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May 2020

Why a Physical Temple is Important Reverend Yuki Sugahara

When I was taking classes at the university, one of the teachers said that the teaching of Shakyamuni was really simple at first, but after monks started to analyze the teachings in the monastery, it got complicated, such as the *Abhidharma* commentaries on dharma. Also, Shinran Shonin's teaching was really simple, but after a long time of study, priests and scholars began discussion on Shinran Shonin's teaching and it became a bit complicated.

I really understand this now. When I am staying at home, whether I study, play with my children or play music, whatever I do, I start from a simple thing, but it gets complicated as time passes. However, when I think about what Shakyamuni Buddha wanted to teach, or Shinran Shonin wanted to share, it is really simple. It is the teaching that saves all sentient beings.

"Save" does not mean that Amida Buddha saves all sentient beings if they pray to Amida. It means to make us realize how our self-centered ideas become the cause of suffering, and nurtures us to be a person of friendship/kindness and compassion.

Shakyamuni Buddha did not build a temple, but he had places to gather as a Sangha. Shinran Shonin also did not have a physical temple, but he probably had places where he shared his teachings with people. After the passing of Shakyamuni Buddha, people constructed stupas and monasteries to learn the Dharma. After the passing of Shinran Shonin, many people continued to enjoy the teaching of nembutsu and established temples to share this teaching not only in Japan, but also around the world.

People enjoyed the teachings together and grew up, nurtured by watching others who enjoy the teachings, not only at services, but also at social gatherings. I believe a physical temple is important for the teaching and learning process.

The improvement of technologies is amazing such that we are able to hold services, study class or lectures online, but nothing is better than in-person gatherings. A few months ago, I was giving Dharma messages while looking at the reaction of the sangha members, but now I only see a camera. If I tell a joke, does the camera laugh? No. If I share a touching story, does the camera cry? No. There might be people in front of the screen laughing or shedding tears, but we are not able to interact with

each other.

If this was a physical service, sangha members are able to come up to me and say a few words about the message or ask questions after the service. When I go downstairs at OBT now, there is no chatting among members, no cooking, and no kids running. The temple is not only the place to listen to the teachings from ministers, but also the place to gather, socialize and learn from each other about life as a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist through various temple activities.

During my younger days, I watched my father's back, Ojichan and Obachan's back and elder members' backs, and learned why the nembutsu teaching is so important through their way of living. Yes, online services are great, but we are missing this great experience of watching people's backs to learn from each other.

(Watching people's back is a Japanese expression, *せなかをみてそだつ*, *senaka wo mite sho datsu*, literally meaning "watch a person's back and follow his/her way of living." Also to "grow up nurtured by following the person's way of living.")

So today is April 16. I am hoping that this home shelter situation will be improving when this newsletter reaches you. I cannot wait to see everyone at OBT, laugh together, shed tears together, say nembutsu together and enjoy life together. Until then, please stay safe and healthy and please keep the Nembutsu teaching with you always.

Gassho

2020 Memorial Services

Year Of Passing	Memorial	Year Of Passing	Memorial
2019	1 Year	2004	17 Year
2018	3 Year	1996	25 Year
2013	7 Year	1988	33 Year
2008	13 Year	1971	50 Year

If you would like to schedule a memorial service for loved ones or ancestors, please make arrangements with Rev. Sugahara at 916-834-7350 or ysobtporland06012017@oregonbuddhisttempl.com

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Please contact the temple with any comments, questions or concerns, or if you wish to report a change of address.

May Shotsuki Hoyo

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 Jean Matsumoto, Etsu Osaki, or the temple.

Asakawa, Kikuno 5/5/1962 *	Mishima, Katsumi 5/23/1963	Sakamoto, Hisano 5/23/1993 *
Egimoto, Kanichi 5/11/1950	Miura, Takuyo 5/2/1980	Sakauye Michio (Mich) 5/3/1995
Fujinaka, Shuichi 5/20/1961	Mori, Kura Masako 5/30/1980 *	Sasaki, Kenjiro 5/3/1989
Funatake, Yoshichiro 5/15/1961	Mukaida, Kow 5/30/1977	Sasaki, Riye 5/1/1987 *
Greenwood, Donald 5/4/2010	Myers, Susanne Mineko 5/10/2006	Shido, George 5/22/1993
Hasuike, Mitsuko 5/7/2016 *	Nagano, Saneharu 5/17/1965	Shimizu, Matsuji 5/15/1954
Hooraku, Asaji 5/29/1952	Nakagawa, Denzo 5/8/1963	Tajima, Yayoi 5/24/1965 *
Ishii, Kiyoshi 5/4/1950	Nakamatsu, Akiko 5/31/1983	Takano, Unosuke 5/3/1956
Iwamoto Isamu Sam 5/29/1996	Nakamura, Hiroshi 5/11/1978	Takashima, Richard Kiyoshi 5/31/2001
Kawachi, Akimi 5/10/1981	Nakamura, Sally Mew Lin 5/26/2014	Takeuchi, Mary Natsuko 5/26/2001 *
Kawamoto, Ito 5/18/1950 *	Nakano, Yukiye 5/23/1990	Takeuchi, Tomiye 5/27/1984
Kawasake, Suekichi 5/19/1961	Nakashima, Masao 5/4/1983	Tamiyasu, Mitsuge (Mits) 5/13/2011
Kobuchi, Shin 5/11/1959	Nishikawa, Shotaro 5/6/1964	Tanada, Shime 5/30/1960 *
Maehara, Martha Masako 5/18/1990 *	Obuchi, Shin 5/11/1959	Toyooka, Nobuyoshi 5/13/1996
Maetani, Toshio 5/15/1975	Okabe, Mataroku 5/1/1955	Tsubouchi, Ikutaro 5/5/1952
Matsunaga, Jean 5/15/1996	Okamoto, Dorothy Hanae 5/18/1984 *	Wakayama, Seiichi 5/19/1954
Miller, Cruz T 5/28/2014	Okino, Chiyono 5/7/1952 *	Yasutome, Yoshiko 5/27/2012 *
Minami, Asoye 5/5/1977 *	Onishi, Masuko 5/2/1963	Yoneyame, Yoneko 5/29/1996 *
Minami, Kiyomatsu 5/7/1980	Ozaki, Fukuo 5/30/1953	Yoshida, Kojiro 5/12/1973
		Yoshiro, Akira 5/11/1997

* OBWA member

Condolences



To the family of Carol Asakawa who passed away April 10, 2020.

To the family of Dale Meiners, husband of Lily Meiners, who passed away April 17, 2020.

President's Column

Cathy Yarne, OBT President

Dear Sangha,

I miss physically attending services, dharma exchange and seeing all of you! Rather than writing about how Covid19 has impacted my life, I thought it'd be nice to learn about some of the creative and encouraging things people are doing. I've asked a few individuals to share some "unique" things they've done. Thank you to Avery Hughes-Davis, Mayu Garner, Chip & Setsy Larouche, Al Ono, and Todd Yuzuriha for sharing & contributing to this list.

What positive and original things have you been doing?

- Picking dandelions. (Rev Kubose says, just pick the weeds, don't get caught up in what else should I be doing or what should I have done.)
- Going through stuff that I brought home from work (after retiring), souvenirs from previous trips and even old love letters
- Making jigsaw puzzles
- Watching the grandkids on DUO sing & dance about washing your hands & don't get too close.
- Phone check-in's with elderly. Sending cards and emails to friends
- Planning sessions with Physicians for Social Responsibility via Skype
- Attended OBT service--I LOVE the online opportunity.
- Recorded a podcast to help parents engage with their kids (Money JAR#157: Staying connected During Social Distancing)
- Working with my teenage son for hours on-end, reconstructing his many Lego sets so he can give them to younger kids. We've had some great conversations And it keeps my mind off everything.
- Send a craft book, yoga book and art materials to a child

- Yoga & meditation on YouTube
- Created a collage from magazine clippings
- FaceTime & Zoom, karate and piano lessons
- Baking from scratch
- Creating daily animations of 'Amabie', which is a Japanese yokai that is supposed to cure pandemics, if you draw pictures of it!

Note: I've intentionally excluded some of the obvious and very common things like working from home, long walks, watching Netflix's, reading and making masks for caregivers (though this is important).

I hope this list inspires you to stay active and connected. Be the 'I' in KIND and stay safe!
Gassho, Cathy Yarne

OBT is closed through the month of May. Check the web site for updates and the opening date.

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Birthday of Shinran Shonin, May 21

Gotan-e celebrates the birthday of Shinran Shonin (1173 – 1263), the founder of Jodoshinshu, the True Pure Land Sect. Shinran was born in Hino near Kyoto to Lord and lady Arinori Hino and was named Matsuwakamaro. Matsuwakamaro lost both his parents at an early age and it is said that because of this, he decided to become a priest.

At the age of 9, young Matsuwakamaro was ordained at Shoren-in Temple in Kyoto. He studied for 20 years on Mt. Hiei, enduring the most difficult of study and practice, but he found it impossible to attain Perfect Enlightenment through his own efforts. At the age of 29, he was led to the Way of the Nembutsu by Honen Shonin and found the true path to the attainment of Buddhahood through the Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha. He spent many years in exile, spreading the Nembutsu teaching in the distant provinces. In his later years, he was pardoned and eventually returned to Kyoto where he spent his days writing and communicating with his many disciples near and far. Until he died at the age of 90, Shinran's life was lived simply and humbly – a life of profound spiritual depth.

In November 1877, the Emperor Meiji honored Shinran Shonin with the title of Kenshin Daishi or Great Master, Seer of Truth.

Above narrative extracted from Traditions Of Jodoshinshu Hongwanji-ha, by Masao Kodani and Russell Hamada.

Pledge - to Stay Healthy and Safe Alfred Ono, Pledge Chairperson

I hope you all are healthy and isolating yourself from others besides your immediate family. We are in a crisis that some have thought only occurred in the Middle Ages before modern medicine.

This Covid-19 virus is unlike other viruses we have encountered. It seems to be a very potent virus that for about 5% can rapidly progress to pneumonia. This Covid-19 virus spreads like a cold virus from person to person but unlike the cold virus, where we have antibodies from previous exposures that kill the virus, this Covid virus is brand new to us and we have no existing antibodies to protect us. Consequently, the virus hits us with the full force that seems to be very potent.

Like a cold, it is spread by droplets or virus particles that we breathe in or gets sprayed on our skin. These particles come from droplets from infected people who spread it by coughing, sneezing, or even spitting while they talk. When one sneezes, one releases about 2 million droplets. Moreover, the most contagious time to spread the virus is 3 to 5 days before we get sick when we feel that we are well. Therefore, wear a mask or face covering when you are in public to prevent spreading the infection to others. To prevent becoming infected with the virus, keep social distancing of at least 6 feet from others so you are out of the spray or particles that you can inhale or get on your skin. Also wash your hands before you touch your or others faces to wash off the virus that has landed on your skin.. Disinfect surfaces with a solution of 4 tsp bleach in 1-quart water.

Thirty-five pharmaceutical companies are working on a vaccine to cause your body to make antibodies to protect you against the virus. However, it takes time to test to be sure the vaccine works and is safe to give to people.

There are no medications to kill the present Covid -19 virus. The virus is RNA (ribonucleic acid) that lives and grows within the cells which makes it more difficult to stop.

We here at Oregon Buddhist Temple are sad that we cannot get together but we should feel good that we are each doing our part to keep the Sangha safe and have available the Dharma online. Unlike a disaster such as a flood that happens and is over, we mourn, clean up and eventually rebuild and somewhat return to normal, this pandemic has no end in sight now or in the near future. No one can predict with certainty when it will be safe to return back to our normal lives. In order to speed the end of this pandemic, we must prevent continuation of the spread of the virus by following precautions. Hopefully, like in other countries, like China, with everyone's cooperation, the virus will die out.

Make your pledge this month to keep yourself and your family healthy and safe so OBT can continue its mission to be available for you, its Sangha

Gassho,
Alfred Ono

OBWA News

Marilyn Achterman



Mrs. Maeda

Dry hands have always been a part of me. In 2nd grade, I hid my hands under the desk in embarrassment. Twenty-five years later I landed in Portland with dry hands, however had the good fortune of meeting Mrs. Takako Mukaida Maeda at the temple. She kindly handed me a tube of cream for extra dry hands.

Another twenty-five years passed and once again I had the good fortune of Mrs. Maeda being my 'Caring for our Members' friend. While visiting her, I see the spark in her eyes, as she astutely plays solitaire. While chatting, I learned that Mrs. Maeda was a Dharma School teacher.

Fifty-four years ago when the Temple on 34th Avenue was dedicated, Mrs. Maeda ran to a fast-food restaurant and brought back 19-cent hamburgers and French fries for all the Ochigo parade children. Mrs. Maeda's father owned a restaurant in downtown Portland where she worked as a waitress on Saturdays. She worked for the Main Office of First National Bank for many years.

I am thankful for the teachings and thankful to be surrounded by the warmth of the Sangha, such as Mrs. Maeda.

Acts of Kindness

Jayne Ichikawa

Since the temple was officially closed on March 15 for services and gatherings, the OBWA meetings have also been canceled. However, meaningful and caring activities have been happening. I will mention some of these.

Judy Y, Yasuko, and other members of the OBWA craft committee started making masks to wear as protection against the outbreak of the corona virus. When OBT president, Cathy, found out about this activity, she asked the ladies to make 35 more masks to give to the members who might not have one to wear when the temple is able to reopen. Immediately Judy, Yasuko and several others began sewing the masks for others.

In another act of kindness, Chris D. remembered that Sahomi's birthday was April 6. Friends were notified and birthday cards were sent to make Sahomi's birthday special.

Members of the OBWA's caring team and others have reached out to our homebound friends with phone calls and cards. With the pandemic crisis leaving many of these people isolated and often lonely, it is important for us to reach out with kindness and comfort.

Dharma School News

Ann Shintani

Hello family and friends,

How are you? This is Ann. I am sending out a message to let you know that I am finally getting to my email after the last few days. I have a difficult time with email chains, so I won't be participating in them. Instead, I have put together some items to share with you. I hope you enjoy them! – Ann

Favorite easy recipe: This is a modification of the **Pineapple Whip** dessert. For one serving, ¼ cup vanilla ice cream; 2 cups fresh pineapple small chunks, frozen; and 3 oz of pineapple juice (I am going to try using canned pineapple chunks later). I use more ice cream. Note – fresh pineapple is less dense, so you get less volume after blending. Put in a blender, and close your eyes and pretend you are in Disneyland.

Delight: I heard an 8-minute podcast about "delight". It reminded me that delight cannot be experienced without having had deep sadness (which should be very familiar to us who go to our Buddhist temple). The story told of how one woman "fell apart" about losing her husband after a long illness. She eventually moved in with her adult, single daughter. She eventually improved (after 4 years) and began to say things like, can you tell I am glowing, my life is delightful. Annoyed at first, and then intrigued, her daughter, Miki Meek, interviewed her mother, Noriko. Listen to "Mrs. Meek Shall Inherit the Earth" by This American Life.

Funny mask alternative: I have heard of one person using a large fabric "breathable" bandage as a face mask... it is applied directly to the face. It doesn't come off, no pesky ties or elastic, and it is single use. The downside is that it is painful to remove, especially if one has facial hair. Funny how creative people can be!



Mika's stuffies: attached is a photo of small handmade stuffies that Mika made back in March (she also made the trees and base). She plans to sell each for \$10. You may either send her \$10 or donate to a local pig rescue sanctuary or the non-profit of your choice. Please send her a note with your address and either payment or a note of your

donation. I would be happy for her to receive messages (either by post or via email). Our address is 5722 N. Omaha Ave., Portland, OR 97217. There are currently ONLY 3 STUFFIES, so first responders will get first choice: Orange fox, pink pig, or baby seal with top hat. Once those run out, we will think of some gift to send you (it may just be a card).

Take care !

Ann, Scott and Mika

The article on the following page by Erik Ackerson is the fifth in a series of articles written this year by an OBT board member to help make the board more accessible to temple members.

Pandemic Penetrates Virtual Reality

Erik Ackerson

Sentient beings' response is a mantra
We're All in This Together
 Echoing the *Buddha* who on outward
 Breath exhaled the *Dharma*
 Spreading that essential insight to wherever

Currents carry and resonate in receptive
 Portals of the five senses plus *Mind*
 Settling in a strained planet holding her
 Breath—waiting—to—get—through
 Social distancing and meet on that shore
 Where we can hug, cry, laugh,
 Embrace each other—our true nature

Meanwhile the Himalayas
 Lifted by tectonic forces before
 Scribed histories, can be seen by
 Current generations in India
 Birthplace of Siddhartha Gautama
 Prince of the Domain-of-Flowering-Essence
 Who rode the Larger Vehicle into Time

In our Now-of-Pending-Virtues
 Sequestered in places with just mirrors
 Trying not to fog up the reflections
 Traveling lightly as possible with the
 Coughing of humans' small vehicles subdued
 Air's breath over cities clears while we Mask
 Holding ourselves separate in six-foot orbits
 Hoping that when we finally Unmask
 Life on this planet will be restored

Revealed that we should protect
 Our vulnerable fellow beings
 Who, supporting skies above,
 Right livelihoods below, are the Essentials
 Precious on this orb where we all reside
 Real-i-zing we simply *are* and always
 Have been *one* indivisible Life

A *Sangha* of light-to-sound declared
 Every daybreak by birds who
 Rifting on their lyrics from perches
 Signifying Everything-ness
 Signal each other—still here
 Despite the steady din of traffic
 Noise of delusions we can live without!

Lotus Circle – May (time to say farewell)*

Jean Matsumoto

Dear devoted and generous OBT's Lotus Circle members
 for over 12 years:

We have served our purpose and it's time to move on.
 Altar flowers are no longer required on the onaijin during the

period temple services are closed in this age of the corona virus
 pandemic and we don't know when temple will reopen.

Donations were required for altar flowers and to remember
 loved ones who had passed away in the past, but a better
 Buddhist way to honor loved ones is through the Shotsuki Hoyo
 Service which was suggested to us by Reverend Dennis
 Fujimoto (supervising minister) in 2015. At that time OBT
 joined all the other BCA temples in observing this monthly
 memorial service.

The Shotsuki Hoyo names will continue to be published in
 OBT's "Pureland Path" and services will be observed monthly
 on YouTube. So now, the time has come to close down Lotus
 Circle and make your generous donations to the Shotsuki Hoyo
 observance. This does not mean that you cannot continue
 making donations to OBT for altar flowers if you wish but it
 will be up to you and no longer through the 'Circle'.

Now it is my time to say, 'thank you' to Etsu and her
 faithful Flower Toban members and good-bye and 'sayonara'.
 To all members and friends of OBT I leave Lotus Circle,
 wishing you all: 'stay well, safe, and love in gassho. fondly,
 Jean

Ps: I cannot leave without saying how much I enjoyed
 connecting with all of you and especially many of my former
 'Sunday' school students.

**For an exceptional musical experience, it is not "time to say
 farewell" but see Andrea Bocelli, Sarah Brightman – "Time
 To Say Goodbye" on YouTube, 53 million views.*



In the midst of the covid-19 pandemic, Jean Matsumoto lives with a gnome, named Namaste, who reminds her every morning how grateful she is, living a 'Namu Amida Butsu' day every day in her new studio apartment in a retirement facility assisted care section.'

Shinjin true, sincere mind

信心

The core issue or experience for a Jodoshinshu follower.
 Often problematically translated "faith," it is the awakening to
 the 18th or Primal Vow (Hongwan) of Amida Buddha, the vocal
 expression of which is the *Nembutsu* (*Namoamidabutsu*).
Shinjin is the central religious awakening or experience in the
 Pure Land path of Buddhism. Shinran Shonin's teaching
 centers around the clarification of its nature and significance.

From COCKTAILS, written by Reverend Masao Kodani

On the Tigard Street Heritage Trail

The Tigard Street Heritage Trail is a 3/4-mile inactive rail corridor parallel to Tigard Street providing a safe, off-street biking, walking and skating commuter route. The below about the Hasuike family is one of the exhibits on the Trail.

Yoshio Hasuike (1915-2011) grew up in Tigard. He and his wife **Sachiko Furuyama** (1920-2019) discovered the importance of neighbors during World War II.

Tigard Roots

Yoshio's father, Torazo Hasuike, moved to the U.S. from Japan in 1906. Torazo worked on the railroad and saved up money to buy farmland on Beef Bend Road. He was the first Asian-American person to own a farm in Tigard.

Like his Swiss, Italian, and Austrian classmates at the one-room Bend School, Yoshio helped his family on the farm. At age ten, he was clearing a stump with dynamite when he lingered too close to the blast. Yoshio lost three fingers but felt lucky to survive.

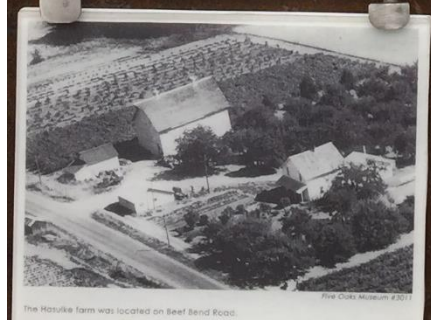
Mass Hysteria

On December 7, 1941, Japan bombed Pearl Harbor. Many white Americans became hysterical. They thought Japanese-Americans would sabotage the U.S. The U.S. government declared the West Coast a theater of war. They sent more than 120,000 Japanese-Americans to incarceration camps. Most were U.S. citizens.

In Oregon, Japanese-Americans had two eviction options, and one week to move. The first was to take only what you could carry—family documents, soup packets, a beloved toy—to the Pacific International Livestock Exhibition grounds in Portland. There, the government put prisoners in horse stalls.



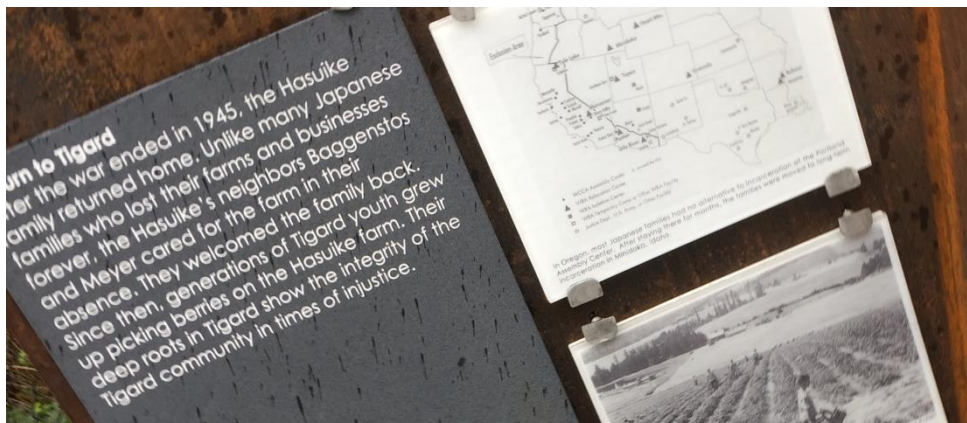
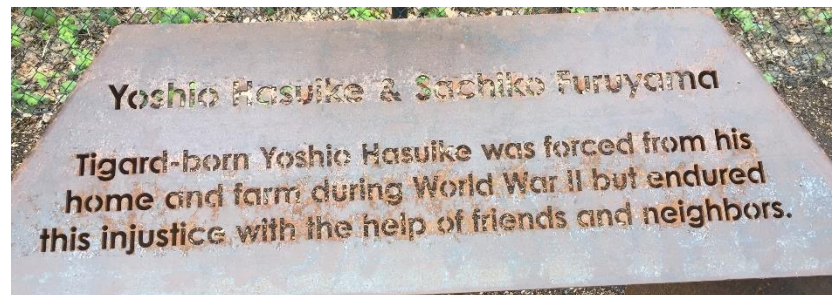
The Hasuike family was photographed in 1912, three years before Yoshio was born in Tigard. Yoshio's father Torazo is wearing a dark bow tie and Yoshio's mother Ao is holding a purse.



The Hasuike farm was located on Beef Bend Road.



Yoshio and Sachiko Hasuike show off their Japanese doll collection in their Tigard home in 1978.



Sachi and Yosh Hasuike, from the OBT 100th Anniversary booklet

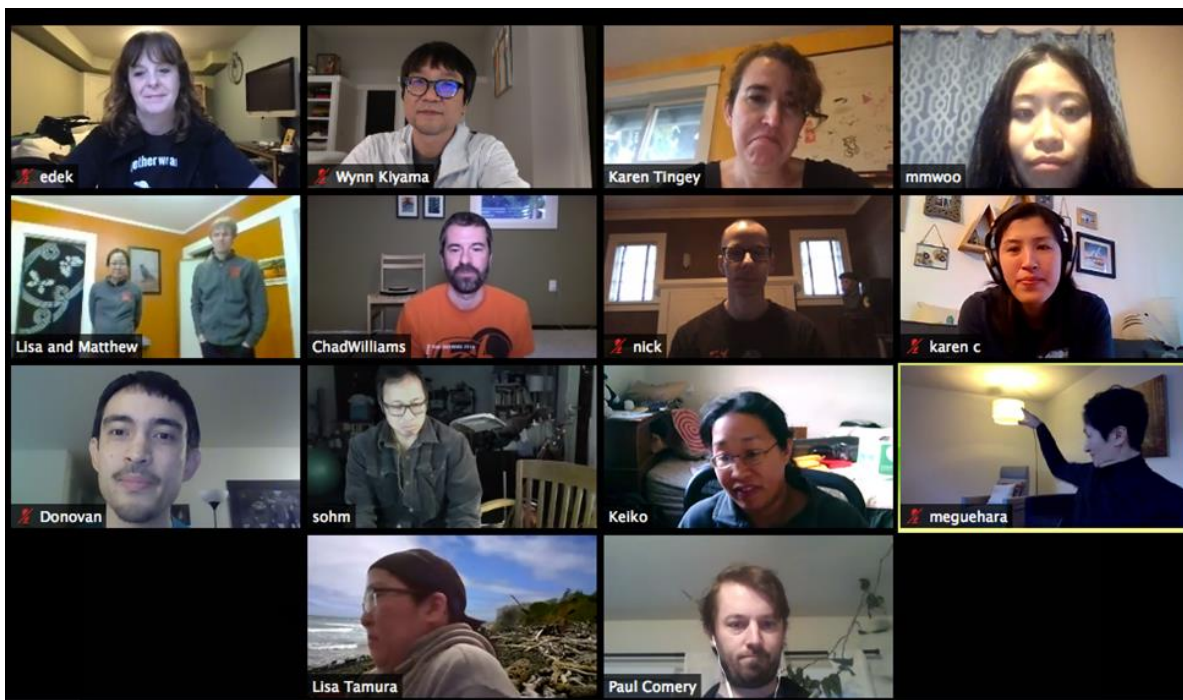
Portland Taiko Greetings!

Wynn Kiyama

Like you, Portland Taiko has been deeply affected by the corona virus pandemic. All of our members are staying home following the social distancing initiative, which means lots of phone calls and online meetings. We're even rehearsing via Zoom on homemade taiko setups!

We've also been making videos to help our students (and anyone) create their own home taiko setup. Have you ever wondered how to make a practice drum out of a tire, garbage can, or scrap wood? How would you make taiko sticks with just items around your house? If you're curious, please check out our "Taiko at Home" videos on our website: www.portlandtaiko.org

While we are sad about our cancelled performances and Benefit Banquet fundraiser this spring, we're hopeful that those programs can be rescheduled sometime in the future. In the meantime, we hope you remain healthy and safe, and we hope to bring the sound of taiko back to the community as soon as we are able to gather together again!



Oregon Symphony Connection

Check out Charles Reneau, photo #5 and Portland Taiko member Keiko Araki, photo #10 at:

<https://www.orsymphony.org/discover/watch-listen/minuteformusic/>



Vegetation Preservation



Todd trumpeting safely and mutely from mouth, hands, and bell



Joyce Sasaki Olsen and Jayne picking warabi at Joyce's hideaway house. Warabi is bracken fern shoots, edible and versatile to accompany many dishes

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Links to Live-Streaming and Recorded Temple Services & Dharma Talks

Watch local services or explore the dharma being shared at temples and churches throughout the United States. Check on the BCA or temple websites for live-streaming schedules; Dharma services are typically held on Sunday mornings

Notes:

- Normally, in addition to Shinran Shonin's birthday and Mother's Day, we would be celebrating Hatsumaiiri, welcoming infants and new members to our Sangha. Unfortunately, this cannot be done this year with the cancellation of services through May.
- Toban is suspended until the Temple reopens. At that time, we will begin with the Toban that was scheduled for April.
- May 3rd Bon Odori practice is cancelled.

Messages to the Sangha

- We miss going to the temple. We have been having our services at home in front of our obutsudan. The Hanamatsuri service by the NW ministers was great. Rev Sugahara gave the Japanese Dharma talk. One can listen to sermons by BCA ministers on the BCA website. Also one can listen to Rev Sugahara on the OBT website. Everyone please take care. We look forward to seeing everyone when this virus is over. Namuamidabutsu, Etsu Osaki, April 16, 2020
- I miss everybody so much!!! Susan Lilly, April 13, 2020

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Buddhist Education Committee, BEC May 2020

Ken Garner

It has been said that inside every storm cloud is a silver lining. If this is true, then for the storm cloud of the "Shelter in Place" directive the silver lining would have to be ways OBT has found to stay connected and to share the dharma.

OBT has long been one of the leading temples in BCA when it comes to utilizing technology. We had one of the first extensive websites within BCA, as well as having one of the first Facebook groups. For the past 3 years we have recorded and uploaded every weekly Dharma Talk to make them available to all. Posting the Dharma Talks on-line has allowed our Sangha to grow outside of the Portland, OR area -- there are several people from distant parts of the US and beyond that regularly view and comment on our content.

Our physical temple may be temporarily closed, but OBT is still operating and sharing the Dharma virtually. We are live streaming Sunday Services -- you can view the service on either Facebook or YouTube. The service is live at our regular time Sunday at 10:00 am. A live chat is open so we can communicate with the other people attending the service. If you aren't available during the livestream, the recording stays on our Facebook group page or YouTube Channel. Reverend Yuki has also been livestreaming a short daily service at 8:00 am on our YouTube Channel. I have been taking advantage of virtually attending the daily services and it has been a comfort for me.

We also have been utilizing Zoom, an on-line video conferencing technology. This allows us to have a virtual conference room which allows us to have meetings and classes. We have been using this for our bimonthly Wednesday Pureland Sutra study class. We had Rev Dr Kenneth Tanaka talk to us from Japan. Recently BCA has started using Zoom as well -- we had a Minister's Assistant training session via Zoom (80 people in attendance!). I have another BCA training session on utilizing technology for sharing the Dharma coming up in a week or so.

While it is true that livestreaming and video conferencing is not the same as attending in person, it is a good and workable second choice. We will be able to take what we have learned in remote connection and expand our education opportunities. We will finally be able to more fully participate in offerings at the Jodo Shinshu Center.

Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "Every calamity is a spur and a valuable hint. The Covid19 Pandemic is a calamity on a global scale there is no doubt. It is also the spur that will move us forward.

Stay Safe and I look forward to seeing you all again once the pandemic breaks.

In Gassho, Ken.



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