Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple

125th Anniversary, Eitaikyo Hoyo and Temple Rededication Service



Honoring the past,
Inspiring the future
125 years of Nembutsu

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November 8, 2026

- Welcome
- Ochigo procession with Gagaku
- Kansho
- **Shuso Sango Saho Ongaku Hoyo**
  Ritual in Reverence and Veneration of the Founder
  - **Choraimon**
  - Hyobyaku Aspiration
  - **Shoshinge**
  - **Wasan** (please stand, if you are able)
  - **Nembutsu** (please stand, if you are able)
  - **Ondokusan I**
- Oshoko (Incense Offering)
  - NW District Council, Oregon Buddhist Temple – Ken Garner
  - Tacoma Buddhist Temple – David Yotsuuye
  - White River Buddhist Temple – Kelsey Asato
  - Yabunouchi Tea Group – Chiaki Schomer
  - Music Department – Paul Mori
  - Meditation/Book Study – Alex Petersen
  - Matsuri Taiko – Donna Zumoto
  - Gojikai – Mas Tahara
  - Camp Fire – Ami Yabuki
  - Cub Scouts, Pack 252 – Yuiya Kusunoki, Kylen Brownlee
  - Scouts, Troop 252 – Ansel Ketcherside
  - Dharma School – Kenji John, Kenzie and Ben Kameshige
  - Jr. YBA – Minh Moriguchi
  - SBBWA – Tina Zumoto-Ko

    - Seattle Betsuin – Kanako Kashima
    - 125th Anniversary Committee – Grace Tazuma
- Musical Offering
    - **Nembutsu** by Chizu Iwanaga, arranged by Akira Tana. Masaru Koga (shakuhachi), Art Hirahara (piano), Noriyuki Ken Okada (bass), Akira Tana (band leader, drums)
- **The Threefold Refuge**
    - Rev. Don Castro
- Dharma Message
    - Bishop Marvin Harada
- Rennyo Shonin's Letters, letter No. 68 Volume 5 Chapter 10

  Shonin Ichiryu No Sho, Chapter on Shonin Shinran's Teachings of Jodo Shinshu
    - Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki, Rimban
- Announcements
- Closing Remarks

Immediately following service, please make your way to the gym for a commemorative Anniversary photo.

125th Anniversary Luncheon

Meydenbauer Center

11100 NE 6th St

Bellevue, WA 98004

Doors open at 12:15 PM

A Temple Is Established

More than a century ago, the first steps were being taken to spread Jodo Shinshu teachings in the United States. In Seattle, seven dedicated members, including Shodo Hatano, Chojiro Fujii, and Jiro Iwamura, formed **Bukkyo Seinen Kai** (Buddhist Young Men's Association) and rented a two-story house at 624 Main Street to serve as a temple.

On November 15, 1901, they invited Rev. Kakuryo Nishijima from San Francisco to conduct a dedication ceremony. This date became recognized as the anniversary of the establishment of **Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple**.

The Eitaikyo Service was later combined with Seattle Betsuin's anniversary celebration in November. It provides a meaningful opportunity to express gratitude and respect for the generations who came before us. Traditions such as Gagaku music and the Ochigo procession help **honor their contributions while connecting today's Sangha to our rich history.**

As we remember those who helped establish and sustain **Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple**, we look back with gratitude, **honoring** those who laid our foundation, and look forward with hope, **inspiring** future generations to carry this legacy forward. May Seattle Betsuin continue to be a place where all may encounter the Buddha Dharma and come to hear the **Nembutsu.**