki, Kimiye	Kuramoto, Sumi	Ondo, Mae	Yamamoto, Harry
Hasegawa, Hiroko	Kusakabe, Brian	Ono, Shigeo	Yamamoto, Hiroshi
Hayakawa, Tatsuro	Kuwahara, Akio	Otsuka, Eiichi	Yamamoto, Kimie
Hayashi, Kiyomi	Maruoka, Shuzo	Rhoades, Dixie	Yamasaki, Yasuo
Higa, Hatsumi	Matsuda, Esther	Sakamoto, Minoru	Yamauchi, Howard
Higa, James	Matsui, Masuko	Sakamoto, Shigeko	Yamazaki, Toshio
Higa, Tsuyuko	Matsumoto, Benjamin	Sako, Masako	Yanagimoto, Shokichi
Higashi, Mina	Mayeda, Frank	Sakoda, Aya	Yoda, Wayne
Hiraoka, Rose	Mikami, Yoshie	Seino, Sueki	Yokoyama, Kazuo
Horikawa, Hideyoshi	Mitoma, Mabel	Shibuya, Masanari	Yokoyama, Lawrence
Iida, Bob	Miyauchi, Yoshiko	Shimizu, Umetaro	Yoshida, William
Ikeda, Robert	Mizumori, Roger	Shirasago, Suna	Yoshihara, Hide
Imanishi, Toshiko	Mizuta, Sadano	Soejima, Roy	Yoshihara, Teruo
Iseri, Isamu	Mori, Harue	Sunahara, Herbert	Yoshinaka, Hanako
Isomura, Kiyuu	Morikawa, Akiye	Suto, Judy	Yoshino, Lillian
Isomura, Nobuo	Morimoto, Nobu	Tabusa, Matsuyo	Yukawa, Shizuye
Isomura, Toshiko	Morimoto, Ruth	Taguchi, Miho	

OCTOBER 2026 BETSUIN CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2026 BETSUIN SCHEDULE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NOVEMBER 2026 SPECIAL EVENTS November 1 Temple Clean-up November 8 Betsuin 125th Anniversary & Daitoku service & Ochigo procession November 22 Autumn Family Music service				1 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service	2	3
4 10 am SUNDAY SERVICE 10:50 am Combined Dharma Exchange Dharma School	5 Rimban's day off	6 9:30 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom	7	8 8 pm Betsuin Cabinet meeting	9	10
11 10 am SUNDAY SERVICE 10:50 am Dharma Exchange Japanese Language Service Dharma School	12 Rimban's day off	13 9:30 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom	14	15 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service	16 12 pm Gōjikai meeting	17 10 am Japanese Fall Nembutsu Seminar Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji 2 pm English Fall Nembutsu Seminar Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji
18 10 am SABA MEMORIAL SERVICE Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Miyaji 10:50 am Dharma Exchange Japanese Language Service Dharma School	19 Rimban's day off	20 9:30 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom 8 pm Newsletter deadline	21	22 7 pm Betsuin Board meeting	23	24
25 10 am HATSUMAIBI - SUNDAY SERVICE 10:50 am Dharma School Event	26 Rimban's day off	27 9:30 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom	28 11 am Merrill Gardens Rantou	29	30	31

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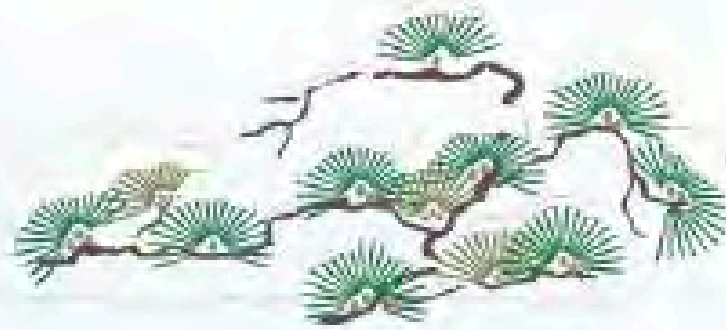


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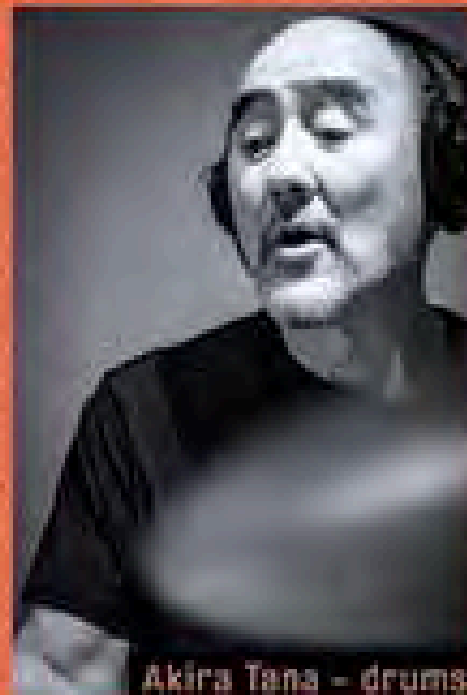


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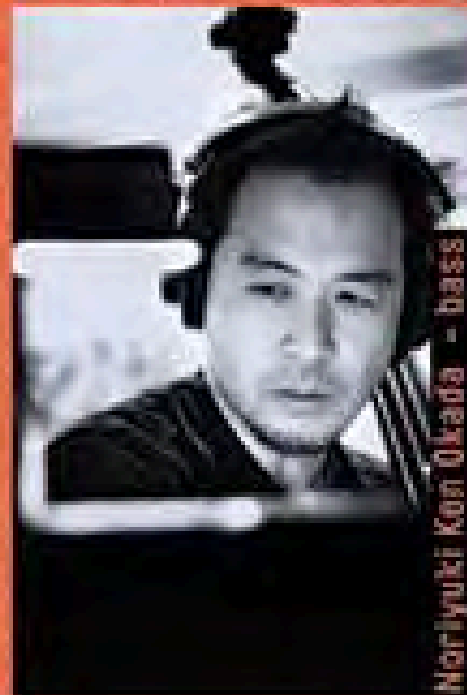
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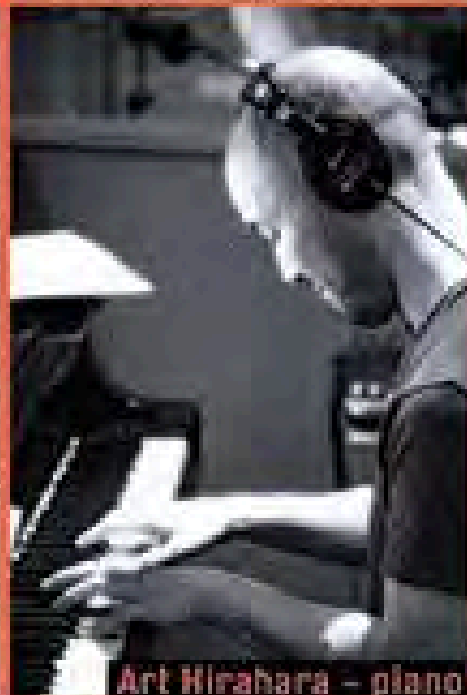
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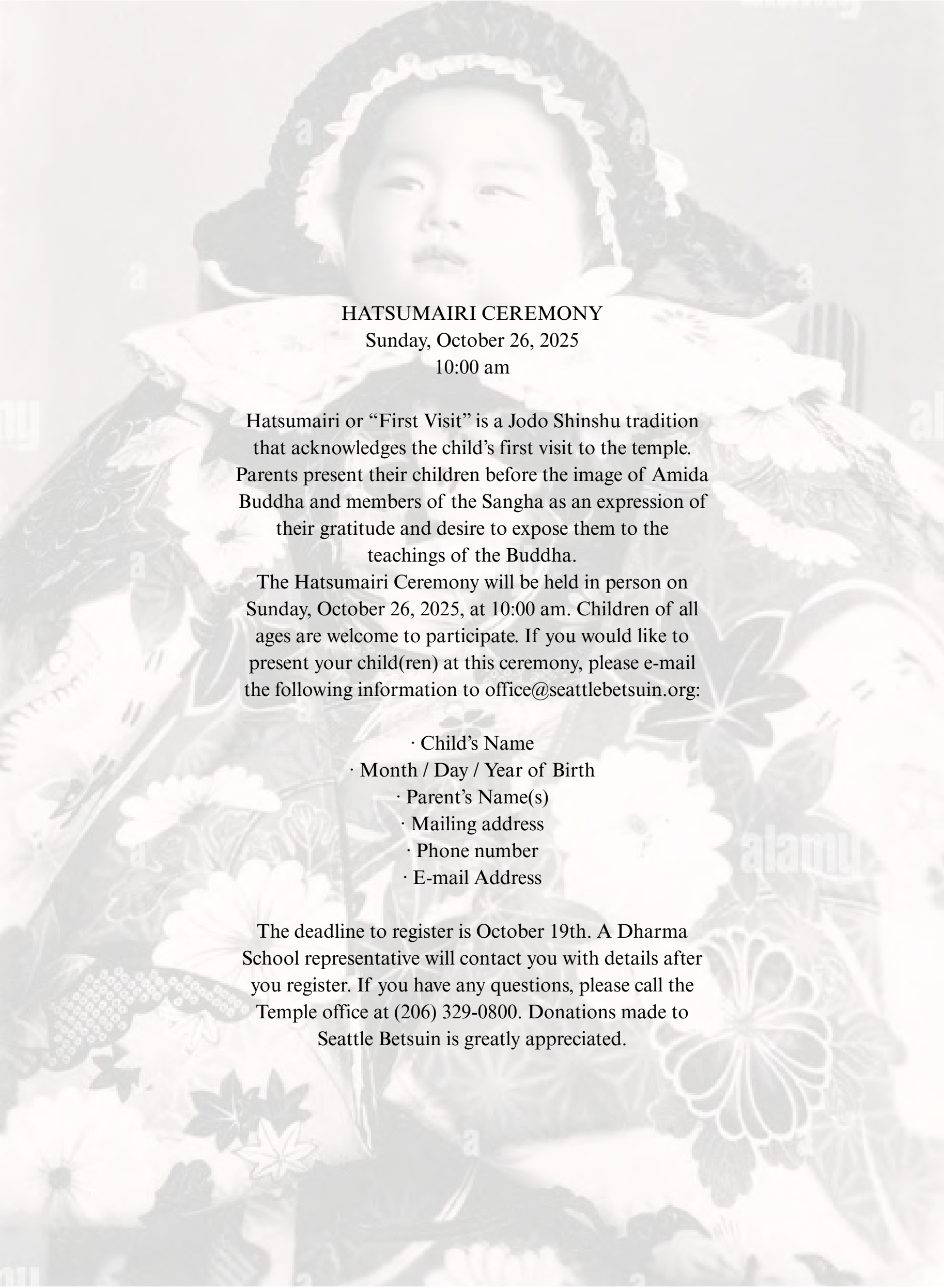


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HATSUMAIRI CEREMONY

Sunday, October 26, 2025

10:00 am

Hatsumairi or “First Visit” is a Jodo Shinshu tradition that acknowledges the child’s first visit to the temple. Parents present their children before the image of Amida Buddha and members of the Sangha as an expression of their gratitude and desire to expose them to the teachings of the Buddha.

The Hatsumairi Ceremony will be held in person on Sunday, October 26, 2025, at 10:00 am. Children of all ages are welcome to participate. If you would like to present your child(ren) at this ceremony, please e-mail the following information to office@seattlebetsuin.org:

- Child’s Name
- Month / Day / Year of Birth
- Parent’s Name(s)
- Mailing address
- Phone number
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The deadline to register is October 19th. A Dharma School representative will contact you with details after you register. If you have any questions, please call the Temple office at (206) 329-0800. Donations made to Seattle Betsuin is greatly appreciated.

Recruiting for interfaith Adult Volleyball League (AVL)

Back in the 1970's the local churches (Buddhist/Blaine/Baptist/Nichiren/others) formed an adult volleyball league which continues on today. We currently have one team from our temple named Sangha. Would like to get more players to join us or be able to have another team!

- **Players of all skill levels welcome!** Rules modified to make it more fun & friendly. Such as only underhand serves, no blocking and no hard spiking.
- **MINIMUM age to participate is 30 years for men and 25 years for women.** Note: Average age for team needs to be 45 years or older so we'll mix the young and less younger.
- *Location:* Blaine United Methodist Gym, on Beacon Hill at 3001 24th Ave S, Seattle, 98144

Time & Schedule: Friday nights, games at 7:30 or 8:30 starting October through March. Approximately 15 games. Skip weeks for holidays and Blaine Church events.

Cost: TBD (should not be too bad, team fees haven't been set yet)

**If you are interested, please contact Donna Zumoto –
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October 4
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Dharma

October 11
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10:50 am Dharma Exchange
Japanese Service
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October 18
10 am **SBBWA MEMORIAL SERVICE**
Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Miyaji
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