



Tacoma Buddhist Temple (Jodo Shinshu)

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MYOKYO

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(MYOKYO, the Bright Mirror of Buddha Dharma always illuminates our LIFE)

January 2018

Temple Mission Statement

"To offer those in the Pacific Northwest an enduring community that values inclusiveness and acceptance in seeking enlightenment."

Tacoma Buddhist Temple Welcomes



**Rev. Takashi Miyaji, Kaori
and Keisai, 19 months.**

Sensei's Message

Hello sangha, Happy New Year! My name is **Takashi Miyaji** and I will be having the great privilege and honor to serve as your new resident minister starting this year. I would like to start by giving a brief introduction of myself. I was born in Ogden, Utah where my father Nobuo Miyaji served as resident minister for a few years. He was later transferred to the Los Angeles Betsuin which is where I spent most

of my youth. I participated in the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts as well as Buddhist youth groups such as Sangha Teens and Jr. Young Buddhist League. I did go to Japanese schools on Saturdays, but I am ashamed to say that I spent most of my time doodling on my notebook or drooling at my desk sleeping, so my Japanese is not that good! (Let that be a lesson to anyone who wants to speak fluently.)

Eventually, I had the privilege to continue my studies in Buddhism in Japan. Living in another country is quite an eye-opening experience and I definitely recommend it to anyone who wants to see a different part of the world. What is perhaps most interesting is what I learned about myself as well as the country that I grew up in. It is all too easy to be caught up in the bubble that we live in. There are times when we can catch a glimpse from outside and see the bubble that we live in, but they are not as frequent as we may want them to be.

This reminds me of what the “Pure Land” is supposed to mean in Pure Land Buddhism, or Jodo Shinshu. One of my teachers told me that it is supposed to be the mirror that reflects us just as we are. The Pure Land does not judge, condemn, nor place value on us in comparison to others. Nor should we polish the mirror—the mirror is not the problem. With all of our accomplishments as well as blemishes, the Pure Land reflects and accepts all beings as they are.

As I continue on my journey listening to the Dharma, I start a new and exciting chapter with the Tacoma Buddhist Temple sangha. I look forward to our time together! Namo Amida Butsu.

ご挨拶

宮地 崇

新年あけましておめでとうございます。今年から、タコマ仏教会の開教使をさせていただき宮地崇と申します。どうぞよろしくお願い致します。

私は、アメリカで生まれ、ロスアンゼルス市で育ちましたので、日系の「新二世」と言われるようです。両親は日本から来て、父は浄土真宗を海外で広めていきたい希望でアメリカにやってきました。そして私も、仏教に興味を持ちはじめ、そこから仏教を学びたくなり、日本で7年間勉強させていただき、昨年帰ってきました。長年日本にいと、日本語が上手になるかと思いましたが、まだまだ分からないことは多々あります。

日本に滞在している間、よく次のような意見を耳にしました。「仏教・ことに浄土真宗はアメリカ人にとって分かるもんか」ということです。または、「浄土真宗をアメリカで伝道するのは無駄だ。今日まだお寺があるのは、ただ日本に対するノスタルジアにすぎないからだ」と、直接面と向かって言われたことがあります。私は「ああ、そうですか」と聞き流しましたが、心の中はで怒りで一杯でした。そんな見解は僧侶としてけしからんと思いました。

そんな気持ちでいる時、私の恩師徳永一道氏から教えていただいたことがパッと頭の中に浮かんできました。それは仏教というものは、「翻訳の宗教」だということです。仏教はインドから中国、中国から韓国、そして韓国から日本という仏教東漸の流

れで伝わってきました。今日私たちが仏教を聴聞できるのは、無数の翻訳者が苦難を経てお聖教を訳していただいたからこそです。私はその歴史の流れの一員、例えてみるとガンジス川の一粒、としてその伝統を守っていくつもりです。

仏教東漸が続き、日本からアメリカ・西欧社会へというのが現状です。親鸞聖人の教えは言語を超えた、一切衆生を救う普遍的な教えのはずです。ということは、アメリカで浄土真宗が成功しなければ、この教えは単なる日本の民族宗教となるものです。ですから、これから皆さんと共に、浄土真宗の信者であるというプライドを持ちながら頑張っていきたいと思えます。どうぞよろしく願いいたします。

Future Schedule

Mon. Jan. 1 at 10am

New Year's Day Service

Sun. Jan. 7 at 10am

Family Service, New Cabinet Installation, New Members Recognition, New Year's Party

Sun. Jan. 14 at 10am

Hoonko Service (Shinran Shonin's Memorial). Zenzai (Mochi with sweetened red bean soup) will be served after the service.

President's Message



2017 went by in a flash ->-> and here we are at the beginning of a new year! 2017 was an extraordinary year with transitions and a lot more work than usual.

We not only continued our work to support the usual yearly operations and events of the Temple, but we had other many other projects to organize. This included the huge jobs of hosting the NW District Convention, the special Kimono Sale, all the social hall projects made possible by our Capital Fund, and farewell luncheons for Rev. Kakiyama and his family. Our major goal of securing Rev. Miyaji as our new minister was met after hosting him and later, Bishop Umezu, for visits to our Temple along with the various activities and meetings involved. As part of his assignment to our Temple, Rev. Miyaji will be working more closely with Seattle Buddhist Church's Rev. Kusunoki to share their special talents for the benefit of both temples and to help serve the needs of minister-less temples in the Northwest.



Two of our major organizations saw a change in leadership: June Akita became BWA President, and Merilee Tanbara became Dharma School Superintendent.

Other major work started in 2017 and continuing into 2018:

Our Outreach Committee has worked on revising our Temple website **and increasing our social media presence**. How we communicate with you, our members, is important. We are **re-working our email system** to improve communication with you. On-line registration is being used more for sign-up for Temple events. We formed a **Lot Development Committee** to work on possible development of our empty lot as another source of revenue to financially sustain the Temple. The **Events Sub-committee** has been hard at work re-tooling events to take some stress off of what is required by Temple members to plan and work these events. We are **re-assessing the work of the Board** to hopefully help make the commitment of serving on the Board work better for members.

It is hoped that working on these issues will give us a better footing to grow into the future as the Temple changes, our membership changes, and the area around us changes. I am sincerely grateful to those members who have been willing to serve on these particular committees.

As with any period of transition and change it is not easy. It can be unsettling and confusing at times. We will surely stumble, I as President will surely stumble (as I have) along the path, but it is important to get up and continue to walk in the right direction. At times of change, we value our traditions more. And while some of these traditions may change a bit also, we will continue to have gratitude for and build on the foundation established by earlier generations of our Temple community.

Welcome to Rev. Takashi Miyaji

While I am so sad to say good bye to Rev. Kakihara.....**I am very happy to welcome Rev. Miyaji as our resident minister.** Rev. Miyaji introduced himself in this issue of the Myokyo, but let me add a few more things about him.

Many of you had the opportunity to meet Rev. Miyaji when he visited us and was our Hatsubon guest minister in July. Despite being an 'academic', (!) he is outgoing and friendly. He joins us with strong academic credentials and will be completing his PhD dissertation ("Shin Buddhist Ethics") during his first year with us. He is a long-time friend of Rev. Kusunoki of Seattle, whose specialty is liturgy. The combination of different talents will be a nice start to further developing the closer working relationship between the two temples. Reverend Miyaji will be a valuable asset not only to us as learners of the Dharma, but also to BCA in its mission of providing Buddhist education and ministerial training through its support of the Institute of Buddhist Studies and Jodo Shinshu Center.

Rev. Miyaji's wife Kaori and slightly over one-year old son, Keisai (Andrew) will be reuniting with him and meeting us hopefully this coming March.

He brings other talents.....his favorite hobby is DJ'ing...which he hasn't had much time for! But perhaps we can have him DJ one of our future gatherings!

I don't know what his favorite food, color, etc. is, but we'll have time to find out!

Any new resident minister brings some new ideas as he assumes his position. Reverend Kakihara introduced several innovations that were beneficial to us as a temple. As a Sangha, I'm sure we will similarly support Reverend Miyaji as he supports and works for us as minister of our Temple.

Buddhist Women's Association News



Happy New Year Everyone!! We welcome Rev. Miyaji as our Temple Resident Minister and as our BWA Advisor. We look forward to meeting his family soon. This will be a new door for all of us to open and continue to support each other.

Thank you, **Patti**, for helping Tom, David Y., David C., Lynrae, and Jerry put up curtains and liners in the parsonage. It felt strange to do this as Rev. Kakihara was still living in the residence, but it will look nice once Rev. Miyaji moves in.

All Temple members were invited to bring desserts for Rev. Kakihara's Farewell luncheon Dec. 10th. Thank you, **Lynne Tanino, Mayumi Ikeda, and Denise Cline** for organizing the dessert table. Thank you to the **many BWA ladies** who helped serve the desserts and drinks for the luncheon. Also, thank you to the BWA ladies who helped make the favors and to **Kazuko Inoue** for setting them on the tables. It was a warm and heartfelt luncheon attended by over 100 of Sensei's friends, guests and members. **Patti Wong and Tracy Ling** co-chaired this bitter sweet event which was enjoyed by all who attended.

The **Temple New Year's party** will be on January 7th where the *new BWA Officers* for 2018-2019 will be installed. The **BWA New Year's party** will be on January 28th in the Social Hall. We will be distributing our **new** Toban lists, a new directory for 2018, and enjoy a great meal catered by Dean Allen's Catering once again (\$15 per person). Your 2018 membership dues will also be collected at that time or you can send your dues (\$12) to the Temple (Attn: BWA). **Yasuko and Kazuko** will be running our White Elephant Draw gifts (\$8) as well as our Raffle Drawing. Lots of fun with lots of smiles!! Special guests will include our ministers, MAs, Temple President and **BWA Keiro Honorees**. You will be notified by your 2017 Toban Head as we need a head count for the luncheon by mid- January. Hopefully, many of you will be able to join this food and fun gathering as this will be Rev. Miyaji's *first* BWA event.

As this chilly winter weather continues, please stay warm and be safe.

Future BWA Events:

- Feb. 4 Towel Drive begins
- Feb. 16-18 NW District Buddhist Convention, Spokane hosting

In gassho,
June Akita

Dharma School News



The Dharma school students had another great time this year creating their gingerbread houses. Thankfully most of the candy made its way onto their creations instead of their mouths. We greatly appreciate June Akita for faithful putting this activity together and Junko Yotsuuye for organizing, set up and clean up.



Students also did a great job singing "Sayonara" and cleaning up at Rev Kakihara's farewell luncheon and YBA put together a heartfelt goodbye video, thank you!

Students contact your teacher or me if you would like to perform at the new year's party on Jan 7th.

Merilee



Buddhist Education Committee News



Wow! Time sure marches on..... Always steadily forward, one step at a time, never back.

Reverend Kakihara is moving forward to look after his family temple in Hiroshima Japan after seven years as our resident minister here in Tacoma.

Reverend Miyaji also advances forward, out of school and on to our onaijin as Tacoma's much anticipated new resident minister.

And, we at the BEC do our best to help move our temple forward in an orderly way. Some of the things the BEC did in 2017 were:

1. Planned and scheduled all regular Sunday services and special services for the year.
2. BEC member Erik formed a Buddhist Book Club, meeting the 2nd Thursday of each month at Kings Books; a very successful event.
3. We organized a casual/social monthly outing called "Sips with Sensei". This is a time to let your hair down and get to know him on a more personal level. "Sips" meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. To date we have met at 7 Seas Brewery, The Swiss and the Hub,
4. Represented the temple with a booth at Tacoma's Moon Festival at the Chinese Reconciliation Park. We answered questions about Buddhism, and our temple. We also gave out small free gifts of incense and origami crane kits.
5. One of our main tasks is to schedule great guest speakers for the year..... 2017 included:

Reverend Koshin Ogui
Reverend Matt Hamasaki

March, Spring Ohigan
May, Spring Seminar. Spoke on the subject of *Happiness and Jealousy*

Dr. Kayagolu
Reverend Miyaji
Socho/Bishop Umezu

June, conducted a seminar; "*American Muslims*".
July, was our Obon service guest speaker
September, Guest speaker.

Reverend Kiyonobu Kuwahara
Reverend Kosho Yukawa, retired

October, Fall Seminar. Topic: *What is Amida Buddha?*
November, guest speaker for Eitaikyo service.

We do our best to stay ahead of the game, already having several excellent guest speakers scheduled for 2018.

With Love and Gassho
Fred Pelger

Monthly Book Club
Buddhism Today!
 Jan. 11 at 7pm at Kings Books
 The Book of January:
Mindful Tech
 By David M. Lewy

Toban News



January Toban News

The of Thank you toban groups for keeping our temple so clean. toban groups will be switching months in 2018 and there will be new group chairs. A list the new toban chairs is listed below.

All toban chairs - Whenever there is news that is shared through the temple e-mail system, please call your toban members who do not have e-mail.

- Upcoming dates:
January 7: TBT New Year's installation service and party at 10 a.m.
January 14: Hoonko Service at 10 a.m.
February 25: Sukiyaki set-up after service ALL MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO HELP
March 4: Sukiyaki ALL MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO HELP
March 6: Sukiyaki clean-up at 7 p.m. ALL MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO HELP

January 2018 & February 2018 Toban Groups:

Toban chairs are responsible for calling group members for set-up and clean-up of temple events occurring in their toban months. The toban chairs for each group will coordinate with each other to set up the dates for the monthly clean up. Please let Merlaine Cook know the clean-up dates to check for conflicts with other activities and to add to the Temple calendar.

January Toban Group: Darlene Matsumoto (chair), David Campbell, Thelma Abe, Gary and Gail Ichinaga, Brandon Villarreal
 Phone tree members: Toshie Fujita, Larry and Kiyomi Fujita, Hana Yoshida, Frank and Betty Nomiya, Linda Teal

January Group Responsibilities:

- Order and pick up the KFC meals for the New Year's party on January 7th. Mayumi Ikeda will give you the number to order.
- Monthly clean up for January and February (January chair to coordinate)
- Hoonko Service – make ozenzai (with BWA assistance). Set up and clean up. Provide tea and snacks for Saturday lecture if requested.
- Sukiyaki: Make lunch for set-up for the Sunday prior to Sukiyaki (February toban responsible for coordinating with January toban)

February Members: Kenji Stoll (chair), Henry Stoll and Wendy Hamai, Bob and Anita Nakayama, John and Emiko Kurata, Riu Pittman, Victoria Evert, Johnathan and Maria Claudio-Carter
 Phone tree members: Leroy and Penny Kawaguchi, Sam Uchiyama

February Group Responsibilities:

- New Years' service and party: help set up and serve.

- Monthly clean-up for January and February (February chair to coordinate)
- Hoonko Service – make ozenzai (with BWA assistance). Set up and clean up. Provide tea and snacks for Saturday lecture if requested.
- Sukiyaki: Make lunch for set-up for the Sunday prior to Sukiyaki (February toban responsible for coordinating with January toban)

Toban Group and Phone Tree – 2018 Chairs

The chairs for each two-month period (Jan/Feb, March/April, etc.) will coordinate with each other to set up the actual dates of the monthly clean-up.

Be sure to let the Administrative Committee (Merlaine Cook) know the dates to coordinate with other temple activities and to add to the temple calendar.

Toban group chairs listed below are asked to initiate the phone tree for members of their group for any events held during the year they are assigned as group chair.

January	Darlene Matsumoto
February	Kenji Stoll
March	Karen Yoshitomi
April	Jane Burster
May	Tom and Lynrae Hubbell
June	Jeff and Vivian Hiroo
July	Richard and Tracy Ling
August	Kevin and Mayumi Ikeda
September	Bobby and Junko Yotsuuye
October	Sandra Swartz
November	Bob and Vicki Yoshioka
December	June and Jerry Akita

From Your Facility Committee



With Reverend Kakihara heading back to Japan the resident gremlins decided to send off Sensei with a big, wet, sloppy sayonara. Tom Hubbell and Rick Tanabe discovered a major water leak after service. Our two heroes accomplished this tremendous feat without the aid of a divining rod. When a contractor arrived to turn the water off to the leaking pipe.

Facilities let loose a big raspberry, along with a, “How ‘bout those apples.” The gremlins erupted with a loud horse laugh and countered with, “Since you like fruit so much how ‘bout we throw down a banana peel to slip you up.” That’s when the valve got stuck preventing the water from being completely turned off. The contractor concluded the entire pipe that leads up to the house is badly corroded most likely requiring the whole shebang to be replaced. In the meantime, a temporary patch has been installed.

Now when I was in the military and someone first mentioned a GI party I was all over that. That is until we found out all the host was serving were mop water and Mr. Clean. Somewhere along the way I forget that hard lesson. I snookered myself a second time. So, when Tom Hubbell mentioned the prospect of a curtain party at the parsonage this writer quickly volunteered. However, party tray contained nothing but tools and curtain hardware. Patti Wong researched and purchased the curtains, and she teamed up with June Akita to supervise the project. One can say there was music and dancing at this particular party. June Akita and Patti Wong “played the fiddles” and we “danced.” However, the project is not complete since some sewing has to be completed on the curtains in the living room. With the exception of yours truly, only the cool people attended this shindig. Please direct your thanks to Patti Wong, June Akita, Jerry Akita, Tom Hubbell, Lynrae Hubbell, and David Yotsuuye.

Jeff Hiroo and Fred Pelger continue to keep the pressure on the dirt and dust bunnies. David Yotsuuye, Tom Hubbell, Tony Gregg, Rick Tanabe, and Del Sasaki maintain their vigilance in keeping our beautiful, old temple in fantastic shape. Additionally, Gary Ichinaga, Bob Yoshioka, and Tad Kajimura are tremendous assets on the Facilities team.

Also,
Kurt
Osaka
and
Osaka



2018 Pledge Forms Out!
Please read important letter sent with the pledge form.

Gardens continue to do a splendid job in our grounds upkeep.

A round of applause to all...

The temple has bid Rev. Kojo farewell but not without the help from the following:

Banner: YBA
Buffet: Dean Allen Catering
BWA: Dessert table, hot/cold beverages, rice, Waldorf salad,
assembled favors
Children lunch: Wendy's - Picked up & distributed by Ryan Ling
Clean up: Nov/Dec toban
Dishwashers: Harry Taniguchi Jr, Bobby Yotsuuye, YBA & DS boys
Emcee: Kevin Ikeda
Music/final song: Donna Sasaki & Michiko Yukawa
Photos: Richard Ling
Poinsettias: Todd/Marcia Nakamura
Set up: Darlene Matsumoto, Richard
Ling, Bobby Yotsuuye, Kazuko Inoue, Yasuko
Morita
Registration: John Inge, Ken Tanino
Video: Emma & Kate Inge, YBA

And everyone who attended, participated in the program and cleaned up the hall.

Thank you all,
Tracy Ling & Patti Wong
Co-chairs

An invitation from Reverend Kakihara and family...

"We are looking forward to your
visiting us in Hiroshima!"



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Yearly Memorial Services

General Memorial Service Years for 2018

1st Year - 2017	17th Year - 2002
3rd Year - 2016	25th Year - 1994
7th Year - 2012	33rd Year - 1986
13th Year - 2006	50th Year - 1969



February 2018;

1st Year	Sugiyama, Yoshiko	Shaku Jun-Ki	February 16, 2017
25th Year	Murphy, Satoko	Shakuni Ri-E	February 6, 1994
33rd Year	Pratt, Sunya	Shakuni Nan-Da	February 11, 1986

March 2018;

1st Year	Tanbara, Kimiko	Shaku Ji-Raku	March 21, 2017
3rd Year	Shiogi, Yukiko	Shakuni Ko-Toku	March 1, 2016
33rd Year	Minegishi, Takeji	Shaku Ji-Toku	March 14, 1986
	Minegishi, Fushi	Shakuni Shin-En	March 23, 1986

April 2018;

17th Year	Uchiyama, Miyo	Shakuni Mi-Toku	April 28, 2002
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Greeters Schedule

Greeters:

Note: Please have new visitors sign in their name and give them the following booklets;

- Temple Information Booklet
- Messages from the Buddha (mini booklet with pale pink cover)
- 1/2 page list of Temple activities

- "Want More Info.." (1/2 sheet form)

If you are not available on the day you are assigned, please find your replacement.

January	7	Merlaine Cook /Tracy Ling
	14	Bobby Yotsuuye/Jane Burster
	21	Denise Cline/Rick Tanabe
	28	David Campbell/Les Hitsman
February	4	John Inge/Wendy Hamai
	11	Del Sasaki/Mayumi Ikeda
	18	No service - NW Convention in Spokane
	25	Richard Ling/Kevin Ikeda

Tacoma Buddhist Temple – Board of Directors meeting

A peek at Rev. Kakihara’s farewell luncheon:



2018

Season Greetings



<p>Mele Kalikimaka!</p> <p><i>Inge Family</i></p> 	<p>Merry Christmas! Happy Holidays!</p> <p><i>Merle Alberts</i></p>
<p>Happy Holidays!!!!</p> <p><i>Yasuko Morita</i></p>	<p>Hope your holidays are filled with family, friends and good food!</p> <p><i>Yoshitomi, Kishi and So family</i></p>
<p>Happy 2018!!!</p> <p><i>Del and Cynthia Sasaki</i></p>	<p>Happy New Year!</p> <p><i>Jet, Enzo, Bobby and Junko Yotsuuye</i></p>
<p>Happy Holiday's. Have a great 2018.</p> <p><i>David and Kathy Yotsuuye</i></p>	 <p>Happy Holidays!</p> <p><i>Tada and Yoshi Yotsuuye</i></p>
<p>Happy Holidays and Happy New Years!</p> <p><i>Jeff, Vivian, Ryan and Kevin Hiroo</i></p>	<p>All the best to you in 2018!</p> <p><i>Debby, Dan, Shane and Rachel</i></p>
 <p>Happy Holidays!!!!</p> <p><i>Michael & Priscilla Shiogi</i></p>	<p>Happy Happy New Year!</p> <p><i>The Kakihara Family</i></p>
<p>Best wishes for the new year!</p> <p><i>Ted and Martha</i></p>	<p>Love, Peace and Good Health to Everyone!</p> <p><i>Tom & Lynrae Hubbell</i></p>
<p>Happy Holidays and Happy New Year</p> <p><i>Ling Family</i></p>	<p>Merry Christmas!</p> <p><i>Jim Akagi</i></p>
<p>Happy Holidays!!!!</p> <p><i>Ken, Lynne, & Sean Tanino</i></p>	<p>Happy Holidays!</p> <p><i>Fred and Les</i></p>
<p>Best Wishes and Happy New Year!</p> <p><i>Toyoko Nakagawara</i></p>	<p>Live gratefully each unrepeatable day. Live Aloha!</p> <p><i>~Mitsue Hanabusa~</i></p>
 <p>Happy New Year!</p> <p><i>Rev. and Mrs. Yukawa</i></p>	<p>Merry Holidays and make it delicious. Eat all the cookies you want!</p> <p><i>~SPARKWong~</i></p>



2017 Bodhi Day service - Lotus Class



Dharma School students proudly display gingerbread houses.

2018 BCA Calendars for TBT members!

**Please pick up in Temple foyer when you come to service,
OR**

**Leave a message on Temple office phone (253 627-1417) and one
will be mailed to you.**



71st Northwest Buddhist Convention
Theme: "Coming Down the Mountain"
Shinran's first steps towards the Nembutsu way
February 16-18, 2018
at the Hotel RL Spokane At The Park
Spokane, WA

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Henry Adams
Sponsored by the Spokane Buddhist Temple
In Eastern Washington, USA



Fri 2/16 - Registration & excursions around Spokane
Sat 2/17 - 8:30 am - 8 pm - Service, 12 Workshops & Banquet
Sun 2/18 - 9:30 am - Noon - Service

Registration Deadline - January 13, 2018 Register on line at: www.SpokaneBuddhistTemple.org
Adults \$125, Students \$90, Children \$40-\$50

Hotel RL Spokane At The Park rates: \$109 single/double, \$119 triple/quad
Hotel Registration: Call 1-800-Red Lion or book on line at www.Redlion.com/reservations
Use Group Code NORT0274. Deadline for the hotel is January 16, 2018
There are two other conventions in Spokane this weekend - so reserve your hotel rooms ASAP!

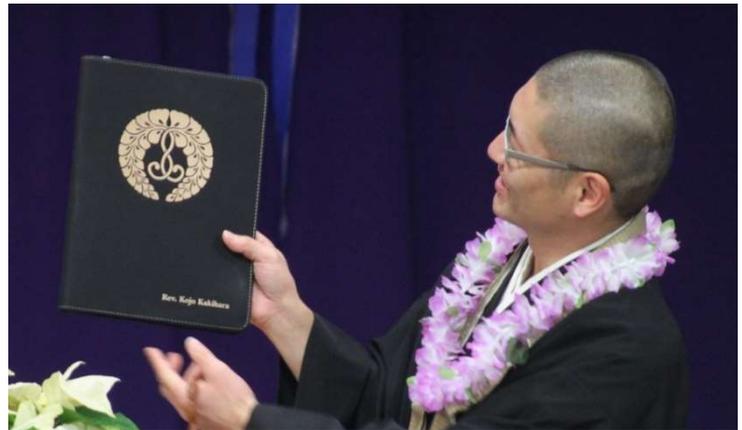


Contact: Celeste Sterrett (dcsterrett@yahoo.com) or Mari Haworth (quilt4mari@yahoo.com)
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More from the farewell luncheon:





TEMPLE CALENDAR

*January 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 10am New Year's Day Service	2 12:30pm Rev. K leaves	3	4	5	6
7 10am Family Service New Cabinets Installation New Members Recognition New Year's Party	8	9	10	11 7pm Book Club @Kings Books	12	13
14 8:15am BEC Mtg. 10am Family Service (Hoonko) DS & Dharma Exchange	15	16 10am Shinran Shonin Annual Mem.	17	18	19	20
21 8:15am Board Mtg. 10am Family Service Dharma Exchange DS Cooking class	22 <u>Myokyo Deadline</u>	23	24	25	26	27
28 10am Family Service DS & Dharma Exchange BWA New Year's Party	29	30	31	1	2	3

* DS - Dharma School, Buddhist Sunday School for children

* Dharma Exchange - Informal Session for adults after Family Service

*There is Wednesday Taiko Session for those who are interested in experiencing Taiko.

Please contact the temple in advance by call or email for the details.

*February 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4 10am Family Service DS & Dharma Exchange	5	6	7	8 7pm Book Club @Kings Books	9	10
11 8:15am BEC Mtg. 10am Family Service (Nirvana Day & Pet Mem.) DS & Dharma Exchange	12	13	14	15	16 NWD Buddhist Convention in Spokane	17
18 No Family Service NWD Convention in Spokane	19 <u>Myokyo Deadline</u>	20	21	22	23	24 BCA Minister's Mtg. and National Conference in Sacramento, Feb. 21-25
25 10am Family Service DS & Dharma Exchange	26	27	28	1	2	3 AM Sukiyaki Prep.

"BUDDHISM TODAY"

Monthly READING GROUP

**Thursday, January 11,
7 PM at the Kings Books**



This a monthly reading group on the topic "Buddhism Today", and focus on discussing writings about Buddhism in the modern world, as well as Buddhist views on contemporary issues. This group is non-sectarian, and welcomes anyone who has read the book to attend.

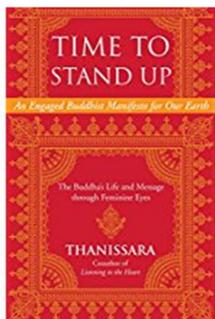
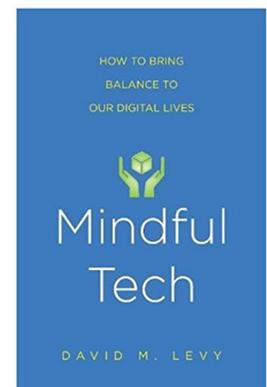
The group will meet on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at [Kings Books](#), 218 St. Helens Ave., Tacoma, WA 98402. Kings Books will have copies of each book available for purchase in the weeks prior to the meeting. You can also order copies of the books through the [BCA Bookstore](#) or Amazon.com.

Schedule:

January 11: David M. Levy

Mindful Tech:

***How to Bring Balance
to our Digital Lives***



February 8: Thanissara

TIME TO STAND UP:

An Engaged Buddhist Manifesto for Our Earth