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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



Questioning the Self

Rev. Takashi Miyaji

In the last article, I discussed the basis for Shin ethics. Essentially, it is found when one awakens to the world of compassion that embraces him/her despite having attachments. That person then tries to get others to realize this truth as well. This is what it means to *participate* in great compassion.

In my research, I have identified a total of eighteen ethical values found in Shin Buddhist doctrine (no, the number eighteen is sheer coincidence...). These eighteen can be classified into two categories: Individual and Social Ethics. I will go into each ethical value by talking about one point in each article for the next year and a half.

The first value of Individual Ethics in Shin Buddhism is to see "the self or individual as the problem." This is certainly not to say that one should constantly be overly critical of the self to a point of depression or to be self-deprecating to the point of having low self-esteem and no confidence. In America, we are raised to believe in the self, and we are taught to have high self-confidence (sometimes too much where it is not realistic). This is why it is hard for many Americans to be receptive to Buddhism because this religion is perceived as being passive, indecisive and weak. Although Buddhism does teach about honest and thorough self-reflection by way of the Buddha-Dharma, it focuses on this because the most essential problem directly involves the self. In Buddhism, the problem is never a specific political party, a country, or a certain group of people. In fact, Buddhism says never to point the finger at other people. If we listen to the teachings of the Buddha-Dharma, hear and entrust ourselves to this teaching, we receive the humble strength to point the finger at the self.

So then, what is the essential problem? It is that the individual suffers due to attachments as explained in the Four Noble Truths. Basically, Buddhism is not specifically saying your concrete actions about this and that are the problem. Instead, it points to the fact that the human condition itself is the problem and we need to awaken to this truth.

This explanation brings to mind the famous example found in the *Lotus Sutra* about the father who tries to save his children from the burning house. In order to save the children, the father tries to entice them to come out of the house by rewarding them with toys. This story's main point is about using skillful means to get the children to come out of the burning house. However, my point in bringing up this story is that the children do not realize that the house is burning in the first place and furthermore, they do not believe their father when he explains to them that the house is on fire! This example could not be more right about the state of our existence. All too often we ignore the reality of the situation and believe only what we want to believe. We *want* to believe that we will live a long life and that we are somehow entitled to this right. We *want* to believe that hard working and honest people reap the benefits and live comfortable lives. We *want* to believe this world is just and fair. We *want* to believe that we are never part of the problem and always part of the solution. We *want* to believe that we are never wrong and always right.

Similarly, it is like the issue of climate change and people believing that human activity is not having an adverse effect on the environment. Believing that our actions have nothing to do with the present state of our earth is like burying our heads in the sand and denying reality. In much the same way, Buddhism is asking us, "Are you really fine with the way things are?" "Do you not see this existence as one of constant change and suffering?" If the answers to these questions are that one is fine with the way things go in life and that this world is not one of suffering, then quite frankly, that person is not a Buddhist.

A Buddhist sees an existential crisis in life. That is to say, one has seriously come to the sobering understanding that suffering is very real and one of the most evident ways this truth manifests itself is in the fact that we will die someday. To logically understand that our own death is inevitable is fairly easy; we are taught this at an early age. But to emotionally, psychologically, and existentially accept this fact is a whole different ball game. Unfortunately, often we do not take this issue seriously until it is too late, and we are facing death head on. It is like a person swimming in the ocean who realizes when it is too late that they do not have the energy to return to shore.

Instead, Buddhism is a teaching that tells us to think about our lives and what it means right now. In fact, if we seriously think about the issue of life and death, there is nothing more pressing than this problem. In other words, Buddhism tries to teach us to be ready before it is too late. The way we ready ourselves is to listen to the Buddha-Dharma, open our hearts to the wisdom and compassion of Amida Buddha, and say the nembutsu. It is like the swimmer who always goes out to the ocean with a buoy close at hand. The buoy of course, is the nembutsu teaching that will keep us afloat when we become exhausted of trying to stay alive in the turbulent ocean. When we seriously think about our existence and see that the essential problem of life involves the self, we set the stage to become receptive to the teachings of the Buddha. Gassho.

「じがしん自我心」をもんだい問題とする

ぜんかい 前回、しんしゅうりんり 真宗倫理のこんぽん 根本について話しました。よう 要するに、しんしゅうりんり 真宗倫理はじ 自己中心的にかんが 考えることしか
じぶん できない自分をどこまでもいだ 抱きとってくださるだいじひ 大慈悲のせかい 世界にき 気づき、その世界をせかい 他人にたにん 知らせるもの
であるということでありました。そしてこのようにして、ねんぶつしゃ 念仏者はじひ 慈悲に「さんかく 参画」するのであると
い 言いました。

わたし けんきゅう しんしゅうりんり かん さんかくほうほう じゅうはちてん かくにん
私の研究では、真宗倫理に関してその参画方法に十八点ほど確認することができました。それら
こじんてきりんり しゃかいてきりんり わ いちねんかんはん みょうきょう かくきじ
は個人的倫理と社会的倫理に分けることができます。これから一年間半かけて、明鏡の各記事にこ
しんしゅうりんり とくちょう とりあげ おも
の真宗倫理の特徴を一つずつ取り上げていきたいと思ひます。

まず、個人的倫理の一つ目の点は「自我心を問題とする」ということです。自我心を問題とするとい
うことは、自分中心の考え方になっている自分を問題とすることですが、これは決してうつのつになる
まで自己というものを攻めることではありません。殊にアメリカでは、自分に対する自信を持つこと
が大事だと育てられます。ですから、このように自分を問題とするような仏教的な教えは受身的な
教えであり、弱者の教えであると誤解されがちです。ですからアメリカ人はこの教えを受け入れる
ことが難しいと感じることがよくあるそうです。仏教は確かに自己に対する内省的な部分を強調
する傾向があります。しかし、その理由は、仏教でいう「苦」は自己と直接関係するからでありま
す。つまり問題の矛先をあの政府、あの国、あの民族、あの団体などといって名差して向けること
ではありません。むしろ、仏法を聞き、その教えに帰依するということは、この「自我」というものに
問題の矛先を向ける力を身につけることであります。

したがって、人生の根本的な問題は四諦八正道で教えるように、自らの煩惱によって自らが苦しむ
のであります。つまり仏教では人間が起こす何か具体的な行動が問題であるというよりも、人間の
あり方、つまり人間の存在そのものが問題であり、それに気づくことが大事だと教えているのです。

このことを説明するために、『法華経』から出てくる例話を引いてみましょう。燃え盛る家の中で
遊びに夢中になっている自分の子供を助け出そうとする父親の話です。どのようにしたかと言うと
、子供たちにもっと面白いおもちゃが外にあるよと言って家から引き出そうとしたのです。この話
の主なポイントは「仏教でいう方便」とはどういうものなのかを説明するため説かれたものです。
しかし、ここで紹介した理由は子供たちが自分の家が燃えていることに気づいていないことであり
ます。

この例は人間の本当の存在状況を知ることがいかに難しいかということを描いているのです。私
たちはこの子供たちのように、自分がいる現実の状況、つまりこの人生は「苦」であるということ
を見逃していることが多いのです。そして我々が信じたいものを、いくら現実的でなくても、それを
信じていこうとする傾向があります。自分は長く生き、それは保障されていると信じたいのです。
世の中は正義であると信じたいのです。よく働くものは出世し、安定した生活ができるはずだと信
じたいのです。自分の存在そのものが問題でないと信じたいのです。自分が間違はずがないと信じ
たいのです。

これと同じことが環境問題でも言えます。自分の存在が地球の環境に悪影響を与えていないと
思い込んでいる人がほとんどでしょう。しかしそれは、仏教からいえば、現実から背いている姿な

のです。これと同じように、このように仏教は私たちに次のように問いかけているのです。「あなたの人生はこのままでいいのであろうか？」「この世は無常であり苦悩に満ちているのが分からないのであろうか？」これらに対して「すべて、大丈夫だ、この世は苦悩でなんかではないんだ」と言い切れる人は仏教者ではありません。

仏教の信者はこの私の人生に問題があると分かる人であり、それは、衆生は苦悩の中で生きており、つまり自分がいつか死ぬものだとわかって苦しむのであります。自分がいつか死ぬというのは、頭の中では簡単に理解することはできますが、精神的に、感情的、実存的に理解するのは非常に受け入れにくい難しい事実であります。自分の死を考えるのは、もはや手遅れというような時からでしかできないというケースが多いのではないのでしょうか。それはあたかも、遠くで泳いでいた人が、もはや海岸に戻る力がもうないと気づくようなものであります。

他方、仏教は私たちの生と死を「今」生きている間に真剣に考えてくださいと教えてくれます。そしてこれを考え出すと、これより深刻な問題はないと気づきます。つまり、仏教は手遅れになる前に、たった今その問題の解決を探さなければならないと教えてくれるのです。どのようにその解決を探すのかと言うと、仏法を聴聞し阿彌陀仏の智慧と慈悲を受け入れて念仏を称えることだということです。今まさに溺れている人にとっての救命具になるように最後の支えとなるのがお念仏であります。この人生を真剣に考え、「自我心」つまり「自分の存在」そのものが問題であると達観した時に、仏法の真実さを受け入れられるご縁にであうことができるのです。このことが念仏者が仏の大慈悲に「参画」する第一歩になることになるのです。合掌

FUTURE SCHEDULE

(Sun) June 2	Garden Cleanup at 10 AM
(Sat) June 8	Public Seminar with Sherry Shultz 1-3 PM
(Sun) June 9	Temple Picnic – Edgemont Park at 10 AM
(Thu) June 13	Book Club at King's Books 7 PM
(Sat) June 15	Kimono, Plant and Bake Sale at 10 AM
(Wed) July 17	Eatonville and Orting Cemetery Visitation 11 AM
(Sun) July 21	Obon cemetery visitation
(Sun) July 28	Hatsubon/Ura-bon Service 10 AM

President's Message



It was great to have Rev. Nobuo Miyaji, our Rev Miyaji's father, present our Spring Seminar and be our guest speaker at our Gotan-e service. I overheard the comment "I can see where Miyaji Sensei gets some of his mannerism's". I hope to see more of Rev. Nobuo Miyaji and Mrs. Miyaji in the future.

Please help support the Kimono/Plant/Bake sale on June 15, 10 am – 3 pm. The BWA is using this to help raise funds to support BWA members attending the BWA World Convention.

Please spread the word.

Our Obon Odori Festival will be held on August 3, 2019. The Obon Co-chairs are Crystal Inge and Jim Doyle. The committee chairs will be asking for volunteers to support our fundraising efforts soon. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Crystal or Jim.

Gassho,
David

Buddhist Women's Association News



I so looked forward to summer as a student, then I looked forward to summer as some time to catch up from teaching, now I look forward to summer to spend time with my boys. Summer months are the best –

Having Rev. Miyaji's parents here for our Spring Seminar and Gotan-e service was very special. Hearing Rev. Nobuo Miyaji's messages, watching the Dharma School students' processional and re-visiting with Mrs. Yoshiko Miyaji made the whole day complete. Thank you, YBA, for another delicious lunch. Honoring this year's graduates was special with the graduation of BWA member Crystal and John Inge's daughters Kate and Emma, and Zavier Lindsey. We hope you much success in your new stage in life, and hope to see you back at the temple in a few years.



Our Peanut Butter and Jelly drive is continuing through the month of June. This drive will help students throughout the summer when school lunches and breakfasts are not available.

We are NOT making Daifuku Mochi on June 8th as once scheduled.

We look forward to the Kimono – Plant – Bake Sale June 15th under the guidance of Kazuko Inoue and Denise Cline. If you can offer some of your time Friday and/or Saturday, please let Denise, Kazuko, Les or me know. We would appreciate any baked goods as well. They can be brought to the temple Friday, June 14, or Saturday morning June 15. Let's hope for sunshine!

As many of you are well aware, the Gomonsu will be visiting Tacoma on Tuesday, September 3. All suggestions for his lunch menu are being considered. At this point, BWA (and the Temple) will not be presenting the Gomonsu with a gift as one gift will be given from the Northwest District representing all chapters and organizations.

Please mark your calendars for our annual Bus Trip Saturday, July 13. It will be a packed ten-hour trip visiting the Purple Haze Lavender Fields and other sites in Sequim. Thank you to Helen and Ed Motokane and Kazue Maesaki for spending a day with Jerry and myself showing us the beauty of their city. There will be no charge to BWA members or DS students, and a small charge for other temple members and non-members. If you are interested, just call or email me.

Our deepest condolences to the family of Mr. Robert (Bob) Yoshioka. Bob was a very active member of our temple – was our events' vegetable buyer, helped our Facilities Committee, helped with fundraiser construction, was the Lead Usher at funerals/memorials - just to name a few. Bob's leadership, guidance and friendship at the temple will be dearly missed.

Please mark your calendar for our next General meeting on July 7th after service in the Rev. Pratt Room. A light lunch will be served.

Future BWA Events:

June 2-30	Peanut Butter and Jelly drive
June 15	Kimono, Plant and Bake Sale
July 7	General BWA meeting after service in Rev. Pratt room
July 13	BWA Bus Trip
July 27	Daifuku mochi for Obon – 8:00 AM

In gassho,
June Akita

Young Buddhist Association News



A big congratulations to this year's graduates Emma, Kate, and Zavier. They will be missed dearly by YBA and the whole temple next year.

Thank you for everyone who attended the Parents Day Luncheon this year. We had a staggering 70 people this year attend the event to have a great lunch and celebrate this year's graduates.

Summer is just around the corner which means another end to a wonderful dharma school year. Thanks to all of the wonderful dharma schoolteachers and especially the Erik, John, and Fred for another great year.

The next event upcoming is the annual Temple Picnic. We hope to see everyone there to spend time celebrating the start of summer by playing games and of course eating food.

Thanks again to everyone who supported the Parents Day Luncheon.

Gassho, Ryan Ling

Buddhist Education Committee News



A few
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river.



weeks ago, I was traveling with relatives to visit our aunt in Moses Lake. It was a beautiful, sunny day and we were all enjoying the scenery. As we were approaching Gorge, I anticipated with some excitement the view of the Columbia River and the across the bridge. As we got closer and closer to the Gorge, I kept searching for of the river. Shockingly, there was no river in view. What??? I looked closer, still no Impossible!!!

Where can a river of that size and magnitude go? It has to be there!

And it was, only the river was so still, so serene and smooth as glass, it was reflecting the hillside perfectly. I mean perfectly! Even up close, you could hardly tell there was water, much less a river anywhere. The picture-perfect reflection was so amazing, I called it a “wow” moment. Something so beautiful and so unexpected literally knocked my socks off!

What about my own reflection? Do I see my reflection as it truly is? Do I reflect who I am or how I want others to see me? Do I truly take time to reflect on my life in this busy world?

Recently, in the Maitreya class, we talked about “Ichigo Ichie” or “one time, one meeting.” We talked about appreciating each moment in time that can never be repeated, a chance meeting that might not have occurred but did. We learned to be more aware in our daily life.

The drive to Moses Lake and that view of the river was an awesome moment. I won’t forget it and the feeling I had, as if time stood still long enough for me to appreciate a view of beauty, a moment in time, a small but significant moment of my life on this earth.
Namo Amida Butsu

Gassho,
Donna Sasaki

Toban News

June Toban News



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

- Garden Cleanup - June 2
- Temple Picnic - June 9
- Obon Service – July 28
- **Obon Fundraiser** – August 3, all members are asked to help

June & July 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.

June 2019	July 2019
**Merilee Tanbara	**Jim Doyle & Tony Gregg
June & Jerry Akita	Jane Burster
Cheryl Kanda	Renee Moriguchi
Joshua and Yoshino Kretchmar	Lynn Blick
Brett Johnson and Megumi Azekawa	<u>Email or Phone Tree Members</u>
<u>Email or Phone Tree Members</u>	Kats Fujita
Miyo Kanda	Yasuko Morita
Tets & Martha Tamaki	Glenn Morita
Sam Shimizu (call June)	
Erin Shen (call June)	

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

July Group Responsibilities:

- Monthly clean-up for July and August
- 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
- Coffee hour

~Kaila

From Your Facility Committee



Was it a poltergeist or a two-legged variety with sticky fingers? Well, it's a mystery. Tom Hubbell was making his Sunday morning rounds picking up trash when he discovered that our municipal waste container was far from its usual home behind the temple. It was packed full of stuff and relocated across the street from the parsonage. Tom, David Yotsuuye, and I, having given up on the idea the culprit would be courteous enough to return the container to the proper spot, rolled onerously heavy receptacle back to its original spot.

With the temple getting close to purchasing the new convection oven and refrigerator a poltergeist might come in handy. It might be nice to walk into the social hall kitchen one day and find the old refrigerator mysteriously relocated to the temple storage garage. But in lieu of a frig fairy, a work party will need to heft the old appliance to its new home. June Akita is hoping to order the new items so they can be installed and working by Obon.

Of course, there was no intrigue about who replaced broken lights by the temple kitchen door and outside of the parsonage basement. Tom Hubbell, knowing full well that broken lights don't change themselves, accomplished the tasks.

Jeff Hiroo and Fred Pelger continue clean the temple during their weekly visits. Fawcett Avenue is looking a lot spiffier due to Tom Hubbell's weekly efforts to remove trash deposited by the litterbugs. Mike Shiogi, David Yotsuuye, Robert Yotsuuye, Gary Ichinaga, Tom Hubbell, Tony Gregg, Rick Tanabe, and Del Sasaki provide tremendous support to temple projects. Kurt Osaka and Osaka Gardens' tireless efforts will most certainly result in another summer with gorgeous temple grounds.

~Dave

Summer Means It's Obon Time!

Our Obon is right around the corner - well sort of! Mark Saturday, August 3rd, to participate, dance, volunteer or all three.

Dates to note:

- **June 23:** Sub-committee chair meeting and anyone interested in volunteering. 8:30 am Rev. Pratt Room
- **July 16-18:** Dance lessons/practice in Social Hall. 7:30 pm - 9 pm
- **August 1:** Pie making, temple kitchen. 8:00 am
- **August 2:** Morning food prep. 8:00 am
- **August 3:** Day of - Morning food prep. 8:00 am
- **August 3:** Day of - Construction set up in the morning/afternoon and take down after the event

This event has grown every year in size and needed fundraising and we appreciate if you can volunteer. Feel free to attend the June 23 mtg to learn more. Please contact Crystal Inge (crystal.inge@gmail.com) or Jim Doyle if you can help and they'll find a spot for you.

Thank you! Jim and Crystal

Congratulations to this year's high school seniors!



Emma Inge



Emma is a senior at Ballard High School. As I interviewed her, we spent a lot of time talking about her involvement in the digital film making program at her high school. She was very excited about it all, I think she's found her future career! In her digital film class, the class produces documentaries, short stories, advertisements, and music videos. Each student comes up with an idea that they pitch to the teacher, complete with at least 5 people that could be interviewed on the subject matter. The teacher then chooses 4 or 5 ideas that student groups ultimately work on in class. Emma chose Japanese internment as a possible documentary subject, and hers was one of the ideas chosen by her teacher. She also did a short story film that has been nominated for 3 regional Emmys in the categories of short story, editing/cinematography, and audio.

Emma is also the design editor for her school yearbook. She pretty much has control over the entire book! It is all finished and is waiting for publication.

The recent temple posters have also been creations by Emma. She designed the Sukiyaki and Obon posters and is looking to make changes for the next Obon design.

Emma has played high school soccer all 4 years and was on varsity for 2 years. As a forward/wing, she is also a member of Seattle United, a club soccer team that plays regionally. Her team won a state title two years ago!

In track Emma is a sprinter, competing in the 100 and 200 meter, 4 X 100, and 4 X 200 relay. Her track relay team has gone to state the past two years and came in 3rd in state last year. They are hoping to go to state again this year.

Emma plans to attend Linfield College in Oregon, studying journalism and media studies. She wants to do a double major in marketing too.

As if she wasn't busy enough, Emma is also a chef at an Italian restaurant, Café Musica, on weekends. Each month there is a focus on a different region in Italy, and Emma researches what that region specializes in and comes up with the menu items and cooks them to the delight of her customers!

Emma has held the office of YBA secretary and was the NWYBL President in 2018. She helped with the Obon T-shirt designs, T-shirt production and sales. She said she enjoys working at all our temple events.

At the temple, Emma said she enjoys the Dharma lessons, loves the people and community here. We are her extended family. She feels much joy coming to temple over the years. And with each passing year,

she has come to appreciate temple members more and more. She gets to see people she doesn't see anywhere else. It is a connection that she will always remember.

Her words of wisdom to the Dharma School students:

"Live in the moment and cherish what is right in front of you. Don't worry too much about the future, as you will be an adult soon enough!"

Kate Inge



Kate is a Ballard High School senior. She loves working on the school newspaper as a sports editor which she has done the past two years.

She has participated in track and cross country all 4 years of high school. She runs the standard 3 miles for cross country in the fall, and is a sprinter in track, competing in the 100 and 200 meter, and the 4 X 100 and 4 X 200 relays.

Kate played flute in concert band and is in the highest band now, the wind ensemble. She's also been in pep band for 4 years and has marched in the Leavenworth parade and the Ballard Norwegian parade.

She is involved in Link Crew where, as a senior, she is assigned to a freshman group of students to mentor and help them integrate into the school student body.

Kate says she likes science because it's "real world" but likes language arts more because it creates a lot of conversation and differing opinions.

She is also a teaching assistant, helping her AP Biology teacher. She said she likes being productive and helpful.

Kate plans to attend Gonzaga in the fall, studying nursing. She wants to be able to help people in real world situations where she can see that what she does will hopefully help make people get better. She also plans to join the pep band, we'll likely see her when we watch Gonzaga basketball!

She has chosen to live in a particularly unique dorm where each floor has a different theme. One floor's focus is "women for women", another is global citizenship, a third floor focuses on leadership, and Kate's floor's theme is full body wellness.

At the temple, Kate has been the YBA President and Treasurer. She was also the NWWYBL Vice President.

Kate said she enjoys coming to temple for the community and to experience her Japanese culture. She likes connecting to people who knew her mom's family. And she appreciates the people who "root her on!" Over the years the Buddhist religion has really come to resonate with her. She feels that Buddhism has helped her to become the person she wants to be.

Her words of wisdom to the Dharma School students...

"Only you can personally define success because it will be different for everybody. Don't let somebody else's definition sway what you believe."

Kate's confidence continues to grow as we have watched her chair services, give a Dharma talk, lead chanting at Bodhi Day service, play the flute, and most recently, play and often times lead the ukulele group.

I can always count on Kate for help. More often than not, she is the one asking me if I need help, and always with that "million dollar" smile. I have every confidence that Kate will achieve great things in her life. By her example, she inspires us all to be the best we can be!

Congratulations on your high school graduation!

Zavier Lindsey



Zavier is the daughter of Josh and Darby Lindsey.

She has been home schooled her entire school life. She said her mother is an excellent teacher. And along with school studies, she has met with other home school students to go on field trips which were very educational and fun.

Zavier was in the Girl Scout program for 10 years. She earned the Silver award at age 12, the highest award a Girl Scout Cadette can earn. For her Silver award project, she researched ocean acidification and did some presentations to educate the public.

Zavier also has taken 12 years of ballet. She danced with Tacoma City Ballet and Washington Contemporary Ballet. You may also remember Zavier doing Irish step dancing at our New Year's Party. She studied that dance style for 7 years.

During her spare time, Zavier enjoys reading and cooking. She especially likes cooking Italian food. She recently became a waitress at a family friend's Thai restaurant and hopes to learn how to cook some Thai foods too.

Zavier has been in Running Start at TCC for the past 2 years. She really liked her life span psychology class which studied human development from birth to death. Zavier will do one more quarter at TCC, then wants to transfer to UW.

I've always thought of Zavier as one really shy young woman. But I found out that she's really not so shy. I think I should have tried a little harder to convince her to chair services when she reached her high school years! Listen to her life's plan...

Zavier wants to double major in psychology and neuroscience and minor in philosophy! She told me she wants to become a lawyer, get her master's degree and a PhD.

At the temple, Zavier says she likes the community here, it is so welcoming. She really enjoys eating inarizushi at our potluck dinners and wants to learn how to make them.

Her words of wisdom to our Dharma School kids...

"Don't procrastinate! It makes it harder on yourself if you put off what you need to do."

I think with Zavier's ambitious future college plans she won't have time to procrastinate! I admire her determination and the goals she has set for herself. Always good to have a plan in place!

Zavier, we congratulate you on your high school graduation and hope that you do achieve your life's dreams. Please come back and see us, we will be anxious to hear how you are doing as you step into the next exciting stage of your life. Congratulations from Tacoma Buddhist Temple!



Yearly Memorial Services

General Memorial Service Years for 2019

1st Year - 2018

3rd Year - 2017

7th Year - 2013

13th Year - 2007

17th Year - 2003

25th Year - 1995

33rd Year - 1987

50th Year - 1970

June 2019:

7 th Year	Matsumoto, Edward	Shaku Sho-Gaku	June 1, 2013
7 th Year	Omoto, Nobuto Rod	Shaku Ken-Shin	June 1, 2013
17 th Year	Yamasaki, Yaoko Bette	Shakuni Myo-Kaku	June 11, 2003
17 th Year	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
25 th Year	Tanabe, Del Hideo	Shaku Shi-Jo	July, 31 1995

August 2019

17 th Year	Sasaki, Tadao	Shaku Jo-Yi	August 3, 2003
17 th Year	Hayashi, Rakuo Roy	Shaku Gyo-Shin	August 30, 2003
25 th Year	Dogen, Yoshio	Shaku Ko-Gen	August 4, 1995
33 rd Year	Yasuda, Kimiyo	Shakuni Shin-Sho	August 8, 1987

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 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.

June	2	Yasuko Morita & June Weled
	9	Temple Picnic
	16	Michael Shiogi & Henry Stoll
	23	Ken Tanino & Coco Inoue
	30	David Yotsuuye & Bob Yotsuuye
July	7	Jane Burster & David Campbell
	14	Denise Cline & Merlaine Cook
	21	Wendy Hamai & John Inge
	28	Del Sasaki & Rick Tanabe

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.

Monthly Book Club
Buddhism Today!
June 13th (Th) at 7pm at Kings Books
Featured Book:
Duncan Ryuken Williams
*American Sutra: A story of Faith and
Freedom in the Second World War.*

Welcome New Member!!

Meesa Pedrozo



1. Please tell us where you were born and raised. I was born in Monterey, California and raised in Salinas, California.

2. Why have you chosen to join the Tacoma Buddhist Temple? As a child, I was raised half Catholic, half Jodo-Shinshu Buddhist. My fondest memories at my temple in Salinas, were of Reverend Takemura and his family, our annual Obon Odori and Hanamatsuri services. Tacoma has been my home since 1998. Although I have attended Tacoma Buddhist Temple for a few years, I recently have made the decision to take a more active role at the Temple as an act of devotion, to impart the importance and wisdom of the Dharma to my children, Tae and Nya Zae, and to give back to the community that welcomed us with open arms. Where Buddhism has helped me understand the reality of my world, Tacoma has helped shape my understanding of my home and what being part of a community means.

3. What skills or interests do you have that can add to the Temple and the Sangha? I am a recent graduate of Bastyr University, receiving my Masters of Science in Acupuncture in 2017. I have had a private practice for three years locally, specializing in body work and using sound as therapy. I make and repair jewelry as a hobby, creating custom beaded pieces and have recently added metalsmithing to my toolbag. In addition, I love softball, and I have high hopes to help defeat Seattle this year in our annual game!

4. What is the one thing you want the Temple to know about you. I am a world traveler and hope to make it to Egypt by the end of the year! I am drawn to all things spiritual, in the physical plane and beyond, and hope to one day visit all of Mother Earth's Chakras and Vortices.

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

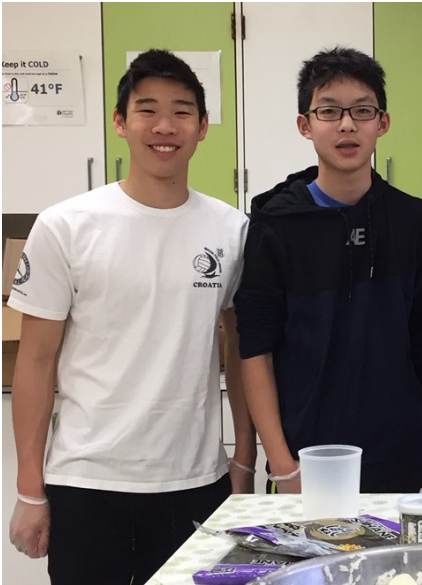
Take I-5 South to Exit 142B at S 348th St/WA-18W. Turn left on Enchanted Pkwy/WA-161. Continue on WA-161 (Meridian Ave) past Surprise Lake Square (Safeway). Turn left onto 24th St E (signal light/Shell Station/Timberland Bank). Continue to 110th Ave E, turn right, the park will be on your left.

*June 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 JACL dinner
2 BEC MTG Garden Cleanup 9:00 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, Plant and Bake Sale 10AM-3 PM
16 BRD MTG Sangha Service 10:00 AM	17 MYOKYO DEADLINE	18	19	20	21	22
23 Sangha Service 10:00 AM	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Sangha Service 10:00 AM						

*July 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Sangha Service 10:00 AM	8	9	10	11 King's Books 7:00 PM	12	13
14 Sangha Service 10:00 AM	15	16	17 Eatonville and Orting Cem. Vis.	18	19	20
21 BRD MTG Sangha Service 10:00 AM Obon cemetery visitation	22 MYOKYO DEADLINE	23	24	25	26 JR YBL Retreat 26-28th, Seattle B	27 Daifuku Mochi making 8 AM
28 OBON SERVICE Sangha Service 10:00 AM	29	30	31			



Come Join Us!

PUBLIC SEMINAR

with Guest Speaker

Rev. Sherry Shultz

Unity minister and board-certified chaplain

“Health care/Spiritual care at the end of life”

Public Seminar: Saturday June 8, 2019 from 1-3 PM



Rev. Sherry Schultz is an ordained Unity minister and board-certified chaplain. She has been serving in health care settings since graduating from the University of Puget Sound as an occupational therapist. Specializing in mental health settings with children, adolescents and teens. She graduated from Unity School in Missouri in 1983, served in churches in Missouri, Kansas and Washington and has been with Franciscan Hospice and Palliative Care since 2006. Sherry received training in medical ethics, suicide prevention and mental health and is currently the Manager of Volunteer Services with Franciscan Hospice. While in the Midwest, she served on the board of the Mid-America Dharma Group.

Tacoma Buddhist Temple's

KIMONO SALE

Saturday, June 15
10am - 3pm

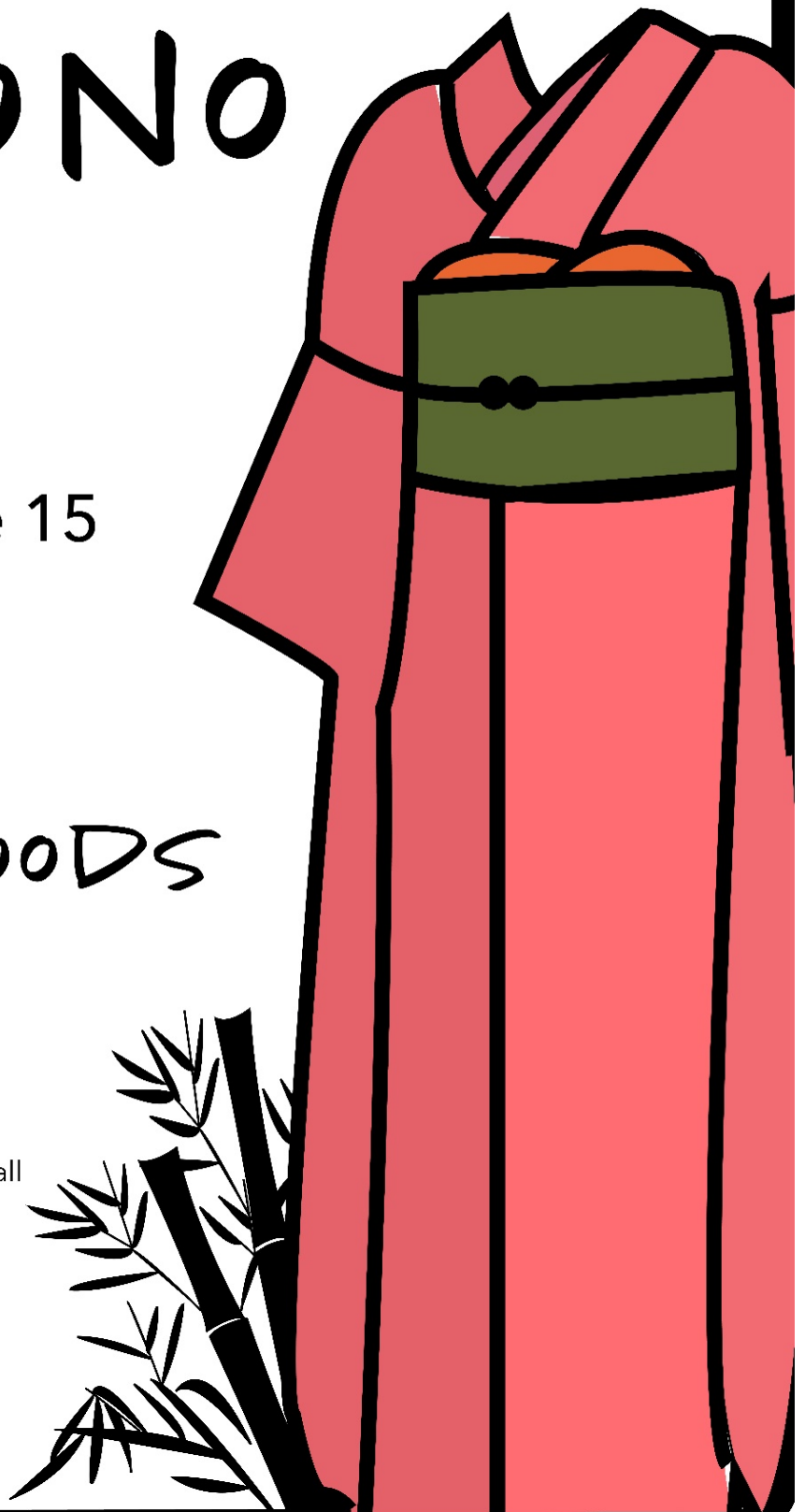
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BAKED GOODS
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Kikyoshiki Confirmation Ceremony Officiated by Gomonshu Kojun Ohtani

Tuesday September 3, 2019

Seattle Betsuin

5:30 PM

Contact Rev. Miyaji by June 20, 2019 if you wish to participate

Kikyoshiki is a solemn ceremony performed before Amida Buddha to officially confirm your entry into the Path of the Nembutsu. Participants will affirm their reverence toward the Three Treasures of the Buddha, Dharma and Sangha.

Buddha is not simply in reference to Shakyamuni Buddha, but refers more importantly to Amida Buddha, the Buddha of Infinite wisdom and Compassion.

Dharma is the teaching of Amida Buddha's Great Compassionate working to embrace all beings without any discrimination.

Sangha refers to the community of people who have entrusted themselves to Amida Buddha and its Nembutsu teaching.

By participating in the confirmation Ceremony, participants will receive a Buddhist Name (Homyo). These names are in the form of "Shaku" and two kanji characters that follow. The word "Shaku" means disciple of Shakyamuni and this signifies that the person has joined the followers of the Nembutsu Teaching which was expounded by Shakyamuni Buddha and one now commits to live according to the teaching.

The Confirmation Ceremony is open to all members. There is no minimum or maximum age limit. However, the individual must be able to participate in the ceremony at the temple on the day.

Confirmation Application fee: \$50 To have your present Homyo presented to you by the Gomonshu
\$100 To request a Buddhist Name, you will be asked to submit a separate registration form with this additional fee.

Your Buddhist name will be conferred by Honzan.



TACOMA BON ODORI

A JAPANESE FOLK DANCE FESTIVAL

Outdoor festival | Japanese food | Traditional dance
Taiko drumming | Beer garden | Candlelight memorial service

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3RD

4:30 - 9:00 pm

TACOMA BUDDHIST TEMPLE

1717 South Fawcett Ave
Tacoma, WA
tacomabt.org

Everyone Welcome!

Dance lessons
in Temple social hall

JULY 16 - 18

7:30 - 9pm