

Temple Mission Statement

"To offer those in the Pacific Northwest an enduring community that values inclusiveness and acceptance in seeking enlightenment through Japanese Shin Buddhist teachings."



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(Jodo Shinshu)

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MYOKYO 明鏡

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

September, 2017

Sensei's Message



What it means to be a Buddhist

Rev. Kojo Kakihara

I hope you had a summer break. It is September. Our Sunday Service and Dharma School will start again. Let us again enjoy listening to Buddha Dharma together at temple. At our Sunday Service, we sometimes recite what is called "Threefold Refuges" in the beginning. This "Threefold Refuges" is very important words that expresses that we are Buddhists. That means that our reciting this "Threefold Refuges" is our announcement of "I will live my life with practicing Buddha's wish and centering the teachings of Buddhism as a Buddhist." So, when we recite it, it is important not just to recite, but also to receive it as our own matter as we recite aloud. By doing so, we come to realize that countless causes and conditions make present myself possible and that we are able to encounter Buddha Dharma thanks to it.

Before I came to the US as a Kaikyoshi, an overseas minister, I studied Buddhism and Jodo Shinshu at the Chuo Bukkyo Gakuin, a Buddhist Academy in Kyoto, Japan run by Nishi Hongwanji, the head temple of Jodo Shinshu tradition. The class style is similar to a regular school. But in the beginning of classes, we all stand up and recite what is called "Words before class," and in the end of classes "Words after class." "Words before class" is the latter half of "Threefold Refuges," "The peerless, profound and wondrous Dharma is rare to encounter, even in many hundreds and thousands of kalpas. Now we are privileged to hear and receive it. Let us thoroughly understand the true meaning of the Tathagata's teaching." And "Words after class" is the words of Eko starting with *Gan Ni Shi Ku Doku* that we often recite in the end of chanting, "May this merit-virtue, be shared equally with all beings. May we together awaken the Bodhi Mind, and be in the realm of Serenity and

Joy.” Honestly, I was sometimes nodding off during classes against my will. But every time when I recited “Words before class,” I was again reminded that how grateful I was for being able to learn Buddhism and Jodo Shinshu and to touch the words of Buddha right now, and that each class and each word of every teacher was so precious that I was able to have only once in my lifetime. That realization is connected to what I live my life that I take refuge in Buddhism taught by Sakyamuni Buddha.

After Sakyamuni Buddha attained Enlightenment, he visited five practicers in a town of Sarnath with whom he once practiced together aiming enlightenment. And there he taught Dharma for the first time. As he who became Buddha taught Dharma to these five listeners, the Three Treasures of Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha were realized. Buddha is “one who is enlightened,” Dharma is the teachings of the Buddha, and Sangha is those who accept the teachings and practice it. With these three treasures, what is called Buddhism was realized.

It is said that anyone who wished to become a disciple of Sakyamuni Buddha was welcomed by reciting the Threefold Refuges. Like that, to recite “Threefold Refuges” is a very important announcement that I take refuge in the three treasures of Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha. That is to say, it means that by my reciting it aloud, my way of life is transformed from the way centering myself to the way centering Buddha Dharma, at least my living this life as a Buddhist with wishing so. At the beginning of this new school year, let us think again of the meaning of our reciting this Threefold Refuges.

Gassho with palms together,

Buddhism 101

Rev. Kojo answers your questions on Buddhism or Jodo Shinshu at Family Service or Dharma Exchange mostly once a month. Put your questions in the box at the foyer or send to Rev. Kojo by email. The next will be on September 17.

ぶつきょうと 仏教徒であるということ

かきはらこうじょう
柿原興兼

9月になり、またサンデーサービスと日曜学校が再開されます。また、皆さんと一緒に仏法を聞かせていただけることを楽しみにしています。さてサンデーサービスでは、その最初に「三帰依文（礼讃文）」をお唱えすることがありますが、この「三帰依文」は、自分が仏教徒であるということを示す、とても大切な言葉です。ですから、「三帰依文」を唱和するということは、「仏教徒として、仏さまの願いを聞き、仏教の教えを中心として生きていきます」という宣言です。ですから、ただ唱えるのではなく、声に出しながら、その内容を自分自身のこととして受けとることが大切です。そうしてみると、今の自分が、どれだけ多くの尊いご縁によって生かされ、仏法に出逢っているか、改めて気づかされます。

わたしは、開教使としてアメリカに来る前、京都にある中央仏教学院という、西本願寺の宗立の専門学校で、仏教や浄土真宗について勉強しました。授業の形式は、普通の学校と同じですが、授業

が始まる時、全員で起立して「開講の偈」、授業の最後に「閉講の偈」を唱和します。「開講の偈」とは、「三帰依文」の後半部分、「無上甚深微妙の法は、百千万劫にも値遇うこと難し。われ今見聞し受持することを得たり。願わくは如来の真実義を解したてまつらん」です。「閉講の偈」とは、「願に此功德」で始まる回向句の書き下し文、「願わくはこの功德を以て、平等に一切に施し、同じく菩提心を発して、安楽国に往生せん」です。正直言いますと、授業中についてコクリコクリとしてしまうこともありました。が、「開講の偈」を唱え、私が今、こうして仏教を学べること、仏さまの言葉に触れることがどれほど有り難いことか、今日のこの授業、先生の言葉は、一生で今ここでしか聞くことができない貴重なものだ、ということに、改めて気づかされました。それはそのまま、お釈迦さまが説かれた仏教に帰依するという、私の生きる姿にとながっていきます。

お釈迦さまは悟りを開かれた後、インドのサールナートという町で、以前一緒に修行をしていた五人の修行者のもとを訪ね、仏陀としての最初の説法をされました。仏陀となられたお釈迦さまが、五人の聞法者に、仏の教えを説かれたことによって、仏・法・僧の三宝が成立しました。「仏（ブツダ）」とは仏陀（真実に自覚めた者）、もともとはお釈迦さまのことを指します。「法（ダルマ）」とはその仏陀の教え、「僧（サンガ）」とは、仏陀の教えを信じ実践する人たちのことです。この三つの宝がそろったことで、仏教というものが成立しました。

お釈迦さまの弟子になりたい人は誰でも、「三帰依文」を唱えることによって、入門が許されたとされます。「三帰依文」を唱えることは、三宝（仏・法・僧）に帰依する（よりどころとする）ことを表明するとても重要な言葉です。つまり「三帰依文」を唱えるということは、私の生き方が、自分中心の生き方から、仏法を中心として、真実を求めて生きる生き方へと転換されていくこと、それを願いながら生きる、ということの意味をします。新しい年度の初め、改めてその意味を考えてみましょう。

合掌、

月に一度（可能な限り）日曜礼拝の後に日本語法話をいたします。次回は、9月17日です。

Future Schedule

Sun, September 10 at 9am at 10am	Welcome back Breakfast in the social hall Family Service (Guest Speaker: Rev. Kodo Umezu, BCA Bishop) Dharma School & Dharma Exchange (Presentation by Victoria Evert)
Thu, September 14 at 7pm	NEW! Book Club at Kings Books
Sat, September 23 at 9:30am	Women in Buddhism Conference at Seattle Betsuin
Sun, September 24	Fall Ohigan Service with past BCA Bishops and Tacoma Ministers Memorial Keiro Appreciation Luncheon after DS & Dharma Exchange
Sat, October 7 at 3pm	Fall Seminar "What Is Amida Buddha?" (Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara)
Sun, October 8 at 10am	Family Service (Eshinni & Kakushinni Memorial)
Thu, October 12 at 7pm	Book Club at Kings Books
Thu, October 19 at 7pm	NEW! "Sips with Sensei" the location TBA

President's Message



I hope all of you have had an enjoyable summer, particularly since we had so many warm and dry days to enjoy!

Rev. Takashi Miyaji had a great visit with us in late July, the week before Bon Odori. As you know, he is a BCA Minister candidate, and is being considered by Bishop Umezu for appointment as a new Resident Minister. Rev. Miyaji was our Guest Minister for our Hatsubon service and met a nice cross section of our members at various functions - the Dharma School Baseball outing, evening dessert Question & Answer gathering, and smaller lunch meetings with Board members. Thanks to how welcomed he felt by all of you who attended these functions, I know that he would look forward to an appointment to serve at our Temple. We continue to hope and work for this!

We had a very successful Bon Odori at the end of July. Though August is usually a “quieter” month at the Temple since we don’t have regular Sunday services, it continued to be a very busy month for many members. Thanks to the planning and leadership of our Facilities Committee, all of the social hall improvement projects (by the time you read this) will be done! It’s been many years since any improvement and update has been done in the social hall. And, this work could not have been done without those of you who showed up and helped. THANK YOU! Please see the boxed article for more details on this.

WORK FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS:

Plans have just been made for a visit soon from Bishop Kodo Umezu. Bishop Umezu will be Guest Minister at our first Sunday service of the new school year on September 10; and he will be meeting with our Temple and Seattle Buddhist Church ministers (Reverends Kusunoki and Kakihara) and Board leadership to begin discussions about increased collaboration and work between the two Temples.

Parsonage updates – Our Facilities Committee has already started taking a good look at what work the parsonage needs to welcome a new minister and family. This will involve more member work sessions in the next few months – so please volunteer to help when notices come out.

Planning for Keiro Luncheon on Sunday, September 24 is underway.

Fall Bazaar is right around the corner and our Events Committee (Richard Ling) is looking hard to find co-chairs to run this major fundraising event.

Website redesign, events retooling, Board evaluation – there continues to be active work being done on this and will be reported to you at a later date.

HUGE thanks to members and community friends and family who donated to the Capital Fund Campaign.....!

Your contributions allowed us to complete the following capital improvement projects this year to date:

Social Hall (floors, stage, kitchen resurface & stage curtains)	\$25,844
Re-cushioning Hondo pews	<u>1,991</u>
Total:	\$27,835

This leaves \$22,790 in the Capital Fund to complete a long list of more upcoming projects which help to preserve our precious Temple facility for years to come. Please come and join us for Sunday service or a future event to see the social hall improvements and comfort of the re-cushioned pews!

KEIRO LUNCHEON – Sunday, Sept. 24

Mark your calendars and join us in honoring our Keiro (88 and older) for their long, rich history and contributions to our Temple community.

Okagesama de.....

(members will soon be contacted by monthly Toban chairs for head count)

Buddhist Women's Association News



It's been a busy summer and hopefully, everyone suffered little from all of our air issues. In contacting our Canadian friends, they are doing okay and seem to be handling the situation as best as they can. Just saw a glimpse of the eclipse from the dentist chair – it was pretty awesome! Hope to be around for the next one in 2024! (Not as President, but just around!)



Thank you to Tracy Ling who delivered 72 pounds of peanut butter and jelly to the Sumner Food Bank. They appreciated the temple's generous donation for their families.

Thank you for the many ladies and gentlemen who helped make daifuku mochi and peanut butter mochi on July 23rd for our Obon. A special thank you to Lynne Tanino who steamed 23 boxes of mochiko and Gary Ichinaga who took over at noon. Thank you, Lynne, for also donating a dozen cotton cloths for our steaming and for the work table. On Obon morning, we also steamed 4 boxes of mochiko for our strawberry mochi. We sold out of all daifuku mochi plates, peanut butter and strawberry mochi. The strawberries were generously donated from Carpinito Brothers in Auburn.

Thank you to Kazuko Inoue for arranging our peach picking trip to Stutzman Orchards in Wenatchee. Peaches were plentiful and many peach pies, jams and cobblers were made for sure! Patti had some fun bus games which kept us awake, and some wonderful prizes for the winners. As always, delicious snacks were passed around from the beginning to the end of our ride. We stopped at Leavenworth for lunch and shopping, and to Snoqualmie to view the beautiful falls.

BWA will be hosting a Farewell Luncheon on September 17th in the Social Hall for Linda Teal who will be leaving in late September to live with her sister in Japan. **Everyone is invited to join us for a Thanksgiving lunch in her honor.** Linda has been a member and officer of BWA for numerous years, a constant volunteer at all of our fundraisers, kitchen happenings, and most notably, 'the' person in charge of our New Year's entertainment. We appreciate her participation and dedication to BWA, and her commitment to the temple. Linda will be truly missed but not forgotten.

Future BWA Events:

- September 17 Linda Teal Luncheon; ALL BWA members help in morning
October 1 Dharma School Cooking Class – Anita Nakayama
Annual Food and Clothing Drive begins – Sept./Oct. Tobans manage
October 8 Eshinni Kakushinni Memorial Service – Rev. Kuwahara guest
speaker
BWA Craft session after service – Patti Wong (bring a tenugui towel)
October 14 Patti Wong and June Akita to FBWA Representatives' Meeting in
Fresno
October 15 BWA General Meeting – Sept./Oct. Toban will provide a light lunch
October 28 Daifuku Mochi making for Bazaar starting at 8:00 AM-**Everyone** help
November 5 Bazaar and Craft Fair

Gassho,
June Akita

Thank you for being so remarkable!



Linda Teal Farewell Luncheon

BWA will be hosting a farewell luncheon on September 17th for Linda Teal who will be moving back to Japan at the end of September. Everyone is invited to join us for lunch and a short program. If you would like to share some pictures or stories or fun memories that you have had with Linda, please send to June Akita.

juneakita@comcast.net

Please bring your smiles and well wishes for Linda
On September 17th after our Ohigan service
in the Social Hall.



Dharma School News



Dharma School teachers had a very thought provoking and action oriented meeting to discuss the 2017-2018 school year. We decided to collaborate more between classes, and begin outreach efforts to the greater Tacoma area in an effort to increase the number of families to our school. Teachers left energized for the new year!

Also, all members are invited to join us on the first day of service in Sept on Sunday, Sept 10th, in the social hall for the annual welcome back breakfast before the service. Breakfast will be served starting from 9:00am hosted by the Dharma School. All Dharma School families, please arrive at 7:30AM to help prepare the breakfast

See you then!
Merilee & Karen

Buddhist Education Committee News



Welcome back to the temple, everyone. As we head into Autumn, the BEC has a few educational activities planned in addition to regular Sunday services. We are pleased to remind everyone that Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara, Director of the BCA's Center for Buddhist Education in Berkeley, will return to our temple to speak at the Fall Seminar. The seminar will take place on October 7 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Rev. Pratt Room.



We are also starting a "Buddhism Today" reading group, led by Rev. Kakihara and myself. We plan to meet on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Kings Books (218 St. Helens Ave, Tacoma, WA). For our first meeting on September 14 we will discuss Radical Dharma: Talking Race, Love, and Liberation by Williams, Owens, and Syedullah. On October 12, we will discuss Common Ground Between Buddhism and Islam: Spiritual and Ethical Affinities, by Reza Shah Kazemi. This reading group is open to everyone, we only ask that you read the book if you plan to attend. Books may be purchased in advance at Kings Books, or through the BCA Bookstore <<http://bcabookstore.mybigcommerce.com/>>.

- Erik Hammerstrom



Wanted: Myokyo Newsletters for the Temple Archives

If you have any older **Myokyo newsletters**, you can drop them off at the temple or contact me and I can pick them up. I can also make copies, if you want to keep your originals.

Here is what we need so far for our temple archives:

2010 - March

2009 - Jan, Feb, April, June & Dec.

2004 - 2008 - all

2003 - Jan, July - Sept.

1995 - 1992 - there are no July as well as the usually absent August newsletters. Coincidence?

1991 - Jan & Mar - Dec.

1990 - Jan & Mar - Dec.

Anything earlier than 1989.

Thank you!

Lynrae Hubbell

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Toban News

Toban Monthly Duties 2017

These are the monthly duties per toban and what is asked of your group to help in certain events. Please check the Myokyo during your toban months for more specific directions as the requests per toban may change a little.

Thank you for taking care of your part of the year.

September Toban News

Thank you, again, toban groups for keeping our Temple so clean.

All toban Chairs:

The Keiro luncheon is on Sunday, September 24 after service in the social hall. **Please call your group** and get a count of who will be attending from your group. Please have that count by September 17th.

September 2017 and October 2017 Toban Groups:

Toban heads are responsible to call group members for set up and clean up for certain Temple events held during the two-month period. The chairs for each two-month period will coordinate with each other to set up the actual dates of the monthly clean-up for those able in their group. Please let Merlaine Cook know the clean-up dates to check for other activity conflicts and add to Temple calendar.

September Toban Group: Harry Taniguchi Jr. (chair), Kosho and Michiko Yukawa, Kevin and Mayumi Ikeda, Elsie Taniguchi, Masahiro Sugano. Phone Tree Member-Shoko Yamasaki

September Group Responsibilities:

- Monthly Clean-up with October toban (September chair to coordinate)
- Back to Temple Breakfast: YBA provides, sets up and cleans up. Help if requested.
- Keiro Luncheon: TBT Board Members set up and clean up. Help if requested.

October Toban Group:

Erin Berkey (chair), Jeff and Vivian Hiroo, Denise Cline, Tad and Joan Kajimura, Delbert and Cynthia Sasaki.
Phone Tree Member – Frank and Midori Komoto, Tadashi Fujioka

October Group Responsibilities:

- Monthly Clean-up with September toban (October chair to coordinate)
- Eshin-ni, Kakushin-ni Service and Fall Retreat: BWA in charge of service. BEC in charge of weekend lecture and Saturday lunch. Help if requested.
- Fall bazaar: Provide snacks Saturday prior to bazaar. November toban chair to coordinate with October and December toban chairs.

From Your Facility Committee



Most of us have heard of Musical Chairs. Well in August some folks did a variation of that time-honored practice of quick wits. Let's just call it Musical Floors. Work teams met on August 6, August 12, and August 26 to move stuff back and forth so Great Floors could install new surfaces on the stage, kitchen and social hall. It's so much easier to take stuff apart than to reassemble them like the originals. I can confidently assert that temple members won't be able to notice any differences in the locations of the items. Tom did a walkthrough to inspect the work and the new floors met his exacting specifications. If Reverend Kakihara and Tom

Hubbell have anything to say no one can ever accuse us of being a bunch of slumlords. In preparation for our new minister Tom and Kojo developed a punch list of repairs and improvements. David Yotsuuye and his team worked hard to ensure we have prettier surfaces to plant our tushies during services. On August 19, they labored tirelessly to remove and replace the pew cushions in the Hondo. With all that stated please thank Tom Hubbell, David Yotsuuye and Del Sasaki for all of their facilities work. Additionally, Jeff and Fred Pelger keep the dirt on the run during their weekly visits. Kurt Osaka and Osaka Gardens continue to maintain our grounds in a beautiful condition. Others who are important in keeping our facility in tip top shape are Rick Tanabe, Gary Ichinaga, Bob Yoshioka and Tad Kajimura.



Our Hondo Pews are now stuffed with brand new 2" foam! Just wanted to pass along my thanks to those who could join us for the upgrade on August 19th. It took a team effort to complete this much needed and temple money saving feat!

Many thanks goes to: Donna & Al Sasaki, Patti Wong, Les Hitsman, Fred Pelger, David & Kathy Yotsuuye, Ken & Lynne Tanino, Jerry & June Akita, June Weled, Wendy Hamai, Kensuke Erin-Berkey Rio & Kalea Shimizu, Tony Gregg & James Doyle, Junko & the boyz, Kenzo Yoshitomi, Kaila & Andy So, Gary Ichinaga, Harry Taniguchi Jr, Michael Shiogi, Jeff Hiroo, Melissa McPheeters, Tom Hubble, Kevin & Mayumi Ikeda & Sensei.

This group really came together and performed well, thanks Al & Donna for coming in prior to the event to pre-cut the cushions and June for putting together a great lunch! I really didn't expect such a turnout and was pleasantly surprised with everyone's contribution to the comfort of all future visitors to the temple!

Gassho,
Bobby Yotsuuye

Library News

We have two new DVDs in our library: *"A Zen Life – D.T.Suzuki"*, donated by Ted Tamaki and *"The Buddha; The Story of Siddhartha"*, donated by Tony Gregg & Jim Doyle (who also donated a bunch of DVD movies).

Ted Tamaki also donated: *"The Awareness of Self; A Guide to the Understanding of Shin Buddhism"* by Gyodo Haguri.

Donna Sasaki donated some books to our library, too; the most important book is *"Ocean: An Introduction to Jodo-Shinshu Buddhism in America"* by Kenneth Tanaka. We had several copies of this book, but they have disappeared over the last few years. Thank you, Donna!

Remember to return your temple library books! Thank you!

-Lynrae Hubbell

My YBIC Student Exchange trip to Japan, 2017

By: Victoria Evert



I went to Japan as an exchange student representing the Tacoma Buddhist Temple and the BCA. There were fifteen participants including myself from America, as well as students from Brazil, Canada, and Hawaii.

The BCA is located in San Francisco, California, so I flew down on July 8th and spent the weekend there. On Monday July 10th, we all gathered at San Francisco International Airport and took a twelve-hour flight to Kansai International Airport by July 11th. We got on a two-hour bus ride to Kyoto where the Hongwanji is located.

That was just the beginning of our trip.

Over the course of 10 days we toured the Hongwanji, went to morning services, to few lectures, to Mount Hiei, as well as to the Hino birth place, and the Otani Mausoleum. We rode on the bullet train! We visited Hiroshima and the Hiroshima Museum and listened to the story about what happened when the atom bomb fell. That was a very hard day for everyone.

Most of the exchange students went to a different temple in Osaka where we met with our Homestay families. I was able to go with a fellow student named Lindsey. We all had so much fun! We went to a local obon one night in our kimono's. There were so many people and huge taiko, and ate snow cones. We also went to the Osaka Castle and learned so much about the history about the building. From how it was created, and the history of its ownership to how it came to be a museum. We even took a river boat ride near the castle!! So much fun was had.

All of the students went back to Kyoto, and had our closing ceremony. But that was not the end. The BCA exchange students went to TOKYO!! There was so much sightseeing to be had. On the night before we were scheduled to leave to go back to America we had one last meeting with the Hawaiians, Canadians and I think the Brazil students. We had a huge party and ended the night with karaoke.

This trip was definitely the best experience of my life and was an eye opener to see into myself, as well as appreciate all of what I have and all of who I know. I want to say thank you to my BWA, and my temple for offering this fantastic opportunity, and for offering their help to me in more ways than one.

I will be giving a power point presentation at dharma service on September 10th. I hope everyone can join me as I share my experiences and photos from my trip.

In Gassho,

Victoria Evert

Obon 2017

Thank you to **everyone** who volunteered so much of their time and energy to make this Obon another successful event! We sold out of just about everything not quite as early as last year, but at least people had some food to purchase up to 9:00 pm. Our one new item – root beer floats – sold out by 6:30 thanks to the efforts of Merlaine and Odessa Cook. We also tried a new set up in the Social Hall so our guests would not have to wait in the hot sun. It went very smoothly thanks to the planning of David and Kathy Yotsuuye. Everyone kept busy the entire evening which concluded with our unique Candle Memorial Ceremony in the Temple Garden.



The Health Inspector came before the event even started this year! Her only comment was to leave the cover off of the edamame bowls so it can cool faster. Our temperatures of foods were good, everyone wore hats or hairnets, and changed gloves when necessary.

Obon seemed to sneak up on us this year but thanks to the efforts of all the committee chairs and all of the volunteers who came in during the week, many evenings, and all morning and all day of Obon – we, again, had a very successful event. Thank you, everyone.

If you have not sent in your post report to June, Tony or Jim, please do so soon. Okay – Off to Bazaar on November 5th!

~~~Tony, Jim and June~~~

Interested in Japanese Drumming (TAIKO)? If so, please email Bobby Yotsuuye at: [yotsuuye@outlook.com](mailto:yotsuuye@outlook.com). We're always looking for those interested in enjoying the beat of the drum

## Clash of Softball Titans

This past month the Seattle Betsuin and Tacoma Temple renewed an old softball rivalry. Meeting for the first time in over 25 years, the two teams met on a recent Sunday afternoon on Mercer Island to renew a rivalry that dates back generations.

The softball double header was filled with many highlights. During the first game Alan Kishi, the most senior player in the Tacoma lineup, wowed the crowd by lacing a sharp single over the 3<sup>rd</sup> baseman's head and the young lineup, led by Jet and Enzo Yotsuuye, impressed all with their solid defense and offense.

The second game featured a continuation of a softball rivalry between Seattle's Reverend Kusunoki and Reverend Kakihara that began when they were students studying to get their kaikyoshi in Kyoto. A rivalry that was highlighted when Rev. Kusunoki came up to bat in the final inning, pointed with his bat to Rev. Kakihara, who was playing right field and proceeded to hit a towering homerun over him.

While the Tacoma teams were victorious, sweeping the doubleheader, the most important element of this afternoon was the sense of community shared by the two teams. A fun day filled with laughter and lively conversation. A day spent remembering the sports rivalries between the temples in years past and talking about renewing them in the future.

~John Inge



## Yearly Memorial Services

### General Memorial Service Years for 2017

|                  |                  |
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| 1st Year - 2016  | 17th Year - 2001 |
| 3rd Year - 2015  | 25th Year - 1993 |
| 7th Year - 2011  | 33rd Year - 1985 |
| 13th Year - 2005 | 50th Year - 1968 |



### October 2017;

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| 13th Year | Osaka, Michiko | Shakuni Mi-Chi | October 29, 2005 |
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### November 2017;

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| 1st Year  | Nibbana, Demi Renai | Shaku Jun-Raku | November 5, 2016  |
| 17th Year | Ikeda, Sachio       | Shaku Ko-Ei    | November 16, 2001 |

### December 2017;

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| 13th Year | Tanabe, Yoshiko       | Shakuni Sho-Shin | December 15, 2005 |
| 17th Year | Morita, Charles Haruo | Shaku Shun-Gan   | December 1, 2001  |
| 25th Year | Mains, Yukiko         | Shakuni Jo-Ko    | December 31, 1993 |
| 33rd Year | Jinguji, Masayo       | Shakuni Myo-Sei  | December 18, 1985 |
| 50th Year | Ikeda, Umejiro        | Shaku Sho-Jun    | December 17, 1968 |

## Greeters Schedule

Note: Please have new visitors sign up 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 a replacement for you.**

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| <b>September</b> | <b>10</b> | Ken Tanino / Erin Berkey    |
|                  | <b>17</b> | Jim Doyle / Tony Gregg      |
|                  | <b>24</b> | Merlaine Cook / Tracy Ling  |
| <b>October</b>   | <b>1</b>  | Bobby Yotsuuye/Jane Burster |
|                  | <b>8</b>  | Denise Cline/Rick Tanabe    |
|                  | <b>15</b> | David Campbell/Les Hitsman  |
|                  | <b>22</b> | John Inge/Wendy Hamai       |
|                  | <b>29</b> | Del Sasaki/Mayumi Ikeda     |



## Welcome back Sunday!

Sunday, September 10

9:00 am - Welcome back Breakfast in social hall

10:00 am - Family Service



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## Monthly Book Club!

Starting on Sep. 14 at 7pm  
At Kings Books

We are discussing “*Radical Dharma:  
Talking Race, Love, and Liberation*”

For details, see our website  
or contact temple;  
[tacoma.buddhist.temple@tacomabt.org](mailto:tacoma.buddhist.temple@tacomabt.org)



## The Tacoma Buddhist Temple is getting Social!

Like us on Facebook, and follow us on Instagram and Twitter at  
**@tacomabuddhist**. Be sure to tag us in your  
posts about the temple so we can repost them, and if you  
have photographs you would be willing to share  
in our feeds, please e-mail them to:  
[hamilton.aimee@gmail.com](mailto:hamilton.aimee@gmail.com)





# TEMPLE CALENDAR

## \*September 2017

| SUN                                                                                                         | MON                              | TUE                              | WED                                | THU                                  | FRI | SAT                                                                        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                             |                                  |                                  |                                    |                                      | 1   | 2                                                                          |
| 3<br>No Sunday Svc.                                                                                         | 4<br>Labor Day                   | 5                                | 6                                  | 7                                    | 8   | 9                                                                          |
| 10<br>9am Breakfast<br>10am Family Service<br>(Bishop Umezu)<br>DS & Dharma Exchange<br>(Victoria Evert)    | 11                               | 12                               | 13                                 | 14<br>7pm Book Club!<br>@Kings Books | 15  | 16<br>10am Shinran Shonin<br>Monthly Memorial<br><br>Chinese Moon Festival |
| 17<br>8:15am Board Mtg.<br>10am Family Service<br>DS & Dharma Exchange<br>Buddhism 101<br>JPN message (日本語) | 18<br><u>Myokyo<br/>Deadline</u> | 19                               | 20<br>Minister's Mtg.<br>@Portland | 21                                   | 22  | 23                                                                         |
| 24<br>10am Family Service<br>Fall Ohigan<br>DS & Dharma Exchange<br>Keiro Luncheon                          | 25                               | 26                               | 27                                 | 28                                   | 29  | 30                                                                         |
|                                                                                                             |                                  | WEHOPE Seminar @JSC (Sep. 26-29) |                                    |                                      |     |                                                                            |

- \* DS - Dharma School, Buddhist Sunday School for children after Family Service
- \* 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.

## \*October 2017

| SUN                                                                                                     | MON                                                                         | TUE | WED | THU                                  | FRI | SAT                                                                             |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|--------------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1<br>8:15am BEC Mtg.<br>10am Family Service<br>DS & Dharma Exchange                                     | 2                                                                           | 3   | 4   | 5                                    | 6   | 7<br>9am NWD Teleconferenc<br>3pm Fall Seminar<br>(Rev. Kuwahara)<br>5pm Dinner |
| 8<br>10am Family Service<br>(Eshinni&Kakushinni)<br>DS & Dharma Exchange<br>(Rev. Kuwahara)             | 9                                                                           | 10  | 11  | 12<br>7pm Book Club!<br>@Kings Books | 13  | 14                                                                              |
| 15<br>8:15am Board Mtg.<br>10am Family Service<br>DS & Dharma Exchange                                  | 16<br>10am Shinran Shonin<br>Monthly Memorial<br><u>Myokyo<br/>Deadline</u> | 17  | 18  | 19<br>7pm Sips with Sensei!          | 20  | 21<br>9am NWD MAP<br>at Seattle                                                 |
| 22<br>10am Family Service<br>DS & Dharma Exchange<br>Halloween Party                                    | 23                                                                          | 24  | 25  | 26                                   | 27  | 28<br>9am BWA<br>Daifuku Mochi Making                                           |
| 29<br>10am Family Service<br>DS & Dharma Exchange<br>Buddhism 101<br>JPN message (日本語)<br>Bazaar Set-up | 30                                                                          | 31  | 1   | 2                                    | 3   | 4                                                                               |
| 5<br>11am Fall Bazaar!                                                                                  |                                                                             |     |     |                                      |     |                                                                                 |



Tacoma Buddhist Temple  
2017 Theme "Wake Up!"  
Fall Public Seminar



# What is Amida Buddha?

*-Is Buddha like God? How is Amida Buddha  
related to our present lives?-*

**Saturday, October 7, 2017**  
**3:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

Admission: Temple Members - Free  
Non Members - \$ 10 (suggested donation)



*Guest Speaker:*

**Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara**

*(Co-Director of BCA Center for Buddhist Education)*

He completed Ph. D. Program in Jodo Shinshu (Shin Buddhism) in 2003  
at Ryokoku Univ. in Kyoto, Japan.

He loves American food. He is married and a father of three sons.

Favorite phrase: "Wanting less and realizing that I've already had plenty. (少欲知足)"

**Rev. Kuwahara will also speak at our Sunday Service on Oct. 8 at 10 am.**

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