



Tacoma Buddhist Temple

(Jodo Shinshu)

タコマ 仏教会 (浄土真宗)

1717 S. Fawcett Ave., Tacoma, WA 98402-1706

TEL: [\(253\) 627-1417](tel:(253)627-1417)

EMAIL: info@tacomabt.org

WEB: www.tacomabt.org



MYOKYO 明鏡

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

September 2022

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."*

Sensei's Message



September, the Transition Begins!

Rev. Tadao Koyama

Happy September everyone! I hope everyone had a great summer and that you didn't get too hot! September is a month that begins a lot of things. For us at the Tacoma Buddhist Temple, we begin Dharma School, and I am certain the same students begin their school year as well! That means back to classrooms, homework, and extracurricular activities! We also begin to enter into the season of fall or autumn!

I am certain that most of you reading this are ready to take a break from the heat! Or maybe not! Maybe some of you love the summertime weather! Either way, the season continues to change, and the days will become shorter whether we like it or not! It reminds me of all of the routines and preparations we make as these times of transition happen. We begin to take out our warmer clothes, we start to purchase salt for our driveways, we go out shopping for the back-to-school sales. We prepare to go on our last getaway vacation for Labor Day. All the familiar things we become used to are coming back!

Yet with this impermanence we have all faced in the midst of the pandemic, it is important to reflect and accept that life as we know it is not meant to be taken for granted. All of the familiar routines we miss doing, are never guaranteed to us. As we continue to live our lives and return to a sense of what was considered "normal", let us also remember that this transition is a lesson within the Dharma as well. Not that I am saying that the Dharma created the pandemic, but I think we can easily accept that the Dharma could help us get through the pandemic.

September also marks the time we observe our Ohigan service. This is a time of year that the time between day and night are equal! It also marks the time that we reflect on the realm of enlightenment or the "other shore". This shore is the realm of delusion and ego, while the other shore is the realm of enlightenment, compassion, and wisdom. While other schools of Buddhism might observe this holiday as a time to be

vegetarian or chant sutras, we use this as a time to have special services and to deeply listen to the message of Shinran Shonin and the Seven Pure Land Masters.

It seems oddly coincidental that the time we should deeply reflect and be willing to learn also happens during the same month that school starts for students! This is a good reminder that no matter how old we are, we should always be willing to learn new things and be willing to change our viewpoints if they turn out to be incorrect!

I certainly hope everyone enjoys their September! Students, study hard, and deeply listen to your teachers! Their lessons and experience are invaluable! Ganbatte! For all of us, please continue to recite the Nembutsu!

Namo Amida Butsu

President's Message



Welcome to September. August was a little quiet in terms of activities, but I hope you're ready for September as our weekly Sunday services will be in-person and online. I look forward to seeing our sangha on September 11th! Please come early and mingle and socialize in our social hall at 9 am before the 10 am service. We are mindful of safety measures, so the YBA won't be holding their annual breakfast.



The 75th Northwest Convention will be held on September 16 -18th and is hosted by the Idaho-Oregon Buddhist Temple. Please join online or in person and see all of the details in this newsletter. And guess who's keynote speaker? Bishop Marvin Harada, brother of our temple member Donna Sasaki. Also, Stuart Hirai, native of IOBT and expert on 442nd/100th will be on hand for one of the sessions. Our NW District started the concept of a family convention and I hope you will be able to support Idaho-Oregon in attending the convention.

I'd also like to recognize Rev. Cyndi Yasaki as at the time of this Myokyo printing, she would have gone through her ordination of Kyoshi. For the first time ever, the Hongwanji is allowing the BCA to hold the ordination of our ministers in the U.S. Rev. Koyama attended the ordination and supported the chanting training with Rev. Kusunoki at the Jodo Shinshu Center. Congratulations Rev. Cyndi on your milestone! Also, with final paperwork and approval from the BCA, Rev. Cyndi will be the overseeing minister of the White River Buddhist Temple. Final dates are still being determined but she will most likely start in September or October. This is a great opportunity for Rev. Cyndi and our temple as we look to support and connect with our local White River and Seattle Betsuin more regularly.

Thank you again for your support and look forward to seeing you in person at our services.

Gassho,
Crystal

Dharma School News



I am getting really excited about seeing everyone on September 11th for our **VERY FIRST IN PERSON DHARMA SCHOOL** in over two and half years!!!!

Honestly, everyone has grown so much and even teachers have changed here and there!! Just looking forward to starting our year together!



Our Obon this year was for Members Only and all needed to be vaccinated in thinking of the safety and protection of everyone!! It was soooooo fun to see so many guys and gals join the circle who NEVER have had the chance to dance because they are always working!! All eyes were on the Obon

instructors – it was just fun!! Fuji Taiko were superior as always and YBA had some wonderful games that they shared with adults as well. (Must admit, I did not recognize a few of the kids as they are **ALL** taller than me and just growing up!!!)

Lynrae Hubbell invited all the teachers to a walking field trip to Tinkertopia to shop for supplies, and she generously bought us a cool drink at the local Starbucks!!! Thank you, Lynrae for the fun and much needed outing!!

Our faculty and I met in mid-August to plan our 2022-2023 year! Our Prajna and Maitreya classes will be combined for this coming year, and Lumbini and Lotus will remain the same. Member and non-member families are welcome to attend. We do ask that everyone wear a mask and be fully vaccinated. We will try to acknowledge social distancing as best as possible. Please understand that depending on the virus, there could be changes to the calendar. Check the Myokyo for tentative dates.

September-October:

September	4	NO DS	Labor Day weekend
	11	DS	First class
	18	No class	NWD Convention Closing Service; Gathering
	26	DS	Class
October	2	DS	Class
	9	DS	Class; Eshinni/Kakushinni Service – BWA
	16	DS	Class
	23	DS	Class
	30	DS	No class; Halloween Party

Please note that if there are any changes to the calendar, we will contact each family. Otherwise, this calendar is correct.

Dharma School will begin at 10:00 with a message from Sensei, chanting and gatha. We will then be dismissed to our classes. Adult service will be over approximately at 11:30 when students will also be dismissed.

Please be safe and take care of each other – and take a few moments for yourself as well.

Gassho,
June

Young Buddhist Association News



On behalf of the YBA, I would like to welcome you all to the 2022-23 Dharma School Year. As this year's YBA President I look forward to seeing everyone back in person at the temple with COVID precautions in mind.



With the restrictions in place, the YBA will not be hosting our Welcome Breakfast and will instead offer muffins and a tea bag at the end of service to take home and enjoy. We will also be focusing on the Halloween Candy Dash held on October 30th, and Bazaar if we have it this year. More information will be given as the year goes on.

Seattle Jr. YBA held a Summer Retreat on July 22/23, spending the first day getting to know each other and making cards for the older members of the temple, ending the day with a reflection and games. On day two, they stopped at Dave and Buster's for some games before ending the retreat at White Rivers' Obon festival, going to the service and dancing.

We would like to welcome 5 new YBA members to the group: Ivan Winters, Nya Zaei, Tamsin Shipp, Enzo Yotsuuye, and Minara Sugano. Members are eligible upon entering Dharma School Lotus class, and we encourage all eligible to join to interact with each other and support the temple.

For future YBA projects, we look to continue fundraisers, like the silk screen T-shirts and tote bags, as well as exploring any new ideas from our new members.

President: Odessa Cook, Vice President: Nao Wainer, Secretary: Jet Yotsuuye, Treasurer, Ezra Winters.

Gassho,
Odessa Cook

Buddhist Education Committee News



We are baaaaccckkkk! Sunday, September 11 will mark the day when our temple resumes weekly Sunday services and we can't wait to see everyone!



We have come a long way since the pandemic shut us down in March of 2020. Soon after Rev. Koyama became our resident minister, he started posting services, alternating between Youtube and Zoom. In May of this year, we started having in-person services twice a month.

Going back to a full-service schedule means the BEC will be busy training and scheduling members to be chairpersons as well as Zoom hosts. We are also working on the service scripts, using the formats from pre-covid days with a few tweaks here and there.

Since we will continue streaming our Sunday services online, we are making plans to improve our current audio and video capabilities with a generous donation from Karen and Ron Murakami and a technology upgrade proposal from Rev. Koyama. Stay tuned!

And finally, a long-time and valuable temple member retired from our BEC committee in August. Fred Pelger, who was our BEC director from 2014 to 2021, joined the BEC during the time Rev. Fukuma was our resident minister (2002 – 2009). When Fred joined, the BEC committee consisted of Mr. Miki, Toyoko Nakagawara, Rose Kishi, Jim Akagi, Frank Kawasaki, Ted Tamaki and Nancy Butterfield. We will miss Fred's wisdom, leadership, and dedication – Thank you, Fred!
Lynrae

Facility Committee Update



If abilities are carried through multiple lifetimes Tom Hubbell, David Yotsuuye, and Robert Yotsuuye must have been involved in building the Egyptian pyramids and Pumapunku, among other ancient treasures. For example, their extraordinary skills are in full display as they demolish and rebuild the parsonage deck. Most of the joists have been replaced, and we are one more work party event away from completing that phase of the project. Yours truly has been picking up, transporting, and chucking the rotted deck wood into the municipal solid waste bin. Working with the experts has expanded my vocabulary. I used to call all those decking components pieces of "wood." Now I understand "beam" isn't just light, but a structural component that supports things that aren't so light. Additionally, our temple's empty lot got a much needed weed whacking.



Tom and Lynrae Hubbell continue to hunt and remove litter along Fawcett Avenue, in addition to, the alleyway behind the temple. David Yotsuuye, Robert Yotsuuye, Gary Ichinaga, Tom Hubbell, Tony Gregg, Rick Tanabe,

Del Sasaki, and Mike Shiogi work hard to ensure those gremlins are idle and checkmated. Kurt Osaka and Osaka Gardens are still raring to beautify our grounds but are waiting for the construction around our facility to wrap up. Stepping up to fill the void are David Yotsuuye, Jeff Hiroo, Mike Shiogi, and Del Sasaki.

~Dave

Toban



At the last Reopening Committee meeting, it was decided to have Toban pairs resume a **monthly cleaning beginning in June**. This means you will do a little more than the restricted cleaning – please refer to the check off sheet in the hallway on the main floor or one in the kitchen. Check off items that are completed to save confusion. Please sign the check in sheet during clean up times. Everyone should also be masked and distanced as best as you can.



September Chair: **Bobby & Junko Yotsuuye** **October Chair:** **Carrie Mori**

Kenji Shipp

Rick Tanabe

Mike Shiogi

John & Crystal Inge

David & Kathy Yotsuuye

Emma & Kate Inge

Toban Volunteers: We are asking each toban team to do **regular cleaning**. You have the option **not** to participate in cleaning for health concerns (*please let your chair know*).

Safety protocols: Must be **vaccinated** with two shots and boosters. Negative testing will **NOT** be accepted nor will a medical deferment.

Must be **masked** at all times while at the Temple (TBT provides masks)

Wearing TWO Level 3 masks (blue) or ONE KN95 mask

Stay **6 feet apart** from others

Main Floor: Dust pews

Quick sweep wooden floor

Sweep side kitchen

Wipe down counters

Replenish bathroom supplies as needed

Vacuum all carpets including stairwells

Rev. Pratt Room: Vacuum carpet

Wipe down tables

Wipe down and sweep kitchen area

Sweep and mop landing area

Vacuum and dust library

Empty garbage/recycling as needed

Upstairs Classrooms: Vacuum carpet in classrooms and balcony

Wipe down tables

Empty garbage/recycling as needed

***Social Hall Cooler:** April, August, December tobans wipe down, mop and clean

Cleaning supply locations are located behind the duty list in the hallway and kitchen. Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation on these changes as we are getting back to 'normal.'

Barry Weled and June Akita



Yearly Memorial Service



General Memorial Service Years for 2022

1 st Year – 2021	17 th Year – 2006
3 rd Year – 2020	25 th Year – 1998
7 th Year – 2016	33 rd Year – 1990
13 th Year – 2010	50 th Year – 1973

September 2022

1 st Year	Shoko Yamasaki	September 1, 2021
3 rd Year	Frank Komoto	September 22, 2020
7 th Year	Misao Crider	September 21, 2016
25 th Year	Takeo Kusumoto	September 23, 1998
25 th Year	Henry Moritada Hashimoto	September 23, 1998
25 th Year	Ayako Hayashi	September 27, 1998

October 2022

33 rd Year	Kazue Jenks	October 2, 1990
50 th Year	Zengoro Shimoishimaru	October 11, 1973

November 2022

7 th Year	Demi Renai Nibbana	November 5, 2016
25 th Year	Henry Yutaka Tanabe	November 27, 1998
33 rd Year	Yukiko Higashi	November 22, 1990

Greeter's List

September 11	Lynn Blick/David Campbell Tracy and Richard Ling
September 18	David and Bobby Yotsuuye Barry and June Weled
September 25	Carrie Mori/Gavin Morgan Del Sasaki/Shizuka Faria
Date TBD	Tony Greg/Jim Doyle John Inge/Mike Shiogi Debbie Abe/Akemi Ikeda Lynrae/Tom Hubbell

Greeters' Notes:

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."
- Extra supplies are in the ministers' room off the hondo.

Lastly, please do a headcount and enter it in the attendance sheet in the visitor folder.

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

Tacoma Buddhist Temple's
Spirit, Mind and Body Health Series
2022

Yoga for Compassion classes In-person and Zoom

To register, please email Tracy Ling at tling12005@gmail.com For those returning and new attendees, updated yoga waivers will be required for 2022 sessions. Tracy can provide the form via email. We look forward to seeing in each class!

September 10th, Yoga for Compassion for all abilities. Saturday, 9:00 am.

Next classes: October 8, November 12, December 10

Kara O'Toole, yoga instructor



This class is for levels of experience, a place for people to begin their yoga practice or to reconnect with their yoga roots. In Yoga for Compassion, you will learn the fundamentals of yoga postures and experience connecting movement and breath. The class will begin seated in a chair and then progress to standing. The compassionate class environment will provide you with a positive Yoga experience in our diverse Sangha.

The morning of Yoga for Compassion:

Zoom waiting room will open at **8:45am**

In-person please arrive at the temple front door at 8:45am to check in and verify Covid vaccination including at least one booster if eligible. Everyone will be required to wear a mask and socially distance while in the temple.

All yoga participants must complete a waiver for 2022.

Class will start at **9am**

If you have difficulty connecting through Zoom or door is locked, please contact Gavin (206)650-2475



September 2022 Sunday Services Announcement

We will be returning to our usual Sunday Service schedule with an in-person service **every Sunday** as well as our two-service format: one for Dharma School and one for adults. We look forward to you joining us for services every week!

September 11

- Special Social Hour to start at 9 am in temple social hall
- Service starts at **10 am**
- Dharma School begins

September 18

Service starts **10 am**

*This will be an in-person service held at the temple and the service is being broadcasted from Ontario, Oregon where the Northwest District convention will be taking place. All temple members are encouraged to come to service and participate at their local temple.

September 25 Fall Ohigan/Past Bishop and Minister Memorial

Service starts at **10 am**

Dharma School will take place.

-Covid protocols during service will still be observed.

Game Day SATURDAY, SEPT 3rd!!!!

Softball Tournament: (TACOMA vs SEATTLE) & WHITE RIVER too!

Tacoma is the host, and we will be holding this tournament in Federal Way.
Temple members are encouraged to join! Please contact me if you're interested: yotsuuye@outlook.com.

NEW-DATE/TIME: **Saturday, September 3rd
10 AM – 2 PM**

PLACE: Saghalie Middle School, Federal Way
TEAM WEAR: **TACOMA:** White jersey or t-shirt
 SEATTLE: Purple jersey or t-shirt
 WHITE RIVER: Purple or White...

Due to COVID protocols, each participant/fan will be responsible for their own social distancing. Please bring your own snack and drinks.

Kevin Ikeda and John Inge will oversee activities. Please bring your own glove.

Gassho,
Bobby Yotsuuye



Obon 2022





IDAHO-OREGON BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Host of 2022 Northwest Buddhist Convention

PO Box 397, Ontario, OR 97914

Fax: 541-881-1113 Email: info@iobt.org



“Reflecting on the Past, Looking to the Future”

August 6, 2022

Thanks for your consideration in attending the 75th Northwest Buddhist Convention September 16-18, whether you are in person or virtual. This hybrid event brings the ability to attend not only in person, but virtually, with the ability for two way communication when appropriate and ability to move from one session to another at will. We'll be at Four Rivers Cultural Center in Ontario, Oregon.

We are pleased to have Bishop Marvin Harada as our keynote speaker. And, Stuart Hirai, native of IOBT and expert on 442nd/100th will be on hand for one of the sessions.

The covid protocols we plan to be following encourage wearing a mask indoors except while actively eating or drinking. For those who choose not to mask, social distancing will be required.

We want to give our guests every opportunity to come, and to cancel if the need arises. Convention registration will be refundable if cancelled by September 15. Hotel refunds will depend on the policy of the hotel you choose to stay in.

We have a group block at the Holiday Inn Express, 212 SE 10th St., 541 889-7100, referencing "NW Buddhist Convention" to access the group rate of \$149 king, \$159 double. They would like us to release unsold rooms by August 15, however we're hoping they'll extend that a few days.

Other properties in Ontario include Sleep Inn, Clarion Inn, Best Western Inn, Red Lion, Super 8, and Motel 6.

The distraction of the fire at IOBT kept me from providing timely enough information to our internet folks for online registration, so in the interests of time I'm reverting to a paper registration for now.

We look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,

Mike Iseri
chairman

75th Annual Northwest Buddhist Convention
Hosted by Idaho-Oregon Buddhist Temple PO Box 397,
Ontario, OR 97914
Fax: 541-881-1113 Email: info@iobt.org



“Reflecting on the Past, Looking to the Future”

DEADLINE: asap

Individual Registration Form	
(one form per person)	
first name: _____	last name: _____
address: _____	city/state/zip: _____
phone: _____	email: _____
Temple (or other affiliation): _____	

☐ Check here for VEGETARIAN
meals

NOTE: registration includes Friday welcome, Saturday lunch and dinner

- ☐ Adult registration \$150.00
- ☐ Student/Youth registration \$125.00 K -
grade 5 registration \$90.00
- ☐ age 3 - preschool \$75.00 Bento
- ☐ Box (Sunday) \$20.00
- ☐ banquet only \$75.00
- ☐ Virtual participant \$35.00

NOTE: Registrants under 18 must complete the consent and code of ethics forms

Airport Transportation ☐ needed?
☐ yes
arrival flight, date, and time
departure flight, date and time
☐ _____no

Registration may be submitted to:
Mary Ann Shimojima
Idaho-Oregon Buddhist Temple
PO Box 397
Ontario OR 97914

You may call in your credit card number to Mike Iseri, 208 740-081 You may also pay on the iobt.org website on the donate button on the right (be sure to note "convention" in the comments area).



“Reflecting on the Past, Looking to the Future”

Consent to Medical Care and Treatment of Minor Children

(completion required by registrants under 18)

I, _____, the parent or legal guardian of

_____,
authorize and consent to medical, surgical and hospital care, treatment and procedures to be performed for my child by a
licensed physician, medical practitioner, or hospital when deemed necessary or advisable by the health care provider to
safeguard my child's health, in the event that I cannot be contacted. I understand that consent to treat is generally implied in
emergency situations, and I waive my right of informed consent for such treatment as well as to further treatment that the health
care provider would deem advisable during the time I cannot be contacted.

Child's date of birth: _____ Best phone number to reach you: _____

Allergies: _____

Medical conditions or special needs: _____

Medications being taken: _____

Health Insurance provider: _____

Health insurance ID #: _____ Group #: _____

Signed (parent/guardian): _____ Date: _____

Code of Ethics

Violation of any of the following provisions will result in forfeiture of registration fees, and removal from the convention facilities
(hotel, Temple & separate meeting facilities) at the discretion of convention officials.

Chaperones or parents will be responsible for removal of the offending party.

Illegal drugs and alcohol of any kind are prohibited.

Everyone must respect the rights and property of other participants and facilities.

Each participant must abide by the agreed upon evening curfew.

Each participant is responsible for their behavior to their peers, chaperones, and advisors.

Each participant must keep their chaperone/advisor advised of their whereabouts at all times.

We have read and will abide by the code of ethics provided. We agree to hold harmless from liability, Idaho-Oregon Buddhist
Temple and its affiliated organizations, Four Rivers Cultural Center and the facility providing lodging for the guest, in the event
of injury, loss of property or any other mishap.

Youth signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

submit with individual registration form

IDAHO-OREGON BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Host of 2022 Northwest Buddhist Convention

PO Box 397, Ontario, OR 97914

Fax: 541-881-1113 Email: info@iobt.org



“Reflecting on the Past, Looking to the Future”

Advertising Order Form for the Convention Booklet & Slide Show

☐

all ads

\$100

Contact person: _____

Business name: _____

Address: _____

City State Zip: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

Please submit your order with black and white camera-ready ad copy by September 1, 2022 Questions? Please contact Mike Iseri, mikeiseri@fmtc.com, 541 889-8691.

Idaho-Oregon Buddhist Temple
ATTN: Convention ads
PO Box 397
Ontario OR 97914

*September 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4 No Service	5 <i>Labor Day</i>	6	7	8 Book Club at King's Books 7:00 PM	9	10 YouTube Shotsuki Service
11 <i>Social Hour 9 am</i> In downstairs social hall In-person Service 10 am Dharma School begins	12	13	14 Study class Hybrid 6 pm at Temple	15	16 <i>Northwest Convention Idaho-Oregon</i>	17 <i>Northwest Convention Idaho-Oregon</i>
18 <i>Northwest Convention</i> Live Broadcast At Temple Board Meeting	19 Myokyo deadline	20	21	22	23	24
25 In-Person Ohigan Service 10 am Dharma School	26	27	28	29	30	

*October 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 YouTube Shotsuki Service
2 In-Person Service 10 am Dharma School	3	4	5	6	7	8 <i>Fall Seminar at 2 pm</i> <i>Special Guest Speaker</i> Rev. Kerry Kiyohara Hybrid event
9 Eshinni Kakushinni BWA Memorial Service 10 am Special Guest Speaker Rev. Kerry Kiyohara	10	11	12 Study class Hybrid 6 pm at Temple	13 <i>Book Club at</i> King's Books 7:00 PM	14	15
16 In-Person Service 10 am Special Dharma School Board Meeting	17 Myokyo Deadline	18	19	20	21	22
23 In-Person Service 10 am Dharma School	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 In-Person Service 10 am Dharma School TBD	31					