



Tacoma Buddhist Temple

(Jodo Shinshu)

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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."

Sensei's Message



It's Your Fault!

Rev. Takashi Miyaji

The other day I came to a very important understanding. Every week for service either myself or my wife will prepare the *obuppan*, or rice offering for the Buddha. One particular morning, the *obuppan* was not ready and frantically, I got mad at my wife and asked her why she did not prepare the rice. But I eventually came to realize that over the past few weeks, my wife was preparing the *obuppan* every time, until I gradually expected her to make it. However, I am actually the one who should be preparing the *obuppan*. When I came to this realization, I recognized not just how much does my wife do to make my life easier, but also how much I do not see, or choose not to see, the negative aspects of myself.

In one of the three Pure Land Sutras known as the *Contemplation Sutra*, there is a story about Vaidehī and her interaction with Śākyamuni Buddha. Vaidehī's son Ajātaśatru, was a prince but he was influenced by the antagonist of the story, Devadatta, to usurp the throne by killing his father and imprisoning his mother Vaidehī. Vaidehī then begs the Buddha to teach her a way to be free from suffering. But in her resentment of her situation, she asks the Buddha, "Why are you related to Devadatta, the person who persuaded my son to commit these evil actions"? From this quote, we can interpret it to mean that she was accusing the Buddha of somehow being indirectly responsible for her own suffering. She was showing her resentment towards the Buddha, accusing him of wrongdoing even though he had nothing to do with her problems. But there is actually further background to this story. Vaidehī and the king at one point, plotted to kill their son while he was still a newborn baby. Forgetting this incident, she asks the Buddha what she did in her life to deserve such treatment of being imprisoned. She was actually one of the antagonists of the story.

Often times it is easy for us to see only what is on the surface and quickly make judgments based off of those superficial observations. I may take one look and see that the *obuppan* is not prepared and think to myself it has to be because my wife is still sleeping or that she forgot. I will accuse her of my own problem; the problem is hardly ever me. In another case, when I see that something is missing and I cannot find it, I am quick to think that someone came by and stole something of mine. It is never my first thought that I may have used it, placed it somewhere else, and then forgot that I used it earlier. On a much broader scale, we often hear that immigrants are the problem and that our country would be doing much better if it wasn't for the moochers who are disrupting our system and way of life. It is easy to accuse and point the finger at others for our problems when really the issues of our society are much for complicated than singling out a specific group of people. It is easy to say that immigrants are the problem because it makes *me* feel like I'm not part of the problem. It is never *me* that may be part of the problem, it is always someone else that is the cause for my problems. This way of thinking is what Buddhists try to shy away from and should call into question.

The point here is not to beat ourselves up and be overcritical of ourselves to the point of depression. But Buddhism does teach us that spiritual liberation does involve the reflection to see the imperfect self and the depth of our attachments. When we are humbled to see our true selves by listening to the Buddha Dharma, we are then able to see a path for us to walk on, which in turn, gives us the courage and audacity to take one step forward at a time.

Gassho

あなたのせいだ！

この間、大事なことを教えられました。毎週、日曜礼拝のために私か妻がご尊前のお仏飯を用意します。ある朝、お仏飯が用意されてなかったことに気づき、なんで用意ができていないのかと妻に怒り聞きました。でもよく考えて見たら、本当は私がお仏飯を用意するはずです。気づいてみたら、最近妻が毎週お仏飯を用意してくれていて、知らないうちにそれが当たり前のことになってしまっていたのです。しかし、このことに気づいたら、妻が私の生活をいかに支えてくれているのかが分かり、また自分の愚かさがどれほど見えないものなのかが改めて分からせて頂いたのでありました。

浄土真宗で大事にされている『仏説観無量寿経』の中でこのことについて話しています。このお経の中に登場する人物、韋提希夫人という方がいらっしゃいます。彼女の息子である阿闍世王子が提婆達多(彼は釈尊の従兄弟に当たります)のそそのかしによって父の王を殺し、またそれを助けた母韋提希夫人を投獄します。韋提希は釈尊にこの苦しみからの救いの道を教えてくださいと助けを求めます。しかし、深い恨みの惑いから釈尊に対してこう聞くのです。「釈尊はなぜ提婆達多のような人と親戚なのですか？」と。つまり、なぜあなたがそんな悪人と繋がりがいいのか？と訴えるのです。言い換えれば、韋提希は「私の苦しみの理由は、あなたがその裏にいるからではないか」と、とんでもないことを言い出して疑うのです。しかし、この話には実はその背景があり、父王と母韋提希が阿闍世がまだ赤ん坊の時に一度殺そうとしたのであります。このことを忘れて、釈尊になぜ自分がこういう辛い目に合わなければならないのかと訴えるのです。自分の罪を忘れて、他人に自分の不幸の原因を見てしまうのです。

普段、私たちは何かの物事についての表面しか見なくて、そこから色々と判断をしてしまいます。先ほどのお仏飯の話では、お仏飯ができていないことを見て、「妻がまだ寝てるんだな」とか「忘れてるんだな」と自分の心の中で勝手に思い込みます。つまり、自分が起こした問題に、彼女のせいだとしてしまうのです。

また違う話ですが、私が探しているものがいくら探してもなかったら、「ひょっとして、誰かが私のものを盗んだな！」という思いが一番先に出来ます。けれども、私がそれ使って、どこか違うところに置いたことを忘れてしまっているとは頭にはなかなか浮かんで来ないのです。

さらに、このことを広げてみていくと、アメリカの移民問題についてです。よく移民がこの国のあらゆる問題の原因だと言います。移民が勝手に私たちの国に入ってきて、私たちの財産を奪っていくのだという批判の声ですが。しかし、この少数派のグループを特別視し、この人たちのせいで色々な問題が起こってきているのだとすることは国の社会諸問題の複雑さを簡単に片付けようとする方法に過ぎないのです。移民が問題であれば、この私は問題になりませんから。「私は決して問題であるはずがない、問題は相手なんだ」という考えはいつも起こります。このような考え方がまさに仏教が考え直して欲しいと教えるのであります。

他方、私たちは愚かな者であるから自分を傷つけるほど反省しなさいと仏教は言っていません。しかし、この「自分とはなにか」と問いかけ、自分こそが煩惱というものに惑わせられていると気づいたら、自分のどこかが少しでも変わるのではないのでしょうか。仏法を聞く中で、私のありのままの姿が教えられ頭が下がります。そして、頭がさがる中で、歩ける道が開けてきて、そこから一步步ずつ進めていける確信が生まれるのであります。今月も「あなたのせいだ」という前に、もう一度自分とは何かと問いかけてみるのも大事なことでないでしょうか。合掌

President's Message

Future Schedule



(Sun) February 10

(Thur) February 14

(Fri-Sun) February 15-17

(Sun) February 17

February 3-24

(Sun) March 3

(Sun) March 17

Nirvana Day, Pet Memorial Service

Book Club @ King's Books 7 pm

NW District Convention at Doubletree Suites in Southcenter,
Hosted by White River Buddhist Temple

No Service

Towel drive/Pet supply collection (see pg. 6)

Sukiyaki Dinner

Ohigan/BWA Memorial/Lady Kujo & Lady Ohtani Service



Belated Happy New Year. Since my election to the office of President was delayed, I did not submit a message for the January Myokyo. So, this is my first message of 2019. First, I extend my thanks and gratitude to Wendy Hamai, our past President. I appreciate all the efforts that Wendy extended to make sure we were able to have a new Reverend assigned to Tacoma. And grateful for her help in getting Reverend Miyaji and family settled into Tacoma. I look forward to working with Rev Miyaji.

I extend my deepest sympathies to the Nakagawara family on the passing of Toyoko Nakagawara. Mrs Nakagawara was a fixture at the Temple and will truly be missed.

During 2019 we will be honored to be visited by the Gomonshu, the spiritual head of Jodo Shinshu, on September 3, 2019. We will be doing projects to spruce up the Temple before the Gomonshu's visit. There will be more information available about the schedule when the date is closer.

Our annual Sukiyaki fund raiser is quickly approaching. It is one of our 3 vital fund raisers we have each year. If you are not contacted to help, please see our co-chairs Tracy Ling or Bobby Yotsuuye. They will be able to find a position for you. Thank you for all your contributions to make our Sukiyaki fund raiser successful. I look forward to working with our Board of Directors and all of our Sangha members.

Gassho,
David

Buddhist Women's Association News



Beginning 2019 with New Year family gatherings and enjoying special foods was so fulfilling. What was really humbling was listening to my grandsons have great joy at dinner – they were just happy with funyu chicken wings, red 'and' green grapes on their plates. *chocolate* milk. Made me realize I need to appreciate the little perks in life-something I often overlook.

I have been contacted many times over the past few weeks from the **16th World Buddhist Women's Conference** committee. There is still plenty of time to register if you are interested to attend. Please contact me for information. There are fourteen attendees so far, including June Weled's three sisters – I think it will be interesting, educational and fun! Hope you will consider joining us!

There are '11' BWA ladies attending the **Northwest Buddhist Convention February 15-17, 2019**. A half page ad was submitted to White River with a cabinet vote.

Please keep an open thought for a **Bus Trip** for this year. This will be discussed at our March 10th general meeting.

Our annual Clean Towel Drive will begin February 3rd – 24. Please bring your clean towels to our bins so they can be distributed to a local pet shelter. BEC will jointly be collecting special items for our animal friends as well. A list will be posted.

On Saturday, February 23, we will be making daifuku mochi as part of a fundraiser for our World Conference attendees. Please mark your calendar as we will begin at **8:00 AM** to make our 8 boxes.

We did get permission from the Sukiyaki Committee to sell this on the stage. All proceeds will be divided amongst all of our BWA attendees.

Our first **General Meeting will be Sunday, March 10th** after service in the Rev. Pratt room. *Please mark your calendars.* The NEW 2019 January-February-March Toban will provide a light lunch.

We will be making **daifuku mochi on Saturday, March 16th** for BWA Memorial service. We will begin at 8:00 AM and be done before noon. We share this daifuku with the sangha each year at the end of service.

BWA sends our condolences and highest regard to the family of **Toyoko Nakagawara** who passed away Christmas evening. She was a strong BWA supporter, President from 1981-1985, and always encouraged the BWA members to be kind and giving to the Temple and each other. Thank you, Toyoko, for your knowledge, your warmth, your smile.

Thank you BWA members and non-BWA members for your continued support and encouragement you have given to this organization.

Save these dates:

Feb. 15-17, 2019	72 nd NW Buddhist Convention at the Doubletree, Tukwila
Feb. 23	Daifuku mochi making – 8:00 AM (World Convention fundraiser)
Mar. 10	BWA General Meeting after service
Mar. 16	Daifuku mochi making – 8:00 AM
Aug. 30-Sept. 1, 2019	World BWA Conference in San Francisco

Gassho,
June Akita

Dharma School News



Happy New Year! I would like to thank all the students who provided entertainment at the New Year's Party Jan 6th as well as students who interviewed and introduced our Keiro honorees – well done! Our hope is these activities will enhance intergenerational connections across our sangha!

Another New Year's activity was the Dharma School's very first Mochizuki on Jan 20th! Masahiro Sugano, who thought of providing this experience for our students and helped organize it, explained this Japanese tradition as follows. *Mochi*, or sticky rice, helps celebrate the new year as an offering for hope and happiness. Mas rallied June Akita, the Yotsuuye family (David, Bobby, Junko and Elsie Taniguchi – a former Yotsuuye), Karen Yoshitomi, Kensuke Shimizu and our teachers and families to help. Twenty students, big and small, had a chance to hold a *usu*, or wooden mallet and pound rice to the beat of the taiko drum – again thanks to the Yotsuuye family. Students also formed the mochi into moon shapes, then devoured them with an assortment of traditional condiments.

Our next big pk-12 activity will be Feb 3rd, hosted by Kenji Stoll, a former DS student– stay tuned! On another subject, we were extremely saddened about the passing of Mrs. Toyoko Nakagawara, who was my Dharma School teacher, as well as many others. During the memorial service, I found out she had also served as the superintendent. Even though she is no longer with us physically, she is still giving back. Mrs. Nakagawara and her family made a donation to the Dharma School in her memory. Our goal is to use these funds in a way that will honor her commitment to the students and the temple. The teachers and students will gather to discuss this. If you have ideas as well, then please reach out to me, thank

you. If you would like to lead a student activity or volunteer in the classroom and see what we do, then please let me or one of the teachers know!

In gassho,
Merilee

Young Buddhist Association News



Happy February everyone,

We would like to thank you all for the support from the Dharma School New Year's performance. We can't wait to see everyone who will be attending this year's Northwest Buddhist Convention.

Hope everyone's great 2019 year continues on with this February.

Gassho, Ryan Ling

Buddhist Education Committee News



The District Convention is right around the corner, and the BEC hopes that many of you will have the chance to attend it and hear some of the great speakers they have lined up. The convention is a wonderful opportunity to listen deeply to the Dharma with friends new and old. I particular want to mention a talk being given by Rev. Dr. Duncan Ryūken Williams, a professor of Japanese religion at USC (and Sōtō Zen priest). He will be speaking about his new book, *American Sutra: A Story of Faith and Freedom in the Second World War*, which discusses the role that Buddhism played in the lives of those people interned by the U.S. government during World War II. I've heard him talk about this project before and I highly recommend attending it if you can. We also hope to schedule this book for our monthly book group this summer.

On that note, a reminder that every second Thursday at 7pm at King's Books in Tacoma we run a "Buddhism Today" book club. Fliers for the next book are always posted a month in advance in the temple foyer. If you have any questions, please let me know. I hope you can join us!
- Erik Hammerstrom

Along with the BWA's towel drive, the **Buddhist Education Committee** is collecting the items listed below for the **Humane Society of Tacoma & Pierce County, Feb. 3 – 24. Drop off the donated items in the temple foyer.**

- Cat & Dog food (while we do accept opened pet food, please provide us with brand/flavor information)
- Clay cat litter
- Extra Large "Kong" brand stuff-able toys, new or used
- Collars and leashes, new or used
- Black wire pet cages 31" x 21.75" x 23.75", new or used
- Blankets, new or used, fleece only & washed

Thank you from Rev. Miyaji, Fred Pelger, Donna Sasaki, Patti Wong, Lynrae Hubbell, Erik Hammerstrom & Kenzo Yoshitomi.



February Toban News

First, thank you to Mrs. Mayumi Ikeda for doing such a great job as Toban chair and for documenting the process so well. Thank you Toban groups for keeping our Temple clean and helping out with our various Temple events. We could not do it without you!

All Toban chairs – Whenever there is news that is shared through the temple e-mail system, please call your Toban members that do not have e-mail.

Upcoming Dates:

- February 24: Sukiyaki set-up after service – ALL MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO HELP
- March 2: Sukiyaki food prep – ALL MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO HELP
- March 3: Sukiyaki 11am – 3pm – ALL MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO HELP
- March 5: Sukiyaki cleanup at 7pm – ALL MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO HELP

February & March 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 Merlaine Cook know the clean-up dates to check for conflicts with other activities and to add to the Temple calendar.

February 2019 Group	March 2019 Group
**Kaila Yoshitomi-So	**Matthew & Merlaine Cook
Karen Yoshitomi	Tom & Lynrae Hubbell
Shinobu & Kazuko Inoue	Ken & Lynne Tanino
Kenzo Yoshitomi	Jill Case
Alvin & Donna Sasaki	Tanya Henriques
<u>Email or Phone Tree Members</u>	<u>Email or Phone Tree Members</u>
Allan & Rose Kishi	Pauline Yamashita
Don Arima & Susan Bogni	
Asako Arima	

February Group Responsibilities:

- Monthly clean-up for January and February
- New Year Service & Party: Help serve and clean-up.
- Coffee hour to coincide with Nirvana Day/Pet Memorial Service)
- Sukiyaki: Make lunch Sunday prior to Sukiyaki (February toban to coordinate)

March Group Responsibilities:

- Monthly clean-up for March and April
- Wash windows and dust railings around windows
- Sukiyaki Dinner: Provide snacks for Saturday - the day before Sukiyaki
- Hanamatsuri: Help with set up and clean up with BWA. Set up tables and chairs.
- Coffee hour

Thank you,
Kaila

From Your Facility Committee



With February being the start of the Year of the Pig, we are sure to hear a lot of fireworks and an abundance of prognostications. Of course, the gremlins are shooting off their own fireworks on account of a couple of parsonage appliances that went kablooeey. A hot water heater started leaking in a manner that indicated it was about ready to give up the ghost. Now if it would have been leaking sake, I'm sure it would have been a keeper, but all we got was run-of-the-mill H2O. I bet Reverend Miyaji wouldn't have minded maintaining a still in the parsonage, but a piddling hot water heater needed to be shown the door. But as the hot water heater was being hauled out the door Old Man Winter waltzed right on in. What a better time than winter for a furnace to act up. Seems Sensei's carbon footprint shrunk a bit when the parsonage furnace got cranky and stopped heating. In this case the appliance got a new lease on life. After a component replacement the furnace was back in action giving Old Man Winter a poke in the eye. However, that poor old furnace is creating a Yeti-sized carbon footprint due to a lack in insulation in the attic. By the time you read this article insulation should have been applied and the neighborhood will no longer be able to freeload off the heat emanating from the parsonage.



Another project that should be wrapped up by the time you get your hands on this paper is the water line project. Many thanks to Tony Gregg for ramrodding this important repair. I have transported a mole from Fort Lewis to help dig the trench. If you see a mound at some other location in the yard it's not my fault. My mole knows, once the job is complete, it is to move across the street and dig up their property.

Now when you approach the parsonage you better smile because Robert Yotsuuye mounted a camera so the Miyaji family can see who is standing at the front door. David Yotsuuye installed age-old technology to assist us in seeing who might be standing on the other side of the temple door—a peep hole.

As the year goes on you will be some busy activity on part of the facilities crew as we prepare for the Monshu's visit. Here are some of the projects slated to be done by September: repair the split pipe railing on the steps near parsonage; add a flood light over the stairs that lead down to the parsonage; install new decking and handrails on the parsonage rear deck; replace the steel pipe handrail in front of the temple towards parsonage side; and paint or touchup the wood railing along front of the Onaijin.

Jeff Hiroo and Fred Pelger keep pressure on dirt and debris during their weekly visits. Other selfless folks ensuring the temple is kept up to snuff are Mike Shiogi, David Yotsuuye, Robert Yotsuuye, Gary Ichinaga, Tom Hubbell, Tony Gregg, Rick Tanabe, and Del Sasaki. Additionally, Bob Yoshioka and Tad Kajimura are invaluable team members. Also, Kurt Osaka and Osaka Gardens continue to maintain the beauty of the temple landscape.

~Dave

Sukiyaki Update

Our Temple's first fundraiser for the year, our annual Sukiyaki Dinner, will be held on March 3, 2019 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Our menu will include our tasty sukiyaki dinner, chicken dinners and chicken sides, mochi ice cream, mochi cupcakes and miso soup.

Thank you to Lynne Tanino for distributing the \$14 tickets. Posters are also available if you could help advertise this special event in your neighborhood or work place.


Committee chairs may be contacting you to help make this a successful event. Please help if you can, even

for part of a shift will be helpful. If you have not been contacted and are available to help, please call or email Tracy Ling (tling12005@gmail.com) or Bobby Yotsuuye (yotsuuye@hotmail.com). Friends and non-members are also welcome to help.

Please mark your calendars with these very important dates and times:

Construction	Sunday, February 24 after service	A light lunch will be served
Food Preparation	Saturday, March 2 8:00 am	A light lunch will be served
Vegetable Washing	Saturday, March 2 7:00 am	
Sukiyaki Dinner	Sunday, March 3 11:00 – 3:00 pm	
Take Down	Check with our committee chairperson for 'your' starting time	
	Tuesday, March 5 7:00 pm	

Thank you for your many efforts to make this a successful fundraising event.
Tracy and Bobby



Tacoma Buddhist Temple expresses its condolences to the family of

Mr. Tom Shimizu

Thank you and we look forward to our continued relationship with you
as you lovingly guide us from the Pure Land.

Namo Amida Butsu

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

February 2019:

3 rd Year	Sugiyama, Yoshiko	Shakuni Jun-Ki	February 16, 2017
13 th Year	Masumoto, Mary Yoneko	Shakuni Myo-ko	February 9, 2007
13 th Year	Yoshida, Ben	Shaku Ben-Nen	February 26, 2007

March 2019:

3 rd Year	Tanbara, Kimiko	Shakuni Ji-Raku	March 21, 2017
7 th Year	Abe, Katsuji	Shaku Sho-Tai	March 25, 2013
33 rd Year	Nakamoto, Masaru	Shaku Sho-Gan	March 17, 198



April 2019:

25th Year
33rd Year

Hayashi, Akira
Takahashi, Sumi

Shaku Myo-Chi
Shakuni Myo-Gan

April 25, 1995
April 12, 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)

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

February	3	Jim Doyle & Tony Gregg
	10	Lynrae & Tom Hubbell
	17	No Service
	24	Yasuko Morita & Erin Berkey
March	3	No Service
	10	Michael Shiogi & Henry Stoll
	17	Ken Tanino & Coco Inoue
	24	David Yotsuuye & Bobby Yotsuuye
	31	Jane Burster & David Campbell

Announcement!

The new Sunday services, which will be called Sangha Service in the Myokyo, will undergo a change in format starting January 20th. The service will be held in two parts, the first half will focus on Dharma school children and the second half will focus on the adult members. There will be new readings and chants introduced. We are excited with the new format and look forward to seeing you at the Sangha Service!

Gassho

Book Club

King's Book

February 14 at 7 pm

WELCOME *Alexandria Theisen*

1. Tell us where you were born and raised.

I was born and raised in Phoenix, Arizona.

2. Why have you chosen to become a member of the temple?

I chose to become a member of the Tacoma Buddhist Temple because my family have been long time members of the Arizona Buddhist Temple and continue to work hard for the Sangha there. Having grown up as part of the Temple and with my husband and me making Tacoma our new home, I knew that I wanted to be a part of this Sangha.

3. Do you have any skills or interests that can add to the sangha?

I am very open to helping around the temple if you need help. Professionally, I am a middle school science teacher, so I enjoy science and teaching. In Phoenix where my parents were the main YBA advisors, I was a 6-8 Dharma school teacher. I can help a lot with the youth of the temple.

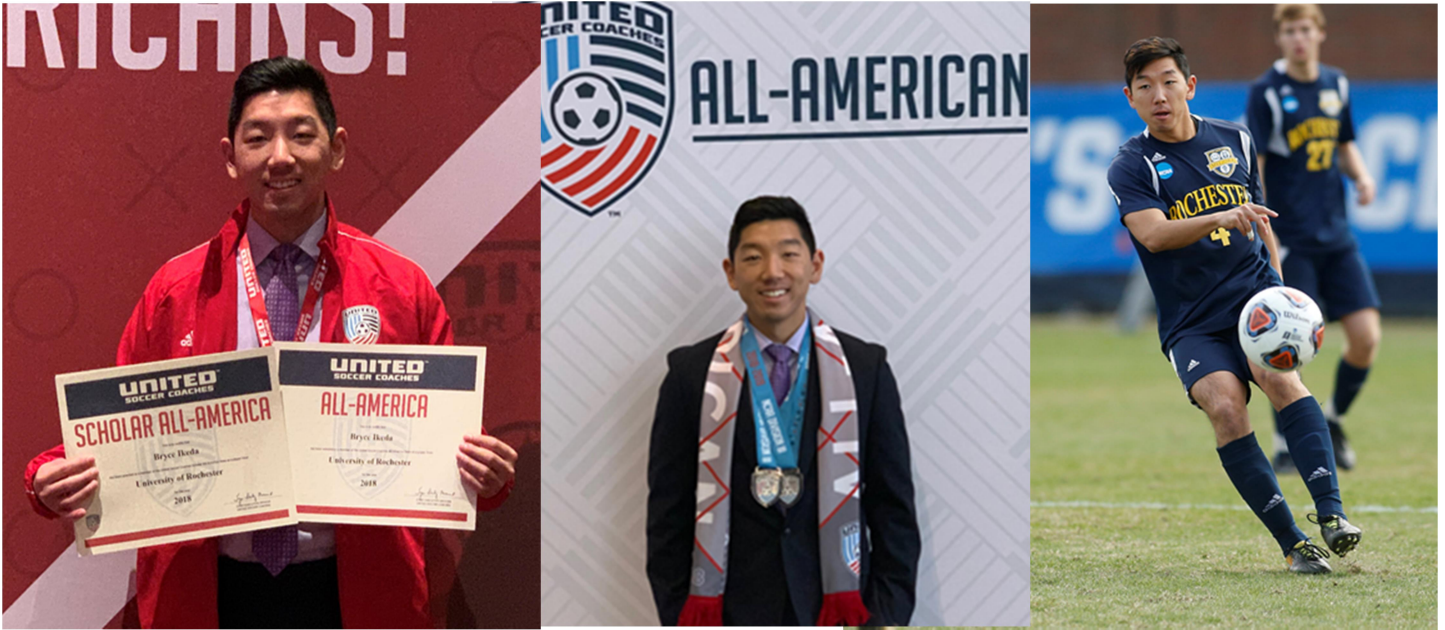


4. What is the one thing you want the temple to know about you.

I would like the Sangha to know that I am actually 28 years old, even if I don't look like it.



Have you heard??.....



Taishi Ikeda is the son of Kevin and Mayumi Ikeda and the grandson of Kosho and Michiko Yukawa. He grew up in the temple attending Dharma School and was a member of Y.B.A. until he left to attend the University of Rochester in western New York.

As a senior midfielder and co-captain, Taishi has been named a First Team All-American in men's soccer by the United Soccer Coaches. He is the fifth Rochester player to earn First Team All-America honors in men's soccer and the first one in 13 years.

This is the ninth athletic honor for 2018 for Taishi this season – four as a player, five academically. On the field, he was named First Team All-University Athletic Association, First Team All-East Region by the USC, and now First Team All-American. Academically, he was named Google Cloud First Team Academic All-District and Third Team All-America, USC Second Team Scholar All-America, UAA All-Academic, and a Lysle 'Spike' Garnish honoree (Top-10 senior student athletes) by the Athletic Department at Rochester. The Garnish awards take into account athletic achievement, academic ability and community service.

Taishi and his team was the first for the U of R to compete in the NCAA Division III Final Four in school history and the ended the 2018 season ranked as number four nationally. He was also named to the all-tournament team. He will be graduating in May with a degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering. He plans to attend University of Rochester for an additional year to complete his master's degree.

Congratulations Taishi !!!



PING PONG Anyone?

We are interested in putting together an unofficial ping pong league at the temple and you are invited!

Currently, we are taking down names of those interested in playing after services.

- Sign-up sheet is located downstairs by the Ping Pong Tables.
- League brackets will be determined by skill level/age and singles/pairs, given we have enough players.

Access to these tables will be given on a first come/ first serve basis.

More specifics to come.

If you are interested, please contact Bobby Yotsuuye. email: yotsuuye@outlook.com or call: [253.927.1125](tel:253.927.1125).

BCA and District News

Northwest visit by the Gomonsu

This fall we will be honored with a visit by the leader of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, His Eminence Ohtani Kojun. The Gomonsu will be visiting select temples on the west coast, during his visit to North America and will be coming to the Tacoma Temple the morning, of Sept. 3rd. Later that evening Seattle will be hosting a dinner with sangha members for His Eminence.

Northwest District Conventions

This coming February 15-17th the White River Temple will be hosting the NW district's 72nd annual convention at the DoubleTree Suites at Southcenter.

Next year the Northwest District Convention will be hosted by the Seattle Betsuin, taking place at the Hyatt Regency Lake Washington in Renton. The convention will take place in conjunction with the BCA National Council meeting, providing members with a terrific opportunity to attend what promises to be a truly dynamic conference.

The Portland Buddhist Temple will host the 2021 convention. One notable change is that the convention will move from the traditional President's Day weekend in February, to take place the weekend of September 17th.

BCA Debt Service

Earlier this year there was a committee formed for the purpose of making recommendations for resolving the outstanding \$3M+ loan for the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley, along with addressing utilization and maintenance issues at the JSC facility and BCA headquarters in San Francisco. Recommendations considered at the December National Board Meeting centered on the sale of the Bishop's parsonage in Belmont, CA to generate financial challenges for the BCA's other facilities. More information on this matter will be known upon the conclusion of the National Council meeting this coming March.

~John Inge

*February 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3 BEC Mtg Sangha Service 10:00 AM	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Board Mtg Nirvana Day Pet Memorial 10:00 AM	11	12	13	14 Book Club King's Books 7 PM	15 NW District Convention, 15-17	16
17 No Service	18 MYOKYO DEADLINE	19	20	21	22	23 BWA daifuku 8 AM
24 Sangha Service 10:00 AM	25	26	27	28		

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3 Sukiyaki Dinner No Service	4	5 BCA Nat'l Conference, Phoenix, AZ (5th-10th)	6	7	8	9
10 Sangha Service 10:00 AM	11	12	13	14 Book Club King's Books 7:00 PM	15	16 BWA daifuku 8 AM
17 SPRING OHIGAN BWA Mem 10:00 AM	18 MYOKYO DEADLINE	19	20	21	22	23
24 Sangha Service 10:00 AM 31 Sangha Svc 10 AM	25	26	27	28	29	30