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The Oregon Buddhist Temple Monthly Newsletter

March 2026



March Brings New Beginnings and Awakening Rev. Tadao Koyama

Happy March everyone! It is such a wonderful time to greet all of you. While I am writing this message, my new son has not been born yet, but we are down to the wire. Rev. Cyndi and I are scrambling to get the house ready and to prepare a warm and loving environment for our child.

When I think of March, I can't help but feel the sense that it is the time that we come out of the hibernation of winter and that we begin to go outside more, and enjoy the beauty of nature blossoming! This is why we celebrate the equinox called Ohigan. Ohigan is the time we as Buddhists celebrate the transitions of seasons and when the time of day and night are equal.

For us, this can represent the crossing from the shore of delusion to the shore of enlightenment. This is an opportunity to reflect on the Buddhist teachings of impermanence. The idea that nothing stays the same forever. The spring will bring warm weather and blossoms to view, and more activity to do outdoors. We see happy changes in our lives like graduation, promotions in our jobs, getting married, and having children! However, changes can also bring great sadness, like losing someone we love when they cross the shore to the pure land, when we lose a job we have been working so hard at, when a romantic relationship ends.

Whether we feel the great highs or lows of the changes in life, the Buddha-Dharma is there to continue holding us and nurturing us. In Jodo Shinshu teachings, we are taught of the constant embrace by Amida Buddha's wisdom and compassion. These two concepts alone are enough to bring us to eventual Buddhist awakening. Shinran, our founder, speaks of the time we totally come to accept this embrace. When this occurs, we live our lives without fear and regret. We come to this state of true settlement and live our lives as our authentic selves.

When we awaken from the delusions of selfishness, ego, and anger, we truly come to appreciate the light of Amida in our lives. This is where Namo Amida Butsu comes from. I alone cannot awaken by myself. I need the guiding hands of the Buddha to show me the way.

I wish everyone a wonderful spring season and look forward to a brand new chapter of my life beginning with the birth of my son.

Namo Amida Butsu



Mar. 2026 President's Message Charles Reneau, OBT President

Last weekend, I had the pleasure of attending my first in-person Buddhist Churches of America National Council Meeting, held concurrently with our Northwest District Convention.

The National Council is formed of a voting body of the Ministers, Presidents, and Vice Presidents of the roughly 60 BCA Temples in the mainland USA. At this year's meeting, the body voted on a proposed Ministerial Compensation Guidelines, changes to BCA bylaws, proposed budget, and Executive Board nominations.

Most of the meeting, however, consisted of reports from various arms of the BCA and its districts. For example, we learned about the financial assistance the Social Welfare Committee has provided to numerous organizations, including food banks and homeless service providers, as well as direct assistance to families impacted by the wildfires of January 2025.

The successful Dharma Forward campaign, the BCA's largest ever fundraiser, raised over \$16 million, much of which will go to supporting the Institute of Buddhist Studies, in Berkeley. The IBS has increased enrollment, and has a number of students studying to become Kaikyoshi ministers, which should help ease the shortage of ministers.

In more sobering news, the BCA President discussed the long-term decline in Temple membership: down about 3% per year. These statistics parallel a nation-wide decline in religious observance and affiliation, and may reflect a much larger scope of trends and forces than the BCA can meaningfully influence. However, current leadership is keenly aware of the institutional and religious loss that this decline represents, and believes we should grow our Temples.

To this end, the BCA leadership is working on a new pilot program called Project: Catalyst. This is still in its early

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planning stages; one particular reform up for discussion would shift the assessments that member Temples pay to the BCA.

Each Temple pays an amount of money to the BCA calculated by averaging five years' worth of its membership (\$206 per member, currently). So for example, after following the formula, the Oregon Buddhist Temple will pay the BCA \$14,838.70 (\$206.09 x 72 members).

In this way, the BCA has scaled its assessments in such a way that the larger the Temple, the larger the payment. That's reasonable! However, BCA leadership is acknowledging an unintended incentive structure: if a Temple gains new members, its assessment increases. The concern is that, if a Temple charges each new member dues that are less than the

BCA assessment, this structure provides each Temple a disincentive to growth, because it will have to pay the BCA more in dues than the new member brings in.

This might lead Temples to charge more for Membership than the BCA's current per-member-assessment, which, in turn, might dissuade people from joining Temples. As the BCA addresses this structural issue, it also hopes to encourage its Temples to reach out and increase our own membership. If you have any ideas as to how we at OBT might address this issue, please feel free to reach out to me or any other Board member!

OBT Upcoming Events		Officiant	Dharma Talk
Mar. 1	Regular Service - 10am	Brenda Fugate	Ken Garner
Mar. 8	Regular Service - 10am	Ken Garner	Guest Speaker: Dr. Duncan Williams
Mar. 14	Seminar with Rev. Dr. Jeff Wilson - 10:30am to 2pm		
Mar. 15	Shotsuki Hoyo Memorial Service - 10am	Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jeff Wilson	
Mar. 22	Ohigan Special Service - 10am	Brenda Fugate	Rev. Koyama (*)
Mar. 29	Regular Service - 10am	TBD	

(*) Rev. Koyama's Dharma Talks will be shown prerecorded as he welcomes his new baby boy

BCA Digital Sangha Now Open!

Join the BCA Digital Sangha by scanning the QR code with your phone or visiting this URL: bit.ly/3ShTqWb
For more details, see the [article](#) on the BCA website.

Join the BCA Digital Sangha

Our BCA Digital Sangha is a free-to-join, online community open to all our BCA members and friends. Scan below to get started—we'll see you there!



<https://tinyurl.com/bcadiscord>



Here's some ways you can stay connected to the dharma and to your community:

- Visit the [BCA Connect blog](#) to read and share BCA news, announcements, and articles from *Wheel of Dharma*.
- [Watch videos and live-streams](#) of dharma talks and services throughout the United States.
- Go to the [BCA YouTube](#) channel to view dharma content from throughout BCA.

To join the BCA mailing list:

buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/bca-connect.

March Shotsuki Hoyo

This is a monthly memorial service to honor and remember those loved ones who passed away during the month of March. The Shotsuki-Hoyo service will be held at the March 15 Sunday service at 10 am. Please join us and offer incense in memory of your relative(s) or friends.

Listed below are the names of those who passed away starting from 1950. Oregon Buddhist Temple has records from 1904. Names of deceased prior to 1950 are added if requested. If a name is missing or incorrect, please notify the temple at 503 481-0699 or at obtlanterns@gmail.com.

Chozo Abe, 3/26/1962	Toraichi Kurata, 3/12/1956	Akira Cap Saheki, 3/31/2014
Michael Allyn Noboru Ando, 3/8/2018	Tatsuko Kuribayashi, 3/8/2011	Hisako Saito, 3/25/2002*
George Shigeru Aoki, 3/8/1986	Wallace Kurihara, 3/19/2020	Chiyoko Sakurai, 3/11/1986*
Wonchoon Choi, 3/6/1966	Karen Fusae Lazzeroni, 3/20/2019	Iki Sanjo, 3/26/1970
Eric Dahl, 3/1/2018	Yaeko Maeda, 3/23/1986*	Ojiro Art Sasaki, 3/27/2004
Masako Dilley, 3/23/1991	Mathew M Masuoka, 3/20/1998	Sueno Sato, 3/12/1980
Ben Feingold, 3/22/1982	Henry Matsunaga, 3/10/1985	Beatrice Serikaku, 3/31/1999
Haru Fujita, 3/7/1999*	Iki Mishiro, 3/1970*	Sadaji Shiogi, 3/14/1975
Hana Hamada, 3/9/1993*	Hitoshi Miura, 3/18/1975	Joe Shiraishi, 3/6/2005
Eijiro Hara, 3/16/1959	Wataru Mizote, 3/4/1962	Yutaka Shiraishi, 3/19/1996
Shinichi Hariya, 3/9/1955	Makie Muraki, 3/24/2017	Yukino Takabayashi, 3/9/1976*
Koji Haruki, 3/23/1959	Kyu Muramatsu, 3/31/1966*	Yoshigo Takano, 3/7/1963
Taro Hataseki, 3/7/1953	Sumi Naganuma, 3/1981*	Dori Junko Takeuchi, 3/22/1976
Roy Higashi, 3/19/1998	Leke Nakashimada, 3/30/2012	Janet Setsuko Takeuchi, 3/22/1976
Sumiko Ikata, 3/30/2016*	Mary Nakashimada, 3/15/2009	Kuniji Tamura, 3/17/2001
Shohachi Itoyama, 3/11/1956	Tatsuzo Nakashimada, 3/5/1952	Howard Toshikatsu Tanada, 3/29/1994
Shigeichi Kakishita, 3/1/1993	Takeshi Nakaya, 3/16/2019	Toshiko Tanaka, 3/23/2013*
Nancy Hisako Kanai, 3/12/1987	Koji Naruki, 3/23/1959	Yutaka Tanaka, 3/10/1962
Hanjiro Kato, 3/27/1955	Gunichi Nishida, 3/25/1997	Tokichi Tom Tsujimura, 3/8/1971
James Keijiro Kida, 3/31/1988	Kijyu Nishimura, 3/31/1982*	Kazue Uyesugi, 3/1974*
Sada Kitagawa, 3/20/1993	Shinichi Nunotani, 3/9/1955	Shio Uyetake, 3/16/2009
Chikara Koike, 3/10/1986	Zenzaburo Ochiai, 3/4/1982	Jack Shizuma Watari, 3/19/1999
Toshiko Koike, 3/31/2006*	Hatsu Okabayashi, 3/19/1968	Frances Yurie Yamada, 3/26/2015
Jean Owashi Kono, 3/3/2015	Fred Onishi, 3/1/1982	Senichiro Yamada, 3/1/1958
Isao Kuranishi, 3/26/1995	Tameichi Rikiishi, 3/30/1964	Shigetaro Yamano, 3/6/1978
Torakazu Kuranishi, 3/12/1956	Yoshito G Sadamoto, 3/30/2006	Yoko Yuzuriha, 3/26/2023

* OBWA member

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Donations received 1-17-2026 to 2-14-2026

In memory of Jane Fukunaga

Marlene & Tasha Moro

SHOTSUKI HOYO***In memory of Herbert Osaki***

Etsuko Osaki

Joseph & Lora Wahl

In memory of Tom Hokama

Pat Hokama

In memory of Nami Sasaki

Joyce F. Olsen

In memory of brother, Francis Iwamoto

Katie Tamiyasu

In memory of Hisashi Okamoto

Janice Okamoto

In memory of Sakai Ando

Roberta Ando

In memory of May & Haruno Saito

Carolyn J. Saiget

SHOTSUKI HOYO *(continued)****In memory of James Takashima***

Katie Tamiyasu

In memory of Nobuko Yoshida

Cheri Yoshida

In memory of Denny Ando

Diane Ando Harder

In memory of Hiroshi Fujii

Diane Ando Harder

In memory of Pou & Bachan

Mika, Sayuri & Niha

Lady Kujo/Lady Ohtani memorial

Dana Kakishita

Anonymous

*(In memory of Aki Yuzuriha)***Hoonko**

Connie Masuoka

Alfred Ono

Janice Okamoto

Todd & Elaine Yuzuriha

Ronald Kobata

Anonymous

Anonymous

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“MARCH COMES IN LIKE A LION...” certainly true at the OBT.

We are very fortunate to have two notable Buddhist voices visit our temple this month. Don't miss the opportunity to hear and interact with these contemporary Buddhist scholars:

Rev. Dr. Duncan Ryuken Williams, on March 8

Rev. Dr. Jeff Wilson on March 14 & 15

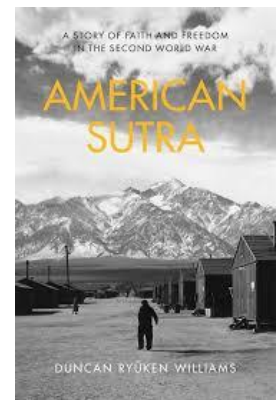
MARCH 8th “THE POWER OF REMEMBRANCE: A BUDDHIST PERSPECTIVE”



Duncan Ryuken Williams, well-known scholar, author, Soto Zen priest will present the Dharma Talk & Dharma Exchange. Williams accompanied the actual **Ireichō: Book of Names** (Irei Project) to the Japanese American Museum of Oregon (JAMO). The Ireichō is the first comprehensive listing of the 125,284 people of Japanese ancestry who were incarcerated in US Army, DOJ, WCCA, and WRA camps during WWII. *

Rev. Dr. Williams is the author of the fascinating book, [American Sutra: A Story of Faith and Freedom in the Second World War](#). It “tells the little-known story of how, in one of our country’s darkest hours, Japanese

Americans fought to defend their faith and preserve religious freedom.” ** In addition to *The Other Side of Zen: A Social History of Soto Zen Buddhism in Tokugawa Japan*, and several other titles, Williams is a frequent contributor to Tricycle Magazine and other scholarly publications.



Williams was instrumental in organizing the **MAY WE GATHER: A National Buddhist Memorial Ceremony for Asian-American Ancestors**. In his own words, the event was intended to help “heal the wounds of intergenerational trauma and cross-cultural hatred, and to appease the spirits of “All Beings Who Have Lost Their Lives from Racial or Religious Animus”.

Rev. Dr. Williams is currently professor of religion and East Asian languages and cultures at the University of Southern California.

Special thanks to Rev. Ron Kobata for arranging Duncan Williams’ visit to the OBT.

*JAMO is no longer taking appointments to add your stamp(s) to the book. Ireichō will be a part of the permanent collection of the Japanese American National Museum.

**<https://www.amazon.com/American-Sutra-Story-Freedom-Second/dp/0674986539>

“We are all like individual jewels in this larger net that extends infinitely in every direction. Like cut jewels, we’re like a mirror, so that when we look at one person, we see the reflection of everybody else. That’s the Buddha’s teaching at its core: we are interlinked. Our freedom is interlinked. When we come to learn more about each other, we can work anywhere in that net.”

Rev. Dr. Duncan Ryuken Williams

MARCH 14th SEMINAR with JEFF WILSON10:30 - Noon **“The Inclusivity of the Nembutsu”**

12 -12:45 PM LUNCH (provided)

12:45 - 2:00 PM **“The Dharma as a Foundation During Challenging Times.”****MARCH 15th SUNDAY SERVICE: Dharma Talk & Dharma Exchange**

Scholar, author, and ordained Jodo Shinshu minister, Rev. Dr. Jeff Wilson will be speaking on both March 14 & 15. His two talks “Inclusivity of the Nembutsu” and “The Dharma as a Foundation During Challenging Times” are intriguing topics and very relevant for all members of our sangha. Born and raised in United States, Jeff Wilson resides in Ontario, Canada where he is a professor of Religious Studies and East Asian Studies at Renison University College (University of Waterloo). You are encouraged to take a preview the titles of Wilson’s many books and published articles prior to the seminar. He is truly someone who has interests and has researched many topics that reflect and impact contemporary issues in today’s society.

His book, *Living Nembutsu* will be available for sale at the temple/seminar, and a few of his other titles can be found in the OBT library. Everyone is encouraged to attend any part or all of Wilson’s presentations. All sessions are free and open to the public.

To register for Saturday’s seminar, please use this link:

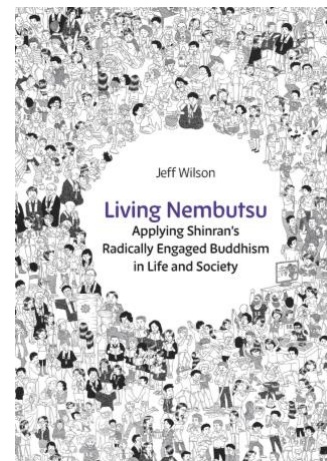
<https://forms.gle/e3DU7sNgQb5orBtk8>

For Zoom link and additional details, please go to www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com/jeffwilsonseminar or contact Ann Shintani or Carol Saiget.

Rev. Dr. Wilson’s seminar is sponsored by the George and Kathryn Anderson Charitable Trust.

“Selflessness is humility. ... humility and freedom go hand in hand. Only a humble person can be free.”

– Jeff Wilson, *Buddhism of the Heart: Reflections on Shin Buddhism and Inner Togetherness*



BCA Nat'l Council and NW District Convention Feb 13-15, 2026

photos by Maho Garner

Art by OBT Sangha at BCA Live Art Show @2026 National Council and NWDistrict Convention (Hyatt Regency Lake Washington Renton, Washington) February 13-15, 2026



Tom Zenkyo Howard



Mai Thi La



Haruki Winner



Kinya Tsuruta



Jason Ranker



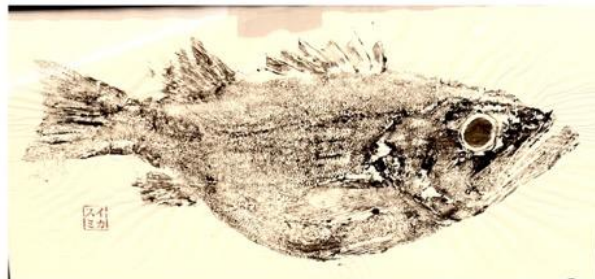
Mayu Garner



Bishop Harada and Rev.Dennis Fujimoto



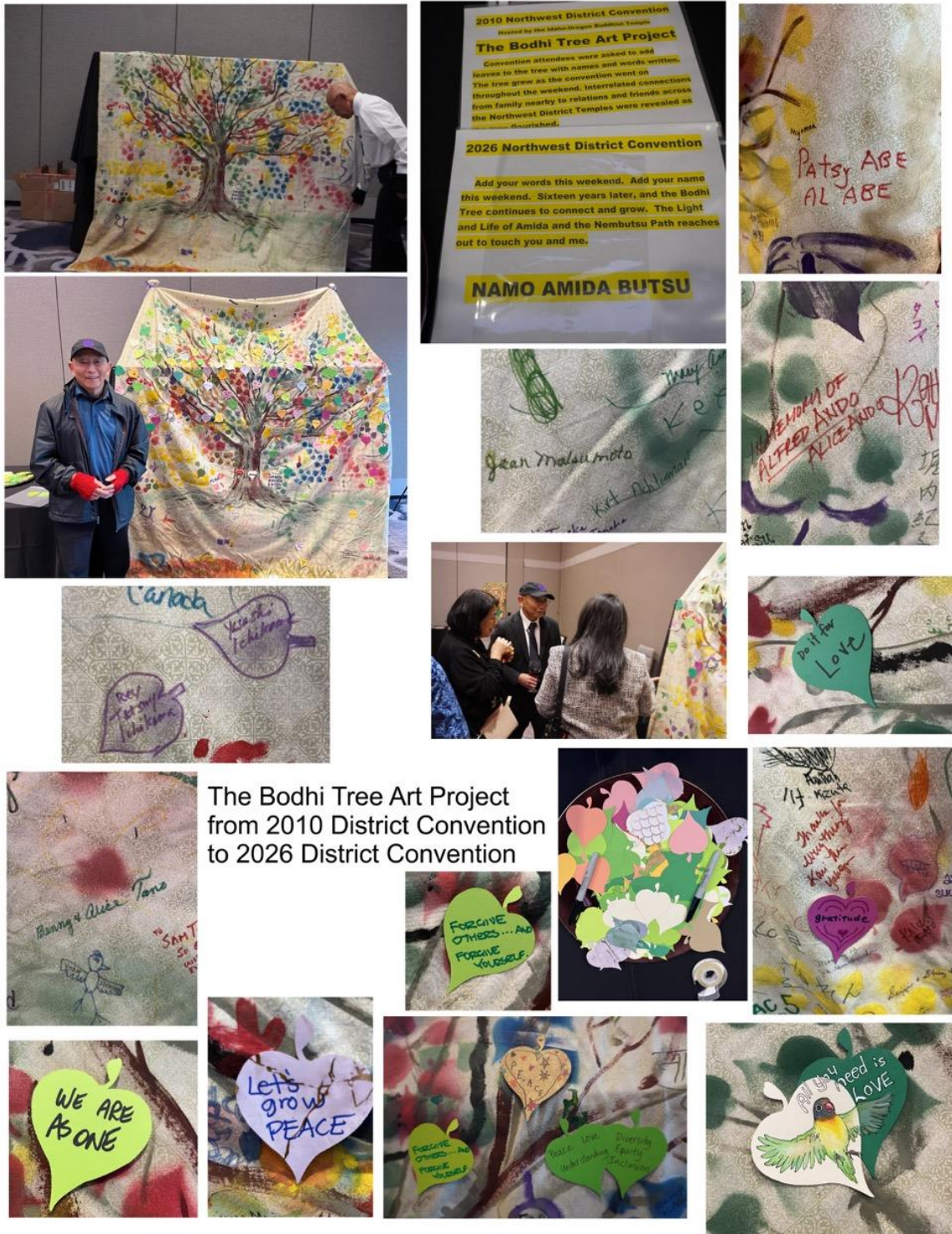
Maho Garner



Scott Winner

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The BodhiTree Art Project was originally shown at the 2010 NW District Convention in Idaho Oregon. You can see a lot of familiar names on the original fabric - which survived the temple fire and all this time. Rev. Dennis Fujimoto, who led the BC Art Gallery Room, had this art project brought out to Convention 2026, and had people add more leaves and wishes for the Bodhi Tree to grow. Quite a few people added messages, names, dates, etc. during the convention. There are several that OBT readers might recognize!



The Bodhi Tree Art Project from 2010 District Convention to 2026 District Convention

Baby Shower for Rev. Koyama and Rev. Cyndi - Feb 22, 2026 photos by Maho Garner

OBT celebrated Rev. Koyama and Rev. Cyndi's upcoming arrival after service on Feb. 22. OBT and OBWA representatives (Charley, Amy, Jeanette) presented Rev. Koyama with a gift card and there were lots of other gifts and cake. Gifts included a big baby diaper cake with many toys and baby supplies from Diane H, and a cute puppy with shikisho from Dharma School. We wish a safe delivery for the Koyama's baby and look forward to meeting him soon!



Editor's Note: The article below by OBT board member Carol Saiget is intended to help make the board more accessible to temple members.



Our OBT Programs **Carol Saiget / OBT Board Member**

Perhaps it is my age or stage in life, but after many decades at our temple, I am struck by how far we have come. When I look at what we now offer, I feel a deep sense of gratitude and appreciation for the commitment, care, and collective efforts that sustain our service and Dharma programs.

Each Sunday our temple is vibrant with services, Dharma talks, Dharma Exchanges, and a Dharma School program. Reverend Koyama's schedule at the Tacoma Buddhist Temple and BCA responsibilities are such that he is only able to be at the OBT once a month. The continuity and vitality of our programs are made possible through the dedication of our Minister Assistants Brenda Fugate and Ken Garner and members of our BEC (Buddhist Education Committee). Brenda and Ken are supported by a handful of others, like Al Ono and Charles Reneau who help ensure that our services and Dharma Exchanges are thoughtful, engaging, and meaningful.

We are especially fortunate that retired Minister Reverend Ron Kobata is a member of our sangha and generously volunteers to conduct services once a month. His presence, leadership, and wisdom greatly enrich our Dharma program. Together, the collective efforts of these volunteer ministers, assistants, and a handful of others, create an impressive and sustaining program week after week. For this, we can be truly grateful.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to attend services, or if it has been some time since your last visit, I warmly encourage you to join us.

I invite you to come and experience it for yourself. Our sangha may not be large, but it is warm, diverse, and welcoming, and there is something here for each of us.

note: Sunday service programs can be viewed on Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88441525686?pwd=EeovjfEdmbgAgQUoFXpEC1RAQrzPP1.1>

Visit the temple website for additional information.



Dharma School **Ann Shintani**

Dharma School students visited the Oregon Humane Society in February. Nirvana Day remembers the passing of the historical Buddha. "Nirvana" means "to extinguish", so we are reminded to continue to "blow out the fires of Greed, Anger and Ignorance" by listening to the Dharma teachings. We learned about the pets who are seeking adoption to caring families, and how we can help them with just our visit. We spoke softly to them, and offered treats to teach them that people can be kind. We saw many cute dogs and puppies, some shy and quiet, some friendly, and some loud. Thank you to Marilyn for planning our visit and bringing human treats, and to Ann for sharing dog treats.



In April, and in advance of Hanamatsuri, I will distribute "My Offering" envelopes to families. This is the annual fund drive for students to practice the act of giving (such as coins from "piggy banks") and supports the BCA's Federation of Dharma School Teachers' League in providing for pamphlets and booklets relevant to Jodo Shinshu teachings to temples. Last year, OBT Dharma School received copies of "Living Nembutsu", by Rev. Dr. Jeff Wilson.

The Three Charms, Part II. The Dana Class will be presenting this original play soon!

Thank you to families and students for joining us at temple services and classes. I feel like each time we meet, we are learning how to show compassion to ourselves, each other, and the greater community.



OBT Library Reorganization **John Fial**

The reorganization of the OBT Library, which started before the pandemic, is finally coming to a close! Chris Dart and Al Ono have been working on the all the final details (like labels) and making sure all is in order. John Fial has been added to our "staff" to take care of the children's books and, with Joaō helping, has a new organizational structure in place. On April 5th, for Dharma Exchange, we will have a brief dharma exchange and fill the sangha in on what we have done. John and Al will present some of the books that they would recommend for your reading list. Hope to see you all there! Questions? Contact Chris Dart.



79th Annual Japanese American Community Graduation Banquet **Sunday May 3, 2026** **Elaine Yuzuriha**

The Japanese American Graduation Banquet will be Sunday, May 3rd, 2026 at 1 pm, located at the Double Tree Hotel in Portland. This annual event will honor the Class of 2026 high school graduates from the Portland Metro area and award the community scholarships. Tickets will be available after Feb. 23rd and will be \$55 this year for the sit-down luncheon. Please join us in honoring our students by attending the banquet. OBT's High School senior is Haruki Winner, daughter of Scott Winner and Ann Shintani Winner.

The Japanese American Community Scholarship application is due March 1st, 2026. Please see the Portland JACL website for the qualifications and application. See <https://www.pdxjacl.org/scholarships/> for more details.

Please send the names of any Japanese American High School Graduate from the Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas counties in Oregon, and Clark County, WA to the graduation committee so they can invite the graduate to the banquet to honor them. Contact Elaine Yuzuriha (elaine@minidokaswingband.com). See our Facebook page: Portland Japanese American Community Graduation.



Mottainai Craft Group Toyoko Oguri

The Mottainai craft group met for the first and second sessions of a series of workshops to make happi or hippari. Hippari is a top like happi, but with overlap that ties at the sides. There were approximately 10 participants who had none to expert level of sewing experience. At the first session on February 14, each participant made their own pattern from a commercial pattern or drew their own pattern following a diagram. Pattern for a Japanese garment is easy because each piece is a rectangle. A garment can be custom made by adjusting the width or the length of the rectangle. Each member also learned to select fabric appropriate for their garment. At the second session, they started cutting the fabric while learning about differences in design of fabrics. Some even started sewing the simple seams. Next 2 sessions will continue with sewing and learning to adjust the size.

We welcome requests for custom size happi or yukata. It's never too early to plan to wear for Obon! Donations of kimono, obi, yukata or any Japanese-themed fabric for repurposing are always welcome. If you plan to donate, please let us know who you are, so we can thank you properly. All proceeds from the sale benefit the temple and the women's group (OBWA).

WHAT'S AHEAD

- **March 7 and March 21 (Saturday) 10:30 to 3.** Continue the happi/hippari workshops or independent projects.
- Another marbling session at an off-site location in warmer months.

Contact the group for any questions at mottainaicraftgroup24@gmail.com.



OBT Events and Meetings

Links to and list of recurring events and meetings. Because most events are now live at OBT, this table will contain only those events/meetings with zoom links. Check the newsletter calendar for the dates of everything that is occurring at the temple. For questions: obon.oregonbuddhisttemple@gmail.com (goes to Chris).

Please check our website for any last minute updates (like weather, funerals, or cancellations).

OBT Regular Service

Every week – Sun 10 AM

Dharma Exchange (following the Regular Service) at 11 AM

Link below to website for the filmed services:

<https://www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com/>

This link is to zoom for the live Sunday Services and Dharma Exchange:

Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88441525686?pwd=EeovjfEdmbgAgQUoFXpEC1RAQrzPP1.1>

Meeting ID: 884 4152 5686

Passcode: 804117



OBWA

3rd Sat, mid-month, each month – 10 AM (specific date on calendar)

Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/96237030266?pwd=QjYxMjl5dDM3cnFVLzR5YmEvUU94UT09>

Meeting ID: 962 3703 0266

Passcode: 574232

Sunday Bon Odori

last Sunday of the month (see below – specific date on calendar)

Bon odori is generally the last Sunday of the month at 1 PM in the basement. July/August are exceptions because of Obon and dancing at the Japanese Garden. And, on occasion there are OBT events on the last Sunday so see the newsletter or calendar for specific dates. This is for fun, exercise, learning new dances, re-learning old dances, and seeing your dance buddies.

See Chris for details or to be added to our Japanese Stuff list that we use to notify dancers ---

obon.oregonbuddhisttemple@gmail.com (email comes to Chris and I can answer questions or add you to the list)

Zoom link if you can't make it in person.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81054749182?pwd=aHBjNXhERzNyT3hUU0E5Wmw2cUliZz09>

Meeting ID: 810 5474 9182

Passcode: 113529

BEC (Buddhist Education Committee)

3rd Wednesday evening of month (see calendar)

This is the group who figures out the educational activities for the temple like the Sunday Services, Dharma Exchange, the Library, the videos and Sunday slide show presentations, and other tasks. We are always busy especially since we are currently without a resident minister. You are welcome to visit and listen in on the decisions or volunteer 😊

Meetings are the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM with a couple exceptions.

Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/97807303590?pwd=MU90SkZHUnpJUXVxd0EvVGZDYUo4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 978 0730 3590

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Rev. Koyama has invited us to participate in his Buddhist Education Class.

Jodo Shinshu 101 Class

Rev. Koyama leads this class the 2nd Wednesday every month, 6pm-7pm. Signup link is [here](#) and also on the Tacoma Buddhist Temple website, <https://www.tacomabt.org/>

Once you are signed up, you will receive an email each month with the class info and zoom link.

OBT Welcomes Duncan Ryuken Williams

March 8, 2026 at 10:00am

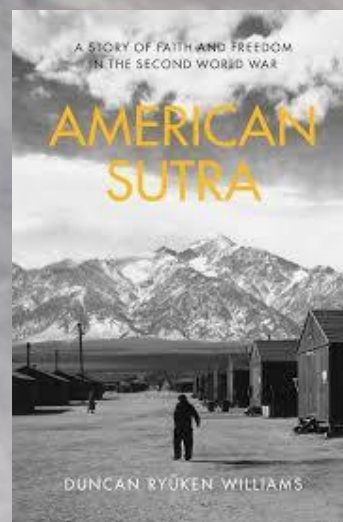
“The Power of Remembrance: A Buddhist Perspective”

[Zoom Link \(10am start\)](#)



Duncan Ryuken Williams, well-known scholar, author, Soto Zen priest will present the Dharma Talk & Dharma Exchange. Williams accompanied the actual Ireichō: Book of Names (Irei Project) to the Japanese American Museum of Oregon (JAMO).

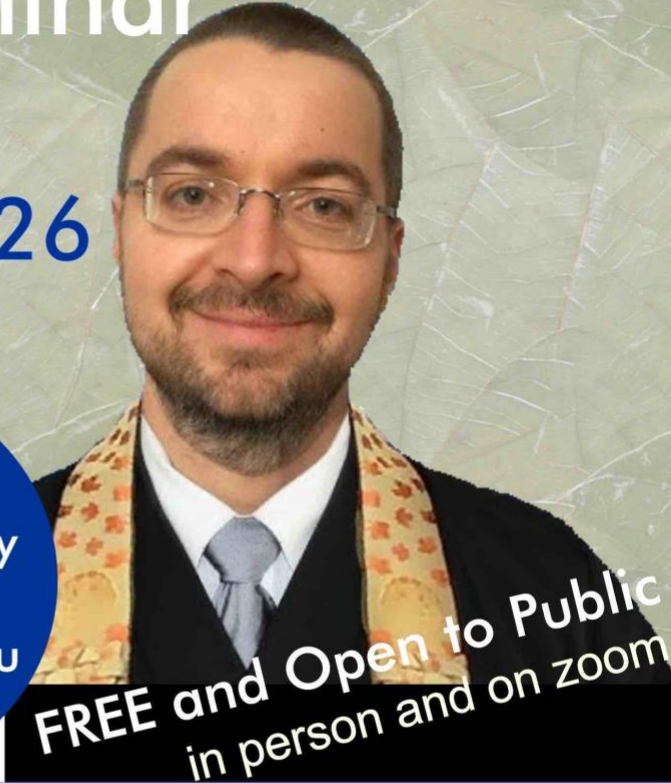
Rev. Dr. Williams is the author of the fascinating book, [American Sutra: A Story of Faith and Freedom in the Second World War](#). It “tells the little-known story of how, in one of our country’s darkest hours, Japanese Americans fought to defend their faith and preserve religious freedom.”



Oregon Buddhist Temple Presents Buddhism in Our Times Lecture Series #2

Rev. Dr. Jeff Wilson Special Seminar

Saturday
March 14, 2026
10:30am



10:30am
The Inclusivity
of
the Nembutsu

12:45pm
The Dharma
as a Foundation
During Challenging
Times

FREE and Open to Public
in person and on zoom

Rev. Dr. Jeff Wilson is an ordained Jodo Shinshu minister and a professor of **Religious Studies and East Asian Studies** at **Renison University College (University of Waterloo)**.
Dr Wilson is a respected scholar and prolific author focusing on the interaction between Buddhism and North American culture. His works include *Living Nembutsu: Applying Shinran's Radically Engaged Buddhism in Life and Society* and *Buddhism of the Heart: Reflections on Shin Buddhism and Inner Togetherness* and other books and articles

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