



What will the Future Bring? Reverend Yuki Sugahara

(This is the modified script of my dharma talk on October 24, 2021)

Nirvana has innumerable names. It is impossible to give them in detail; I will only a few. Nirvana is called extinction of passions, the uncreated, peaceful happiness, eternal bliss, true reality, dharma-body, dharma-nature, suchness, oneness, and Buddha-nature. Buddha-nature is none other than Tathagata. This Tathagata pervades the countless worlds; it fills the hearts and minds of the ocean of all beings. Thus, plants, trees, and land all attain Buddhahood.

-Notes on 'Essentials of Faith Alone' (CWS, p. 461)

My son Hikaru turned 5 years old. Do you remember when we moved to Portland? He was only 8 month old and he didn't know how to walk yet. Now, he is going to pre-school and he will be kindergartener next year. Time flies, doesn't it?

And because my children are still small, I often think about what the future is going to be like. The climate is changing rapidly. I heard Portland was really cool in summer time, but we have had a few days of over 104 degrees Fahrenheit. Because it is dry in the summer, there are a lot of wild fires in the summer and smoke affects the air quality.

Last winter, we had a snow storm and power outages. Not only in Portland, but also in Japan, heavy rain is becoming a big problem, causing floods in many cities every year.

Some people might say "well, everything is impermanent so we have to live with it." This is true, so I believe there are two paths we can take: 1. Let things change in bad way, or 2. Change things in better way. Especially in regards to climate change, there must be something we can do.

I am talking about this because I am in on a committee at the Jodo Shinshu International Office that is named "Relationship with Another Religion", or something similar. When we had the first meeting with the committee members, Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara of Berkeley Buddhist Temple said he would like to have some kind of event regarding SDGs with people of another religion. SDGs stands for Sustainable Development Goals and there are 17 goals. If you are interested you can find SDGs on the internet. Eventually, we would like to cover each one of the 17goals, but this year we

are going to have an event on goal number 7, Affordable and clean energy.

The event would have finished by the time you are reading this, but we will have Dr. Miriam Hinostrroza who is the head of the Global Climate Action Unit at the United Nations as the keynote speaker and we will have panelists from various faiths groups such as Islam, Christianity and Buddhism. Representing Buddhism will be Reverend Don Castro, retired minister of BCA (from Seattle Betsuin) and founder of EcoSangha. I am sure this event is recorded and hopefully you can find it online.

I am interested in learning the balance between the ideal and the reality, what we can do for a better future and how another faith thinks about this issue. I was also thinking about what the foundation of understanding is regarding this topic as Jodo Shinshu Buddhists.

The passage I shared at the beginning is from one of the writings by Shinran Shonin titled Notes on Essentials of Faith Alone. Essentials of Faith Alone is written by Seikaku Hoin, one of the disciples of Honen Shonin. Although there are differences of the understanding, Shinran Shonin respected Seikaku Hoin and recommended his followers to read Essentials of Faith Alone. This is one of the reasons Shinran Shonin created the Notes on Essentials of Faith Alone for his followers, to be able to understand the contents better.

There are two versions of the Notes. Shinran Shonin's own handwriting version and the Shoka era version. Shinran Shonin's own handwriting version was written between 1250-1257 and Shoka Era version 1257-1259. There are slight differences in these two versions. The words "Thus, plants, trees, and land all attain Buddhahood" was not in own handwriting version which predates the Shoka version. This means that Shinran Shonin added these words after writing the original version.

At Mt. Hiei, Shinran Shonin studied the Lotus Sutra and the Nirvana Sutra, and although Shinran Shonin entered the Pure Land Way, it does not mean that he discarded all the understanding from these sutras. Shinran Shonin does not quote the Lotus Sutra directly in KyoGyoShinSho, but he quotes many sections of the Nirvana Sutra.

One of the main topic of discussion in the Nirvana Sutra is that "all beings possessing the Buddha-nature." And, plants, trees and lands possess the Buddha-nature too. Thinking about the reason Shinran Shonin added the words, "Thus, plants, trees, and land all attain Buddhahood..." in his Notes on

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Essentials of Faith Alone, it is difficult to understand his intent. I assume that he wanted to clarify that all beings possessing the Buddha-nature doesn't only mean that all

human beings possess the Buddha-nature, but also every beings including plants, trees and land possess the Buddha-nature.

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November Shotsuki Hoyo

This is a monthly memorial service to honor and remember those loved ones who passed away during the month of October. The Shotsuki-Hoyo service will be held November 14th 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.

Ando, Kikue 11/9/1989 *	Kiso, Yukino 11/27/1991 *	Okita, Clara Kazue 11/17/2004
Asakawa, Nogi Seichi 11/14/1992	Kiyohara, Jutaro 11/ 13/1953	Ouchida, Shizuyo 11/8/1965 *
Emoto, Junpei 11/11/1957	Kiyokawa, Rei 11/25/1979	Sakauye, Shizue Suzie 11/13/1997*
Fujii, Kazuo 11/5/2007	Koida, William Minoru 11/13/2010	Sako, Fumie 11/25/1998 *
Fujimura, Masao 11/29/1959	Kuribayashi, Seimi 11/19/1987	Shimizu, Shizuno 11/3/1952 *
Furukawa, Frank 11/9/1979	Maehara, Kameichi 11/19/1957	Shoji, George Tatsuo 11/12/1995
Hamataka, Fujimatsu 11/5/1950	Maekawa, Tomoko 11/24/1995	Sunamoto, Bob Hiroshi 11/22/2009
Hara, Mineto 11/13/2015	Maekawa, Yone 11/24/2004 *	Tachibana, Toki 11/19/1962 *
Harder, Richard 11/21/1996	Masuda, Ryonosuke 11/20/1975	Takabayashi, Utajiro 11/10/1963
Hasebe, Jamie Jo 11/26/2004	Matsumoto, Kametaro 11/6/1980	Takashima, Tokiye Ruth 11/25/2005*
Hayashi, Dr Mie May 11/2/2002	Matsunaga, Ayame 11/2/2006 *	Takeuchi, Sakajiro 11/9/1963
Hiransomboon, Totsavask (Todd) 11/8/2002	Minagi, Yoneo Eddie 11/11/2002	Takeuchi, Shiro 11/22/2011
Imamura, Megan Akemi 11/1/2013	Mitoma, Hisa 11/16/1960 *	Tamiyasu, Gunichi 11/20/1958
Kanzaki, Kyuji 11/6/1962	Morita, Chieto 11/1/1989	Tamura, Mitsuru 11/27/1977 *
Kasubuchi, Ben Shohachi 11/9/1984	Murahashi, Kazue 11/14/1979 *	Tan, Poh Chye 11/25/2008
Kato, Yahichi 11/19/1964	Murahashi, Toyoki 11/24/1961	Teramura, Uno 11/28/1966 *
Kawasaki, Hikojiro 11/25/1952	Nakamoto, Takaichi 11/15/1952	Yamano, Alice 11/22/1988 *
Kinoshita, Nadine Colette 11/28/2009	Nakamura, James S 11/15/1976	Yamauchi, Hiroshi 11/3/2014
Kirihara, Kyo 11/11/1962 *	Nakamura, Tsuru 11/21/1986 *	Yoshihara, Chiyoko 11/20/2006 *
	Nakayama, Katsumi 11/25/1996	Yoshihara, Taro 11/6/2004

* 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

Condolences



To the family of Richard Mishima who passed away October 17, 2021.

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



“Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos into order, confusion into clarity. It turns problems into gifts, failures into success, the unexpected into perfect timing, and mistakes into important events. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow”

Melody Beattie, Author

Believe it or not, we are already midway through fall season. The annual arboreal autumnal show so vivid just a few days ago is now just a soggy, albeit colorful, mess in my yard. It's the holiday season already. “It's The Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown” has aired and the dried up corn stalks, ghosts, and ghouls in the stores and streets are being replaced with holly, reindeer, and a jovial character dressed in red. Yet again Thanksgiving is but an afterthought.

I find it interesting the timing of the holidays. Halloween, All Hallows Eve, the time when the veil between the living and the dead is the thinnest. The harvest is in and the earth seems to be dying. Christmas comes just after the winter solstice, the shortest day of the year promising new hope as the days get longer. New Year's is the fresh start. Thanksgiving, the day to express gratitude comes after we acknowledge and accept, even play with, death. The new beginning of Christmas and New Years can only happen after we give thanks.

Being about gratitude, Thanksgiving is the national holiday that most resonates with Jodo Shinshu. It is about home and friends and family. It is not associated with a particular religion. Regardless of a person's faith, or lack thereof, you can be thankful.

2021 has been a strange year. A year of holding our collective breath. A year of starts and stops and uncertainties. A year of practicing patience and tolerance. In spite of the peculiarities of this year, I recognize how truly fortunate I am. There is so much in my life for which I am grateful: family, home, friends, our OBT community, the Dharma. Thank you all, my Dharma Friends for being in my life.

In Gassho, Ken

Eitaikyo Service Sunday Nov. 21, 10 am Eitaikyo (永代經) “Sutra (over) long generations”

One way to understand the Eitaikyo is as the temple's promise to continue to share and propagate the Dharma, in particular the Nembutsu Teaching (as expressed by the character 「經」 or Sutra), over many “long” (「永」) generations (「代」). The expression “long generations” (「永代」) is frequently translated as “perpetual.”

Because of this, the Eitaikyo can be seen as the temple's promise to propagate in perpetuity. However, the temple is also a place that helps us to understand that what make it possible and meaningful for the temple to propagate are all the people of the temple's past and their concern for the future that helped to make the present and the future possible.

Excerpt from Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple website

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



Earlier in October, Eileen and I were at Manzanita on the Oregon coast. At about 10:00 that night, I went out to the beach and looked at the clear night sky. As my eyes dark adapted, the stars filled the dome of the sky, a sight usually not seen in Portland. With the sound of the surf and the twinkling stars overhead, I felt this was the demonstration of how small we are relative to all the cosmos we are living in. The light I saw was sent from many stars over several hundreds of years ago and the ocean has been breaking waves for at least that many years. That sensory experience gave me a Namu Amida Butsu moment.

Oregon Buddhist Temple has been together for over 120 years, longer than most of us. It has evolved through 3 buildings housing a fabulous Obutsudan and a place to hear the Dharma. OBT has been led by many ministers and has been host to many Sangha members and guests.

Wouldn't it be great to be here in Portland at OBT for as long as those stars and send out the Dharma as bright and inspiring for as long as that starlight from that night?

I guess you can say that Ono has turned philosophical in his old age. However, long after I am gone, I presume the stars will shine and OBT will persist and continue to evolve like great wine.

Consequently, with your pledge support, OBT can continue on as a place to hear the Dharma which is always the true way of understanding our meager selves and others. Any

amount pledged will show that you would like OBT to continue as a place to meet, interact and learn.

Remember, to be listed on our rolls to be submitted to BCA, your pledge must be submitted by the end of October, which is soon by the time this article is published. Remember a pledge of \$300.00 or more gives you membership in BCA. This membership allows you to vote on temple affairs and gives you a subscription to "Wheel of Dharma" newsletter from BCA.

Take care of yourself and get vaccinated so we can safely get together at the Temple.

Gassho,
Alfred Ono MD

Oregon Buddhist Women's Association **Nancy Kajitsu**



The OBWA continues to meet via Zoom during our October meeting.

An SOS project led by Roberta Ando and Ann Shintani, to mention two of the project heads, is underway! OBWA and OBT are collaborating on a project to provide needed supplies to the PSU (Portland State University) Food Pantry. Please see the flyer in the Newsletter for further information.

A great Thank You to the nominating committee for discovering these talented people for office. Nominated are:

Co-Presidents: Amy Peterson
Jeanette Hager
Vice President: Nancy Walseth
Treasurer: Diane Harder

As of this moment, these are the only nominations. If you would like to be a nominee for any of these positions, please contact June Shiigi. Officers will be voted on in November.

Also covered in the October meeting were the proposed amendments to our bylaws. These will be sent to each OBWA member and voted on at our General Meeting in December.

In preparation for the World Buddhist Women's Convention in May of 2023, at the Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations (FBWA) Representatives virtual meeting on October 16th, approved a resolution submitted by the NWD BWA. This allows usage of designated funds from the 16th WBWC in 2019 to support an audio video project as an entertainment presentation at the 17th WBWC in Kyoto, Japan. We will be able to participate online through our Temple. The composition of an original and new BCA/FBWA gatha in English is being undertaken by Donna Sasaki of Tacoma and Kemi Nakabayashi of Seattle.

If you are interested in attending the World Conference in Japan, please let Reverend Sugahara know. He is also planning to form a tour of Japan before and after the conference.

Our next Zoom meeting will be November 20, 2021 at 10am.

Next month's reporter is Etsu Osaki.

Girl Scouts **Amy Peterson**



Girl Scout troop 43720 has started off the new school year with enthusiasm and a lot of fun activities that we hope Covid restrictions won't interfere. For now we are meeting outside and on zoom. The older girls are planning a Juliette Low Birthday party for the younger girls.

Our first event was a campout at Camp Cleawox near Florence. The girls enjoyed the outdoors, looking at all the leaves, flowers, and critters to complete their nature badges, taking photos of everything and playing in the sand. Aria was able to not only complete her archery badge, but assisted the instructor with the Junior Girl Scouts.



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

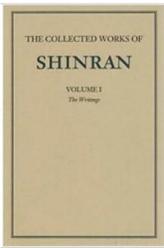
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qZLthNKXOdW&t=12s>

Take a Musical, Visual Break



<https://youtu.be/7CsFUCViiZc>

Intermediate Buddhist Study Class via Zoom



When: Next class is Wednesday November 10, 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.

Currently we are reading and discussing *Essentials of Faith Alone* in the Collected Works of Shinran.



Attention Japanese American Community High School Graduates Elaine Yuzuriha

Even though we have not been able to have the Japanese American Community Graduation Banquet for a couple of years now, the committee has been awarding the Japanese American Community Scholarships for the past two years. Hence, please let the committee know if you have a high school graduate from the Class of 2022 so we may extend an invitation to apply for the JACL and community scholarships and to make sure you qualify to have your student apply (you must be a member of one of the eleven Portland Japanese American groups that sponsor the banquet, of which Oregon Buddhist Temple is one, from before October 15, 2021). We hope to be able to have a banquet May, 2022.

Please let Elaine Yuzuriha know if you have a high school graduate so he or she may be added to the list. Also, you may address any questions about to program to Elaine - her email address is e.yuzuriha@comcast.net.



Portland Taiko's Online Party on 12/4 Wynn Kiyama

After a year and a half, Portland Taiko is thrilled to be practicing and holding classes once again in the basement of the Oregon Buddhist Temple. Thank you to OBT for undertaking and supervising all the renovations!

Portland Taiko would like to invite the OBT Sangha to join us online for our year-end Bonenkai party on Saturday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m. featuring new performance videos by Portland Taiko and our students! You can attend this online event by using the password "PT2021" on the front page of our website: www.portlandtaiko.org.

Thank you again for your support! We hope to reconnect with you at our online Bonenkai party to celebrate the art of taiko, the resilience of our community, and the wish for health and recovery in the New Year.



Portland Taiko at Oaks Park, September 11, 2021

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



Are You a Buddhist? Ann Shintani

My workplace last week had a virtual Asian American Employee Resource Group meeting. A co-worker shared about his mission to encourage others to participate in civic engagement. He spends much of his free time being involved in non-profit and political groups, as well as volunteering with wildfire support and vaccine clinics. His message was uplifting – to help others by increasing communication, as no one is an island. He does civic work in gratitude for the help his family had received as new immigrants, for kindnesses that, he says, he can never repay.

At work, I am definitely a minority as a Buddhist. A few years ago, I was in a conference room waiting for the meeting to start and saw a spider on the table. I scooped it up with a piece paper and dropped it outside in the hallway. I did this because I did not want to see a squished spider. Another coworker was confused by this, and asked, “why, are you a Buddhist?,” and I immediately said, “why, yes, I am!” and stood up straight, expecting an opportunity for interesting small talk. I think I said a few words about it, but she seemed to regret her comment and I dropped the subject, unfortunately. From then, I made it more of a point to share my religious background to more people, although in a more calm way.

So, what I am trying to say is that communication is really important, and making mistakes is better than not trying at all (even though I frequently cut corners). I think that is our path, to continue to strive to help others, despite making mistakes

along the way. I am grateful for your kindnesses to me, despite my mistakes.

Namo Amida Butsu.



Community Food Drive Jayne Ichikawa

The outreach committee of OBT has organized a Community Food Drive to fight hunger at Portland State University called S. O. S. which stands for Support Our Students. This food drive will be held at OBT on Saturday, November 13 (10-11 am and 4-5 pm), and Sunday, November 21 (4-5 pm only). Please read the flyer carefully for information about the food drive and the exact time and dates for the food drop off. These needy students are depending on our support to help with multiple hardships including housing and access to adequate food. We hope you will participate in our Community Food Drive with your donation of canned foods and /or checks. Questions and concerns can be answered by emailing Jayne Ichikawa at jayneichi@gmail.com Thank you.
(see flyer on page 10)



Tapping on the Bell of Silence Nancy Walseth

On Sunday, November 21, 2021, at 11:00 a.m., Al Ono will lead an online dharma exchange discussion of the recent presentation of Oregon poet laureate emeritus Kim Stafford, a presenter at the recent NW District Buddhist Convention. Some people were not able to participate in the convention. I felt personally "woke" and changed by his presentation - not in spite of, but *especially* in the context of so many *other* excellent presentations. To review the 54 minute presentation before Al's dharma exchange, here is the link to cut and paste into your computer browser: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e2n18hOOIP0>

Or just google **Tapping on the bell of silence** and a video link to click from NW Buddhist will be one of the top listings Attachments area

[Preview YouTube video Tapping On The Bell Of Silence](#)



Past Months' Newsletters

Can be viewed at the below link.

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Trivia Question:

What was this newsletter called before the name was changed to **The Oregon PureLand Path**?

Answer on bottom of page 8.

The name change occurred with the February 2003 newsletter to identify OBT as a temple of the Pure Land school of Buddhism.

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

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| 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=amRuZ1Y1bEM3Mk5kU0lHeXNlVm4dz09
Intermediate Study Class	Every 2 weeks – Wed 7 PM Zoom Meeting ID: 815 9359 3428 Passcode: 704135 https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81593593428?pwd=WEhYSEZTVORlcnEN4MjhpNnNvOUxvBz09
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

DATE	DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	WHERE/NOTES
October				
10/30	Sat	TBD	Dharma School - Dana	In person for Dana group. Check your email.
10/31	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev. Sugahara	Halloween 😊
10/31	Sun	11 AM	Dharma School	In person pickup of school supplies -- in costume if you wish
November				
11/7	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev. Sugahara	
11/7	Sun	11 AM	Dharma Exchange	Leader Chris Dart – OBT Library and Vade Mecum or Don't Judge a Book By its Cover or Age (reference to Rev. Hata talk)
11/10	Wed	7 PM	Intermediate Study Class	Rev. Sugahara
11/13	Sat	10 AM	Community Food Drive	For PSU student food bank – drop off at OBT parking lot. See flyer in newsletter for more information & options.
11/13	Sat	TBD	Dharma School - Dana	In person for Dana group. Check your email.
11/14	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev. Sugahara	Shotsuki Hoyo Memorial Service
11/14	Sun	11 AM	Dharma School	11-Noon Virtual school
11/20	Sat	10 AM	OBWA	Watch email for information
11/21	Sun	10 AM	Service – Rev. Sugahara	Eitaikyo Service
11/21	Sun	11 AM	Dharma Exchange	Leader Al Ono - Reflections on the Convention presentation of poet laureate Kim Stafford
11/21	Sun	4 PM	Community Food Drive	For PSU student food bank – drop off at OBT parking lot. See flyer in newsletter for more information & options.
11/24	Thurs		Thanksgiving	Happy Turkey Day!
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. Blaine Higa (a preview of our January Hoonko speaker)
12/8	Wed		Bodhi Day	Celebration of Gautama Buddha enlightenment
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
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 Cathy Yarne: sharing/discussing part of a podcast by Rev. Takashi Miyaji who talks about the meaning of Namu Amida Butsu
12/25	Sat		Christmas	Merry Christmas!
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
January				
1/1	Sat		Happy New Year	Best wishes for a year filled with good
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

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So, through these words, I thought with our self-centered mind of looking for more convenience in our daily lives, we are damaging the plants, trees and land which also possess the Buddha-nature. As we should respect each human being as those who value life, it is time for us to change our mindset and respect nature also.

Especially after the industrial revolution in the 18-19th centuries we human beings sought for more and more and destroyed much of nature. Seeing all the climate changes in recent years, it is time for us to rethink our self-centered mind. Plants, trees, and land all attain Buddhahood. We must respect nature and think about how to live together with nature.

So, what we can do? What each individual can do might be a small thing, but the accumulation of the tiny, small things becomes large when we do it together. Saving energy, recycling, using own utensils when going out to eat rather than using disposal ones, using bikes, or walk more, use local stores. There could be many things we can do for nature.

This is what I think and I am sure everyone has different opinions. I am not forcing you to think as I think, but I just wanted to introduce my understanding regarding this matter. And I hope we take the opportunity to think about what we can do for the future.

Gassho

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