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What will the Future Bring? Reverend Yuki Sugahara

(This is my Eitaikyo/Perpetual Memorial Service Dharma Talk)

People of the modern age should look into the past; the people of the past transmit the ancient. The stories would be lost, but the written will not be lost.

(Yuki's translation of *Rennyō Shonin Goichidaiki Kikigaki*/A Record of Saying of Rennyō Shonin)

Welcome to this year's Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Service. This is the service to appreciate our predecessors for transmitting the teaching to us. Oregon Buddhist Temple was established in 1903 and has been here in Portland, Oregon for nearly 120 years. We were able to be here for this long time because many people enjoyed the teaching of nembutsu, enjoyed friendship through the teaching and they supported the temple.

Thinking about the history of the US declaring independence in 1776, it has been 245 years since then. Oregon Buddhist Temple has been here for the half of the US history. That is amazing thing. But, this always reminds me how young the US is. Do you know that my home temple in Japan has a history of over 350 years? We celebrated the 350th year establishment of the temple in 1988 and buried a time capsule at that time. Some OBT members visited my home temple in 2018 and saw what was inside the time capsule. I believe I have talked about this at one of my Dharma talks in November or December 2018. You can find it in the videos on YouTube on the newsletter, but my home temple now has over 380 years of history. It is unfortunate that my home temple will not be able to survive for future generations because of the area's depopulation. But the teaching of nembutsu which my ancestors enjoyed and tried to convey to others is in me. So I hope many people are touched by the teaching of nembutsu through my Dharma talks and live with the teachings. I think this is what I can do to repay my debt of gratitude I owe to my ancestors.

Oregon Buddhist Temple was established in 1903. The first minister was Rev. Shozui Wakabayashi, and we had 23

ministers before me. I think I shared the list I have attached to the end of my message two years ago, but when we are back to in-person services, you can come to OBT to see the pictures of them, including my picture on the wall outside of the Hondo. I cannot speak for all of the ministers, but I am sure they wanted to spread the Jodo Shinshu teaching in the US, and in Portland, Oregon.

As far as I know, we have graves for the two ministers in Portland because they passed away while they were serving here or they were one of the important ministers for OBT. Both are in the Japanese section of Rose City Cemetery.

One is Rev. Wakabayashi, the founding minister of Oregon Buddhist Temple. There is a title called "Ingo" that is presented to those who devoted themselves to spread the teaching. His Ingo is Gaku-Cho-In. Gaku 楽 means enjoy, Cho 聴 means listen, so his Ingo means Enjoy Listening.

From his Ingo, I can imagine what kind of person Rev. Wakabayashi was. He was a young man in his twenties when he came to the US. I am sure he was very energetic and passionate to share the teachings. The founding members of OBT must have enjoyed seeing him and listening to his talks. I cannot compare myself to Rev. Wakabayashi's efforts, but I hope today's members of OBT are feeling the same way about me.

The second minister who has a grave in the Japanese section of Rose City Cemetery is Rev. Tansai Terakawa who passed away at the Minidoka Internment Camp. I cannot imagine the regret Rev. Terakawa felt when he had to close the temple down to move to Minidoka. I am sure that he tried to cheer up people and might have said many times, "we are always in the working of Amida Buddha, grasped and never to be abandoned..." It is really unfortunate that he was not able to come back to OBT.

Rev. Terakawa's Ingo is Gan-Kai-In. Gan 願 means vow or wish, Kai 海 means ocean. Usually in Jodo Shinshu "Gankai," the ocean of the vow, refers to how vast and deep the compassionate vow of Amida is. Rev. Terakawa shared the teaching of nembutsu, teaching of the great compassion of Amida Buddha. Imagining his compassionate figure of cheering people up in the difficult time, I feel like he was a man of compassion.

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"OBT welcomes all people regardless of ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identification, and political or religious affiliation."

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

December Shotsuki Hoyo

This is a monthly memorial service to honor and remember those loved ones who passed away during the month of December. The Shotsuki-Hoyo service will be held December 12th at the 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.

Anderson, Douglas William 12/4/2011	Kimura, Harue 12/8/1993 *	Sasaki, Tsunetaro 12/12/1966
Ando, Bob Minoru 12/26/1998	Kinoshita, Eugene Hiroshi 12/5/1974	Sarusaka, Shige 12/19/1950
Ando, Frank Susumu 12/5/1988	Kobayashi, Nobuo 12/21/1978	Shiiki, Riziko 12/5/1960
Aoki, Kotaro 12/31/1968	Kono, Shinayo 12/20/1991	Shiraishi, Setsuko 12/23/1973
Azuma, Teikichi 12/14/1965	Kristiansen, Tomie Fujita 12/27/2001	Shitasa, Fumi, 12/4/1986
Endo, Shige 12/9/1950	Liebowitz, Daniel 12/8/2007	Stumpf Junko Irene 12/12/2001
Fujii, James 12/3/2013	Masuoka, Baiichi 12/12/1952	Tachibana, Genpei 12/14/1962
Fujii, Sekitaro 12/5/1967	Matsushima, Hiroshi 12/18/2017	Takeda, Satoko 12/28/2000 *
Giese, Hiroko 12/4/2004	Minami, Nobuichi 12/11/1982	Takeuchi, Melvin Susumu 12/3/2011
Hayashi, Irene 12/28/2004 *	Miura, Rin 12/4/2005 *	Takeuchi, Robert 12/25/2015
Hirai, Shijiro 12/12/1956	Miyoshi, MaryTokiko 12/6/2005 *	Tamiyasu, Ikuma 12/7/1984 *
Hirota, Shizuko 12/27/1994	Naito, Kimi 12/14/2004	Tateishi, Yoshimasa 12/16/1960
Hishiki, Kazumi 12/14/2020	Nishimoto, Hatsumi 12/27/1999	Tomohiro, Risuke 12/30/1961
Ichikawa, Yasashi 12/29/1999 *	Nishino, Aya 12/18/1978 *	Tsuji, Haru 12/13/1984 *
Ikata, Rose 12/20/2019*	Okabe, Sayo 12/27/1976	Uyeda, Chiyono 12/2/1959 *
Ikeda, Kaneo 12/31/2000	Okita, George 12/23/2011	Uyeda, Matsuo 12/10/2007
Inouye, Grace Yoshiko 12/20/1992 *	Okita, Matoichi 12/13/1956	Wahl, Takeko 12/27/2018
Iwai, Yoshiro James 12/3/1998	Okita, Chiho 12/25/2015*	Woodworth, Eugene 12/21/2013
Iwashita, Kasuga 12/21/1973 *	Okubo, Shizu 12/28/1962 *	Yabuki, Kameji 12/18/1953
Inuzuka, Ko 12/24/1959	Onchi, George 12/20/1990	Yasutome, Sadayo 12/24/1974 *
Kasahara, May 12/30/2017	Ouchida, Jack 12/1/2000	Yoshida, Kumakichi 12/12/1958
Kato, Tony 12/16/1998	Sasaki, Kosaku 12/21/1983	Yuzuriha, Zoichi 12/13/1975
Kayama, Giichi 12/30/1979		

*OBWA member

2021 Memorial Services

Year Of Passing	Memorial	Year Of Passing	Memorial
2020	1 Year	2005	17 Year
2019	3 Year	1997	25 Year
2014	7 year	1989	33 Year
2009	13 Year	1972	50 Year

If you would like to schedule a memorial service for Loved ones or ancestors, please make arrangements With Reverend Sugahara at 916-834-7350 or ysobtoportland0612017@oregonbuddhisttemple.com

Daily On-line Services

Reverend Yuki conducts daily on-line services including Sundays at 8 am. On Sundays he also conducts a service at 10 am. Go to the Oregon Buddhist Temple web site and "Check out the

[YouTube Channel of Oregon Buddhist Temple](#)

Or click on

[Oregon Buddhist Temple - YouTube](#)



President's Column Ken Garner, OBT President

How did it get so late so soon? Its night before its afternoon. December is here before its June. My goodness how the time has flew. How did it get so late so soon?

Dr. Seuss

Indeed, how did it get so late so soon? Here we are in the midst of the holiday season with only Christmas left before we turn the calendar to a new year. 2021 will soon be just a memory. For OBT the memory will be rather slight. Our temple was closed for in-person activities for the entire year. While we made the most of modern technology – meetings via Zoom and services via You-Tube – we had precious few opportunities to spend time together. I know I missed assembling in community.

December is the last month of this term of my OBT presidency. While I can relate to Dr. Seuss's lament at the speed of time, I also cannot help but think about what is to come. We will soon have a new board with new ideas and things to do. There is much to look forward to with anticipation. While as of this writing, the election for the new OBT board members is on-going, considering that we have 4 candidates for the 4 open spots, we can speculate on who will be the board members. 3 of the 4 candidates are relatively new to OBT and do not have OBT board experience. They will be bringing a fresh outlook to the board and I am excited to see where we go. I ask each of you to give your support to them as you have supported me.

We have much to look forward to in the coming year. At some time in 2022 I have to believe that we will be able to again meet at the OBT facility as a Sangha in-person. I wish everybody a wonderful holiday season.

In Gassho, Ken

Bodhi Day Services

OBT – Sunday, December 5, 10 am

NW District – Sunday, December 12, 10 am

Also read [In Defense of "Enlightenment"](#) in the below link.

"Awakening" has become the preferred English term for the Buddha's attainment. But has something gotten lost in translation?

[Enlightenment vs Awakening - Tricycle: The Buddhist Review](#)

Joya-e Service

OBT – Friday, December 31, 6 pm

The New Year's Eve Service is called Joya-e and is observed at all temples on New Year's Eve. Adherents assemble before the shrine of Amida Buddha to quietly recollect the happenings of the year and to rejoice in the blessings of Amida.

[Joya-e \(New Year's Eve Service\) - Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple](#)

2021-2023 OBT Board and 2021 Officers

Term Ending 2023: Angie Davis, Jeanette Hager, Judy Hittle, Cathy Yarne

Term Ending 2022: Erik Ackerson, Jayne Ichikawa (Vice-President), Katie Tamiyasu, Christine White

Term Ending 2021: Marilyn Achterman, Ken Garner (President), Mai Thi La (Secretary), Ann Shintani



Pledges-2021 Alfred Ono

Congratulation, Your Oregon Buddhist Temple has submitted 59 names to Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) as the paid membership (those pledging \$300 or more) in 2021.

This allows those members to receive [The Wheel of Dharma](#) newspaper and to vote on OBT and BCA matters. As to total pledges for 2021, OBT has collected in total \$23,394 from 75 supporters. Some were very generous and all of them showed their support of our Oregon Buddhist Temple. Although this is less than previous years, when we collected about \$30,000, it still shows the generosity of all of the OBT supporters even in these difficult, closed off times.

In the coming year we would like you to submit the pledge form, even if you are an "old time pledger". We would like to update your addresses, phone or cell phone number, and email address for each one of you.

Also, some of you may have submitted your pledge this year but meant to be registered for 2022. If this was your intent, please note on your pledge check or registration form that the pledge is for 2022. For those of you who are last minute folks or want to add to your pledge for 2021, you certainly can pledge right up to the end of the year. In all, thank you everyone for your financial support of OBT.

Please keep your pledges coming yearly, quarterly or monthly to continually show your support of Oregon Buddhist Temple and to show your desire for OBT to continue into the future as a place to hear the Dharma, to interact with members

of Sangha and to be present at major events in each of your lives.

This will be my last pledge article. It has been a fun time raising money for one of my favorite organizations but I will be retiring from this job at the end of this year. New minds should take over the raising of funds for OBT. I will still be doing Dharma Exchanges and working on the Buddhist Education Committee and working with the library re-organization project.

Stay healthy and active, have a Happy New Year
Gassho,
Alfred Ono

The Pledge form is on page 10



Oregon Buddhist Women's Association **Etsu Osaki**

We have voted for our cabinet for 2022-2023 in December.

- Co-presidents: Amy Peterson and Jeanette Hager,

- Vice president Nancy Walseth,
- Treasurer-Diane Harder.

Installation will take place in January along with the OBT cabinet.

The following are officers who have agreed to continue in their positions:

- English secretary - Ann Shintani-
- Japanese secretary Kiyomi Dickenson
- English correspondence- Nancy Kajitsu
- Japanese correspondence-Yasuko Fields

We voted to give \$200 to the Portland State University food pantry. A check from will be sent to OBT, SOS (Support our Students).

Updated by-laws will be voted on at the general meeting on December 18.

Reminder by Rev Yuki to sign up for the World BWA Conference/OBT trip to Japan, May 7-24, 2023. The two-day conference in Kyoto is May 11-12, 2023, but we will fly into Tokyo on May 7th.

December is a very busy month. First we have Bodhi Day, the day that Siddhartha became a Buddha under the Bodhi Tree. Then there's Christmas. Do Buddhists honor Christmas? Of course. We honor all other religions. Besides, it's an exciting time when we get together with friends and family, give and receive gifts. So have a nice December. It's the end of the year so we look back and say "thank you" to all we have received. Namu Amida Butsu.

Next month's reporter Is Marilyn Achterman



Dharma School **Ann Shintani**

Dharma School families got together for Halloween activities, collect donated food items for OBT's food drive, and enjoyed a "trunk or treat". There were fantastic costumes, from friendly and bright to mysterious. From parents, aunts, and pets, too! Some were even double-masked (with costume and face masks)! Below is a photo with our costumes, and a few of our decorated food drive boxes.

At a recent meeting of the Northwest District Dharma School teachers, we spoke of Jodo Shinshu lessons to promote unity. A workshop hosted by Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple was mentioned, where Rev. Matthew Hamasaki shared that we are all grappling with our view of the world as self-centered beings, and Amida Buddha teaches us that we are connected with others, that all beings are important, and that all are suffering and need our help. Understanding this takes deep self-reflection, wisdom, and compassion.

I am grateful that our families support OBT's efforts to have a place where students (and parents) may meet others seeking Buddhism, ask questions about our Jodo Shinshu tradition and how that applies to our relationship to the world, and to support each other.



Girl Scout Cookie Sales **Amy Petersen**

Pre-orders start Saturday, January 8th. and end January 20th. Send an email to Gstroop43720OBT@gmail.com to receive information from one of the girls and place

an order.

Below is the link for our new cookie Adventurefuls. Sounds so yummy, but won't know until I get my training in December.

<https://www.girlscouts.org/en/cookies/cookie-flavors/adventurefuls-cookies.html>



BCA Center for Buddhist Education Presents: Shinjin Reverend Dr. David Matsumoto

Shinjin Part 1

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c0wwGB3_bAE&t=5s

Shinjin Part 2

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qZLthNKXOdW&t=12s>

An Irish Melody Named for the County of Its Origin



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aioOep5yHjE>

The below article by OBT board member Katie Tamiyasu is intended to help make the board more accessible to temple members.



Cheery Attitude and Appreciation Katie Tamiyasu

As many of you know, my mother Kimiko Iwamoto celebrated her 100th birthday on November 19th. Our family is very thankful for her good health and we appreciate her cheery smile and attitude whenever she greets us.

She has always been a good Buddhist and wears an onenju (Japanese meditation beads) on her left wrist, no matter where she goes, to the store, to the doctor, dentist or to church. It is just part of her attire when she goes out of the house. I've always wondered why she wore her onenju wherever she went, so I asked her and her answer was "I don't know, I just do". That was good enough for me. Mother's dementia is a little worse as time goes by, but then in her own words she says "what do you expect, I'm 99". That shut me up and left me with a chuckle and a smile.

If you are lucky to have elderly parents or a parent, appreciate them while you can. My mother always tells her

family "I love you" before we leave her company. She has taught us so much about gratitude and kindness, hopefully we can pass it on to others especially during the coming holiday season and into the new year.

Gassho

Intermediate Buddhist Study Class Via Zoom

When: Next class is Wednesday December 1, 7 pm to 8:30 pm

Where: Participants are at their respective homes on their computers, communicating via Zoom.

This is a twice a month intermediate level Buddhist study class. Please contact Reverend Sugahara for more information.

At the next class we will watch and discuss Rev. Dr. David Matsumoto's lecture on Shinjin.



Do you know who this is and where it came from? Contact Ken Garner if you do.

OBWA New Years Gathering, 2019



Past Months' Newsletters

Can be viewed at the below link.

[Newsletter | oregonbuddhisttemple](#)

A reminder to encourage readers to continue donations for the below events and any other time.

January	Hoonko
February	Nirvana Day
March	Spring Ohigan
April	Hanamatsuri
May	Gotan-E Shinran Shonin Birthday Celebration
July	Kangi-e "A Celebration of Joy" Obon Service
August	Obonfest
September	Fall Ohigan
November	Eitaikyo - Perpetual Memorial Service
December	Bodhi Day
	Year End Gift for the Temple

OBT Services, Events, and Meetings by Date

Links to Recurring Events – special links in table following For questions: bec@oregonbuddhisttemple.com

OBT Regular Service	Every week – Sun 10 AM
https://www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com/	
Dharma Exchange	Every 2 weeks – Sun 11 AM
Zoom Meeting ID: 991 9789 7816	Passcode: 103319
https://zoom.us/j/99197897816?pwd=amRuZ1Y1bEM3Mk5kU0lHeXNleVM4dz09	
Intermediate Study Class	Every 2 weeks – Wed 7 PM
Zoom Meeting ID: 815 9359 3428	Passcode: 704135
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81593593428?pwd=WEhYSEZTV0RlcEN4MjhpNnNvOUxBZz09	
OBWA	Sat, mid-month, each month – 10 AM
Zoom Meeting ID: 962 3703 0266	Passcode: 574232
https://zoom.us/j/96237030266?pwd=QjYxMjI5dDM3cnFVLzR5YmEvUU94UT09	
Dharma School	Every 2 weeks – On non-Dharma Exchange Sundays
Zoom Meeting ID: 972 9043 7213	
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/97290437213	
OBT Girl Scout Troop	Every other week on Sunday (dates below in table)
Zoom Meeting ID: 934 4857 6281	Passcode: 43720
https://zoom.us/j/93448576281	
Calendar: https://zoom.us/meeting/tJcpc-GtgT0oEtVJpNmFUrmDsDwMTIJqlwF4/ics?icsToken=98tyKuCrqj8iH9OTshGGR0wqBo-gWe_wtiFBj7drtg_LDgZmcA7SJcZVH4ZW0snc	

DATE	DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	WHERE/NOTES
November				
11/27	Sat	TBD	Dharma School - Dana	In person for Dana group. Check your email.
11/28	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev. Sugahara	
11/28	Sun	11 AM	Dharma School	11-Noon Virtual school
December				
12/1	Wed	7 PM	Intermediate Study Class	Rev. Sugahara
12/5	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev. Sugahara	OBT Bodhi Day Service
12/5	Sun	11 AM	Dharma Exchange	Leader Brenda Fugate: a talk by Rev. Blayne Higa (a preview of our January Hoonko speaker)
12/5	Sun	12 PM	Girl Scout Meeting	Amy Leader
12/11	Sat	TBD	Dharma School - Dana	In person for Dana group. Check your email.
12/12	Sun	10 AM	Service – NW District	Joint Bodhi Day Service by the NW District Temples – link is the OBT website – same as used for Sensei's services
12/12	Sun	11 AM	Dharma School	11-Noon Virtual school
12/15	Wed	7 PM	Intermediate Study Class	Rev. Sugahara
12/18	Sat	10 AM	OBWA	Watch email for information
12/19	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev. Sugahara	Shotsuki Hoyo Memorial Service
12/19	Sun	11 AM	Dharma Exchange	Leader Brenda Fugate: sharing/discussing part of a podcast by Rev. Takashi Miyaji who talks about the meaning of Namo Amida Butsu
12/19	Sun	12 PM	Girl Scout Meeting	Amy Leader
12/26	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev. Sugahara	
12/26	Sun	11 AM	Dharma School	11-Noon Virtual school
12/31	Fri	6 PM	NY Eve Service	Rev. Sugahara – This service will be live on Zoom! Link is: Same as Dharma Exchange link in top table
January				
1/1	Sat	10 AM	Service – Rev. Sugahara	Traditional New Years Day Service
1/2	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev. Sugahara	
1/2	Sun	11 AM	Dharma Exchange	Leader Etsu Osaki: Haiku for the New Year
1/2	Sun	12 PM	Girl Scout Meeting	Amy Leader
1/5	Wed	7 PM	Intermediate Study Class	Rev. Sugahara
1/8	Sat	All day	Girl Scout Cookie Pre Orders start	Girl Scout Cookie Pre Orders go from Jan 8 th – Jan 20 th . To order email Amy Leader at: Gstroop43720OBT@gmail.com
1/9	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev. Sugahara	Shotsuki Hoyo Memorial Service
1/9	Sun	11 AM	Dharma School	11-Noon Virtual school
1/15	Sat	10 AM	OBWA	Watch email for information
1/16	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev. Sugahara	
1/16	Sun	11 AM	Dharma Exchange	Leader Rev. Sugahara – Shinran Shonin's Memorial Day
1/16	Sun	12 PM	Girl Scout Meeting	Amy Leader
1/19	Wed	7 PM	Intermediate Study Class	Rev. Sugahara
1/22	Sat	10 AM	Hoonko Seminar	Rev. Blayne Higa – Topic information in next newsletter. Link is: Same as Dharma Exchange link in top table
1/23	Sun	10 AM	Hoonko Service	Rev. Blayne Higa – link on OBT.com website – same as Sensei's services.
1/23	Sun	11 AM	Dharma School	11-Noon Virtual school
1/30	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev. Sugahara	
1/30	Sun	11 AM	Dharma Exchange	Leader Kristin Wong – Recycling

Oregon Buddhist Temple October Donations

In memory of Sumie Ishida

Jean Matsumoto
Pat Hokama
Katie Tamiyasu
Jean F. Takashima
Dana Kakishita, Minnie Young
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Janet Takeuchi, Dori Takeuchi

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In memory of Shig Yuzuriha,
Fumiye Yuzuriha, Zoichi Yuzuriha

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NW District Convention

Tetsuden & Kanako Kashima

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Special donations

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Member Pledge donations

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Susan Endecott

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- **WHY** We believe it is important and vital to support a community restaurant during these difficult times.
- **WHAT** A maximum of 200 New Years Bento Style Osechi for \$25 each made by Sho's Japanese Restaurant. Hurry and place your orders now!
- **WHEN** **Sunday**, January 9, 2022. Bento pick-up at the Oregon Buddhist Temple parking lot from 12:20 - 2:45pm.
- **HOW TO ORDER**

Please fill out the form below and make the check payable to:

Oregon Buddhist Temple (indicate "bento meal") **MAIL by Thursday, December 30th, 2021.**

3720 SE 34th Avenue

Portland, OR 97202

Any questions or concerns can be answered by the Bento Committee:

Cathy Yarne 503-319-7071

Jayne Ichikawa 503-810-6390

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SHO New Years Bento Style Osechi

	<u>Price</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>\$ Amount</u>
Bento	\$25	_____	_____

Donations to Oregon Buddhist Temple is very much appreciated \$_____

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Thank you for your support

Make check payable to:

Oregon Buddhist Temple (bento meal)

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Portland, OR 97202

Bento pickup time: 12:15pm to 2:15pm at OBT

OREGON BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Pledge for 2021/2022

Here is my pledge to show support for Oregon Buddhist Temple

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E-MAIL _____ PHONE _____

Please provide the above information so OBT can have an updated listing

I/WE WILL PLEDGE _____

AMOUNT TO BE GIVEN IN ONE AMOUNT _____

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MONTHLY _____ QUARTERLY _____

All who pledge in any amount will be listed as supporters of
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Oregon Buddhist Temple

Please send this form and your pledge to:

Oregon Buddhist Temple

3720 SE 34th Avenue

Portland, Oregon. 97202-3037

Or

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Thank you for your pledge

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Rev. Terakawa's name Tan-sai is a very nice name. Tan 湛 has various meanings, but one of the meanings is "to save". So his name is expressing the complete, perfect working to save multitude of beings. This refers to the working of Amida Buddha's compassionate vow. So his Ingo title and his name match very well.

Of course, not only these two ministers, but all the other ministers made great effort to spread the Dharma and many of the members enjoyed the teaching of nembutsu and supported the temple and the life of the ministers. That is why Oregon Buddhist Temple is still here and I am being able to live here.

The words I shared at the beginning of my talk are the words of Rennyō Shōnin. He said "People of the modern age should look into the past; the people of the past transmit the ancient. The stories would be lost, but the written will not be lost." We often think that history is something we learn in the classroom and is not of much importance in our lives, but history is actually living as our lives. Because of the history, we are able to be here. If one page of the history book was missing, we would not be here today.

There is always something we can learn from the past, for example the current pandemic. If we were able to know how to deal with viruses through past experiences, it will be helpful in the future. So, past is not just history, but there is something we can learn from the past. Past history should not be lost. I often think that I should have asked my grandparents about their experiences during World War II. The stories I heard are so few. My mother's side grandpa left a storybook of his experience of internment in Siberia so I can learn how terrible it was. I learned how terrible war is and how we should not repeat it. So spoken stories might be lost or forgotten, but written stories are less likely to be lost.

It is the same for the teachings. Because Shinran Shōnin left many written teachings regarding nembutsu that he learned from his teacher Honen Shōnin, we are able to listen and learn

the teaching. So on this occasion of Eitaikyo/Perpetual Memorial Service, We once again look back and learn from the past, and hand the nembutsu down to the next generations.

Gassho.

<Oregon Buddhist Temple Ministers>

1. Rev. Shōzui Wakabayashi (1880-1915): Shinshōji, Toyama (Kaikyōshi No. 11)

Passed Away: 7/7/1915 (7/8/1915 on gravestone)

2. Rev. Keijō Fujii (1883-1947): Ganjuji, Hyogo (Kaikyōshi No. 43)

Passed Away: 2/22/1947

3. Rev. Kaho Tatsuguchi (1888-1947): Shōjunji, Hiroshima (Kaikyōshi No. 38, 80)

Passed Away: 6/11/1947

4. Rev. Kyōryō Miwa (1886-?): Kyōshōji, Hyogo (Kaikyōshi No. 87)

Passed Away: Unknown

5. Rev. Doko Minamoto (1891-1956): Kohōji, Osaka (Kaikyōshi No. 64) served Florin

Passed Away: 6/1/1956

6. Rev. Shōjō Katayama (1899-?): Shinkōji, Yamaguchi (Kaikyōshi No. 120)

Passed Away: Unknown

7. Rev. Yoshihiro Tokuno (1898-1955): Saikyōji, Hiroshima

For all following ministers, see the wall outside of the Hondo. Also see the OBT 100 Year Celebration booklet in the OBT Library, shown below, which contains the photos and years of service for each minister. However photos in the booklet end before Reverend Sugahara's arrival.

