



Fall Means Back to School! Reverend Tadao Koyama

Happy September everyone! For many of us, Fall season means back to school. Summer break is over, and the familiar setting of classrooms and textbooks become the norm once more.

However, when we think about it, our temple continues to be a wonderful location where we all continue to learn on a regular basis.

Every time I conduct a service, I learn something new. I sometimes make a mistake, and have to correct myself, or hope that members don't notice. While I may pride myself of being a minister in the BCA, I must always strive to be a student. If I think that my robes and my status mean that I am done learning and that all I have left to do is teach, then I have completely failed as a Buddhist in general. I must always keep the mind of a student. It is important from me to learn from the Sangha as much as the Sangha learns from me.

Legend has it, that even the historical Buddha was not successful in his first encounter as an enlightened one. He first came across another holy man soon after his awakening under the Bodhi tree. He stopped and spoke with this man, and claimed that he was fully enlightened and knew the road to enlightenment. The man replied to him, "Who is your teacher that proclaimed such a thing?" The Buddha replied, "No teacher, I just know that I am." The man looked at the Buddha for a while and said, "...it may be so..." and walked on without inquiring more.

We are taught of the first turning of the Dharma wheel when Shakyamuni Buddha encountered his original five ascetic friends who had previously abandoned him for accepting rice milk. Yet, it is important to remember that even the historical Buddha had to undergo a tumultuous spiritual journey as well. The same can be said for Shinran.

Shinran had to undergo so many challenges including, ascetic practices on Mt. Hie, being separated from his teacher Honen, and being banished to Echigo. At the beginning, while the nembutsu teaching was popular amongst the people, it certainly got him into a lot of trouble with the central powers of Kyoto. Yet, he kept his resolve in the nembutsu teaching and continued to teach. Yet, Shinran never proclaimed himself to be a great teacher. Certainly, all of us who follow his teachings and writings will make that claim. But if you read

the Kyogyoshinsho, Shinran would never say, "I am a great teacher, and you all need me in order to attain enlightenment".

In his writings, he calls himself a "stubble headed fool" or "Gutoku". He also calls himself "disciple of Shakyamuni". Which is something we should all remember about ourselves. In a way, all of us are students of Shakyamuni Buddha as we rely on his teachings and compassion to live our best lives.

Time and time again, we need to check ourselves and think, "Am I going too far?" "Do I REALLY know what's best for others? Or am I just forcing my own opinion on them?" As many of us get ready for school again, let us remember that the journey of learning, and receiving knowledge from others, is a never-ending journey.



President's Column Charles Renault, OBT President

Here are some updates from the last few months of activity here at the OBT:

Supervising Minister Rev. Tadao Koyama: Rev. Koyama first joined us in late July, and we have enjoyed his presence several times since. Even though we currently don't have a Resident Minister, Rev. Koyama is doing a great job of making sure that we don't feel "left out." We can expect to see him monthly at the Temple, and Rev. Cindy Yasaki (his wife) when she is available.

New Fence: We're experiencing some growing pains with the fence: some gates have technical problems that make them unreliable, and our waste pickup services aren't yet used to closing the fence behind them after emptying our bins. However, we can already see the benefits of the investment: there has been substantially less trespassing, and an almost total end to the trash dumping we used to experience. Change is hard, and literally closing off our Temple from the street remains controversial. How can we be open and welcoming when we have a six foot fence separating us from the rest of our community? However, I believe the fence allows us to breathe more easily at night, by reducing the security and sanitation issues that have caused us much stress and labor since the Covid pandemic began.

Fires in Lahaina: From what I've been able to find out, no OBT members have lost any loved ones in the fires on Maui. The tragedy has raised a lot of concern, though, and

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many of us were interested in a way to help out. Cathy Yarne has organized a fundraiser: on September 9th, we will be making spam musubi and selling them at Portland Taiko's Farm Festival, in West Linn. All proceeds will go to benefit the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii.

2023 Obon Festival: I'm glad to report that the event was a great success! I'd like to thank Coordinators Marilyn Achterman and Robbi Ando for the energy, creativity, and intelligence that they applied to the event. I'd also like to thank all of the separate booth coordinators and the hundreds of volunteers that allowed us to put on the festival. We had so many more volunteers than last year, and it really helped all of us enjoy the day more.

While we are still working on reimbursements for expenses, we can already say that this Obon took in the greatest amount of sales in our history, and it is likely that the event will be our most profitable fundraiser ever. Bon Odori seems to be growing in popularity, and we have been enjoying large crowds for several years. Add in the comfortable weather we had, and you have a recipe for a great day!

I've heard positive feedback from members and attendees about a few changes this year:

- We hired a security guard. He was very professional, and people said they felt more comfortable with his presence at our entryway.
- We spread our booths out around the property, which allowed the Children and Youth booths more space, allowed attendees to spread out and get some breathing room and shade.
- Unsurprisingly, lots of people prefer the new plastic benches to the old cinder blocks and 2x6 boards we have used for spectator seating. We on the construction crew also prefer these lightweight benches!

also need to explore the purchase of some new support structures to hang that many lanterns.

Finally, I should have acknowledged the main people that sorted and pulled lanterns, hung the lines, hung the lanterns, and those that helped take them down in a fast and efficient manner.

**Obonfest 2023 Thank You
Marilyn Achterman and Robbi Ando**

Obonfest 2023 was truly a gathering of joy with swaying lanterns, performances, activities and tasty food culminating



with hundreds joining in the folk dancing. We had an outpouring from the sangha, family, friends and the community creating a meaningful gathering for our Buddhist tradition.



Thank you to every participant for making this a memorable Obonfest. Gassho, Robbi and Marilyn



**OBT Fundraiser for Maui
Disaster Relief
Cathy Yarne**

OBT will be selling musubi's at Portland Taiko's Farm Festival Concert (details, page 9.) All proceeds will be donated to support Lahaina Hongwanji and relief efforts on Maui.

If you would like to volunteer with this project on Saturday, Sept. 9th at 10:30am, please contact Cathy (cathyarne@gmail.com).

If you would like to make a donation please refer to the letter from the Honpa Hongwanji Mission on page 8 or give cash or checks to Cathy Yarne who will include it with the proceeds from this sale.



**Obon Lanterns
Amy Peterson**

Thank you to all the people who donated for a Memorial or personal lantern or had a previously purchased lantern rehung to sway in the breeze during our Obon Fest.

So many of the facebook pages showed these beautiful lanterns, sumi-written in Kanji by our very talented Japanese calligraphers. Over 320 lanterns were hung.

We also have many lanterns previously purchased that are sitting waiting to reunited with their families. Please make arrangements to pick up the family lanterns before they are "permanently" retired. The lanterns previously hung, but not hung in the last few years are available at the temple on Sundays before or after Sunday services. If you think a lantern was previously purchased, please contact us at Obtlanterns@gmail.com. Sorry we are unable to mail lanterns.

Lanterns purchased in 2023 or rehung this year that you want to take to your home, please use the same email address but they will only be stored for two years.

Due to the amount of work and cost of the lanterns, please expect an increase in cost of new lanterns and rehangs. We



**Obon Shopping List Donors
Carolyn Saiget**

THANK YOU to all of you who participated by supporting items on our "Obon Shopping List". 65 generous folks donated over \$6000. These funds will help defray expenses.

For those who haven't submitted your donations, please note "Obon shopping list" on your check, payable to the Oregon Buddhist Temple or you can go to our website for a link to make an electronic donation. To those of you who have already submitted your payment(s), THANK YOU.

We know many of you were amongst the people who helped with food, sales, setup and cleanup. Because of people like you, OBON was a successful celebration enjoyed by the greater community.



Dharma School Ann Shintani

Welcome back to Dharma School! We will return to weekly Dharma School classes on SEPTEMBER 10th. We will not have classes on September 17th, as most of the teachers will be in Tacoma, WA for the Annual Northwest District Buddhist Convention. We are looking forward to getting to know Rev. Tadao Koyama, his wife, Rev. Cyndi Yasaki, and their cats.

Thank you to students, families and volunteers for making OBT's ObonFest a success. We had fun with the scavenger hunt, ducky races, and other youth activities. Our own Maki Winner played in the OBT band, along with Jenna Yokoyama, Yoshi Ono, Adam Ward, Joy Yuzuriha, Elaine Yuzuriha, Lisa Tamura and Karen Tingey (*see page 7 for video links*)

In October, Dharma School will host two youth activities: we will participate in the OBT Fall Bazaar on Sunday, Oct. 22, and we will visit home bound seniors on Sunday, Oct. 29 after service. Please help us provide these opportunities to connect youth with our kind and interesting Sangha, experience compassion and gratitude. More to come!



Poems by Hatsune Osaki Etsu Osaki

Since there was no OBWA meeting in August, I will send some poems written by my mother-in-law, Hatsune Osaki.

With your acts of kindness
Embraced in my heart
I return to Amida Buddha's Land
Namu Amida Butsu

Who knows what tomorrow may bring?
Live today with gratitude
Preciously
Namu Amida Butsu

There is nothing more to say
I am indebted to all of you
For a life of happiness and joy
This is due to the Nembutsu
Namu Amida Butsu

September Shotsuki Hoyo

This is a monthly memorial service to honor and remember those loved ones who passed away during the month of September. The Shotsuki-Hoyo service will be held at the September 10 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 Jean Matsumoto, Etsu Osaki, or the temple.

Akiyama, Kay 9/05/1997	Kasubuchi, Ben Shohachi 9/11/1984	Ochiai, Tamiyo 9/6/1989 *
Aono, Yosaku 9/20/1970	Kenmotsu, Martha 9/01/2013	Oguri, Jocelyn 9/03/1951
Bretsch, Pauline 9/27/2006	Kibe, Baby 9/12/1952	Okamoto, George 9/01/2008
Egashira, Tsutomu 9/04/1988	Kitayama, Yosakichi 9/20/1959	Okita, Frank Morio 9/17/1985
Falconeri, Gennoro Ralph 9/20/2012	Kitogaki, Nobuo 9/22/1984	Omoto, Minami 9/01/1979
Fields, Ray 9/11/2018	Kunishige, Sanshichi 9/28/1955	Saito, Eiichi 9/02/1957
Funatake, Kaoru 9/27/1980 *	Lee, Lulu Chieko Toyooka 9/26/2002	Saito, Mary Fumiko 9/24/2018 *
Furukawa, Mae 9/27/1998 *	Maehara, Masayo 9/18/1969	Seibel, Penny 9/29/2019
Furukawa, Shimi 9/27/2000 *	Maekawa, Minako 9/18/1943	Shido, Tatsu 9/23/1971 *
Furukawa, Yasu 9/01/1966	Maruyama, Noriyasu 9/30/1977	Shiozaki, Shingoro 9/18/1969
Hara, Hamano 9/3/1970 *	Masuda, Fukiyo 9/16/1990 *	Suzuki, Masatoshi 9/16/2010
Hasegawa, Midori 9/19/1994 *	Matsuda, Bessie Misao 9/03/2007	Takemoto, Minoru 9/10/2010
Hashimoto, Charles 9/18/1981	Matsuda, Toki 9/8/1987 *	Tamura, Hanako Terakawa 9/7/1986 *
Hasuike, Yoshio 9/25/2011	Matsumoto, Taichiro 9/22/1952	Tateichi, Chiyoko Helen 9/25/1985 *
Hirai, June Fusae 9/9/2013	Minami, Omoto 9/1/1979 *	Toyota, Asao 9/2/1990 *
Honda, Tamezo 9/12/1978	Mishima, Hisa 9/24/1965 *	Ueno, Setsuko Ruby 9/04/2012
Hongo, Haruko Margaret 9/05/1977	Mishima, Yosh 9/25/1994	Uesugi, Hashisuke 9/18/1967
Ishida, Sumi 9/19/2021	Mishiuro, Junzo 9/11/1987	Uyetake, Nobuko 9/5/2016 *
Iseri, Dixie Yoshiko 9/08/2010	Muraki, Eikichi 9/10/1961	Wakabayashi, Toshikazu 9/03/1950
Iseri, George 9/07/2010	Nakamura, Henry H 9/13/1975	Watari, Joe Sunao 9/29/2004
Kakishita, Hisako 9/4/2011 *	Nakamura, Kumashiro 9/2/1968	Yoshida, Carl K 9/1/2014
Kato, Mary Mitsue 9/30/1979	Nishikawa, Fusae 9/28/1963 *	Yasutome, Jack 9/12/1998
Kawasaki, Yuriko 9/21/1992	Nishimura, Matsutaru 9/16/1974	Yoshihara, Hideichi 9/17/1962
	Noyori, Shigeji 9/13/1975	Yuzuriha, Shig 9/15/2020

*OBWA member



Oregon Buddhist Women's Association – News Update! Jeanette Hager

Our last OBWA meeting was held on Meeting July 15, 2023. (There was no meeting in August so that our members could have a bit of a break before our fall activities.) Minister's Assistant Etsu Osaki opened our meeting with Gassho. We have no new members, but welcome anyone who would like to join. Marilyn Huh volunteered to report on birthdays so we will remember these very important dates.

Our OBWA members are keeping busy this second half of 2023:

- Sat., Jun. 24: Robbi Ando organized an outing for our OBWA members which began with lunch with some of our members at McMenamin's Kennedy School. Afterwards, our OBWA members volunteered to sort food at the Oregon Food Bank.
- Sat., Aug. 5: At ObonFest 2023, OBT's largest annual fundraising event, our OBWA members were involved in all aspects of the event from cooking to dancing to kimono sales, etc., etc. It was wonderful to be able to work together to create this community event together. We are so grateful to all of you that participated and brought in your family and friends to help and enjoy the day with us. Gassho.
- Sun., Aug. 20: Some of our members attended the Nikkei Community Picnic which was held at Oaks Park.
- Fri./Sat., Sep. 8-9: A fundraiser for those impacted by the Maui fire by our members. Our members will be prepping on Friday to sell Spam musubi at the Portland Taiko Farm Festival (page 9) on Saturday, September 9th, 3:00-6:00 pm at Triskelee Farm, 29700 SW Mountain Rd, West Linn, OR
- Fri./Sat./Sun., Sep. 15-17: The Northwest Buddhist Convention will be hosted by the Tacoma Buddhist Temple.
- Sun., Oct. 22: There will be a Fall Food Fundraiser on Sunday, October 22, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m., led by Co-chairs and Master Chefs Robbi Ando and Diane Harder. This year's format has been changed to a pre-order take-out event. The menu includes Chow Mein, Mar Far chicken, and Chirashi Zushi. Preparation dates are Sat., Oct 21st and the morning of Sunday, Oct. 22nd. Order pick up will start at 11:30 am.
- Sat./Sun., Oct. 21-22: The FBWA Convention will be held via Zoom hosted by the Coast District Buddhist Women's League.
- Sat., Dec. 2: The OBT Craft Fair will be chaired by Angie Hughes which may include a light lunch.
- Our OBWA members are continuing our Community Outreach and Caring for Others programs led by Jayne Ichikawa.

Date/Time Change of our September 2023 OBWA Meeting: Due to the date/time conflict of our September monthly OBWA meeting with the Maui fundraiser on Saturday, September 9th, we will reschedule our meeting to Sunday, September 10th, 11:00 am-12 Noon at OBT and via Zoom for those attending remotely.



OBT Fall Bazaar Robbi Ando

Chow mein, did someone say chow mein???? Yes, not only everyone's favorite chow mein, but also mar far chicken and chirashi sushi, served a la carte or in a tasty bento; all by pre-order. You'll find the Fall Bazaar flyer and the order form elsewhere in the newsletter, and both will be available at www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com/fallbazaar along with online ordering.

In addition to these OBT food favorites, shop for omiyage and hand crafts, as you pick-up your order on Sunday, October 22 between noon - 3:00 pm. There will be limited seating for dine-in.

Spread news of the event to family, friends and strangers.

Your assistance preparing for the bazaar will be needed. Please save these dates and times as you are available.

To learn the details of what and when and to note your availability, please see the Sign-Up Genius volunteer link on the OBT/Fall Bazaar web page.

Wednesday, October 4, 9 am to two-ish (cook eggs)

Tuesday, October 10, 9 am to two-ish (prep pickles)

Friday, October 20, 10 am to 3 pm (fry noodles, cut vegetables, prep sauces)

Saturday, October 21, 9 am to 3:30 (cook/box chow mein, prep chicken—perhaps fry/box chicken)

Sunday, October 22, 8:00 to noon (fry/box chicken?, cook rice, prep sushi, box bento, table set-up)

Sunday, October 22, noon to 4:00 (sales, clean-up)

If you have any questions, please contact Robbi Ando (rchando@comcast.net, 503.329.6682) or Diane Harder (diane.harder.pdx@gmail.com, 503.708.0500).



Tiffany Tamaribuchi Joins Portland Taiko By Carolyn Saiget

Please welcome Tiffany Tamaribuchi, Portland Taiko's new Artistic Director, to Portland. Tiffany is an award winning, world renown taiko performer, instructor, and composer who recently relocated from Sacramento, CA. Her reputation alone has brought much enthusiasm and excitement to the taiko community.

Bringing a professional on board of Tiffany's caliber is a major accomplishment for Portland Taiko. It has been a project in the works for a long time. It would not have been possible had it not been for the leadership and many sacrifices made by Portland Taiko's former Executive Director, Wynn Kiyama (who recently relocated to Hawaii), the committed performers, and generous supporters of Portland Taiko.



Tiffany Tamaribuchi

This project received major funding from the M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust but also acknowledges the importance of their continual partnership with the Oregon Buddhist Temple. Portland Taiko rents office, class, and rehearsal space from the OBT and is regularly featured at the Obon festival.

Portland taiko is hosting a screening of the taiko documentary [Finding Her Beat](#) in which Tiffany is featured. The film will be at the Hollywood Theater on Saturday Sept. 30th at 2:00 pm. Tiffany will give a short taiko performance before the screening and be available for questions after the film. Tickets for the screening can be purchased online from the Hollywood Theatre.



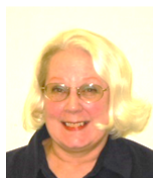
8th Annual OBT Holiday Craft Fair **Angie Hughes**

Are you a crafter, artist, or someone who likes to make things? If so, this might be for you! Oregon Buddhist Temple will be hosting its 8th Annual Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, December 2, 2023, from 10:00am—4:00pm.

There is still plenty of vendor space available and we are looking for enthusiastic individuals who would like to participate in this fun community-building opportunity. Each booth will be offered to vendors at the reasonable rate of \$25.00 per space (6' table and two chairs included), with set up hours of 8:00—10am on the day of the Fair.

We are hoping for all types of quality handmade items and pieces of art; we have met our quota for jewelry, however. Temple affiliation is not required, and all applications will be considered.

Please contact Angie Hughes at 503-367- 2650 / angie_hughes@kw.com for more information and to request an application. Hope to see you at the 2023 OBT Holiday Craft Fair!



Bon Odori Thoughts and Observations **Chris Dart**

Just after Obon, I was visiting Jayne and Shinya, and we started talking about Obon and the changes in the 34 years I have been doing this. Shinya suggested I write an article so here it is.

To paraphrase Buddha, things change – impermanence. In one respect bon odori is the same as when I started. It is a tradition with a long history, and many people who have participated. Several of the dancers I started with are no longer dancing or alive. That, to me, gives this tradition even more importance. The dancing brings back many memories like in Zumpa, the part where you sway inside and sway outside – when you turn you do a little kick up. That is from Phyllis Muramatsu 😊. No matter what, we do bon odori every year, even during covid, and we shall continue.

I saw bon odori for the first time at the Japanese garden in 1989. In 1990, I saw an article in the Oregonian Entertainment section about free lessons at the Oregon Buddhist Temple and I have been to every practice, Obon, and any dancing ever since. I began my study with books, music/videos, and of course hanging on every word Sahomi said. I love the history, the connection to the participants, and the goals of fun, community, dancing for joy in gratitude, and losing your ego.

When I started in 1990 there were far fewer people than now. The number of people at practice grew gradually and then in 2018, really took off. I think the internet/YouTube helped that. Years ago, practice had 25 – 30 dancers, by the 2000's we had two full circles, then 2015 3 circles, and by 2018 we had to push everything back because we were full. This year we had 80 to 100 people a night.

And it's the same with the bon odori at Obon -- in 1990 it was pretty much 1 big circle with a few leaders in the center and a big gap between the white tarp "stage" and dancers. This year, we had over 500 dancers and we were filled from the audience to the tarp. This year, because we had far more dancers than "stuff", some of us concentrated on donations of uchiwa, kachi kachi, and tenuguis to the temple.

The number of dances has gone from 9 in 1991 when Sahomi took over as sensei, to 16 in 2018. In 1991 Mr. Kagawa, who did the music, started making cassette tapes for me. I wanted to learn the words so I could sing along, but those tapes also documented the dances we did in those years, and I am very grateful that we have them. When he died, his son Bob took over and he would make cassettes of the new songs for me. Now we email mp3 files 😊. My goal is to revisit many of the dances we did years ago, teach them, and document them so they don't get lost. We also are putting a lot of material up on our web page which I discovered a lot of people visit (thank you Maho).

Over the years, we have danced in a wide range of heat – from the low 80's to 104 (had cooled off to 102 when we started dancing). Plenty of 90 degree days in there. And in 1999 we had rain! It drizzled most of the day but right after we finished, it was a downpour!

In 2015 we transitioned from Sahomi being the sensei to me, but we are still following the format she established. This year, the Japanese Garden again had bon odori and this year they have turned it into a summer festival with 3 sets of 3 dances each. The courtyard was filled with dancers and observers – despite the heat. Just like it is always at Obon bon odori.

Every time I get in the middle of the circle, I am reminded of the honor it is to be the sensei and be part of this tradition which changes and stays the same. And it fills me with joy to see so many dancers all having a wonderful time.

In Gassho, Chris

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Thank you for your continued support

Obonfest 2023, August 5, 2023

Portland Taiko before the dancing
www.youtube.com/watch?v=sR2VHA76t-M



Portland Ondo Song and Dance

The Obon Band consists of:

- Jenna Yokoyama--singer
- Adam Ward--guitar
- Maki Winner--bass
- Elaine Yuzuriha--fue
- Yoshi Ono--fue
- Joy Yuzuriha--fue
- Lisa Tamura--taiko
- Karen Tingey--taiko

Fue (笛・ふえ) is the Japanese word for bamboo flute, and refers to a class of flutes native to Japan. Fue come in many varieties, but are generally high-pitched and made of a bamboo called shinobue. The most popular of the fue is the shakuhachi.

Video produced by
Todd Yuzuriha

<https://youtu.be/zQSIkpwLiic>





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August 10, 2023

Dear Dharma Friends,

We have been watching in disbelief the tremendous destruction caused by the recent wildfires on Maui. The loss of life, livelihood, and property has been devastating. Lahaina Hongwanji and its Sangha were directly affected by the fires. The temple, columbarium, classroom building, and minister's residence were completely destroyed in the horrific fires that devastated historic Lahaina town. Many temple members were forced to evacuate, and many homes were burnt to the ground. Our hearts go out to all who have been impacted by this disaster. As residents and our fellow Sangha members begin the process of rebuilding and healing, Hawaii Kyodan is committed to supporting relief efforts on Maui.

In the spirit of compassionate action, we have established the **MAUI WILDFIRE DISASTER RELIEF FUND**. You can donate in the following ways:

1. Online at www.hongwanjihawaii.com by clicking on the "Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief" button under the "Donate" tab.
2. Through GoFundMe at the following link: <https://gofund.me/ff77a520>
3. Check and cash donations can be sent directly to Hawaii Kyodan Headquarters. Please make check payable to HHMH and in the memo line designate "Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief" to ensure proper credit.

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii
1727 Pali Highway
Honolulu, HI 96813

All donations collected will go to support Lahaina Hongwanji and relief efforts on Maui. The Office of the Bishop and Committee on Social Concerns will prioritize addressing the immediate and short-term needs of temple families displaced by the fires and supporting the greater community as it rebuilds. The Committee will select reputable relief agencies and organizations to support in order to ensure our donations will directly aid those impacted by this disaster. Updates will be shared on our website at www.hongwanjihawaii.com.

Mahalo for your generosity and support during this time of tragedy.

In Gassho,

Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani
Bishop

Dr. Warren Tamamoto
President

Rev. Blayne Higa, Chair
Committee on Social Concerns



PORTLAND TAIKO

Farm Festival

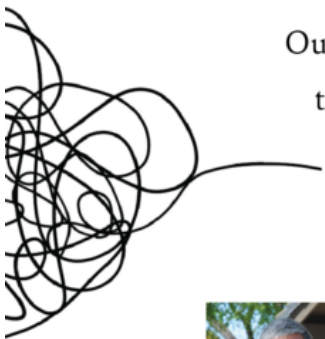
Portland Taiko Farm Festival Concert September 9, 2023 3-6PM

@ Triskelee Farm 29700 SW Mountain Road West Linn, OR 97068
portlandtaiko.org for ticket information

OBT will be selling musubi at this event to fundraise for Maui disaster relief.
If you would like to volunteer, please contact cathyarne@gmail.com.

76th NW District Buddhist Convention

Our theme, Chaos to Compassion, reflects upon the chaos of the past three years and looks forward to the future with compassion and patience, as we strive to get back to a new normal of life.



Keynote speaker
Rev. Dean Koyama
Palo Alto Buddhist Temple

Join us in Tukwila
September 15-17, 2023

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Fall Bazaar

Sunday, October 22, 12:00-3:00

Shop for Omiyage and Hand Crafts
Pre-order Chow Mein, Mar Far Chicken,
Chirashi Sushi or Bento
Limited seating for dine-in



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		Number of Orders	\$ Amount	<p>Pre-orders must be received by Friday, October 13.</p> <p>Please return this order form with your check to the Oregon Buddhist Temple or place your order online</p> <p>Order pick-up Sunday, October 22, 2023 noon to 3:00 pm at the Oregon Buddhist Temple</p> <p>Thank you for your order</p>
Bento (Chow Mein, Mar Far Chicken, sushi, vegetables)	\$20			
Chow Mein	\$10			
Chow Mein, vegetarian	\$10			
Mar Far Chicken	\$10			
Chirashi Sushi	\$10			
Chirashi Sushi, vegan	\$10			
TOTAL				
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Join us for

Epworth's Cultural Celebration

Sunday, October 8th from 11am-3pm

Bring family, friends, neighbors and the broader community to meet Asian-inspired vendors and community partners, as well as snack on Epworth's delicious goodies while shopping for a variety of plants, produce, household items and Asian treasures. Proceeds will help provide funding for capital projects, such as replacing air conditioning units, the kitchen's dishwasher, and purchasing chairs for the dining room.

We hope to see you on the 8th!!

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