



# 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)

### November 2020

**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

#### Fall Colors and the Nembutsu

Rev. Tadao Koyama



Now that we are in full swing of fall, we will notice the change of the seasons. During this time, we will notice a beautiful change in the nature that surrounds us, especially the trees. Many trees leaves will turn bright yellow, orange, and even blood red. One of the most beautiful places I saw this occurrence was in Kyoto, Japan in a beautiful hill valley named, Takaozan. I am not a big fan of heat. However, I am getting to the point where too cold is also bad. Therefore, I believe Autumn is my favorite time of the year. While we enjoy these colors, it also brings us back to the reality that time and change stops for no one. It indicates that the year is almost over.

For many of us, we may be very happy to see the end of this year and begin a new one. So much sadness, turmoil, and suffering has occurred this year for all countries around the world. As human beings filled with our *bonno* or blind passions, we long for a sense of normal. We long for a sense of the way things used to be. In some ways, younger folks may scoff at that phrase "the way things used to be", especially when we hear that from our elders. However, this time around, younger folks live in a time when they remembered how their lives were before the pandemic and all of the restrictions. Now many younger folks find themselves frustrated and upset that their lives have been turned upside down.

All of us now experience this new change that has been forced upon us and we actively look forward to the end of the year and look to start the new one. As we all know the passage of time itself does not solve our problems. It is our actions. We can see with the changing of the leaves and the passing of time, yes. However, when this new year comes, what will we do with it?

If there is one thing that Amida Buddha tells us from the pure land it is that we cannot do it on our own. We must rely on the Dharma to guide us in our daily lives. It may seem corny or cheesy, but with the changing colors of the leaves, I also see the wisdom and compassion of Amida reminding us about the passage of time. This is not to say that Amida causes the changing color of the leaves, but that the realization of impermanence and acknowledgement of it itself comes from Amida.

Soon these leaves will fall to the ground and many of the trees will be bare branches. This is also a reminder to us that despite our lives being changed and we have to embrace a new idea of normalcy, the season will change, and a new year will come. I encourage all of us to put our hands together in gassho and recite the name of Amida Buddha in gratitude knowing that we are still embraced by the realm of the Dharma.

Namo Amida Butsu.

## President's Message



### Condolences to Frank Komoto's Family



On behalf of Tacoma Buddhist Temple and myself, I extend our deepest condolences to all of Frank Komoto's relatives and friends. Frank Komoto passed away on September 22, 2020. Sadly, Frank's wife Midori passed away earlier this year in May. Frank was a farmer in Sumner and as noted in Frank's obituary "He will be lovingly remembered as a quiet, hard-working man, who dedicated his life to caring for the family and the farm." Frank was a long time Tacoma Temple member and will be

fondly remembered.

### 2020 TBT Bizarre Bazaar

Our Fall Bazaar and Rummage Sale fundraiser will not be held this year. It was scheduled for November 1, 2020. A committee has developed a replacement for the Bazaar, the "2020 TBT Bizarre Bazaar". It is named "Bizarre" because of this bizarre year. We have all had to adapt to many changes this year and our fundraisers are no exception. I hope you enjoy the gifts you will receive that focus on a food theme. Thank you for your continued support of Tacoma Buddhist Temple.

### 2020 General Meeting

Our 2020 General Meeting will be held via Zoom on December 6, 2020 at 10 AM. Our Temple's General Meeting has traditionally been held the same day as our Bodhi Day service, we will continue this tradition, only it will be held virtually. Please look for an email with meeting details in mid-November and the December Myokyo.

### Final Notes

With the holidays approaching extremely fast, we will have to all adapt to very different circumstances this year. We will miss the family and friends get together but can still stay connected with new technology. Will you have a Zoom meal together? Please continue to stay safe and healthy.

Gassho,  
David

## Buddhist Women's Association News



I hope you are all doing well and staying safe! It seems the weather is reluctantly turning to fall after a mostly beautiful and extended summer. I hope you all did well during the smokey conditions we experienced at the end of September. Our thoughts are with all those affected by the unprecedented fires this year in Washington, Oregon and California.



This past week the Tacoma Buddhist Women's Association and the Buddhist Education Committee presented a special Eshinni & Kakushinni Memorial service on the Tacoma Buddhist Temple YouTube channel. If you haven't had a chance to watch it yet, you can watch it anytime here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fw4Wu7RmFz4&t=34s>

At this time, we have no current or upcoming BWA events scheduled.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Denise Cline, Tacoma BWA President

## Rev. Cyndi's Eshinni/Kakushinni Memorial Service message



Please join me in gassho.

The liberating wheel of light is without bound,  
Each person it touches, it is taught,  
Is freed from attachments to being and nonbeing,  
So take refuge in Amida, the enlightenment of nondiscrimination.  
CWS p. 325

Good day everyone!

It is an honor to be asked to be the speaker for the Tacoma Buddhist Temple's Eshinni and Kakushinni service. My name is Rev. Cyndi Yasaki and I am originally from the Gardena Buddhist Church located in the city of Gardena which is in the lower Los Angeles County area. Rev. Koyama and I are happy and elated to be here at the Tacoma Buddhist Temple. It has been very nice meeting you all these past two months. Though we have not been able to meet physically, Rev. Koyama and I are looking forward to hosting you all for a temple gathering once it is safe to do so.

Going back to the gosandai, or opening quote, this is a quote written by the founder of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, Shinran Shonin. Shinran wrote over 400 wasan or hymns which is compiled into three different collections. This wasan comes from the first set of hymns called the Jodo Wasan or Hymns of the Pure Land and is within a section which describes the light of Amida Buddha. Shinran uses thirty-seven different names within his wasans. He uses two names in this particular hymn. The first is within the line he writes as the liberating wheel of light is without bound or the boundless light of Amida and the second name is in the last line So take refuge in Amida, the enlightenment of nondiscrimination.

I wanted to focus more on the last name, the enlightenment of nondiscrimination. In some schools of Buddhism, women are not seen as being able to attain enlightenment after this lifetime. A woman would have to be reborn in the human realm as a man before being able to go to the Pure Land. But Shinran's understanding of the wondrous and constant working of Amida Buddha is that

even a woman in this life can attain birth in the Pure Land after death because of their light of nondiscrimination.

Eshinni and Kakushinni were two of these women who understood these teachings and helped to promote Shinran's understanding of Amida Buddha. We know of Eshinni, the wife of Shinran Shonin, because of many letters found in storage that contain information about Shinran during his time of exile and through their marriage until Shinran's death. During their time, it was highly unusual for working priests to have a wife. Eshinni, who historians agree is either an aristocrat or was well educated in her youth, met and fell in love with Fujii Yoshizane who was just exiled to Echigo for being the disciple of a priest called Genku or Honen Shonin. There, their loved blossomed and they eventually married and had children. During this time, Yoshizane continued to preach his master's teaching and called himself Gutoku Shaku Shinran, the Stubble Haired Fool Shinran of the Shakya Clan.

Eventually, Shinran's exile was pardoned and he was able to return to Kyoto where he lived out the rest of his days. His youngest daughter, Kakushinni, followed him to Kyoto and took care of him until his death on January 16, 1263. Nine years after Shinran's death, Kakushinni donated a plot of land, given to her by her second husband, to the followers of his father's teachings. Upon this plot of land now stands Otani Hombyo or the Otani Mausoleum where the remains of Shinran Shonin is enshrined. She was given the job of overseeing the needs of this site and that same job has been passed down through Shinran's lineage, eventually merging with the role of the head priest under Kakunyo Shonin, Kakushinni's grandson and the third Monshu or head abbot of Nishi Hongwanji. Both Eshinni and Kakushinni are essential members of Jodo Shinshu; they have helped to stabilize the foundation of the Hongwanji. What these women have done for the establishment of Jodo Shinshu is critical to understanding why Amida Buddha's light of nondiscrimination shines on everyone regardless of gender.

Today we celebrate the contributions of Eshinni and Kakushinni as the Founding Ladies of Jodo Shinshu.

In closing, please recite the Nembutsu in gratitude of the many causes and conditions created by these women to allow us to encounter the teachings of Shinran Shonin and the workings of Amida Buddha through the Name, Namo Amida Butsu.

## Dharma School News



Fall has not always been my favorite time of year, but with the changing leaves, I realize nothing is going to stop the seasons. As I reflect back, I 'am' thankful for this past summer because I actually had a chance to appreciate the days without worrying about Obon. I look forward to winter because....I'm not sure yet. What I have realized is that I should not have taken so many things for granted - like hugging my boys or family dinners or visiting my friends. I do plan to stop more often and just 'be' - a new path for me, but a better one I think....



Thank you **Rev. Koyama** for your Inviting Message to our Dharma School students on YouTube! Thank **you** and **Rev. Cyndi** for your personal introductions at our first Dharma School session - I know the students look forward to meeting you *in person* soon! **Rev. Fred** presented a beautiful lesson on interconnectiveness with his Engi project! Students also made their own Home Obutsudan so they would have their own mini-onajin when we have class. Our students are the best and our teachers are just awesome!

At our virtual Federation Dharma School Conference, **Junko Yotsuuye** was acknowledged for her "Ten Year" service to our Temple Dharma School.

Thank you so much, Junko, for your energy, dedication and support all these years!

**Rev. Miyaji** also sends his "Congratulations!!!!"



**DS Fun Fact:** *Dr. Jim Akagi* had been a DS Teacher for 17 years, retiring in 2014. He didn't realize he would eventually become a TBT member (*thank you, Fumi!*) and he 'thought' he had retired from teaching....NOPE! Donna asked if he would teach Lotus class one day and he agreed for 'one year'...well, that turned into 17 years! (*thank you, Donna!*) Dr. Jim related Buddhist teachings to stories he knew and to music lyrics current to him..."Bridge Over Troubled Waters" was a favorite. Thank you, Dr. Akagi, for sharing your interesting analogies to our high school students for 'one' year!!! ☺ ☺☺



**"Student of the Month"**



Hi. I am Josiah Cook, 'virtual' Senior at South Kitsap HS. One thing I did during the Pandemic that I normally would not do is get some sleep and I also started running. I like playing video games with my friends, eating Pho, and actually hope to learn how to make it one day! My favorite subject in school is Business because I enjoy learning about marketing. My Temple "flashback" was the first time I did Kansho - I was very nervous... I am very grateful to be able to talk to my friends - it just makes my days more fun. I am also very grateful for sports because they've given me hobbies and passions. One way I show my Dana is by working at the YMCA and helping the kids. Fun Facts about me: I am a huge Eagles fan...I would like to go into either Engineering or becoming an Entrepreneur...My favorite color is green and my favorite number is '4'.... "Glad to know you, Josiah!!" (Josiah is leading YBA this year and doing an awesome job!)

**Dharma School Calendar:**

- October 25 YBA Candy Dash - 11:30
- November 1 No Class
- 8 DS Classes-10:45 AM
- 15 No Class; June will teach Oreo Turkeys and other appetizers (opt)
- 22 DS Classes-10:45 AM; Staff meeting 9:00 AM (TBD)
- 29 No Class

In appreciation of all the students faithfully attending classes and to our dedicated teaching staff educating their DS family. Thank you so much.

Gassho, June



**Happy Grandparents' Day!!!**



**Engi Project with Rev. Fred**



## Young Buddhist Association News



As the leaves have changed color and the weather has gotten colder it is probably time to finally let go of summer and transition our way into fall. An event arriving this fall is our Temple “Halloween Candy Dash” coming up this month. In addition, we have the “Holiday Greetings” project organized by Jet with help from George.

Looking further ahead in our schedule we see that Bodhi Day is also approaching. We have organized our roles for the service which we plan to bring in video form, similar to Obon this year. It has been really fun and interesting to learn new ways technology can help bring us together!

We look forward to seeing you at the Halloween Candy Dash and hope you are able to enjoy the new season and all its festivities.

Gassho,  
Josiah Cook

## Buddhist Education Committee News



My world, since last March, has felt restricted due to the pandemic – no temple services, no volunteering at hospice, no eating out, no entertainment beyond Netflix – so much has changed!

I usually go down to Oregon City once a month to help my parents. The time I happened to choose in September was the week that the wildfires broke out in Clackamas County, where my parents live. I drove through smoke as soon as I left Tacoma, but once I crossed the Oregon border, I could smell wood burning.

I can't explain how dangerous it felt driving towards the evacuation zones in Oregon. Not only was there the smoke and smell, but there were also quite a few cars, campers and RVs driving away from where I was headed. My dad said the day before, he could not pull out of his driveway because of the line of vehicles leaving the area.

When I got to my parent's house, they were in the level 2 evacuation zone, which meant they had to be ready to evacuate at a moment's notice. They already had family pictures loaded into boxes and suitcases packed with clothes and medications. My Dad told me he would leave “kicking and screaming”, but I managed to talk him into at least being prepared to evacuate. We loaded his camper onto a truck and kept an eye on the wildfire reports.

The hardest part about preparing to evacuate was explaining to my mom about why we may have to leave everything behind. My mom has advanced dementia and anything new or different is hard for her to remember or comprehend. It didn't help that we had the tv news on, constantly watching the destruction happening all around us. Mom fretted about how we were going to take all their stuff with us and I told her that our lives were more important than the stuff, but she didn't see it that way at all. All my mom has left are her memories of things she has had all her life- a grandmother's quilt, furniture from her parents, and family pictures, though these are also starting to fade from her mind. Her belongings are all that is left of 'her'. My dad, too, has things that he did not want to part with – a barn full of old cars in various states of repair, shops full of tools and car parts collected over a lifetime.

The wildfires reminded me of how quickly life can change and how hard it can be to let go of things that define us. My dad's finished cars are his accomplishments and the rusting, broken down cars are challenges to look forward to. Mom's abandoned office in a back bedroom reminds us of who she was and the maintained pots of flowers on her patio show us she still appreciates their beauty.

In the end, my parents were very, very fortunate. They were able to stay in their home and by the time I left to go back to Tacoma, they were out of the evacuation zone and the rains were coming and life could go back to normal.

Submitted by Lynrae

## Toban News



Announcement: Until the Temple resumes in-person services and the stay at home order has been lifted, we will be postponing all monthly Toban cleanups, coffee hours and other activities. We can't wait to see everyone again in person.

### Tip of the Month: DIY Mask Station for Home!



These DIY mask stations are great for families with kids, as a way to keep track of which masks are clean and which need to be washed. Each family member can have their own special hook and leaving it by the front door will help you remember to grab it on your way out! Never worry about losing your mask and always having one ready when you need it. For more ideas, check out the Practical Perfection blog here:

<https://practicalperfectionut.com/mask-storage-system/>

~Kaila

## Facility Committee Update



Apparently, the malodorous idea involving skunk patrols got deep sixed when I thought through all the manner of ways things could go awry.

Our skunks could have fired off in response to people innocently walking down the sidewalk or got triggered by a curious raccoon, thereby mistakenly trapping both our esteemed Sensei occupants indoors. Now this might come in handy in enforcing pandemic-related orders mandating that folks stay indoors, but we really don't want



our parsonage occupants having to don level A hazmat suits to exit or enter the premises. Therefore, how about developing DNA-enhanced Tibetan Mastiffs? This large canine is imposing in its own right but inserting chihuahua voice box genes into this massive breed would be very disconcerting for larcenous scoundrels. Imagine someone entering the property in gleeful anticipation of ill-gotten gains and running into large dogs emitting the piercing barks of the diminutive chihuahua. They'd probably skedaddle and contact a priest to request an exorcism or be immobilized as they drop to the ground doubled up in gut-busting laughter.

However, on a less Rube Goldberg note Charlotte Omoto has offered a digital hi-tech solution to our security challenge. She uses Nest cameras and has offered to assist the temple in acquiring a couple to allow for surveillance of the property. Charlotte said the devices are capable of remotely storing 30 days of recordings. Perhaps this would preclude the need to mount GoPro cameras on our Frankenmutts.

Crystal Inge is also enhancing our security profile as she works on getting a fence installed around the parsonage. She has obtained two quotes and those fence estimates are in review as the board assesses the overall temple budget. We will most likely need to raise funds to make it happen. Obviously, this project is in good hands with Crystal at the helm. Her inner scamometer is extremely sensitive to any snookery by fly-by-night shysters.

But alas security measures have vulnerabilities. Sensei found the gate on the south side of the temple off its hinges and resting on the adjacent wood railing. Luckily, there were no signs of attempted break ins at the temple nor the garage. Since the hinges were not damaged Tom Hubbell managed to remount the gate and it is in good working order. A countermeasure is a locked chain where the fence affixes to the hinges.

But enough with the security challenges. Facilities is in the market for a new range for the social hall kitchen. David Yotsuuye said we have a quote of \$15,000 for a new range with an electronic ignition. Some other options are a smaller stove or a variable speed exhaust fan that can run full time a low speeds.

Jeff Hiroo and Fred Pelger show no mercy for all dirt and dust bunnies during their weekly visits. Tom Hubbell exhibits a rare level of civic pride as he sweeps both sides of South Fawcett and removes trash. David Yotsuuye, Robert Yotsuuye, Gary Ichinaga, Tom Hubbell, Tony Gregg, Rick Tanabe, and Del Sasaki are invaluable assets for the Facilities team. Additionally, Kurt Osaka and Osaka Gardens continue their important work in maintaining temple grounds.

~David

## [Yearly Memorial Service](#)

### **General Memorial Service Years for 2020**

1st Year - 2019	17th Year - 2004
3rd Year - 2018	25th Year - 1996
7th Year - 2014	33rd Year - 1988
13th Year - 2008	50th Year - 1971

### **General Memorial Service Years for 2021**

1 <sup>st</sup> Year - 2020	17 <sup>th</sup> Year - 2005
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year - 2019	25 <sup>th</sup> Year - 1997
7 <sup>th</sup> Year - 2015	33 <sup>rd</sup> Year - 1989
13 <sup>th</sup> Year - 2009	50 <sup>th</sup> Year - 1972



## November Memorials for 2020

1 <sup>st</sup> Year	Linda Mitsuko Teal	November 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2019
3 <sup>rd</sup> year	Herbert Isamu Saito	November 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2018
3 <sup>rd</sup> year	Toshie Fujita	November 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2018
13 <sup>th</sup> year	Joseph Hideo Kosai	November 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2008
13 <sup>th</sup> year	Yoshimi Mayeda	November 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2008
13 <sup>th</sup> year	Toshiko Tish Sasaki	November 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2008
33 <sup>rd</sup> year	Chiyo Kusumoto	November 23, 1988

## December Memorials for 2020

3 <sup>rd</sup> year	Toyoko Komure Nakagawara	December 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2018
7 <sup>th</sup> year	John Kouhei Gibes	December 18, 2014
13 <sup>th</sup> Year	Hatsue Itami	December 4, 2008
25 <sup>th</sup> Year	Kiyoko Coyne	December 7, 1996
25 <sup>th</sup> Year	Shimae Lewis	December 18, 1996
25 <sup>th</sup> Year	Kameno Hashimoto	December 25, 1996
33 <sup>rd</sup> Year	Yonezo Taniguchi	December 31, 1988

## January Memorials for 2021

1 <sup>st</sup> Year	Ichiro Nakayama	January 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2020
7 <sup>th</sup> Year	Anne Marie Seago	January 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2015
17 <sup>th</sup> Year	Pete Takashi Sasaki	January 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2005
25 <sup>th</sup> Year	Yoshiko Couch	January 25 <sup>th</sup> , 1997

## Greeters Schedule

\*The greeters list will resume when the temple reopens.

**Thank you for your continued support of our temple.**  
In Gratitude, Tracy Ling; Pledge [Administrator/tling12005@gmail.com](mailto:tling12005@gmail.com)

## Where Are They Now?



**Highlighted Past Dharma School Student: Jeremy Morita**

**Parents: Glenn and Dee Morita; Temple Grandparents: Charlie and Kiku Morita**

**1. After graduating high school, remind us what you did (school, activities, locations, etc).**

After graduation, I went to Washington State University and joined the marching band. I was basically a college student.

**2. What did you enjoy about college? Any special highlights? Funny or interesting??**

I enjoyed being around people that shared common interests and that helped to create better connections. I also enjoyed taking classes that were a part of my focus rather than general studies in high school. My fun highlights include playing in the marching band, gaming with friends (Dungeons and Dragons, Magic: the Gathering with friends, Humans Vs Zombies) and joining in on campus Nerf tag. I really enjoyed going to bowl

games and performing Star Wars music in the Wind Ensemble.

**3. How did you decide on your major? What interested you about this focus?**

I chose music education because to me it sounded the most fun although the administrative side is less fun. I enjoyed band and jazz band so that's what led me to a music degree.

**4. Where do you live and what are you doing now?**

I currently live in Olympia and am a music teacher in the Puyallup School District teaching online classes as part of the online "school" format at this current time.

**5. What do you miss most about your family and temple?**

I miss just getting to see people that I've known for a long time.

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## Happy 88<sup>th</sup> Birthday Reverend Yukawa!



The Temple would like to honor and celebrate Rev. Yukawa on his auspicious 88<sup>th</sup> birthday. His history with the temple, even before he was born, is special and we thank him for all of his contributions as a wise and humble minister and leader. Thank you, Rev. Yukawa and kampai! (Cheers with some nice sake!)

*Please enjoy learning more about his history (provided by his family).*

### **Rev. Yukawa (Birth to Becoming a Minister)**

- February 1927 – Rev. K. Yukawa’s father, Rev. Jokatsu Yukawa came to Tacoma. A young man in his early 20’s he had a dynamic personality, excellent judo skills, and possessed of a charisma new to the area. He and his wife were instrumental in developing the foundation of the temple and its growth pre-WWII.
- November 2, 1932 - Rev. K. Yukawa was born in Tacoma, WA at St. Joseph’s Hospital (as were two of his brothers, while the youngest was born in Japan). He and his older brother spoke English to each other and with friends, while they spoke Japanese at home.
- February 1933, Rev. Jokatsu Yukawa was appointed to the Los Angeles Homba Hongwanji Buddhist Temple. Rev. K. has some fond memories of living in Los Angeles and of the old Los Angeles Betsuin temple, including sliding down spiral staircase railing!
- Rev. K’s father left with his family in the spring of 1940 to take care of the family temple in the Wakayama prefecture because his grandfather passed away and his grandmother was running the temple.
- Rev. K spent most of his school life in Japan from grade school to 9<sup>th</sup> grade. One of the schools he attended was about 4 miles away, over a mountainous road. He would walk to school each day, regardless of the weather! During the summer months, he would spend his days swimming in the ocean and enjoying life in a seaside village.
- During WWII, Rev. K moved from the small village of his family’s temple to join the rest of his family in Kyoto, as his father was assigned to the head temple.
- 1949 – Rev K. was told by his father to go to America in hopes that he would have better opportunities compared to Japan. His older brother had already returned to the US two years prior. As a US citizen, he was able to return to the United States after the war. However, after living in Japan for all of these years, he had forgotten all of his English! He arrived in San Francisco on August 28, 1949.
- Rev K. Yukawa attended Commerce High school in San Francisco. In addition to regular classes at high school, he also attended English language classes and attended services at the San Francisco Buddhist church, where Rev. Shintatsu Sanada was one of the ministers there. Rev. Sanada had served with Rev. J. Yukawa in Los Angeles and therefore, looked after Rev. K. (Rev. Sanada had three children: Michiko, Shinzui, and Shinya...who happened to be born the day before Rev. K arrived in the US.)
- Rev. K was very independent and had to be as he was on his own. Two of his brothers were also in the United States but living in Detroit, Michigan. He did not see them very often. His parents were in Brazil as his father was Bishop of the Brazil Hongwanji Mission. Although he was on his own, there were many members of the San Francisco Betsuin Sangha that looked after him.
- After high school, he went to San Francisco City College. In his first year at SFCC, he received notice that he was being drafted into the US Army for the Korean war. As part of his assignment in the military, he was sent to a US military base in Japan to learn how to speak Korean. He spent about 2 years in the Army, stationed in both Japan and Korea.

- After his military service, he returned to San Francisco and resumed studies at San Francisco City College. After receiving his bachelor's degree, he made the decision to become a minister and returned to Japan in 1956 to begin studies at Ryukoku University in Kyoto. During this time, he lived with his parents who had also returned to Japan. He graduated with his Masters degree in Buddhist Studies in 1961.
- During his last year at Ryukoku University, he proposed to and became engaged to Michiko Sanada (married in 1962)

Temples served (chronological order):

- Minister, Sacramento Buddhist Church: 1961 – 1969
- Minister, Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church: 1970 – 1977
- Minister, San Jose Betsuin: 1977 – 1982
- Minister, Tacoma Buddhist Temple: 1986 – 1996
- Rinban, Sacramento Buddhist Church: 1996 - 2003

What are his favorite things in life? (aside from sake!)

1. Family & friends
2. SF Giants Baseball
3. Good food and drinks

He also enjoys golf, puzzles (jigsaws, crosswords, Sudoku), SF 49ers football, and Scrabble

What 3 attributes would his children use to describe their dad? (Children: Mayumi, Gensho and Misa)

1. Generous
2. Caring
3. Strong

What's the one wish his children wish for him on his birthday?

*To understand how much he is loved and appreciated by his family, friends, and Sangha.*

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November 2020  
Tacoma Buddhist Temple's

# Electronics Recycle Fundraiser

## Items you can recycle:

- Computers
- Laptops
- Monitors (CRT, LCD)
- Keyboards / Mice
- Printers / Scanners
- Ink Cartridges
- Fax / Copy
- Servers / Routers / Hubs
- Networking Devices
- Communications Equipment
- Televisions / Cable Boxes
- VCRs / DVD Players
- Video Game Consoles
- Stereos / Audio
- Cell Phones / Telephones
- PDAs / Handheld Games
- Cameras
- Batteries
- Misc. Electronics
- Misc. Office Machines



## ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

You can drop off electronics to be recycled at the Tacoma Buddhist Temple at 1717 S Fawcett, in Tacoma, on **November 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, & 21**. (First three Wednesdays and Saturdays in November) between **10am – 1pm**. Masks and physical distancing will be required.

If you can't make those times, you can schedule an appointment with Lynrae (253) 232-2328 or [lynrae@harboret.com](mailto:lynrae@harboret.com) and she can meet you at the temple.

How is this a fundraiser, you may ask? Well, we will graciously accept any monetary donations when you drop off your items! Please let your family and friends know, too!

All collected electronics donations will be recycled by **SBK Recycle** in Tacoma.

Worried about data left on your cellphones and hard drives? SBK guarantees that cellphones will be crushed, and hard drives wiped – they will also send us a "Certification of Destruction" for your items.

Thank you!



**Book Club**  
**November 12 at 7 PM**  
 via ZOOM  
**Stars at Dawn**  
 Wendy Garling



*Seasons Greetings and Happy Holidays! Examples*

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<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wishes for a happy 2021 From me!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Live Aloha! The Hawaiian way!</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MEDIUM GREETINGS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Happy Holidays Me and you!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>

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HOLIDAY SEASONS GREETINGS MESSAGE:

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 Please submit all information to any YBA member. Thank-you for supporting the Tacoma Buddhist Temple Young Buddhist Association. Gassho: Josaih Cook (YBA President).

## \*November 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b> <i>YouTube Service</i> <i>No Dharma School</i> <b>Bazaar Cancelled</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <i>YouTube Service</i> <b>Dharma School Via Zoom</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> King's Books, 7 PM via Zoom	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <i>YouTube Eitai-kyo Service</i> <i>no dharma school</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Youtube Service Dharma School Via Zoom	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> YouTube Service No Dharma School	<b>30</b>					

## \*December 2020

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		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> <i>Bodhi Day Zoom Service</i> <b>No Dharma School</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> <i>YouTube Service</i> <i>Dharma School Via Zoom</i>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> YouTube Service No Dharma School	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> YouTube Service No Dharma School	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> YouTube Joya-E Service		