

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)

November, 2016

Sensei's Message



What is the goal of Buddhism?

Rev. Kojo Kakihara

We are Buddhists who take refuge in Buddhism. Many members and non-members attend Sunday Service at a Buddhist temple every Sunday. Even if they do not come to a Buddhist temple regularly, there are those who consider themselves to be Buddhists. Then, what does it mean to be a Buddhist? What is the purpose of Buddhism? Have you thought of it? Especially in our Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, there are sometimes some people who think like, "There are not certain strict practices or rules in Jodo Shinshu, so the goal of Jodo Shinshu is not clear." However, since Jodo Shinshu is one of Pure Land Buddhism which belongs to Mahayana Buddhism, even though the process or the way is different, the goal or the purpose in Jodo Shinshu is the same as other Buddhist traditions. The goal of Buddhism is absolute happiness. Or it can be said to be peace of mind, or absolute liberation from sufferings. This is also called Nirvana or Enlightenment. In any types of Buddhism, this is the goal and it is the way of life for Buddhists that we live our present lives while aiming and wishing absolute happiness.

Saying this, some may think that I am saying a natural thing. We lead our lives wishing our happiness and peace. There are hardly people who live wishing unhappiness, anxieties, or sufferings. We make efforts every day to get happiness. It would be not only humans, but every living beings' wish that we wish for happiness and peace.

The goal of Buddhism is basically the same. But what Buddhism aims is different from happiness or peaceful life without sufferings in a general meaning. Happiness in a general meaning such as money, fame, or family could disappear as the condition changes. And those could sometimes be a cause of suffering. The goal of Buddhism is absolute happiness or perfect peace of mind of no sufferings that transcends worldly happiness. This statement is called Enlightenment, and one who is enlightened is Buddha. The goal or the purpose of our life as Buddhists is this enlightenment and attaining

こう言う、そんなの当たり前じゃないか、と言われるかもしれません。私たちは日々、幸せを求め、平穩を求めて生きています。不幸、不安、苦しみを求めて生きている人は、あまりいないでしょう。私たちは、幸せを得るために、日々努力をしています。幸せや平穩を求めるのは、人間だけに限らず、全ての生きものの願いといえるでしょう。

仏教の目指すものも同じです。しかし、仏教の目指すものは、一般的な意味での幸せや、苦しみのない平穩な暮らしとは違います。お金、名誉、家族などの一般的な幸せは、状況が変われば無くなったり、時には苦しみをもたらす原因になることもあります。仏教の目的は、こういったものを越えた絶対的な幸せ、苦しみの全くない絶対的な心の平穩です。この境地を悟りと言い、悟った者を仏陀と言います。私たち仏教徒の生きる目的とは悟りであり、仏陀になることです。仏になりたいと願う心を菩提心といいます。これは、仏教徒としての生き方の出発点で、仏になることを願うことによって、「私は今、どんな生き方をしているのか」、「本当の「私」とは何者なのか」、「では、どのような生き方をすればいいのか」という、自身の人生への問いが生まれてきます。

ではなぜ仏教は、悟り・涅槃を目指すのでしょうか。それは、仏教では、この世界は苦である、と見るからです。「人生は苦である」と言い、その苦からの解放、悟りを目指すのは、厭世的であるとか現実逃避だ、という人もいますが、そうではありません。私たちが日々努力するのも、科学や医療の発達をめざすのも現在の状態を苦や不足と感じ、より良い状態を目指しているからです。仏教は、私たちの心、精神的な面を問題とします。そして、現実が楽だけに満ちていると考えたり、都合のいい面だけを見ようとするのは、本当の現実から目を背けることだと考えます。心の目をしっかり開き、人間や現実をありのままに分析し、この認識、気づきに基づいて、その解決に向けて実践することが、本当の意味でこの人生を積極的に生きることである、というのが仏教の立場なのです。

少し難しいことを書いたかもしれませんが、ここに書いたように、仏教の目的、仏教徒の目指すものがはっきり分かれば、私たちが、仏教徒として、この人生を生きる意味も見えてくるように思います。仏教徒であるということは、仏の悟りを目指し、願いながら今を生きる、ということです。

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合掌

Future Schedule

Sunday, November 6	Fall Crafts & Food Bazaar 11 am-3 pm (No Sunday Service)
Sunday, November 13	Coffee Hour after Sunday Service Temple Open House at 12 noon
Sunday, November 20, 10am	DS & Family Service (Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial) Rev. Castro Retirement Service & Luncheon at Seattle
Tuesday, November 22, 7pm	Interfaith Thanksgiving Gathering at Bethlehem
Sunday, December 4, 1pm 3pm	Temple General Mtg. Bodhi Day Service followed by Pot-luck Dinner

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It's November? How did that happen? That means, Bazaar is upon or behind us, Thanksgiving is around the corner and Bodhi Day is next month. Time unfortunately doesn't stop and nor can we! Thank you to everyone for supporting everything it takes to have a successful Bazaar. Food prep, cleaning, cooking, baking, pricing, selling, eating, washing— it takes a village for sure and we're fortunate to have so many supporters inside and outside of our Temple that help whenever called.

We kicked off the Temple Capital Projects Campaign last month, hoping to kick start the 2017 budget with funds for these projects. Many folks have already provided great cost cutting ideas – so thank you. The funds are important to lessen further dipping into funds or savings. The goal - \$45,000 is doable with participation from everyone such as members, non-members of current families, supporters, volunteers, etc. Thank you in advance for sending your check or giving it to Ken Tanino, Mike Shiogi, Tom Hubbell or me. If you'd like to make a payment via credit card, please find Ken at the Temple to handle the transaction. That means you'll have to come to service. ☺ We are looking into a PayPal app on our website, so stay tuned!

You may have seen the announcement for Rev. Don Catro's retirement party for his many years as a minister within our BCA. Please see the invitation in our newsletter to his party on November 20th at the Seattle Betsuin. As you fill your calendar for the rest of the year, please mark down Bodhi Day and the General Meeting on December 4th where we'll vote on the new Board.

Thank you everyone!

Gassho

Crystal

Buddhist Women's Association News



It was a memorable weekend for those members that attended the **44th FBWA conference** at the Westin Hotel in Bellevue. Listening to the guest speakers, Rev. Mutsumi Wondra and Dr. Sharon Suh inspired many to strengthen their link in the Nembutsu. The food was delicious in the hospitality room as well as the hotel meals; wonderful friendships were rekindled and made, and it was a delight to shop at the BCA bookstore and craft tables. Many positive feedbacks and accolades were mentioned especially for Co-chair June Akita and Opening Service MC Denise Cline. Everyone was tasked a 'job'. The Gatha workshop Co-leader and service organist was assigned to Donna Sasaki; new member Carrie Mori, led the workshop on Lady Takeko Kujo; Michiko Yukawa, handled seating of the special guests and ministers during the services and Rev. Kojo Kakihara, woke early each morning to make sure the onaijin was ready before each service. They all deserve outstanding recognition. I was not able to avoid June's radar and gathered my nerves to emcee the Closing service on Sunday. Also, thank you to Kazuko Inoue, Tracy Ling and Jane Burster as well as the previous mentioned names who donated items to the hospitality room, and especially Jane who came on Friday to volunteer with set up and greeting attendees. The presence of Masayo, Satone and Shujo on Saturday afternoon brightened the end of a long day. It is wonderful to have a talented group of women and dedicated Sensei contributing to the success of this conference. We all came away with new experiences and friendship links.



On October 16, we observed our annual Eshinni/Kakushinni Memorial Service with Rev. Kurt Rye, Placer Buddhist Temple as our guest speaker. Fresh apples handed out by Darlene Matsumoto and Yasuko Morita were distributed to the sangha. Thank you to Kazuko Inoue for providing the apples.

On October 29, we will be making daifuku mochi for the bazaar. Again, please save the date, we will start bright and early at **8 am**. Okay, it may not be a 'bright' day but I can rely on the members to be the "sunshine" at that hour of the morning. Another test recipe will be evaluated...come and find out what it will be. A light lunch will be served.

The food and clothing drive is still in progress; bins are in the foyer for your donations to a local food/clothing bank. A few bags have already been taken and now am looking for volunteers to distribute the remainder in December. I know there is someone out there.....

Lastly, the **November 20 meeting is cancelled**. I was informed it is Rev. Donald Castro's retirement celebration. If you are interested in attending, it will be at the Seattle Betsuin Temple and gym at 10 a.m. Anyone interested is invited to attend, I would like the Tacoma cabinet to consider it as we are the "NWD BWA" cabinet. Please let me know if you'd like to attend, a bento order of chicken, salmon or vegetarian will be ordered for \$15 **no later than November 13**.

Future BWA events and information will be delivered through service announcements, emails and the Myokyo.

Gassho,
Patti Wong

Buddhist Education Committee News



Following services on Sunday, October 16, members and guests enjoyed a light lunch followed by Rev. Kurt Rye's seminar on "What Role Does "Motivation" have in Jodo Shinshu Buddhism?".



This was the BEC's first attempt at holding a seminar on a Sunday after temple service instead on a Saturday afternoon with the goal being to make it easier for members to attend the seminar.

"One of the key points of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism", said Rev. Rye, "is the easy path vs. the difficult path." Shakyamuni Buddha taught the dharma to people so they could easily assimilate it. Using "upaya", a Sanskrit term meaning "skillful or expedient means", the Buddha adapted his teachings to the person, teaching in a way that was relevant and meaningful to them.

Jodo Shinshu is seen as the "easy path" to enlightenment. We have no rules to live by or merits to be earned. No long hours of meditation or putting ourselves through physical or mental calisthenics to achieve enlightenment.

Rev. Rye pointed out that our services provide different modalities for learning and experiencing the dharma teachings: nembutsu meditation, chanting, singing gathas, or listening to Sensei Kakiyama's dharma messages.

Next time you attend a temple service, take a moment to discover which part of the service motivates your interest in Jodo Shinshu Buddhism the most.

Your temple's BEC members will continue come up with ideas to make shinjin (awakening) an easy path, Stay tuned!

Dharma School News



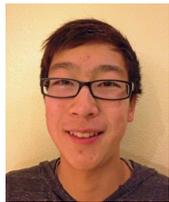
The Dharma School had an udon making class and fundraiser on Oct. 2nd. Thanks to BWA members Yasuko Morita and Tracy Ling who taught the kids how to make homemade udon noodles. Thanks also to the BWA volunteers and teachers who assisted in the kitchen. The Dharma School invited temple members and visitors downstairs for udon lunch and collected \$141 in donations. Thanks to all!



The Maitreya class has been capturing Pokemon as they chart their attendance in a "Nembutsu Go" game. Students are given a clue and guess where a particular Pokemon is found. So far, the class has found Pokemon at the Nishi Hongwanji, Mt. Hiei, Lumbini Garden and Mahabodhi Temple. Where will they travel next?

Gassho,
Donna Sasaki

Young Buddhist Association Report



Hello everyone,

I hope everyone is having a nice fall season. I would like to thank all the students, parents and members who participated in this year's annual Halloween party. It has been a very busy fall as I have many applications to for college. Although I have been busy I have enjoyed coming to temple and spending time with my classmates and the Sangha. I would like to extend a special thanks to the BWA for hosting the udon cooking class. I truly enjoyed the process of making the udon, especially eating it!



Lastly, I extend my thanks to Katsumi Fujita and Gail Asai for their \$100 donation in memory of Hiroshi Fujita. The YBA is very thankful for the donation and will honor Hiroshi as we continue through the year.

Thank you to all,

David Ling

From Your Facilities Committee



Tacoma's most beautiful building just keeps on getting better. Most of the repainting, repairing and reglazing of the wood work on the front and south sides of the temple were completed in August just prior to Obon. However, the contractor has five windows to replace and will be completing the work soon. That project is the tip of the iceberg for improvement goals set for our facility. Tom Hubbell collaborated with Crystal Inge to compile a list of projects that need funding for 2016-2017. Among the projects are to replace the flooring and base boards in the social hall; replace the original flooring edge and curtains for the social hall stage; new pew curtains; and adding two chimney caps on the south side. If we had our own printing press we would be set, but we need to obtain the funds the old fashioned way-fundraising. Until a few weeks ago the rice crew had to take a circuitous path to the rice cookers through the storage room. "Why is that?" you ask. Oh wait. You didn't ask? Well I'm gonna tell you anyway. The key to the door of the rice room has been missing for years. It is rumored to have been picked by a neighborhood dog, who buried it along with a heavy bag full of money. A treasure hunter actually found it but abandoned it in place because contents of the bag were comprised



entirely of Canadian pennies. Jerry Akita got tired of having to open a very tricky garage door in order access the rice room. While yours truly was overwhelmed with inertia in the face of this issue Jerry changed the door knob. The bonus was a functioning key that actually came with the new door knob. Now we can enter the room from the front instead of sneaking in through the back. Tom Hubble accomplished some tasks that enhanced the safety of the temple. He performed a self-inspection on the temple's fire extinguishers. A certified professional is still required to access the kitchen exhaust fan extinguishing system. Additionally he inspected the temple exit signs found that one of them was inoperable. Tom wired the sign to power and now it is lit up. If you notice the furnace of not gasping as much that is because Tom changed out the filters. Tom and I hung two lines in the parsonage basement so crafts could be displayed during Bazaar. As you revel in the beauty of the temple grounds don't forget to credit Kurt Osaka and his crew for keeping them in tip top shape. We are always grateful for the efforts of Tom Hubbell, Delbert Sasaki, Gary Ichinaga, Bob Yoshioka, Tad Kajimura, and Rick Tanabe who perform important tasks for our temple.

Toban News



Fall Bazaar: ALL MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO HELP November 6

General Clean Up: ALL MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO HELP December 18

Thank you, again, Toban groups for keeping our Temple so clean. The October, November and December Toban groups are included in this update.

November 2016 and December 2016 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 and Coco Inoue know the clean-up dates to check for other activity conflicts and add to Temple calendar.

All toban Chairs:

Initiate Phone Tree for our Bodhi Day potluck on December 4. (1-salad, 1-dessert, rest-main dish).

Please call your group and remind them of the following dates:

- Annual Fall Bazaar, November 6
- Bazaar clean up, November 8
- Bodhi Day Potluck/General Meeting, December 4
 - General meeting 1 p.m.
 - Service (Lead by YBA) 3 p.m.
 - DS program 4 p.m.
- **Potluck dinner after DS program**
- General Temple Clean Up, December 18
- New Year's Eve Service, December 31 at 7 PM

October Group Responsibilities:

- Fall Bazaar: Provide snacks Saturday November 5 prior to Bazaar. October Toban chair, please coordinate with November Toban chair.

October Toban Group: October Toban Group: Elsie Taniguchi (chair), Harry Taniguchi Jr., Kosho and Michiko Yukawa, Kevin and Mayumi Ikeda, Michael and Laurie Williams.

Phone tree members: Hisato and Haruko Miki

November Group Responsibilities:

- Monthly Clean Up with December
- Fall Bazaar: Provide snacks Saturday November 5 prior to Bazaar. November Toban chair, please coordinate with October Toban chair.

November Toban Group: Delbert and Cynthia Sasaki (chair), Jeff and Vivian Hiroo, Denise Kline, Tad and Joan Kajimura, Erin Berkey

Phone tree members: Frank and Midori Komoto, Tadashi Fujioka, Byron and Geoff Sasaki

December Group Responsibilities:

- Monthly Clean Up with November
- Bazaar: Provide snacks Tuesday, November 8th, for Bazaar clean up

December Toban Group: John and Crystal Inge (chair), Les Hitsman and Fred Pelger, Allan Oshima, Nancy Butterfield, Jim Akagi, Sandra Schwartz

Phone tree members: Yaeko Nakano

Membership Pledges



As of October 11, 2016:

2016 Pledges made: \$64,910
2016 Pledges paid: \$57,605

Pledges

Sustaining \$150 – 499
Asako Arima

Thank you for your support!

Fall Bazaar 2016

Everyone has been so busy with their own lives, and still, somehow, we all make time and energy to plan our Fall Bazaar. The Temple will be hosting this event on November 6th, 2016 from 11:00 to 3:00 pm. We will be serving our delicious Chicken dinner, Udon, Curry, Unagi Bowl, miso soup, spam musubi and will offer our popular Tofu Bowl (vegetarian).

Thank you to those of you who have brought in fruits for our pies. A special thank you to the **Sumner Food Bank** who, again, has given us apples and flour for our Bake Sale items. Debby Abe and Rose Kishi would appreciate any Bake Sale items. Please mark any nut ingredients in your baking. They can be brought to the temple the morning of Nov. 6th.

Our Craft and Rummage Sale ladies have also been busy pricing their items. It is always interesting to see what someone rids from their home becomes someone else's treasure.

Please mark your calendars with the following schedule:

Sunday, October 30	Set up after service
Friday, November 4	Pie making from 8:00 am
Saturday, November 5	Cutting and preparing for the Bazaar from 8:00 am
Sunday, November 6	Final preparation for the Bazaar from 8:00 am
Tuesday, November 8	De-Construction if needed 7:00 pm

Thank you , again, for your support for this very important event.

June Akita, Chair

FBWA Conference

Thank you to all the Tacoma ladies who helped with this noteworthy event. Many ladies provided food or drink for the hospitality room, became a Booster, or helped with the Greeters and Hospitality portion of the weekend. Tacoma had a great showing as Patti Wong and Denise Cline chaired the services, Carrie Mori and Donna Sasaki presented workshops, Michiko Yukawa helped organize the services, Rev. Kakihara guided us during the course of the planning, and I co-chaired this distinguished event with Fran Shintaku, Seattle Betsuin

Buddhist Temple. The Northwest District was represented by Jeff and Vivian Hiroo, and our temple was represented by Crystal and John Inge and Rev. Yukawa at the banquet. There were over 300 registrants at the Westin Bellevue and many new and renewed friendships were made by all. This was a huge undertaking by the Northwest District as the last time we hosted this national conference was 22 years ago. One of the best tributes to this weekend was that Rev. Dean and Linda Koyama squeezed in one day to support us in our efforts. Thank you to everyone for your support for the success of this event.

June

Northwest Buddhist Convention, "Wake Up!"

The next Northwest Buddhist Convention is being planned for February 17-19, 2017. It will be held at the DoubleTree in Tukwila with Rev. Marvin Harada from the Orange County Buddhist Church as our guest speaker. Some things are already in place, but we do have to make some final decisions so we can begin organizing our registration packet. Some of you have contacted me showing interest in hosting a workshop with the Dharma School or YBA or Young Adult or Adult sessions. Thank you for offering your talents to this very important portion of the conference. Aimee Hamilton has begun a campaign to sign up Boosters for part of our programs for the students. You can contact Aimee or June if you have any questions. Thank you for your patience and for your support!

John and June

GREETERS SCHEDULE

Note: Please have new comers sign up their name and give them the following booklets:

- Temple Information Booklet
- Messages from the Buddha (mini booklet with pale pink cover)
- A Teaching A Day (mini booklet with orange cover)
- 1 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.

November	6	No Sunday Service (Fall Bazaar)
	13	Merlaine Cook /Tracy Ling
	20	Bobby Yotsuuye/Jane Burster
	27	Karl Smith/Tom Hubbell (Family Svc. only)
December	4	Denise Cline / Rick Tanabe (Bodhi Day Svc. at 3 pm)
	11	Henry Stoll / Michael Shiogi
	18	David Campbell/Les Hitsman (Short Svc. only)
	25	No Sunday Service



Welcome!

Yearly Memorial Services

General Memorial Service Years for 2016 (2017)

1st Year - 2015 (2016)	17th Year - 2000 (2001)
3rd Year - 2014 (2015)	25th Year - 1992 (1993)
7th Year - 2010 (2011)	33rd Year - 1984 (1985)
13th Year - 2004 (2005)	50th Year - 1967 (1968)



December 2016;

3rd Year	Gibes, John Kouhei	Shaku Kyo-Hei	December 18, 2014
7th Year	Dogen, Gene Yoshio	Shaku Ken-Yo	December 25, 2010
33rd Year	Kajimura, Kameo	Shaku Toku-San	December 12, 1984
50th Year	Uchida, Sahei	Shaku Ro-Cho	December 17, 1967

January 2017;

1st Year	Itami, James Masagi	Shaku Shin-Ju	January 1, 2016
	Netter, Anna Henderson	Shakuni Bi-Sho	January 4, 2016
3rd Year	Seago, Anne Marie	Shakuni Wa-En	January 26, 2015
13th Year	Sasaki, Pete Takashi	Shaku Ju-Sho	January 20, 2005
17th Year	Tanabe, George Kimoto	Shaku Sho-Do	January 19, 2001
	Takagi, Marianne Sueko	Shakuni Ji-Kyo	

February 2017;

17th Year	Pickett, Robert Walter	Shaku Dai-Zen	February 6, 2001
	Asahara, Yoshio	Shaku Gi-Tai	February 18, 2001

Coffee Hour

Sunday

November 13

Everyone can mix
and mingle after
Sunday service!

TEMPLE OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, November 13

12 noon - 1:00 pm

We would like to invite anyone with an interest or curiosity about Buddhism. There will be a brief introduction to Buddhism, the Jodo Shinshu tradition, and temple etiquette.

The Tacoma Buddhist Temple's Fall Food & Crafts Bazaar

Sunday, November 6

11 AM to 3 PM

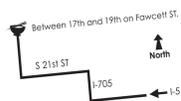
On the Menu:

Chicken Teriyaki
Rice Curry
Unagi Bowl
Udon-Noodles
Tofu Bowl

Also featuring:

Handicrafts
Sumi-e paintings
Bake Sale

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We appreciate your support of our annual Bazaar. You may also be interested in attending one of our services, held most Sundays beginning at 10 AM. Visitors are always welcome. To confirm service time, please call 253-627-1417 or visit our website, www.tacomabt.org



WELCOME TO OUR HALLOWEEN PARTY!



WAKE UP! Calling All Dharma Friends



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Gassho,

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Committee

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NW Buddhist
Convention

Feb 17-19, 2017

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Jan 31 2017

Conference Theme
WAKE UP!

Guest Speaker
Rev. Marvin
Harada,
Orange County
Buddhist Church

DoubleTree Suites
Tukwila, WA

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