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November Newsletter

by Rimban Katsuya Kusunoki



On November 8, 2026, Seattle Betsuin will observe its 125th Anniversary Service, together with the Eitaikyo Service and the Temple Rededication Service. I am deeply grateful that we will be able to celebrate these special occasions together with all of you. As we approach this important milestone, I have taken some time to learn more about the history and journey of Seattle Betsuin.

Since the temple first began its activities in Seattle in 1901, a total of 50 ministers have served and supported the temple over the past 125 years. Of these, 10 have served as Rimbans (head minister of Betsuin temple), dedicating themselves to the propagation of the Buddha-Dharma. Below, I have listed the names of the ministers who have served Seattle Betsuin throughout its history, including the Rimbans. (The names of our 27 past Board Presidents will be featured in the next issue.)

There have also been many others who have supported the temple's activities as acting Rimbans and Ministers' Assistants, and we are deeply grateful for their contributions.

In 1901, the temple began its activities in a rented two-story house. As the membership grew and temple activities expanded, the first temple building was established in 1908. In 1941, the temple relocated to its present site. Following World War II, Seattle Betsuin resumed its religious and community activities.

According to records from 1954, the year Seattle Betsuin was elevated to the status of Betsuin, the temple had 400 members, 300 Dharma School students, and 420 members of the Buddhist Women's Association. Ten years later, in 1964, the numbers had grown to 800 temple members, 500 Dharma School students, 500 Buddhist Women's Association members, 130 Scouts, and 50 Camp Fire members. These figures alone give us a sense of how active and vibrant the temple's community life was during that period.

In more recent years, however, membership has declined. The temple had 543 members in 2009, 412 when I arrived at Seattle Betsuin in 2017, and approximately 250 today.

What these numbers suggest is that, as society and people's lifestyles change, the role and nature of our temple must also change. We do not necessarily need to view a decline in membership negatively. In light of the Buddhist teaching of impermanence, this change can be an opportunity for us to reconsider how the temple can better respond to the needs, expectations, and aspirations of today's society and our current members.

In addition to the activities already taking place at Seattle Betsuin, I would like to share some ideas I have been considering for the upcoming year:

- Revitalizing programs for infants and young children
- Organizing seminars in collaboration with local educators who teach Buddhism
- Reviving the Senior YBA (Sr. YBA)
- Promoting Eco Sangha activities

These do not have to be large-scale initiatives. I believe that we can make a meaningful difference by creating and carrying out a greater number of small, manageable activities.

I would welcome your thoughts and suggestions. Seattle Betsuin has opened its doors once again, and I hope that our temple will continue to become a place where even more people can encounter the Buddha-Dharma and develop meaningful connections with the Buddhist teachings.

Let us work together to plan and carry out a variety of activities that will help Seattle Betsuin flourish as a place of connection, learning, and spiritual growth for our community.

November Newsletter
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Seattle Betsuin Successive Kaikyoshi Ministers

1. Rev. Shodo Hatano (1901-1902)
2. Rev. Gendo Nakai (1902-1907)
3. Rev. Ehan Fujiyeda (1907-1909)
4. Rev. Hoshin Fujii (1908-1922)
5. Rev. Gozen Morita (1912)
6. Rev. Danru Mototani (1914-1918)
7. Rev. Taiyu Mitsunaga (1918-1919)
8. Rev. Shigen Minami (1918)
9. Rev. Doko Minamoto (1919-1921)
10. Rev. Yuhaku Shimizu (1920-1925)
11. Rev. Kosho Ogura (1924-1926)
12. Rev. Gijin Taga (1926)
13. Rev. Shoi Yamada (1926)
14. Rev. Chosui Ike (1926-1930)
15. Rev. Gyohan Mizukami (1927-1929)
16. Rev. Yushin Nagaoka (1929)
17. Rev. Kodo Saiki (1929-1932)
18. Rev. Zenryu Aoki (1930-1936)
19. Rev. Tatsuya Ichikawa (1936-1954)*
20. Rev. Chiko Kai (1937-1938)
21. Rev. Eiryu Terao (1940-1944)
22. Rev. Gikan Nishinaga (1945-1946)
23. Rev. Shoko Masunaga (1949-1960)
24. Rev. Seiji Kobara (1950-1954)
25. Rev. Koyo Okuda (1954-1963)
26. Rev. Tetsuo Unno (1961-1962)
27. Rev. Kazuo Nakagami (1962-1966)
28. Rev. Kakuyei Tada (1963-1968)
29. Rev. Keiko Horii (1967-1968)
30. Rev. Koken Sakai (1968-1970)
31. Rev. Shuei Iwai (1968-1972)
32. Rev. Chijun Yakumo (1970-1977)
33. Rev. Seiko Okahashi (1972-1974)
34. Rev. Akio Miyaji (1974-1979)
35. Rev. Dennis Yoshikawa (1977-1980)
36. Rev. Doei Fujii (1979-1984)*
37. Rev. Dennis J. Shinseki (1981-1985)
38. Rev. Shigeru Terakawa (1985)
39. Rev. Toshikazu Nakagaki (1985-1989)
40. Rev. Don Castro (1986-2010)*
41. Rev. Dean Koyama (1989-1996)
42. Rev. John Iwohara (1998-2001)
43. Rev. Sala Sekiya (2015-2017)

Seattle Betsuin Successive Rimban

1. Rev. Tatsuya Ichikawa (1954-1960)*
2. Rev. Shozen Naito (1960-1961)
3. Rev. Kenryo Kumata (1961-1970)
4. Rev. Shojo Oi (1970-1978)
5. Rev. Sadamori Ouchi (1978-1995)
6. Rev. Yoshiaki Takemura (1995-1999)
7. Rev. Doei Fujii (2003-2005)*
8. Rev. Hoshu Matsubayashi (2006-2010)
9. Rev. Don Castro (2010-2016)*
   Interim Rimban: Rev. Kojo Kakihara (2017)
10. Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki (2017-Present)

November 2026
Chair's Letter
By Tyler Moriguchi



Greetings from Tokyo, Japan. I recently attended a morning service at the Tsukiji Hongwanji Temple in Tokyo (I don't think a daily 7:00 AM service will ever catch on in the States). While the Hondo and Naijin are much bigger than our own, it was very comforting and familiar to me, the smell of incense, the ringing of the kansho, and the statue of Amida. And although I was not able to chant the Wasan I did join in chanting the Eko at the end.

Even though the temple dates back to the 17th century, while reading about the history of the Tsukiji Hongwanji, I was surprised to learn that the current temple is not that much older than our own, being constructed in 1934 after the previous temple was destroyed in 1923 during the great Kanto earthquake.

While we are celebrating our 125th anniversary this year, feeling the connection to Shinran Shonin and a history that stretches back over 800 years truly reinforces the concept of interconnectedness to those who have come before.

It is truly my wish that Jodo Shinshu Buddhism continue for at least another 125 years so that my great-great-great-grandchildren will be able to receive the Buddha Dharma, but that can only happen with the support of the greater Sangha.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed their time, effort, and financial support to ensure that the Seattle Betsuin can not just survive, but thrive into the next century.

Namo Amida Butsu,
Tyler Moriguchi

Musical Notes

Submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi



We hope you have tickets to The Royal Room to hear Akira Tana and his band Otonowa on Thursday, evening, November 5 and/or have registered for the special workshop at Jazz Night School, also in Columbia City, that Jesse Moneyhun arranged on Saturday afternoon, November 7. https://jazznightschool.org/products/make-music-make-change-with-akira-tana-and-otonowa-saturday-november-7th-2026-4-00-5-00pm

Recall that in 2024, on the band's first trip back to the Tohuko area after the pandemic, they produced a video for BCA Music Committee: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RXxW-8YnnPo .

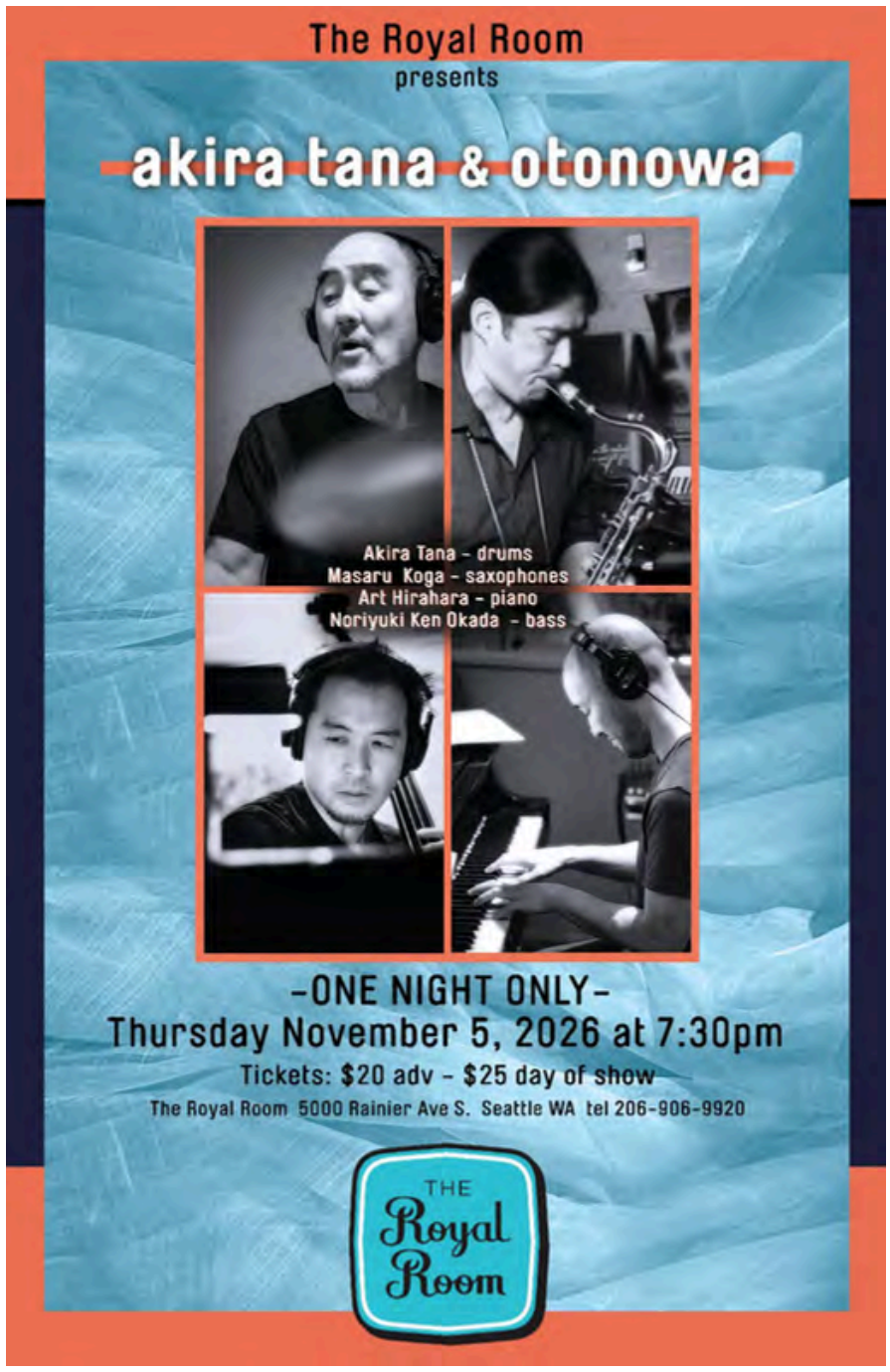
How exciting it is to present the band here in Seattle to hear live performances! We are also fortunate that Masaru Koga, the multi-instrumentalist in the band, is also playing hichiriki with the Seattle Gagaku Group for the Seattle Betsuin 125th anniversary Muen Hoyo and Temple Rededication Service on Sunday, November 7.

But wait – Paul Mori's band Moxie is also performing at The Royal Room on Friday evening, November 6! https://theroyalroomseattle.com/event/moxie-4/ if you would like to make it a back-to-back The Royal Room week of fun and entertainment.

Please also mark your calendar for the Autumn Music Service on Sunday, November 22. We expect to premiere the new gatha "The Dharma is Here" with the Seattle Betsuin High School Dharma School winning lyrics. The Seattle Betsuin Ukulele Band will also be leading a gatha selection.

Please share the information widely with your family and friends!

The BCA Music Committee is preparing to post a November newsletter issue on the BCA Music website https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/music that includes articles about the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple music workshop in September, the music presented at the BCA FBWA meeting in San Diego last month, and the Musical O-Higan service at Midwest Buddhist Temple (MBT) in Chicago. An excerpt from this service from 9/20/2026 can be viewed on the MBT YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dWYcW4D6rJI&t=544s with tunes you will recognize and interesting background information.



Akira Tana & Otonowa at Royal Room

Thurs Nov 5 – Doors: 6:30pm | Show Time: 7:30pm
Tickets: $20 advance price | $25 at door

The group known as OTONOWA (SOUND CIRCLE in English) is an inventive and unified ensemble, with a unique perspective on the global jazz landscape. The ensemble features traditional Japanese instruments including the shakuhachi and taiko drums. Akira Tana's group is a fine example of how music can break down cultural barriers and expose the commonality with us all.

Otonowa comes to Seattle directly from completing a two week tour of Japan commemorating 10 year and 15 year anniversaries of these tragedies in Kumamoto and Tohoku respectively.

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.

September 27, 2026 Reflections on Upcoming 125th Temple Anniversary | Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki | 2026-09-27 - YouTube

Rimban describes various types of Shinshu services and rituals including etiquette and presented a short video tour of Nishi Hongwanji, our mother temple in Kyoto, Japan.

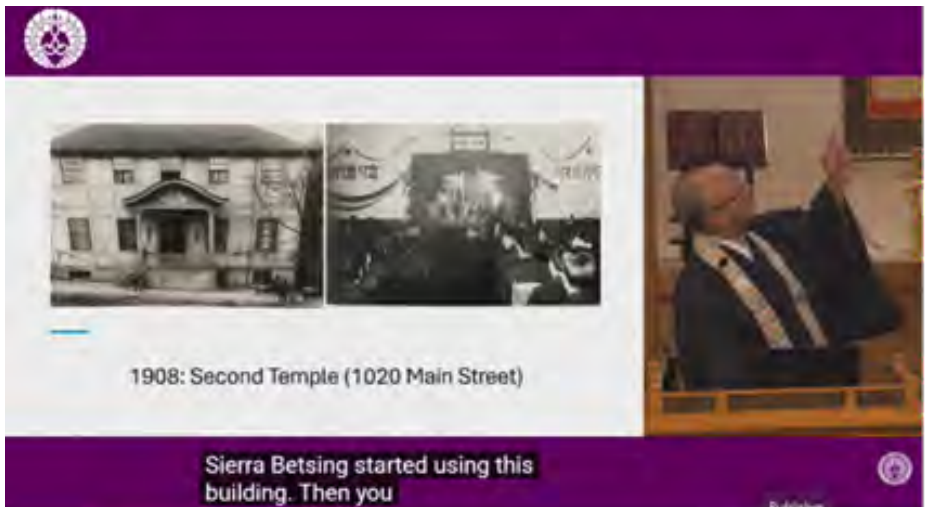
In lieu of Dharma Exchange, a Coffee/Tea reception was held in the gym following the special announcement and presentation of new members to Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple.



Rimban Kusunoki shows the Sagari Fuji crest of Nishi Hongwanji in its upright position with the blossoms of the wisteria hanging downward.

October 4, 2026 SEATTLE BETSUIN SUNDAY SERVICE | 2026-10-04 - YouTube Rimban Rev. Kusunoki briefly traces the origin of Seattle Betsuin's present building and location with photos.

At Dharma Exchange he pointed out the contrasts in brilliance of items in the onaijin (inner altar) and the hondo (main hall), before and after refurbishing from the arson fire of December 31, 2023.

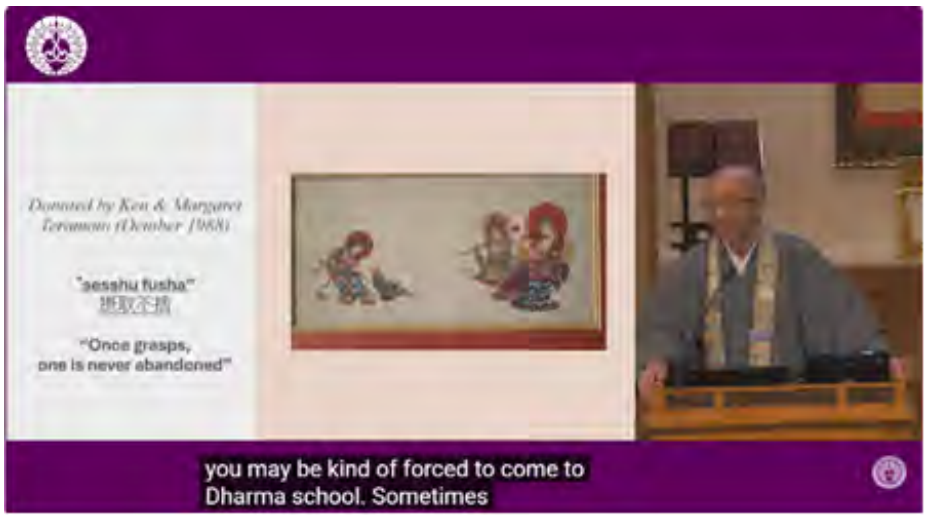




Rimban points to the brilliance of the refurbished scroll.

Sunday Service and Sunday Dharma Exchange Notes Continued

Submitted by Irene Goto



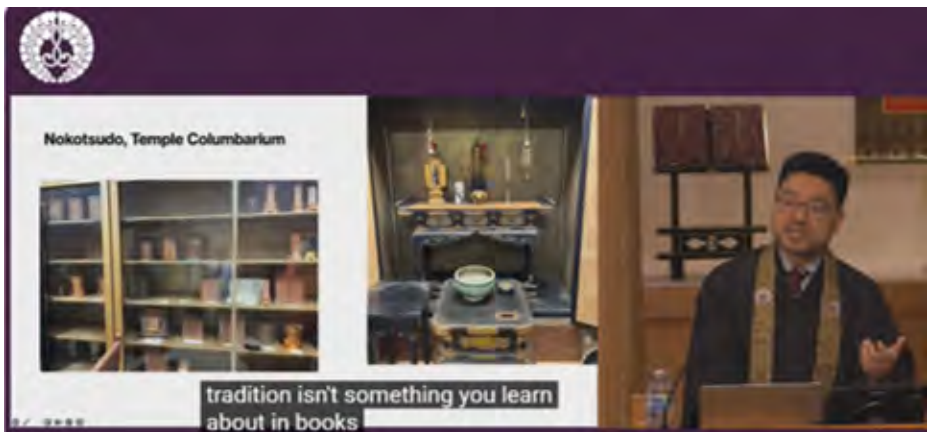
Rev. Kusunoki describes his experience of sesshu fusha in live-streamed service.

October 11, 2026 SEATTLE BETSUIN SUNDAY SERVICE | 2026-10-11 - YouTube Rimban Kusunoki shows the picture depicting "sesshu fusha" and describes how he was grasped by Amida on his path to Shinshu priesthood and asks us to think about how we have been, likewise, grasped.

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.



Donna Zumoto, at microphone, leads volunteers in hitting taiko drums to the beat of Junirai.



Rev. Miyaji speaking at live-streamed service

October 18, 2026 Coming To Temple & The Great Undercurrent | Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji | 2026-10-18 in conjunction with SBBWA Memorial Service. Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji talks about why we come to temple. He related stories about how ancestors guide us to the Buddha-Dharma, the Great Undercurrent, the Great Life, Amida Buddha with "Namo Amida Butsu."

At Dharma Exchange in Q/A format in the chapel, he spoke about what started him on the path to Shinshu priesthood. It began with a family death and then a philosophy class at university which led him to more questions about life and death. The last questions he spoke to concerned "other power" and "self-power" and form without form and points that he illustrated in his seminar the previous day on "What is the Purpose of Buddhism?"



Rev. Miyaji answering questions in the chapel

Dharma School News

Submitted by Joan Nakano

Dharma School News

Dharma School is reinstating the children's service. Dharma School middle and high school students will chair the services, and they will take place in the Memorial Hall chapel. In other inspiring news, Josh McKinney, former Dharma School student, joins the Dharma School teachers in the primary school class. Some of the new furniture has arrived, and the classrooms look great! We are looking forward to the Halloween party on Sunday, October 25!

Gassho,

Claire and Yvette



Jizō Bosatsu
Image source: https://www.kcpinternational.com/2013/03/jizo-bosatsu/

SEATTLE BETSUIN BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Submitted by Ann Oxrieder





October 22, 2026

Highlights included:

The 125th anniversary committee is encouraging everyone to recruit relatives and friends for the banquet on November 8. Volunteers will be needed that day to fulfill a number of roles, from driving table centerpieces to Bellevue to carting items from the garage to the banquet room.

The Bylaws Committee headed by Jason Yokoyama, presented an update to the board around changing the bylaws to reduce the number of required board members from 30 to 15 and officers from 10 to 5. The Bylaws Committee asked the board for feedback and after discussion, the board agreed with this direction and tasked the Bylaws Committee to work towards proposing an official change to our bylaws. This official change would need to be approved by both the board and general membership, and would take up to three years to achieve, given current members' terms once enacted.

Treasurer Gayle Teramoto shared a proposal, which the board approved, to consolidate 21 checking accounts into 8 or 9. These changes will not affect program budgets. Funds will continue to be tracked by organization via Fund Accounting makes the monthly reconciliation process much more efficient.

The board approved the temple's 2027 budget, which included decreases and increases over the 2026 budget. Increases include liability and property insurance; repairs, maintenance, landscaping; and staff salaries.

JOIN Board of Directors

Help Shape the Future of Seattle Betsuin

The Board of Directors Recruitment Committee is seeking candidates who are interested in helping guide the future of Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple.

We are recruiting individuals who bring diverse backgrounds, professional experience, skills, and perspectives to address issues such building membership, strengthening programming and youth activities, fundraising, and participating in decisions about essential building repairs. Above all, we welcome those who wish to put their talents and energy toward sharing the Buddha Dharma and nurturing our Sangha.

Serving on the Board is an opportunity to deepen your connection with fellow Sangha members, contribute to meaningful temple initiatives, and help ensure Seattle Betsuin remains a vibrant and welcoming spiritual home for generations to come.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a Board candidate or serving on the Board, please contact Ann Oxrieder or Grace Tazuma. We welcome the opportunity to talk with you!

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.

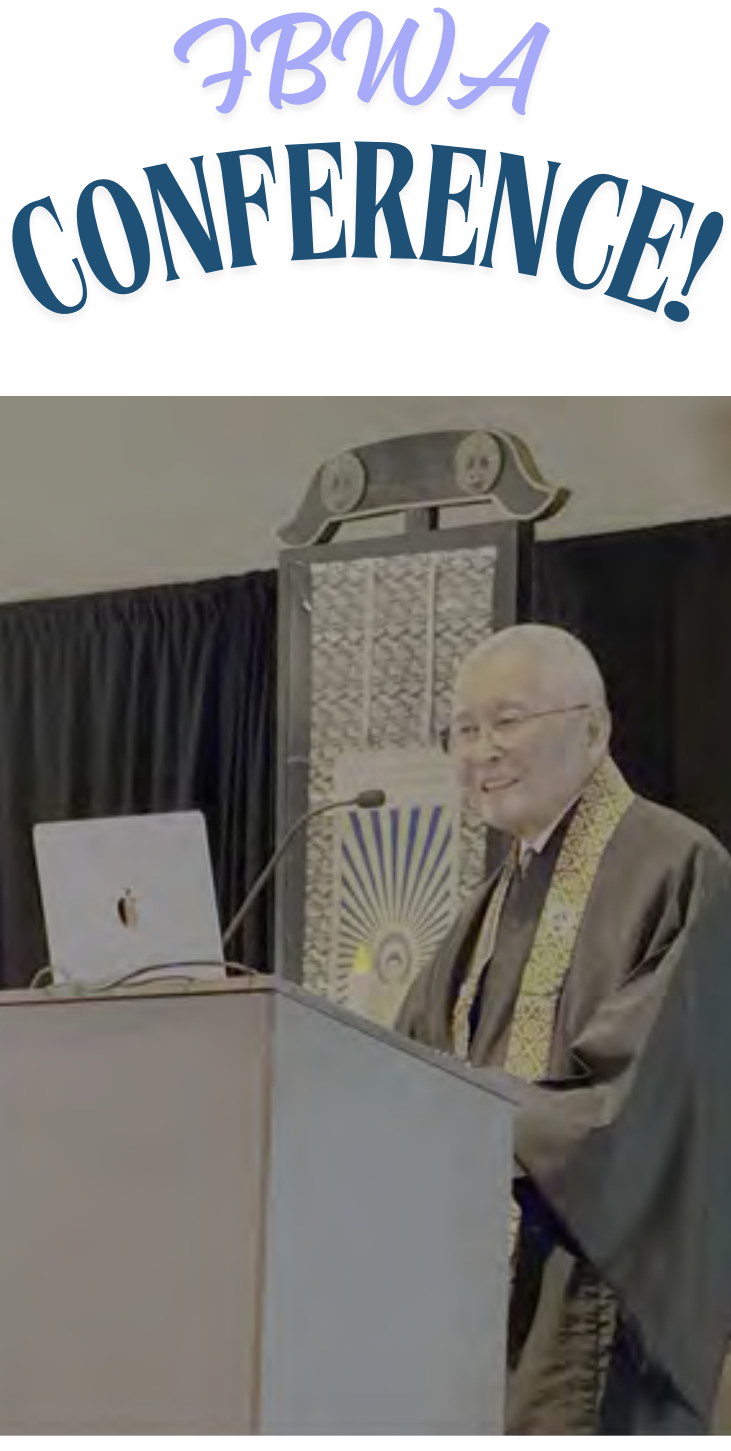
Submitted by Susie Y.

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

We had 15 Seattle SBBWA members attend the FBWA conference.

Things we did:

- Hop On/Off Trolley ride around San Diego area and stopped at the infamous Hotel del Coronado
- Eye glass collection (90+ from Seattle) for the LA area Lion's Club work
- Susie and Tina attended the Delegate's meeting
- Attended workshops led by ministers
- Musical accompaniment at the closing service organized by Kemi Nakabayashi



Rev. Dr. Akahoshi was one of our guest speakers at our opening service. He was excellent to hear!

Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association continued



Taking the trolley to Old Town



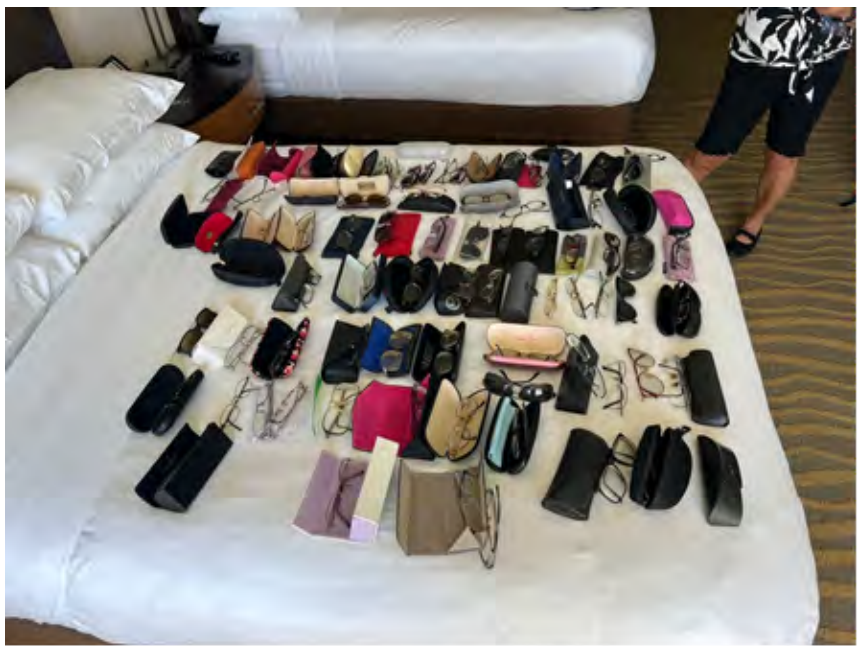
Dinner in Old Town



Hotel del Coronado visit



Trolley tour through San Diego



Seattle eye glass donations! 90+ pairs

Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association continued



With Bishop and Mrs. Harada



Rimban Hasebe from Hawaii-Guest speak



Rev. Furumoto provided a workshop. We made onenju's at the end.



Mingling with the mascot!



A visit to Balboa Park



Musical accompaniment for closing service

LIVE PEACE · LIVE ALOHA · LIVE AS ONE IN THE NEMBUTSU



18th WORLD BUDDHIST WOMEN'S CONVENTION

2027

HONOLULU · HAWAII
September 11-12, 2027
Hilton Hawaiian Village
Waikiki Beach Resort

Please join us in Honolulu, Hawaii for the 18th World Buddhist Women's Convention!

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS
Rev. Dr. Masumi Kikuchi, Japan
Dr. Miki Tomita Okamoto, Hawaii



Rev. Dr. Masumi Kikuchi



Dr. Miki Tomita Okamoto

For more information please visit www.hawaiibwa.org or scan the QR code.

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations

TROOP 252 UPDATE

Submitted by Theo K.

October 10, 2026

A highlight of this month for Troop 252 was our weekend camping trip! We went up to Camp Pigott near Monroe for a fun troop getaway. A notable activity during the camp was shooting paper targets to try to get some different types of marksmanship awards. We also had fun playing board and card games in the evening. It was a great break from school (and work for the adults!) for all of us! Our weekly meetings are mostly focused on helping some of the younger scouts achieve a higher rank but we also had activities like a Pokemon tournament!





Scouts Ansel K and Taiden B show off their impressive shooting accuracy on their paper targets.

CUB SCOUT PACK 252 UPDATE

Submitted by Mayuko Tanimura



September 27th Wisteria Park
We held our regular meeting on this day. Blessed with good weather, we conducted our activities outdoors, with the group divided into separate dens. Everyone was able to stay focused and engaged in their tasks.





October 17th @Camp Edward for the Camp Halloween
We participated in the "Camp Halloween" event, which the children had been eagerly looking forward to. Four groups took part this year, trying their hand at nearly every activity on offer—including popular favorites like BB gun shooting and archery. The scouts also had the chance to interact with members of other packs, show off their costumes, and enjoy the natural surroundings of the mountains; it was a thoroughly enjoyable experience for everyone.

Honoring the past,
Inspiring the future
125 Years of Nembutsu

Friends of the Seattle Betsuin,

In 1901, our founding members gathered to establish the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple as a sanctuary of listening, reflection, and community rooted in the Buddha Dharma. Over the past century and a quarter, through hardship, transition, and renewal, generations of ministers and Sangha members have sustained this sacred space through deep *shinjin* and unwavering dedication.

This November marks the beginning of a year-long observance commemorating our **125th Anniversary** under the theme:

Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future — 125 Years of Nembutsu

We warmly invite you, your family, and our extended community across the region to join us on **Sunday, November 8, 2026**, for a historic day of remembrance, rededication, and celebration.

Whether you join us in the Hondo, at the Meydenbauer Center, or tune in from afar via livestream, your presence and support bring vital warmth to our community. Thank you for walking this path alongside Seattle Betsuin and helping ensure the Nembutsu continues to guide generations to come.

With palms together in deep gratitude,

Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki
Rimban (Head Minister)

Tyler Moriguchi
Seattle Betsuin Chairperson

Grace Tazuma
Anniversary co-chair

Ron Hamakawa
Anniversary co-chair

BUY TICKETS

Wheel of the Sangha





SAGARIFUJI (WISTERIA)
$500



TSURU (CRANE)
$1,500



KIRI (PAULOWNIA)
$2,500



KIKU (CHRYSANTHEMUM)
$5,000

Become a Benefactor

We respectfully ask you to consider becoming a 125th Anniversary Benefactor. Contributions will support commemorative programs, services, educational offerings, cultural activities, and Sangha gatherings throughout the year.

The Hongwanji tradition has employed a variety of mon (family crests) throughout its history. Although the sagarifuji is the crest most often identified with Jodo Shinshu, Nishi Hongwanji's use of crests reflects its historical connections to several prominent families and institutions. The sagarifuji is associated with the Kujo clan, the tsuru with the Hino family, the kiri with the Imperial Court and Emperor, and the kiku with the Imperial Household. Our benefactor levels acknowledge the strong connection Nishi Hongwanji has in Japanese history.

We are grateful for your thoughtful consideration and continued support of Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple. Through your generosity, we honor those who sustained our Temple and help ensure the Nembutsu continues to be shared and lived for generations to come.

Gassho,

Tyler Moriguchi, Betsuin Chairperson

Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki, Rimban (head minister)

Grace Tazuma, Anniversary co-chair

Ron Hamakawa, Anniversary co-chair

BE A BENEFACTOR

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!







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.







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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).

Steven Aisaka, Clara Beard, Katherine Brownlee, Harrison Chinn, Marianne Harada Wick, Paul Harada & Michelle Nishina, Ann Hasegawa, Kathy Hasegawa, Patty Hiroo-Mastrude, Mark & Haru Hirota, Alyssa Kameshige, Art & Lori Kozai, Janet Kubota, Steven Kubota, David Lee & Dianne Kosai-Lee, Howard Luke & Marie Kosai-Luke, Janay Luke, Andrea Mano, Bryce Matsuda, Matt & Rosalie May, Brian McKinney & Susie Taketa, Josh McKinney, Yukio & Karen Morikubo, Philip Robbins & Penne Lee, Robert Seko, Esther Sugai, Terry & Gail Suzaka, Margaret Teramoto, Paul & Mabel Tomita, Kiana Tsang, Robert Umeda, Kevin & Kari Ann Yokoyama, Trevor Yokoyama, Mark Yuasa.

Compiled by Joan N. & Steph O.

We would like to "WELCOME"
Marianne Harada Wick and
Alyssa Kameshige
as new members of our Sangha.

JAZZ NIGHT SCHOOL

AKIRA TANA AND OTONOWA



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IN-PERSON
11/7, 4pm

How to take inspiration from your life and musical influences to create music that does good in the world.

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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

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
Akizuki, Kikuko
Arinobu, Ginya
Asaba, Tamae
Asakura, Tomiko
Deguchi, Ben
Deguchi, Mae
Feragen, Hisako
Fifer, Kiyoe
Fujino, Haruo
Fujita, Kaname
Fujita, Roger
Fujita, Sachiko
Fujikawa, Kazuo
Fujiye, Yoneko
Fukuchi, Yoshio
Fukuda, Hatsue
Furugori, Sen
Furukawa, Kazuko
Furuta, Kiwa
Goto, Morita
Green, Leslie
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Iseri, Isamu
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Isomura, Toshiko
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Kajioka, Mary
Kano, Osamu
Kariya, Masanobu
Kataoka, Julie
Katayama, Francis
Katayama, Glenn
Kawamura, Thomas
Kido, Tsuya
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Kitano, Hiroko
Koba, Teruo
Koga, Hisaye
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Kubota, Takemitsu
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Mori, Harue
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Sakoda, Aya
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Shimizu, Umetaro
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Watanabe, Atsushi
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Yukawa, Shizuye

DECEMBER SHOTSUKI HOYO

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

Aoki, Takao
Bovee, June
Chen, Frank
Deguchi, Seiichi
Ding, Joyce
Dodobara, Yoshie
Doi, Mary
Donchak, Kimiko
Fujihira, Teruko
Fujioka, Takeno
Fujita, Brian
Fujita, Tomiko
Furuta, Sumiko
Furuta, Yoshio
Hale, Don
Hamano, Gladys
Hamasaki, Harry
Harada, Kameichi
Harada, Roger
Harrison, Roy
Hata, Cheryl
Hibino, Haruko
Hirasawa, Walter
Horikoshi, Fusano
Huynh, Thai
Ideta, Akio
Imanishi, Shigeko
Inouye, Isamu
Ishii, Setsunosuke
Iwamoto, Yoshito
Izumi, Norio
Jinguji, Masayo
Jones, Judith
Kajiwara, Tadashi
Kaneta, Miyoko
Kano, Masuko
Kashima, Yoshiko
Kashiwa, Herbert
Katayama, Mary
Kato, Mie
Kato, Shigeo
Kato, Tony
Kawafune, Hisami
Kawahara, Masao
Kawasaki, Meriko
Kawasaki, Yoshiko
Kido, Tom
Kikuchi, Mitsuyoshi
Kinomoto, Yutaka
Kobuki, Haruko
Kogita, Kaylin
Kokita, Kaoru
Komoto, Amie
Komoto, Kimiyo
Komura, Elizabeth 'Betty'
Kondo, Miyoko
Kono, Robert
Koura, Arthur
Koura, Florence
Kyono, Motoji
Mano, Akira
Maruhashi, Mary
Masuda, Rose
Matsui, Takashi
Matsumura, Sue
Miura, Yoshio
Miyamoto, Fusako
Miyatake, Robert/Steven
Miyoshi, Yoshitaro
Mizuhara, Kiyoshi
Mizumori, George
Mizumoto, Choichi
Mori, Aiko
Mori, Takao
Moriguchi, Akira
Morita, Mary
Moriya, Kenji
Moriya, Mary
Murakami, Jeff
Nabeshima, Yoshikuni
Naganawa, Yei
Nakagawa, Hanako
Nakamura, Ruby
Nakamura, Sakae
Nakata, Hanako
Nakatani, Roy
Nakauye, Uichiro
Nishimoto, Hideko
Nishimura, Haruko
Nose, James
Oba, George
Obata, Henry
Okada, Bart
Okada, Fumiko
Okada, Yoshito
Oki, Shizuno
Ono, Shigeru
Ono, Wayne
Osaki, Aiki
Otsuji, Nobuko
Ozaki, Luisa
Ozeki, Kikuo
Saito, Yasu
Sakaguchi, Takeshi
Sakai, Nobuyo
Sakamoto, Kiyo
Sakamoto, Noboru
Sako, Sawayo
Sapp, Madelyn
Shibata, Fusaye
Shigaya, Harry
Shigaya, Ken
Shigeno, Kimi
Shimizu, Sengo
Shinsato, Yoshinori
Shiota, Yoshio
Simpson, Nellie
Suda, Sumiko
Suetsugu, Wayne
Sugita, Reiko
Sumida, Florence
Sumida, Koichi
Sumita, Sam
Sunohara, Hiroko
Suyematsu, Toshio
Tachiyama, Misayo
Takahashi, Masao
Takano, Komaji
Takashima, Kiyoko
Takenaga, Misao
Tani, Shigemi
Tanigawa, Frank
Taniguchi, Theodore
Taniguchi, Toshio
Tanji, Shizuko
Terada, Scott
Tomoguchi, Ayako
Tosaya, Kazuko
Tsubouchi, Kinko
Tsuchida, Florence
Tsuchida, Vicki
Tsukamaki, Kanichi
Utsunomiya, Setsuko
Uyeda, Henry
Uyeda, Paul
Uyeda, Toshie
Uyeda, Ryu
Wakayama, Helen
Watanabe, George
Watanabe, Shiro
Watanabe, Yoshiye
Yamamoto, Christopher
Yamamoto, George
Yamane, Amy
Yamane, Kōzō
Yamauchi, Betty
Yasuda, Satoshi
Yasui, Sumi
Yoshida, Kiyoko

NOVEMBER 2026 BETSUIN SCHEDULE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10 am SUNDAY SERVICE 10:50 am Temple Clean-Up	2 *Rimban's day off*	3 9:30 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom	4	5 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service	6	7 1 pm Seattle Betsuin Archives Workshop 2:30 pm Kieshiki Affirmation Service
8 10 am BETSUIN 125th ANNIVERSARY, EITAIKYO & MUEN HOYO SERVICE, OCHIGO PROCESSION Guest minister: Bishop Marvin Harada 11:30 am Group Photo 1:00 125th Banquet	9 *Rimban's day off*	10 9:30 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom	11 *VETERANS DAY Observed Office Closed*	12 7 pm Betsuin Cabinet meeting	13	14
15 10 am SUNDAY SERVICE 10:50 am Dharma Exchange Japanese Language Service Dharma School	16 *Rimban's day off*	17 9:30 am Japanese Dharma Discussion on Zoom	18	19 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service	20 12 pm Gojikai meeting 8 pm **Newsletter deadline**	21
22 10 am AUTUMN FAMILY MUSIC SUNDAY SERVICE 10:50 am Dharma Exchange Japanese Language Service Dharma School	23 *Rimban's day off*	24	25 11 am Merrill Gardens Renton	26 *Thanksgiving Day Office closed*	27 *Office closed*	28
29 10 am SUNDAY SERVICE 10:50 am Dharma Exchange Japanese Language Service Dharma School	30 *Rimban's day off*	**DECEMBER 2026 SPECIAL EVENTS** December 13 Bodhi Day Service December 31 Joya-e (New Year's Eve Service)				*To view all services, please visit* http://www.youtube.com/seattlebudchisttemple Please call ahead to make an appointment with the Seattle Betsuin office at 206-329-0000. **Visits by appointment only.**

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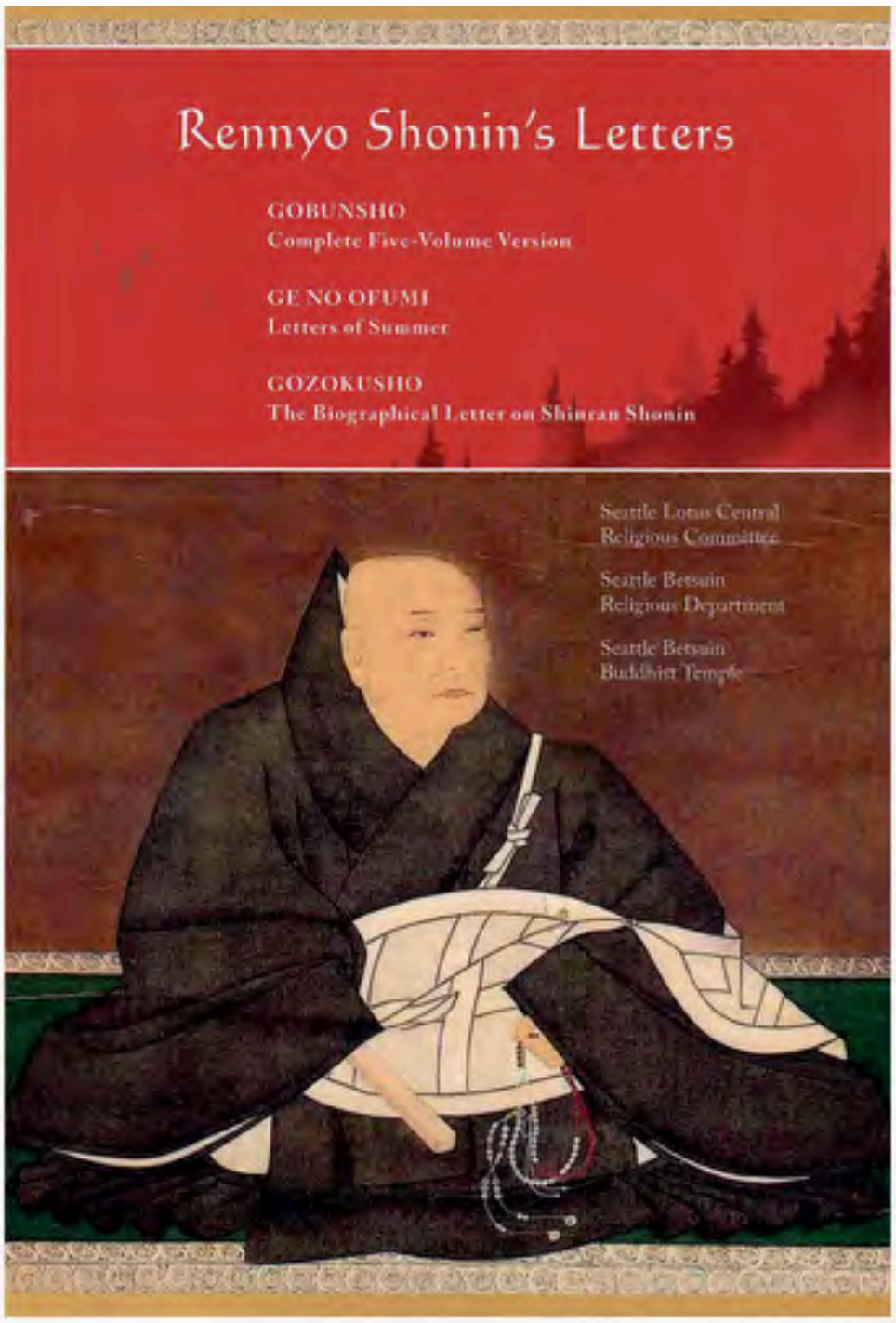
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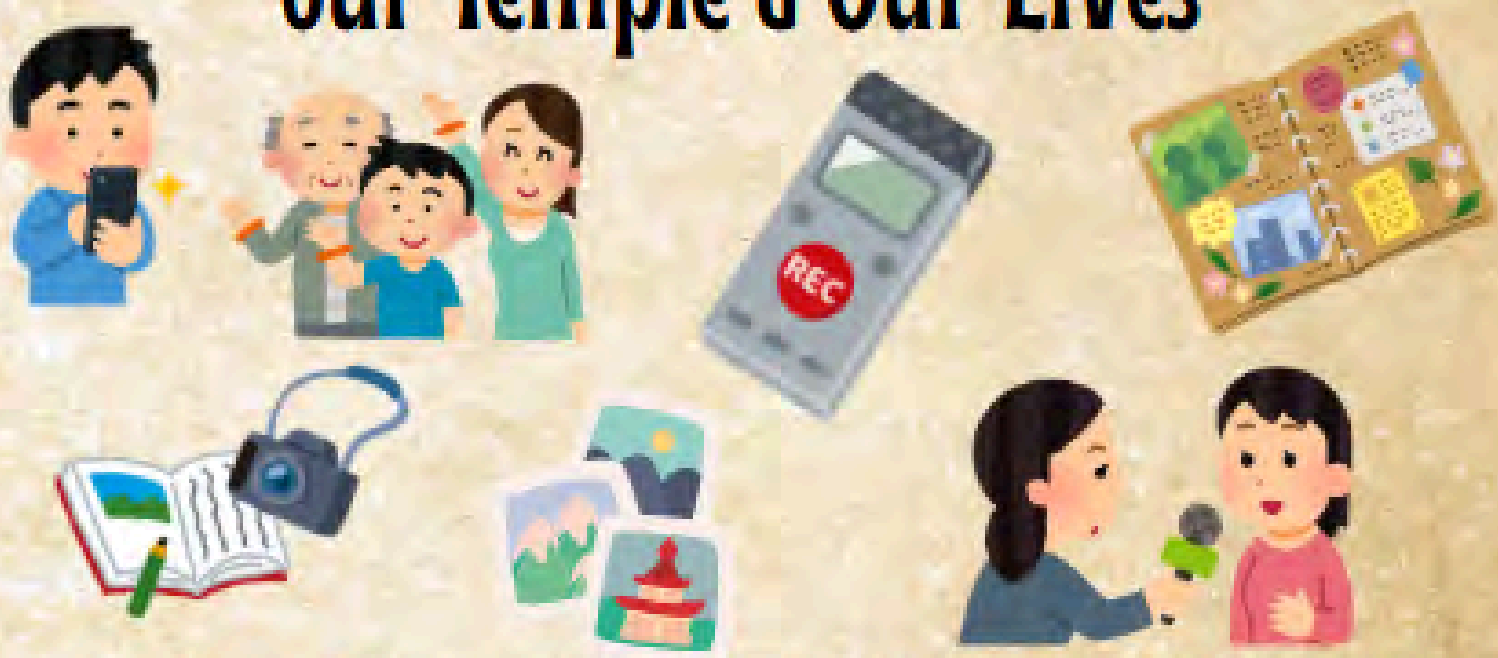
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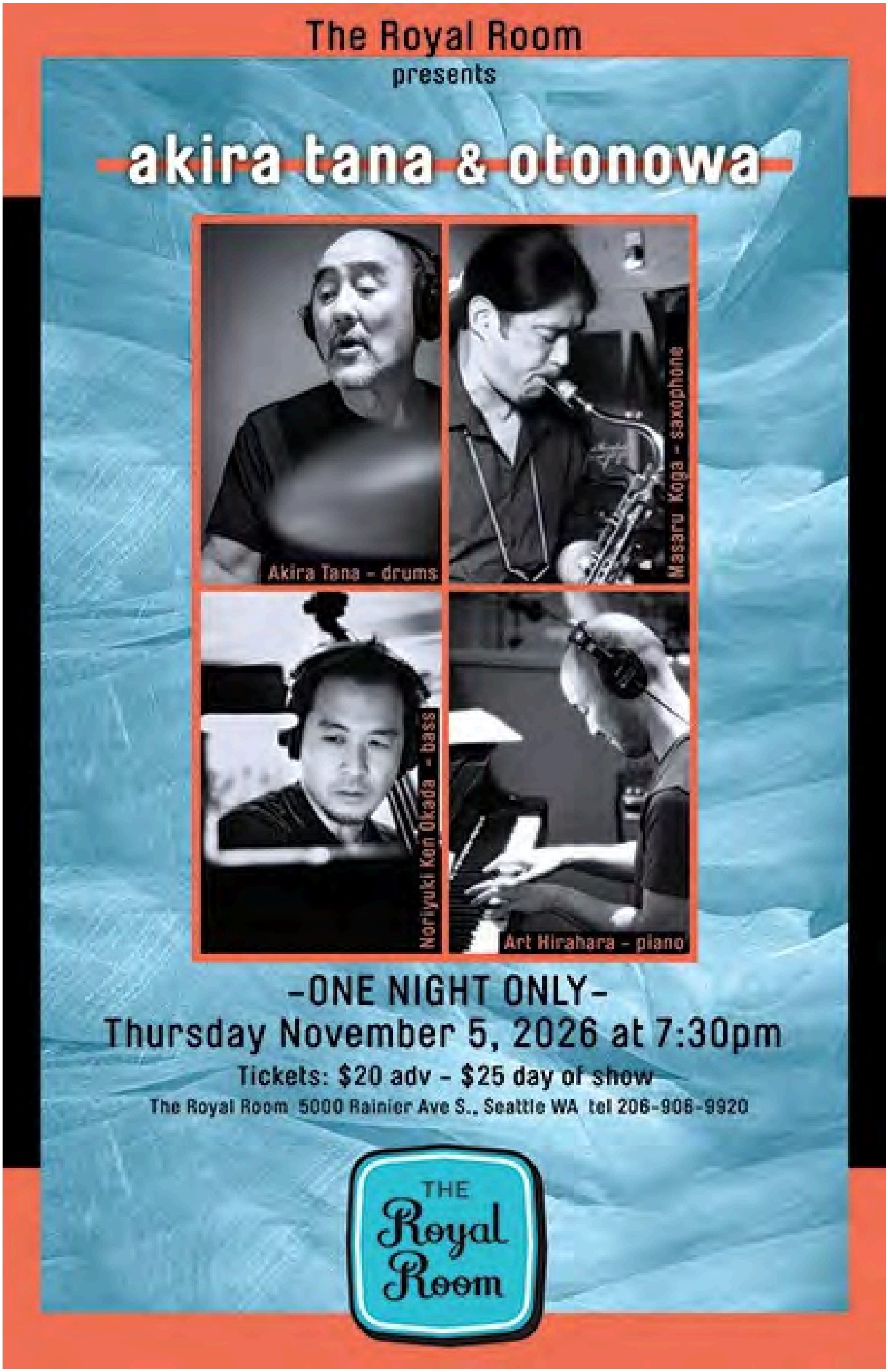
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- **Players of all skill levels welcome!** Rules modified to make it more fun & friendly. Such as only underhand serves, no blocking and no hard spiking.

- **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.

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November 1
10 am **SUNDAY SERVICE**
10:50 am **Temple Clean-up**

Nov 8
10 am **BETSUIN 125th ANNIVERSARY, EITAIKYO & MUEN HOYO SERVICE, OCHIGO PROCESSION**

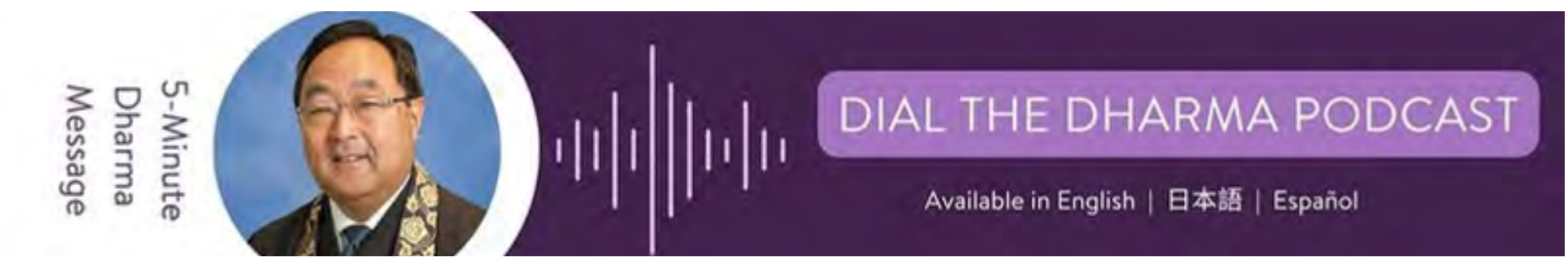
11:30 am **Group Photo**
1:00 pm **125th Banquet**

Nov 15
10 am **Sunday Service**
10:50 am Dharma Exchange
Japanese Language Service
Dharma School

Nov 22
10 am **AUTUMN FAMILY MUSIC SERVICE**
10:50 am Dharma Exchange
Japanese Language Service
Dharma School

Nov 29
10 am **Sunday Service**
10:50 am Dharma Exchange, Japanese Lang. Service, Dharma School

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