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

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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



Shin Buddhist Ethics

Rev. Takashi Miyaji

Recently, I finished my research project on the issue of Shin Buddhist Ethics. I would like to explain my research in a straightforward manner by giving the reader first my conclusion. I closed my project by saying that nembutsu practitioners can *participate* in the dynamic reality of great compassion. The reason I use the word *participate* is to show that sentient beings do not *initiate* or *create* great compassion, as that is done by Amida Buddha. But we can ride the waves of great compassion just as a surfer would enjoy the waves of the great ocean. And, as we joyfully and intently ride the waves of great compassion, our very existence will become the examples and inspiration for others to follow. People on the beach will look at the joyful surfer and say, "Wow, I want to enjoy the ocean just like that person on the waves is doing right now. Look at the way she moves! It's like she's part of the ocean, moving along with it! I didn't know it can be so exhilarating!"

Shin Buddhist ethics then, is not a matter of coming up with a set list of do's and don'ts and based on that set list of behaviors, people will either be able to go to the Pure Land or not. In fact, when we create such conditions of ethical behavior, we humans tend to use that to judge others and label people as "good" and "evil" relative to our biased views. Then, all too often, we carry out those judgements of others by waging wars, punishing people, inflicting pain and hurting others. We further dig trenches that deepen the distinctions between self and other. Who are we to make such decisions?

Instead, Shin Buddhist ethics involves closely reflecting on the self and realizing that this "I" has attachments and that my egocentricity keeps me from acting absolutely good and away from evil. Ironically, it is in recognizing this limitation of the self that creates a sense of solidarity with all sentient beings, because the self now recognizes that everyone is in the same boat. The purpose of Shin ethics is not to create divisions between one person and another, but rather, for one to find solidarity in humanity. Our "ethical" behavior then means to act in such a way that helps others to come to this

understanding as well—the understanding that great compassion is what binds all beings together and makes this world go ‘round. Great compassion is like the string of the *onenju* that connects all the beads together.

To explain Shin ethics a bit further, imagine that there are 100 people who are on the beach. Every single person is looking at their smartphones, looking up their Facebook page, taking selfies, or adding posts on their Instagram. Every person has his/her own face buried in their phones, caught helplessly engulfed in their own egocentric bubbles. But for one person, the glare of the setting sun that shines in the corner of her eye prompts her to look up. After looking up, she realizes the beautiful setting sun along the horizon of the ocean. She perks up and feels the calming sea breeze that glides along her skin. She can hear the sea gulls off in the distance and the crashing waves. But she also looks around and finds all the other people looking at their phones, completely ignoring the beautiful scenery.

She understands that the calm, tranquil, awesome, vast, inexplicable world she is now experiencing is much more fascinating than just her own world. She nudges her friends to get them to look at the same beauty she sees. Some do, some don't. But she tries to get as many other people to look up as she can, because she realizes that everyone else is caught in their own bubble.

In addition, she knows that in time, the world of her own phone is much too tempting to resist and she will eventually go back to busily looking at her phone. However, now that she has seen the world as it is at least once, she knows from here on out, that she is not in fact trapped forever in her own bubble. When her phone “dies,” she knows she will be okay because it is not her ego that defines her; she finds her identity in the painting of the beautiful scenery that includes her, and everyone else, within it.

Ethics then, is not a matter of having a criterion to judge others and one's self. Instead, Shin ethics is where the person awakens to the world of compassion that embraces him/her despite having attachments, whereby one then tries to get others to realize this truth as well. This is what it means to *participate* in great compassion. This is what I find to be the basis for Shin ethics.

真宗倫理とは何か

近日、私は「真宗倫理の研究」という題で博士論文を書かせていただきました。今回の『明鏡』の記事はこの論文を簡単に紹介させていただきます。まず、結論から言いますと、念仏の行者は阿弥陀仏の大慈悲に「参画」することが可能であると主張しました。なぜ「参画」という言葉を用いたかと言いますと、衆生は大慈悲というものを新しく創り出すことが不可能であります。それはあくまで阿弥陀仏からいただくものであります。しかし、私たちはその大慈悲に乗り込むことができます。つまり、サーファーが波の上に乗るのと同じように。そして、そのサーファーが楽しそうに無心に海に乗り込むのを他の人が見ている、「楽しそうだね、私もあのようになりたいね！彼女はまるで海と一体となって動いているように見える！」と言うのであります。海は阿弥陀仏であり、大慈悲は波となってサーファーと一体となるのです。これが「参画」という意味です。

したがって、真宗倫理は「これしなさい、あれしたらだめ」というように行動原理をリストアップして、その善行によってお浄土に往くか往けないかを定めるものではありません。実にこのような条件を特定することによって人間は偏見によって他人を悪いか良いかを判断するようになります。そしてその判断によって戦争を起したり、人を罰したり、痛みつけたり傷つけたりするので。こうすることによって私たちは自と他の間に線を引くのであります。しかし、この線引きを私たちが決めつけてやってもいいのでしょうか？

だから、真宗倫理は、自己というものに着目し、「自我」という執着があるかぎり、真実の善を
行い、悪を完全に避けることは非常に困難なことであるとするのです。しかしその一方で、この
自己に関する限界というものに気づく中で、他人との連帯意識が生まれるのであります。なぜなら、
自分は他人と一緒に同じ状況にいるということが分かるからであります。真宗倫理の目的は自他の
分離ではなく、むしろ仏教で言う「自他不二」に向かうというところにあります。倫理的とは、こ
れを他人に分からせる行動だと位置づけるのであります。つまり、何を分からせるのかと言います、
世の中はそうした限界の中で苦しもうごめいているのであり、それ故に全ての人の上にお念珠の玉を
貫く紐のように阿弥陀仏のお慈悲がはたらいているのだということに分らせていただくので。

もう少し違う方面から真宗倫理を説明します。例えば、100人がビーチにいるとしましょう。その
100人すべてがスマートフォン（例えばiPhone）を一生懸命いじっているとします。Facebook
ページや、LINEそれにInstagramに写真を載せるのに一生懸命になっていて、周りのことに全く気
づかず、一人の世界に閉じこもっている状態です。しかし、その中の一人の女性の目に一条の美
しい夕焼けの光がふと目に入ってきて、一瞬頭を上げます。すると、そこに映る夕焼け、そして
海のかなたに沈んでいく太陽の景色がなんとも言えないくらい美しいのであります。彼女は深呼吸
をし、吹いてくる海風も心地よさにうっとりします。遠くから鳥の鳴き声と波の音が聞こえてきま
す。しかし、彼女が周りを見回したら、皆が携帯電話に夢中になっており、夕焼けに見向きもしないの
であります。

彼女はこの穏やかな景色は自分の今いる世界より限りなく広くて美しいと感じるのであります。そ
して身近な人に外の景色を知らせようとはしますが、反応する人もいるし反応しない人もいます。しか
し、素晴らしい世界があることに気づいた女性は、すべての人が同じようにこの美しい世界の中に
いるのだということにも気づき、頑張るってそのことを他の人にも知らせようとするのです。

しかしそんな彼女でも、まもなく自分もやはり携帯電話から離れることができないで、またぞろ自己
中心的な世界に必然的に戻ってしまうのです。ただし彼女は夕焼けを一度だけ見たことで、
自分はこの「自我」という「縛られた状態」から抜け出せないことはないということに目覚めるの
です。そして携帯電話がなくても、自分は安心して生きていけるのであると言えるのです。なぜなら
ば、「自我」というものを心の拠り所としてではなく、むしろこの美しい景色の中に私、
または一切の衆生がつつまれているのだという真実を心の拠り所とするからであります。

結局倫理は、とらわれている自己や他人を判断するためのものでなく、この自己中心的に考える
自分をどこまでも抱いてくださる大慈悲の世界に気づき、そしてその世界を他人に知らせるものであ
ります。このように念仏者は慈悲に参画するのであります。私はこの博士論文で、これを真宗倫理
の基礎と位置付けたのであります。合掌

FUTURE SCHEDULE

(Sat) May 18
(Sun) May 19
(Sun) June 2
(Sat) June 8
(Sun) June 9
(Sat) June 15

Spring Seminar with Rev. Nobuo Miyaji 3-5 PM
Gotan-e 10 AM
Garden Cleanup at 10 AM
Public Seminar with Sherry Shultz 1-3 PM
Temple Picnic – Edgemont Park at 10 AM
Kimono Sale at 10 AM

President's Message



I extend my deepest condolences to Vicki Yoshioka, family members and relatives on the passing of Robert (Bob) Yoshioka. He actively supported the Temple, especially our fund-raising events. Bob will be greatly missed.

Please consider volunteering to be a chair or co-chair for our Fall Bazaar, which will be held on November 3, 2019. If you would like to volunteer or have questions about being a chair, please let me know.

There is also a boxed notice to find out if someone or a group of people are willing to take on the task of maintaining (cleaning and restocking) our Temple's bathrooms on an ongoing basis. The idea behind this request is to reduce the workload of the monthly Toban groups. The task of cleaning and restocking the bathrooms would be removed from the monthly Toban task list. Since the number of able body members in each Toban group is declining, the Board of Directors is looking for a way to reduce the Toban workload. If there are no volunteers, another option is to pay a cleaning service to do the bathroom maintenance. An estimate for this service is \$125 to \$200 per month, depending on the number of times per month the service is performed. To avoid this expense, we are looking for volunteers. Let me know if you are willing to volunteer.

At the BCA National Council Meeting, a pamphlet describing a website called "Everyday Buddhist" was distributed. The website can be accessed at <https://www.everydaybuddhist.org/>. This website has online Dharma messages. Some of the Dharma messages can be viewed for free. If you are interested in deeper study, other messages can be viewed for a fee. Some of the Dharma messages are presented by Rev Harada. Rev Harada's "Become Happy" course is available for free. Just a note, Rev Harada is the brother of our own Donna Sasaki. There are other online content available. Please check other Temple's websites.

Gassho,
David

Buddhist Women's Association News



I love the month of May!!! Flowers are blooming, weather is warmer – but I love that we celebrate our mothers and grandmothers and aunts and ALL of our female friends! Just makes me happy...

If we missed you at Hanamatsuri, you missed seeing the beautiful Hanamido! Thanks to **June Weled, Alex Theisen, Kaori Miyaji and Patti Wong** for their beautiful decorating skills. The beautiful daffodils were once again donated from Roger Knutsen Farms, a special friend of Temple friend, **Jeanette Hirano**. Much appreciation to **Les Hitsman** for dismantling the shrine *by himself* –Thank you very much! As always, the Dharma School presented a fun program, and as always, the potluck was delicious. Thank you to **June W.** and her toban for setting up the meal. Our BWA Bake Sale was also a total success – we are sending our share to purchase a half page ad to the World BWA Convention this fall.



Thank you, **Anita Nakayama**, for teaching our Dharma School children how to make rolled sushi! The children loved the challenge and enjoyed eating their product! You are a very patient person and we are all very fortunate that you are so willing to share your cooking skills.

We will have a short meeting May 26 after service in the Rev. Pratt Room. We will be sharing a finalized agenda for our Bus Trip, go over the By Laws, and review our Kimono Sale. If you cannot attend this meeting I will get information to you.

Just a reminder that the *Bento Fundraiser* is cancelled this year. It will be replaced by the Kimono-Plant-Bake Sale on **June 15th** with chairs **Denise Cline and Kazuko Inoue**. **Les Hitsman** will again provide his talents for our Plant Sale - he still will appreciate plant starters and containers. **"BWA planting workshop has been cancelled for this Saturday, April 27. There is NO work Party rescheduled at this time."** We will also be having a Bake Sale on the stage – any baked goods will be appreciated. The Plant and Bake Sale proceeds will be used to help World Convention BWA attendees.

BWA will be collecting **Peanut Butter and Jelly** from June 2 – June 30. All donated items will be distributed to either a food bank or a summer school program. Baskets will be in foyer in front. Thank you in advance for your donations and to the April-May-June BWA Toban for coordinating.

Our deepest condolences to the families of **Mr. Hisato Miki and Mr. Tadashi Fujioka**. Mr. Miki was very knowledgeable and very active in our temple for decades. He was one of the first Honorary Minister Assistants to our Temple and to our organization as well. Mr. Fujioka always supported our BWA fundraisers, and often bought out our Bake Sale towards the end of the sale telling me to re-sell the treats!! He didn't want them as he had to watch his sugar intake....giving the extra treats to happy DS and other members was very rewarding. Both will be dearly missed - their memories will remain alive in our organization and temple.

*Please mark your calendars for our annual **Bus Trip July 13, Saturday**, as plans for our travels to the Purple Haze Lavender Farm are being made.*

Future BWA Events:

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| May 19 | Gotan e Service; HS graduates' recognition |
| June 2-30 | Peanut Butter and Jelly drive |
| June 2 | April-May-June prepare Yard Workers' lunch |
| June 9 | Temple picnic |
| June 15 | Kimono, Plant and Bake Sale |

In gassho, June Akita

Buddhist Education Committee News





As I write my letter, I'm sitting in front of a fire at one of my best friends' cabin in Grass Valley CA. It's going to be warm today, but the morning air and the cabin was cold, and it felt good to take the chill off and enjoy a cup of coffee while staring into the flames.

While sitting here I received messages that both Mr. Miki and Bob Yoshioka had passed away. They were both integral and important parts of our Temple history. I learned so much from each of them. It is through having known them and many others, now gone, that gave me the drive and desire to pursue my life as a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist.

It dawned on me that my morning fire is/was much like life itself. With patience, it starts out small but grows to share its warmth and light. Like all things in life however, the flames eventually become smaller and smaller and die. To me, the last little puffs of smoke that wind up the chimney are like a person's very Buddha nature becoming one with the universe and ONE with Amida Buddha.

I told sensei this morning that the passing of friends and my fire burning itself out makes me think about and contemplate my own mortality. I guess it's my own greed, anger and ignorance that has me wanting and desiring more than life itself is able to guarantee. Life is fragile, isn't it? I remember Reverend Fukuma once telling me...." If you want to eat the cookie now, then EAT IT NOW!..... you are not guaranteed there will be another chance to enjoy it".

Thank you for letting me share my feelings.
With love and Gassho
Fred Pelger

Toban News

May Toban News



Toban chairs please call/e-mail your group and remind them of the following dates:

- June 2 – Temple Garden Cleanup – all members asked to help
- June 9 - Temple Picnic
- August 3 – Obon – all members asked to help

May & June 2019 Toban Groups: Toban chairs are responsible for calling group members for set-up and clean-up of temple events occurring in their Toban months. The Toban chairs for each group will coordinate with each other to set up the dates for the monthly clean up. Please let Erik Hammerstrom know the clean-up dates to check for conflicts with other activities and to add to the Temple calendar.

May 2019	June 2019
**David Campbell	**Merilee Tanbara
Darlene Matsumoto	June & Jerry Akita
Thelma Abe	Cheryl Kanda
Gail Ichinaga	Joshua and Yoshino Kretchmar
Brandon Villarreal	Brett Johnson and Megumi Azekawa
<u>Email or Phone Tree Members</u>	<u>Email or Phone Tree Members</u>
Larry & Kiyomi Fujita	Miyo Kanda
Hana Yoshida	Tets & Martha Tamaki
	Sam Shimizu (call June)
	Erin Shen (call June)

May Group Responsibilities:

- Monthly clean-up for May and June

- Gotan-E Service & Ochigo: DS children involved. Help if requested
- Parents' Day Luncheon: help YBA/DS as needed.
- Honor high school grads: Dharma School and BWA. Help if requested
- Coffee hour

June Group Responsibilities:

- Monthly clean-up for May and June
- Temple Picnic: DS set up and clean up. Help if requested
- Coffee hour
- Obon: Clean up kitchen area, bathrooms, social hall and other areas in use for Obon activities.
- Obon: Help make and serve somen after Obon Service
- Obon: Provide snacks for Friday and Saturday prior to Obon

~Kaila

Monthly Book Club

Buddhism Today!

May 9th (Th) at 7pm at Kings Books

Featured Book:

T.K. Nakagaki

*The Buddhist Swastika and Hitler's Cross:
Rescuing a Symbol of Peace from the
Forces of Hate*



Rev. Miyaji teaches Dharma School students

From Your Facility Committee



As you all know Bob Yoshioka was involved in all facets of temple activities. Assisting the Facilities Committee is no exception. Any time a major project was being accomplished we could always depend on Bob to help out. Bob was a great human being and I always looked forward to working with him. He set a prime example of dedication.

If you want to know where Tony Gregg is, try taking a trip to the temple. He's been pretty busy giving our beautiful temple a lot of tender loving care. Tony threw some sands in the gears of potential criminals by obtaining some fobs for the Miyajis so they could conveniently set and deactivate the parsonage alarm. On cleanup day our tobans are ever vigilant about ferreting out maintenance issues. Someone with a sharp eye saw deteriorating caulking around the bottom of the ceramic throne in the bathroom across from the Honda. Tony got down to business and fixed it right up.

Now in addition to Tony, David Yotsuuye has been busy. David, along with Les Hitsman, Fred Pelger and Jerry Akita, repaired the bamboo screen on the parsonage deck. Tom Hubbell is hard at work attempting to fix a problem with some exterior lights. He replaced a bad breaker for the circuit that powers the lights so now he is planning on replacing the photocell. Our kitchen project is still ongoing. A convection oven and refrigerator have been picked out, but we need to determine if the circuits can handle the new equipment. Additionally, we have to ensure they fit. There are so many variables that my brain locked up and I went catatonic. Fortunately, I snapped out of it when one of my cats stepped on the computer keyboard and a "Tom and Jerry" cartoon popped up on the computer screen.

Jeff Hiroo and Fred Pelger are continuing their merciless assault on dirt and debris during their weekly cleaning visits. Engaging in a pincer movement outside Tom Hubbell has been removing trash along Fawcett. Mike Shiogi, David Yotsuuye, Robert Yotsuuye, Gary Ichinaga, Tom Hubbell, Tony Gregg, Rick Tanabe, and Del Sasaki provide invaluable support to temple projects. Additionally, Tad Kajimura is an important team member. Kurt Osaka and Osaka Gardens' efforts result in the most beautiful space for miles around.

~ Dave

Yearly Memorial Services



General Memorial Service Years for 2019

1st Year - 2018	17th Year - 2003
3rd Year - 2017	25th Year - 1995
7th Year - 2013	33rd Year - 1987
13th Year - 2007	50th Year - 1970

May 2019:

7 th Year	Kusumoto, Saburo	Shaku Shin-Sho	May 25, 2013
25 th Year	Masumoto, Ted Masaru	Shaku Myo-Gan	May 4, 1995
33 rd Year	Iwakiri, Ryoichi	Shaku Ryo-Toku	May 22, 1987
50 th Year	Kubo, Goroku	Shaku Kyo-Kaku	May 30, 1970

June 2019:

7 th Year	Matsumoto, Edward	Shaku Sho-Gaku	June 1, 2013
	Omoto, Nobuto Rod	Shaku Ken-Shin	June 1, 2013
17 th Year	Yamasaki, Yaoko Bette	Shakuni Myo-Kaku	June 11, 2003
	Yoshioka, Masako Martha	Shakuni Ren-Jou	June 17, 2003
50 th Year	Sugimoto, Hisao	Shaku Sho-Kyu	June 21, 1970

July 2019:

3 rd Year	Tanbara, George Ayao	Shaku Ji-Shin	July 1, 2017
7 th Year	Nakagawara, Mary Hisaye	Shakuni Gyo-Shin	July, 1 2013
25 th Year	Yaguchi, Hiroshi	Shaku Gu-Gan	July, 22 1995
	Tanabe, Del Hideo	Shaku Shi-Jo	July, 31 1995

Greeters Schedule

Greeters:

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

- Temple Information Booklet
- Messages from the Buddha (mini booklet with pale pink cover)
- 1/2 page list of Temple activities
- "Want More Info." (1/2 sheet form)

Lastly, please do a head-count 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.

May	5	Tracy & Richard Ling
	12	Jill Case & Jeff Hiroo
	19	Jim Doyle & Tony Gregg
	26	Lynrae & Tom Hubbell
June	2	Yasuko Morita & June Weled
	9	Temple Picnic
	16	Michael Shiogi & Henry Stoll
	23	Ken Tanino & Coco Inoue
	30	David Yotsuuye & Bob Yotsuuye

The Membership Committee appreciates that the Sangha has tried to be helpful in getting membership processes started but this approach is confusing and interested visitors have gotten lost in the system. Please refer interested parties to June Weled, Jim Doyle or Donna Sasaki. Thank you.

Thank You for your support Opportunity Arises....

The Tacoma Buddhist Temple's Board of Director's is looking for a volunteer or volunteers to form a restroom maintenance committee. This committee would do regular clean up and resupply of the Temple's 7 restrooms. Ideally, the restrooms would be serviced a minimum of twice a month.

The reason for the formation of the restroom maintenance committee is to reduce the workload of the monthly Toban groups. The restroom cleaning task would be removed from the monthly Toban group's task list, thus reducing the workload of the monthly Toban group. If there are no volunteers for this committee, another option is to have a cleaning service perform this service. The estimated cost of this service is \$125 to \$200 per month depending on the number times the bathrooms are cleaned.

If you are willing to be on this committee, please let David Yotsuuye know.

Thank you.

Welcome New Members!!



Shizuka Faria

1. Please tell us where you were born and raised.

I was born in Asaka Daimachi, Saitama Ken Prefecture, Japan and lived next door to my grandmother and mother's seven siblings. Looking at photos from my early childhood with all my aunts and one uncle gives me feelings that those were very happy times with lots of attention from family and friends. My father was stationed in Japan with the US Army at Camp Zama. We moved to Tacoma when I was about 4 years old and lived on Fort Lewis for a few years. I grew up in Parkland Washington where I attended Keithly Jr High and graduated with the first graduating class at Washington High School.

2. Why have you chosen to join the Tacoma Buddhist Temple

I had been reading about Buddhism for over 30 years and felt that the Buddhist practices I read about and observed resonated with me the most compared to other practices. I first attended the Tacoma Buddhist Temple around 1999. I wanted my son, Houston and me to belong to a spiritual community that was open to all and appreciated the traditions celebrated by the Japanese. My son and I felt welcomed by the sangha and I decided the Tacoma Buddhist Temple would be good place for Houston to learn about the practice of Ake

3. What skills or interests do you have that can add to the Temple and the Sangha?

I worked as an administrative assistant in the last 7 years so i can help in this area if and when needed.

4. What is the one thing you want the Temple to know about you.

I spent 9 years in the US Navy, first working in an administrative position in personnel and supply. Later I went to Data Processing school and worked as a computer operator for the remainder of my duty. I spent my last six years stationed at Kami Seya and Yokosuka Supply Center, Japan. It was a great tour as I could visit my mother's family when I wanted. Houston was also born in Japan at the Yokosuka Naval Supply Hospital.



Akemi Ikeda

1. Please tell us where you were born and raised.

I was born and raised in Tacoma, Washington.

2. Why have you chosen to join the Tacoma Buddhist Temple?

I have fond memories growing up in this Temple and believe it shaped many of my core values. I hope to contribute back to the temple in return.

3. What skills or interests do you have that can add to the Temple and the Sangha?

My professional background is in software development. I am interested in seeing how we can integrate modern technology in to the temple!

4. What is the one thing you want the Temple to know about you.

In my free time you can find me taking a hot yoga class or watching the Seattle Sounders!

**The Tacoma Buddhist Temple will be making an annual donation to this fund.*

**The Northwest District Council of Buddhist Churches of America
SHIN BUDDHIST GRANT, NORTHWEST DISTRICT**

Have you heard of the Shin Buddhist Grant that is administered by the Northwest District Council? If not, it's really not a surprise. This program has been in existence for many years. Its intent is to provide grants to ministerial aspirants seeking Kaikyoshi with an intent to serve temples in the BCA. A secondary purpose is to support certified minister assistants in the Northwest District who seek to further their education and continue their service to their temple. This includethose seeking Tokudo and Kyoshi.

As time has gone on, the presence of more and more qualified applicants has created a challenge in having funds available to support them in the manner we are accustomed. Many years ago, we'd have only one or two applicants each year. Some years there were none. However, in 2018 we had five applicants and in 2019 there were seven! This year there were actually 13 candidates who were qualified (not all applied).

We have historically been funded by the Northwest District Council and the Northwest BWA. Additional donations have come from two Northwest District temples.

The Shin Buddhist Grant of the Northwest District Council has become a gesture of support and encouragement to those who apply. We're grateful for their efforts and welcome their likely addition to the corps of qualified kaikyoshi ministers serving the BCA.

Today, we are making this effort to make our presence more known. The increase in qualified applicants, particularly in the last two years, has nearly depleted our fund. Bishop Kodo Umezu, Rev. Marvin Harada and Rev. Jerry Hirano have all expressed their support. So, we are reaching out to all of the BCA to request your consideration to donate. Donations from temples, affiliated organizations, individuals and others are most welcome. It is our hope to be able to continue this program, but it will be very difficult without your help. After all, these ministers in training benefit us ALL.

You may find a number of ministers you know in this list of previous grant recipients:

Rev. Harry Bridge	Rev. Anne Spencer	Jennifer Akiko Rogers
Rev. Bryan Siebuhr	Rev. Paul Vielle	Tadao Koyama
Rev. William Briones	Rev. Christine Marr	CJ Dunford
Rev. Curt Rye	Rev. Mutsumi Wondra	Laverne Imori
Rev. Jim Warrick	Rev. Candice Shibata	Cynthia Yasaki
Rev. Henry Adams	Rev. Matthew Hamasaki	David Black
Rev. Kathy Chatterton	Rev. Takashi Miyaji	John Mullins
Melissa Opel		

If you have questions about the Shin Buddhist Grant, please contact Mike Iseri, Chairman, Shin Buddhist Grant Committee, mikeiseri@fmtc.com, 541 889-8691. If you would like to contribute, donations may be sent to Scott Winner, NWDC Treasurer, c/o Oregon Buddhist Temple, 3720 SE 34th Ave., Portland OR 97202.

Thank you very much!

A donation in knowledge pays the best interest!

*May 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5 Sangha Service 10:00 AM	6	7	8	9 Book Club King' Books 7:00 PM	10	11
12 Mother's Day Sangha Service 10:00 AM	13	14	15	16	17	18 Spring Seminar, 3-5 PM
19 BRD MTG Gotan-e 10:00 AM	20 MYOKYO DEADLINE	21	22	23	24	25
26 Sangha Service 10:00 AM Memorial Day Cemetery Visits	27	28	29	30	31	

*June 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 JAACL dinner
2 Garden Cleanup 10:00 AM	3	4	5	6	7	8 Public Seminar 1-3 PM
9 Temple Picnic 10:00 AM	10	11	12	13 Book Club King's Books 7:00 PM	14	15 Kimono Sale 10 - 3 PM
16 BRD MTG Sangha Service 10:00 AM	17 MYOKYO DEADLINE	18	19	20	21	22
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Come Join Us!

SPRING SEMINAR AND GOTAN-E SERVICE

with Guest Speaker

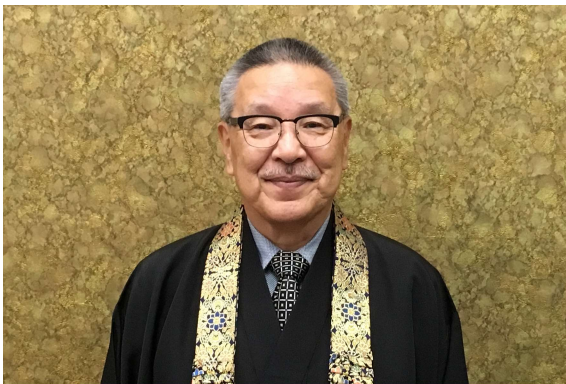
Rev. Nobuo Miyaji

Retired *kaikyoshi* minister of the BCA

“How to Live in This World as a
Nembutsu Follower”

Spring Seminar: Saturday May 18, 2018 from 3-5 PM

Gotan-e Service: Sunday May 19, 2018 from 10 AM



Rev. Nobuo Miyaji was born in Kyoto, Japan, on February 16, 1947.

He graduated from Ritsumei-kan University in Kyoto, with a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy.

He graduated from Ryukoku University and received a Master's Degree in Buddhism.

He was allowed to enter the doctor program of Ryukoku University, also majoring in Buddhism.

He was assigned to BCA in 1977 as a *kaikyoshi* minister.

Assignments: Santa Barbara, Ogden, Los Angeles Betsuin-acting Rinban, Venice Hongwanji, Fresno Betsuin as Rinban, and Gardena Buddhist Church.

He retired from BCA at Gardena Buddhist Church, February 28, 2017 after 40 years of missionary work.

Tacoma Buddhist Temple's

KIMONO SALE

Saturday, June 15
10am - 3pm

Also selling

BAKED GOODS
PLANTS

Please enter from temple Social Hall

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Temple Picnic



Please join us!!

When: Sunday, June 9
10:00 Service

Where: Edgemont Park

Outdoor Service at 10:00 AM - Outdoor games - BINGO - Cake Walk - Delicious Food!!
Please share your favorite picnic dish AND a prize(s) for BINGO

Directions to Edgemont Park (110th Ave E and 24th St E in Edgewood

From the South

Take I-5 North to Fife/Milton Exit 137. Keep right to take the 54th Ave S ramp and slight right onto 54th Ave S. Turn left onto 20th St E which goes past Fife High School and goes straight up the hill to Edgewood, eventually becoming 24th St E. You will cross Meridian Ave E (signal light/Shell Station/Timberland Bank). Continue to 110th Ave E, turn right, the park will be on your left.

From the North

Take I-5 South to Exit 142B at S 348th St/WA-18W. Turn left on Enchanted Pkwy/WA-161. Continue on WA-161 (Meridian Ave) past Surprise Lake Square (Safeway). Turn left onto 24th St E (signal light/Shell Station/Timberland Bank). Continue to 110th Ave E, turn right, the park will be on your left.





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Invitation to the Gotan-e Service Sunday May 19th, 2019 10:00 AM and Spring Seminar, Saturday May 18th, 3 PM

Dear Sangha Members,

The Tacoma Buddhist Temple extends a cordial invitation to you, your family and friends to the Gotan-e Service to be held on **Sunday, May 21st, 2017 at 10:00 AM.**

Gotan-e is a gathering to celebrate the birth of the founder of Jodo Shinshu, Shinran Shonin who was born May 21st, 1173. This is the occasion not only for celebration of the birth of Shinran Shonin but also to look deeply at own present life now. For the service, we will hold Ochigo, where children will wear traditional ceremonial robes.

Following the service we will also have a Parents Appreciation Luncheon hosted by our Dharma School.

The guest speaker for this service will be **Rev. Nobuo Miyaji**, retired kaikyoshi minister. Rev. Nobuo Miyaji will also lead the Spring Seminar on **Saturday, May 18th, from 3 pm to 5 pm in the Rev. Pratt Room.** The title of his seminar will be "How to Live in this World as a Nembutsu Follower." There will be a flyer of this seminar in the Myokyo newsletter as well as a flyer for another upcoming seminar with guest speaker Ms. Sherry Shultz of the Franciscan Hospice and Palliative Care that will take place on **June 8th, 1-3 pm at the Rev. Pratt Room.**

Once again, the temple asks for your generous donation for this special occasion of the Gotan-e Service.

In Gassho with palms together,

Rev. Takashi Miyaji, Resident Minister
Mr. David Yotsuuye, Temple President

Spring Seminar

With
Rev. Nobuo Miyaji (retired minister)
[and Rev. Miyaji's dad!]

Saturday, May 18, 3-5 pm

Dinner to follow
Sign-up sheet available

Public Seminar

Saturday, June 8, 1-3 PM

With
Sherry Shultz
Manager
Volunteer Services and Community Integration
Franciscan Hospice and Palliative Care