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Make Dharma as the Light Reverend Sugahara

“One should be one's own light and not rely on others. One should make the Dharma as one's own light and do not rely on others.” –Nirvana Sutra

One day, when Shakyamuni Buddha and his disciples were visiting a village, Shakyamuni Buddha became very ill and was close to dying. Ananda was a cousin of Shakyamuni and a very close disciple. He was always next to Shakyamuni Buddha, and not only listened to all of his messages, but also memorized them.

Ananda and all of the Sangha felt that Shakyamuni Buddha would never pass away until he taught them the last secret teaching of the Dharma, so Ananda worried when Shakyamuni Buddha became very ill.

However, Shakyamuni Buddha said to Ananda, “Why is the Sangha expecting a secret teaching from me? I have always shared the whole and complete Dharma without any secrets. Ananda, there is no hidden meaning or hidden teaching, there is only Dharma; and Dharma is Universal Truth without any secrets.”

Ananda replied, “But, what will we have to rely on after you pass away? Who shall we follow after you are gone?” Then, the Shakyamuni Buddha said the words that I quoted at the beginning,

“One should be one's own light and do not rely on others. One should take the Dharma as one's own light and do not rely on the others.”

These are very deep words, so let me explain what the Buddha said to Ananda.

I was born in 1980 and I think we are the first generation who grew-up playing TV games like Nintendo and Play Station. In 1988, when I was in elementary school, a TV game called “Dragon Quest III” came out. I think it is known as “Dragon Warrior III” in the US. It was the biggest hit of all the TV video games of all time. It was so popular and in such demand that many people could not buy it. It was such a great game that some people who were able to get the game pretended to be ill and be absent from school or call in sick from work for a few days just to stay home to play that TV video game.

So that game was a social phenomenon but it was also a

problem. Unfortunately or maybe fortunately, I could not buy that game at that time. But a few years later I was able to get and to play the Dragon Warrior III TV video game.

For those of you who may not know this game, Dragon Warrior is a role playing game. In the game, we are able to play as the main character that will fight to save the world from an evil dragon. There are many riddles to solve in order to advance in the story. It was so challenging and fun that people became addicted to the game. I still remember the feeling that Dragon Warrior was the best role playing game I have ever played.

Psychologist began to study why this role playing game became so popular. One theory was that in people's everyday lives, there was a growing feeling of despair. It was only a year after the game came out in 1989 that the Bubble of Japan's Economy began to burst. Many people were feeling helpless and doubtful about their future and wondering what they would do with their lives. So in a time when people were feeling growing hopelessness with real life, they were able to escape into this great video game. In the game Dragon Warrior, they could become hopeful heroes who would defeat the evil Dragon and save the world.

In the TV video game, people could role play and become an ideal person with power and purpose. But, in the end, it was all pretend. For even though we are able to complete the game, save the world and become a hero, it does not mean we have become heroes in our true lives. But for many people, it was a great escape from reality.

If the Buddha were alive then, he would have said, “One should live one's own True Life and not depend on the illusion of the Fantasy Reality of a Video Game.” We should see ourselves in our own true lives, and not as heroes in a Video Game.

When I think of the words of the Shakyamuni Buddha, “One should be one's own light and not rely on others.” He is encouraging us to see ourselves with our own eyes guided by the wisdom of Buddha.

Do you know that many Japanese really like fortune-telling? On almost every morning TV show, they will tell people silly things like “If you are blood type AB, I'm sorry, you will have an unlucky today!” or “If you were born in July, you will have a wonderful and great day!”

How confusing that would be for someone like me, because, I'm blood type AB and born in July. I wonder what would happen then. Am I going to have a great day or an

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unlucky day? How silly such predictions are.

Even here in the US, some people read their daily astrology fortune. Sometimes the astrology fortune will say things like, “You will meet your companion for life today.” I don’t think meeting someone that important in our lives can be predicted in such a way. However, it is easy to rely on the words of others because we can shift the responsibilities to others so whatever goes wrong, it’s not our fault.

If the fortune teller says “you will have a bad day today,” and if we happen to have a car accident that day, then we can say, “Oh, that’s because of the fortune telling and not because I was driving too fast. That is why I had a bad day.”

To this, the Buddha would say, “One should let the Dharma be our Light... Let the Truth be our Light... and not rely on the fantasy of fortune telling.”

“The light,” the Buddha talked about is the light of Reality, light of truth. And the Reality of the Dharma is to see that “everything in our lives is impermanent and also interdependent” and to realize that we are living with our self-centered ideas... and for us Jodo Shinshu Buddhist, the light is Amida Buddha. The True Reality itself took the form as Namo Amida Butsu and always calling us to wake up. We are always guided by this light of wisdom of Buddha and we are making ourselves who is guided by the light of wisdom of Buddha as light, not the one who is guided by fortune telling or fantasies.

I believe this is what Shakyamuni Buddha wanted to express with his words. I hope we rely on the guidance of Buddha and live each day at its fullest.

Gassho.



President’s Column **Ken Garner, OBT President**

“There is always in February some one day, at least, when one smells the yet distant, but surely coming summer.”

Gertrude Jekyll

It is winter. While we have not had snow in the lowlands of Portland, we are having our typically soggy and cold winter. We are also in a metaphorical winter. We have been braving this winter for a year. Just this past week we marked the year anniversary of the first confirmed case of Covid-19 in the United States. For the past year we have been mask wearing, social distancing, and self-isolating. The staggering infection and death numbers are peaking. Despite the winter’s gloom, in the still yet distant, spring and summer waits. Vaccines have been developed and are rolling out. Serious discussions about protocol for school re-openings are being held. Patience and perseverance are the call for the day.

The physical plant of OBT has experienced its own winter. Most of you know about the sewage back-up we had late last year due to city work under the street outside the temple. We have received initial insurance payment, have a contractor and project manager, and will begin work restoring our basement. Flooring and paint has been selected. A change that you will see when the temple re-opens is that the drinking

fountain downstairs will be removed and not replaced. There were many factors that went into that decision – you can contact me if you want more details.

The annual National Council meeting will be held via Zoom over the last 2 weekends of February. We have the unusual opportunity to attend the workshops and seminars that are held during the meeting. They will be open to the public. I encourage you to attend if you are interested in learning more about how BCA and your temple operate. There will also be a Dharma-thon featuring the ministers who retired in 2020. Our regular 10:00 am YouTube Sunday Service on February 28 will be canceled in favor of the National Council Eitakyo Service held at the same time. You can find information about these events elsewhere in this newsletter or via this link: <https://www.bcancm.org/workshops>

As of today, OBT does not have a re-open date. Chances are it will not be until late 2021 or even early 2022. I miss seeing our beautiful temple filled with Sangha members and friends. We know that this situation is temporary and that change is inevitable. Someday soon, when the conditions are just so, you will smell a faint waft of incense and hear a soft distant ring of the kansho and you will know that summer will soon arrive.

In Gassho,
Ken

OBT 2021 General Meeting **Ken Garner**

You may be asking: So what is the state of my temple? Is it still there? What happened in 2020? What are the plans for 2021? Are we going to re-open? What is OBT's financial situation? The answer to these and other questions will be addressed at the annual meeting which will be held via Zoom at the end of February the date and time yet to be determined.

While the Oregon Buddhist Temple is an open book – all board meeting minutes and financial reports are available for our community to examine – the annual meeting gives us a chance to get together and talk about the current state of OBT and where we are going. If you have a question for Ken Garner or the board or have an item you would like to have addressed, you can send it to him via email at president@oregonbuddhisttemple.com.

All temple financial supporters are invited and encouraged to attend. The date and time of the meeting will be distributed mid-February via email. We will use the email addresses that are used in the OBT events emails sent during the month. If you have not received those emails, please let us know your correct address and we will send the access information to you.

February Shotsuki Hoyo

This is a monthly memorial service to honor and remember those loved ones who passed away during the month of February. The Shotsuki-Hoyo service will be held at the February 9th 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, Denny Masaru 2/2/2004	Ishida, Nobuko 2/11/1973 *	Okubo, Haru 2/7/2006
Asai, Sagoro 2/18/1969	Ishii, James Kentaro 2/27/2010	Osaki, Tome 2/1974*
Blackmun, Masako 2/21/2018	Ito, Yoshizo 2/1/1995	Parks, Kayoko 2/23/1992
Dorman, Bob 2/2009	Kajiwaru, George 2/8/2016	Sakurai, Sakiyo 2/17/1958
Ebihara, Sumie 2/1/1957 *	Kasubuchi, Mary W 2/24/2010 *	Shiraishi, Sayo 2/23/1952
Egashira, Kikuno 2/7/1997	Katsuro, Mine 2/23/1955	Sugihara, Seigo 2/24/2003
Egashira, Reisaku 2/16/1978 *	Kobayashi, Sakae 2/7/1966	Sunamoto, Sen 2/4/1967 *
Fujii, Hiroshi Hyde 2/26/2005	Maekawa, Shozo 2/17/1990	Sunamoto, Kazuko 2/26/2017*
Fujii, Yonezo Fred 2/21/1973	Maekawa, Ryoo 2/26/2005	Tadasumi, Mary 2/23/1954
Fujii, Yoshino 2/16/1963 *	Miura, Tamuro 2/13/1966	Takeda, George Takeo 2/27/1992
Fujiwara, George S 2/6/2016	Miyoshi, Jimmy 2/2/1984	Takeda, Ishi 2/6/1951 *
Hasuike, Sachiko 2/14/2019 *	Morishita, Orga Fusae Junie 2/27/1997	Takemoto, Takichi 2/19/1954
Hayashida, Masako 2/3/2004	Morita, Bessie Shinobu 2/4/2012	Takeuchi, Thomas 2/20/1990
Hearing, Sachie Yuki 2/2/1989	Nakamura, Kanesuki 2/22/1956	Tsujimura, Tomi 2/25/1983 *
Hironaka, Shigeru 2/15/2005	Nakamura, Saya 2/21/1987 *	Uyetake, Chise 2/7/1956 *
Hokama, Tom 2/25/2020	Niemi, Isao 2/26/1962	Yamaguchi, Shizuo 2/21/1988*
Honma, Ira 2/27/1988	Oguri, Yasutaro 2/1/1961	Yoshida, Nobuko 2/1973 *
Ikata, Suelo Buddy 2/27/1992	Okita, Tatsu 2/23/1967*	Yoshihara, Shuichi 2/7/1962
Ikeda, Masaharu 2/21/1975		

*OBWA member

Nirvana Day, February 15 Nehan-e 涅槃会 - "Nirvana-Gathering"

The Sanskrit word Nirvana comes from the root "va" which means "to blow", adding the stem "ana" which means to make, and the prefix "nir" which means "off" or "out". Hence, Nirvana means "the blowing out or extinction". It is understood to mean the blowing out or extinction of the flame of personal desire.

From Traditions of Jodoshinshu Hongwanji-Ha, by Masao Kodani and Russell Hamada

On this day we solemnly observe the passing of Shakyamuni into Nirvana. Although he attained enlightenment and became a Buddha, he was still in his earthly form. This earthly form, subject to birth and death, had to perish but his Teaching embodying the spirit of Buddhahood is eternal.

From Shin Buddhist Handbook, Buddhist Churches of America



Pledges for Oregon Buddhist Temple Alfred Ono

HAPPY NEW YEAR-2021.

This last year was an unique experience with services, Dharma talks, classes and seminars, and even a happy hour all virtually via Zoom or other virtual platforms which is, for some of us, learning a new skills with our computer. One can still teach old dog new tricks.

Unfortunately, without live face to face interaction, the intimacy of the Sangha is missed. Nothing beats a handshake or hug from another dharma friend. Hopefully, with vaccination, more people following healthy measure and a new administration in Washington DC, the virus will be beaten, and we will be able to be back together at the Temple.

Last year we did well with pledges and the remarkable "Spirit of Giving: An Evening of Music with OBT." OBT was

able to cover most of our expenses even without our usual fund raisers.

Moreover, we submitted 66 supporters for membership to BCA from OBT.

However, here we are in 2021 and the start of a new year. The cost of maintaining Oregon Buddhist Temple continues even if we are not physically there. We have also incurred additional costs of cleaning up water backup in the basement drains caused by City repair work of a sewer line on 34th avenue. Moreover, this is our year to host the Northwest District convention in September.

These unexpected costs, the hosting of special events and even the day-to-day costs of maintaining OBT require your support financially and in manpower. We will see what our needs entail as 2021 progresses and hopefully gets better.

As always, your pledge is important for support of the Oregon Buddhist Temple. Any amount will show you want to keep OBT as an important part of your life. Again, if you pledge \$300.00 or more, you are listed as member of OBT to Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) and part of your pledge goes to BCA for their membership dues.

As we have said before, if you are short of funds, any amount shows your support of OBT and if you can, pledges beyond \$300.00 are greatly appreciated.

Since we cannot yet meet in person for you to drop off your pledge check and pledge form, please send your pledge either as one amount or in payments via check or PayPal to:

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Please fill out the pledge form on page 7 in this newsletter so we can be sure your information is up to date. Thank you.

Gassho,
Alfred Ono



OBT's Support a Restaurant Project **Cathy Yarne**

Sadly, we are all aware that all restaurants have been severely hit by the Covid pandemic. In an effort to demonstrate our support, OBT approached Sho's restaurant about organizing a take-out event where all proceeds went to the restaurant. The owner welcomed the idea and came up with a special new year's Osechi bento with ozoni.

On Jan 10th a small group of eager volunteers distributed these bentos from OBT's "drive thru" parking lot. With more than 75 individuals placing orders for a total of 208 meals, we anticipated needing to accommodate more than 60 cars in less than an hour. Our worries about a traffic jam on 34th Ave were unnecessary because everything went very smoothly. A big "Thank You" to everyone who helped - Nancy Kajitsu, Reynold Lee, Shinya Ichikawa, Jeanette Hager, Brian Yarne, Jeff Yarne, and Rev. Yuki. Special thanks to co-chairs Katie Tamiyasu and Jayne Ichikawa.

The response from the community was overwhelming. No matter whether people were already fans of Sho's or were introduced to Sho's cuisine for the first time, everyone purchasing a meal did so in the spirit of supporting a business during the pandemic. Although this was not a fundraiser for OBT, the project was very rewarding and the bento was delicious!



Osechi style bento

Dharma Exchange Online

Dharma Exchange is held every other Sunday via Zoom. The upcoming topics for February are:
January 31: Buddhist Names led by Reverend Sugahara
February 14: Nirvana Day led by Ann Shintani
February 28: No Dharma Exchange due to BCA National Council Eitakyo Service (all invited and encouraged to attend)

All DX sessions begin at 11:00 am. Join us for interesting conversation and to see your Dharma Friends. **Below is the Zoom sign-in information:**
Topic: Dharma Exchange

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/8939371469?pwd=WEdrTWp1TFJtOPicXY0WFNpMis4UT09>

Meeting ID: 893 937 1469
Passcode: 724477

If you have a topic that you think would be a good DX discussion please contact Brenda Fugate or any of the BEC members.

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

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

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For more about the life of Lady Kujo and a wonderful translation of her poem Seiya (Splendor of an Evening Sky), please see Sensei Dr. Alfred Bloom's article at <https://bit.ly/LadyKujo>

The next OBWA reporter is Katie Tamiyasu.



Dharma School Ann Shintani

I look forward to Nirvana Day because of our vegetarian potluck after service. This year, I see it more seriously. Nirvana Day is a memorial to the historical Buddha. Buddhists refer to one's death as they are "attaining Nirvana", or going to "a place of peace and happiness". That sounds quite beautiful, but I often feel the exact opposite when unfortunate things occur: sad and upset, someone I don't want to be around... ugly. This is a truth, to live in the physical world. Over time, I try to remember that we, including myself, are embraced by Amida Buddha and, despite this feeling of ugliness, try to regain wholeness.

For our virtual Dharma School Zoom classes, we try to keep our lessons cheerful, including Nirvana Day. There is a fable of when the Buddha entered Nirvana, the animals came out of the forest to join in expressing thanks for the Buddha's wisdom and compassion. We will learn about Lady Kujo's courage that helped the poor and built a school for women. We are focusing on this power: of helping each other heal by remembering our beloved pets (even those who were annoying), and practicing kindness to others and ourselves.

Please contact Ann (dharmaschool@oregonbuddhisttemple.com) if you are able to attend a virtual BCA seminar on behalf of OBT's Dharma School. It would be a great help, and you can learn about Buddhism, relay advice on how to share the Dharma, and virtually meet other devoted and friendly volunteers.

Buddhist Study Class via Zoom

Intermediate Class: Essentials of Faith Alone

When: Every other Wednesday, 7pm to 8:30 pm. Next class: February 3.

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

Please contact Reverend Sugahara for more information.

Girl Scout Cookies Amy Peterson

There was an error in the January Newsletter with the address to get Girl Scout Cookies. It should be gstroop43720OBT@gmail.com. Cookies can be ordered online or by emailing the troop. We will have cookies ready for pick up on Feb. 13th at the garage (social distanced and with masks) Those who order will be contacted with the time. You can order cookies until March 5th. THANKS, Amy

Oregon Buddhist Women's Association Robbi Ando and Diane Harder



The continued pandemic restrictions again limit the scope of the OBWA article; just three items for February 2021.

First, the mundane: OBWA membership dues are due. We encourage you to join or rejoin our group as we work to support the temple, various social services, and friendship. The cost is \$20 per year and can be made to OBWA at the temple address. Members 88 years and older are exempt from paying dues. If your mailing address, phone number or email have changed in the past year or two, please let us know.

Second, you are missed. An OBWA meeting is one very good excuse to get together. To be safe the meeting will be by Zoom. Mark your calendar for Saturday, February 3 at 10:00 a.m. The sign-in link is

<https://zoom.us/j/94926650698?pwd=aitMN1htcllrQ1dJU3RJb2JibnEvUT09>

The third, related but more profound. Lady Takeko Kujo was the groundbreaking co-founder of the Buddhist Women's Association. February 7 is her memorial day. She died in 1928 at 41 years. In those brief years she was also widely recognized as a humanitarian and an elegant author and poet. Each February OBWA chairs a special service to honor Lady Kujo. In lieu of that service we would like to share a brief passage from her writings, but with a caveat. Translation is more than knowledge of two languages; it also sometimes calls for the heart of a poet. The translators of the following piece said, humbly: "No attempt was made to convey her matchless style."

A Moment in Eternity

Shadows from the Seven Hills of Rome creep up to the ruins of an ancient civilization. The ruins seem to symbolize the end of history on earth.

When compared with eternal nature, the briefness of human history and one's impermanence become clear.

Our existence is no more than a grain of millet.

Regardless of how momentary, however, there is no doubt that we exist. We must not let even a fraction of this time escape us—the sacredness of life thus becomes apparent.

The grief is not that life is so short, but that we are unable to live our momentary life well.

The article below is written by first-year OBT board member Jeanette Hager to help make the board more accessible to temple members.



Searching for the Path Jeanette Hager

I attended my first Hoonko Seminar given by Rev. Candice Shibata from the Buddhist Church of Stockton. The seminar was entitled "Compassionate Listening: Therapeutically Engaging with Others and the Buddha-Dharma." She defined the various ways that one sees someone who is suffering, feeling pity for their circumstance, being sympathetic, or perhaps connecting at a deeper level, being empathetic. Rev. Shibata included an animation by Brené Brown in her presentation which illustrated how interactions between individuals differ from having a disconnected attitude to their suffering, to a connection through a similar emotional experience, such as loss. When one connects at a deeper level, there is the wish to help to relieve that individual's suffering, be it through engaged "compassionate" listening or perhaps, "compassionate" action.

Rev. Shibata also showed part of an NHK documentary, "Phone of the Wind: Whispers to Lost Families." Itaru Sasaki, a resident of Ōtsuchi in Japan, had built a phone booth with a rotary phone in his garden to provide a space to go after the loss of his cousin. After the tsunami in Ōtsuchi in March 11, 2011, Sasaki-san opened up his phone booth to his community, so that anyone who needed to express their grief at the loss of their family members, could come to the phone booth.

Rev. Shibata also shared her own personal experience, the loss of her mother when she was in her 20's, and her emotional anger and grief. Her eventual healing led her back to the Buddha-Dharma which she had grown up with.

Rev. Shibata's presentation was very relevant to me: her sharing of the loss of a parent. My father had died in a car accident when I was 21. I have been searching my entire life for meaning in my life, how to help others, not out of pity, but to lessen their suffering, for I have endured it, too. The Four Noble Truths have taught me that there is a path out of suffering. Everything changes, thus causes of suffering can lessen through healing.

I am grateful to have had people in my life that have taught me through their compassionate actions of helping others. Rudolf Steiner, an Austrian philosopher, taught that a child chooses the parents. Not that I remember choosing my parents, but I admire them for all that they taught me. My father was a psychologist who worked with disadvantaged and special needs youth and my mother was a nurse and an artist.

There have been others that I have encountered who are teachers as a profession, or who have taught me through a shared experience. Each encounter is a teaching. In reflection on each experience, either in the moment of its unfolding, or many years thereafter, I can see how that encounter has shaped my perspectives in this life. I have learned that I may not be able to help those that I am closest to in the way that I want. If I can be with someone, in the moment of our encounter, to help them over a rocky patch, perhaps, I'll learn to make it through my own challenging experiences as well.

In gratitude for the opportunity to attend this year's Hoonko seminar.

OBT Happy Hour

Missing your friends at OBT? We are holding bi-weekly virtual Happy Hour on Mondays at 7:00 pm. Come hang out with your friends with a beverage and snack of your choice and catch up on all the news. Below is the Zoom sign-in information:

Topic: OBT Happy Hour

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94568843906?pwd=SUx0SG50cGNJajJweHNUUEJxQnh0dz09>

Meeting ID: 945 6884 3906

Passcode: 677741

Happy Hours are scheduled for

•Feb 8 •Feb 22 • March 8 • March 22 •April 5 • April 19

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[Japanese-American Case of Buddhism's in the US I Duncan Williams, Chair of Religious Studies, USC - YouTube](#)



2021 Memorial Services

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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 Rev. Sugahara at 916-834-7350 or ysobtoportland0612017@oregonbuddhisttemple.com

**HAIKU BY DHARMA
EXCHANGE 1/10/2021**

2020 go away
2021 please stay
Forward march hooray
Nancy Walseth

Tucked behind a wall
Rat blinks Hopes that sound is Ox
Twenty. Twenty-one
Marilyn H

Frosted Leafless Plants
Restless sleep frozen in place
Awaiting healing warmth
Ken Garner

Suffering and joy
Together they carry us
Along life's curved path
Nancy Walseth

Full moon looking down
So dark, cold and unfeeling.
Where is my mochi
Ann Shintani

Twenty-twenty-one
The date changes suddenly
But the rest takes time
Brenda Fugate

Morning sun rising
A distant snow-capped mountain
Hope for the New Year
Jeanette Hager

Pulling on my arm
Buddy drags me like a dog
Maybe I won't fall
Beth Sellers

My resolution
Live each day with gratitude
Namu Amida
Etsu Osaki

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

Videos from Conventions

February 14, 2015

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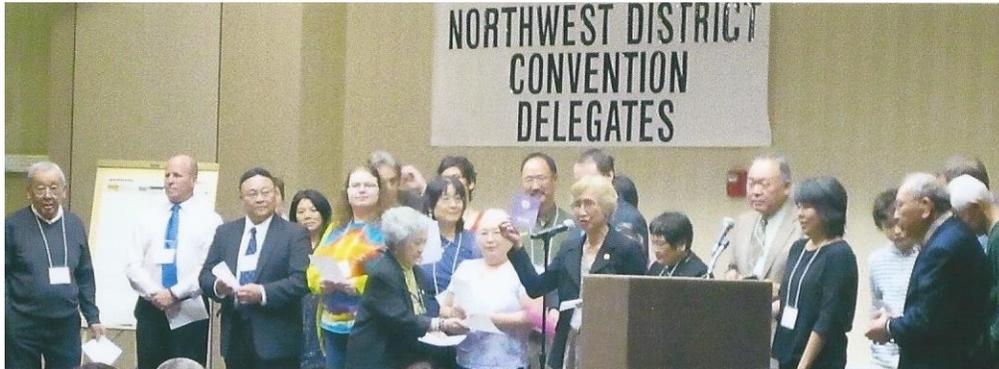
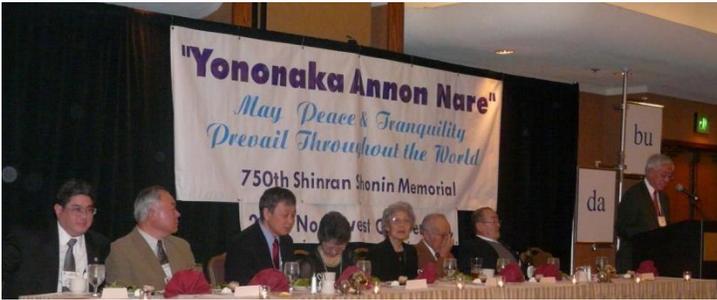
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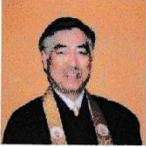


MINISTERS' ASSOCIATION &
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2021

OPEN INVITATION TO BCA MEMBERS AND THE PUBLIC

Saturday, February 27th at 3:30 PM (PST)

Dharma Messages by and Recognition of Retiring Ministers

 Rev. Ronald Kobata	 Rev. Fumiaki Usuki	 Rev. Yukiko Motoyoshi	 Rev. Patricia Usuki
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Sunday, February 28th at 10:00 AM (PST)

Join us for the BCA Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Service

Speaker: Rev. Kodo Umezu



The Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Service is held in appreciation and respect for all those departed members who supported and assisted our temples and who wished to ensure the continuation of Shinran Shonin's teachings.

This annual event will have participants from all BCA temples throughout the United States.

BCA National Council Closing Program: Dharma Forward

Celebrate those who have brought us to this moment as we carry the dharma forward together.

Sunday, February 28th at 1:30 PM (PST)

 First we will honor the career of Rev. Kodo Umezu , recently retired minister and past BCA Bishop.	 Next we will hear from Virginia photojournalist Regina Boone . She is the granddaughter of Tsuruju Miyazaki, a Japanese immigrant and incarcerated who never returned home after World War II. Boone's journey to discover what happened to her grandfather leads her to a faraway family butsudhan.	 The final segment will focus on the future with a message from our current BCA Bishop, Rev. Marvin Harada . We will share our vision to build the future of Buddhism in America through the Dharma Forward campaign and premiere a special video.
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Musical Entertainment provided by Cherry Blossomz

Go to the 2021 BCA National Council website: <https://bcancm.org/workshops>

Instructions on how to join the virtual sessions will be posted on February 19, 2021.



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WORKSHOPS AND IBS EVENT FOR NATIONAL COUNCIL AND BCA MEMBERS

Thursday January 28 from 1-2:30 PM (PST) - The Institute of Buddhist Studies (IBS) Symposium

"Be the Refuge — Book Launch: A Conversation with Chenxing Han."

Begun as a research project at IBS, Han's forthcoming book both critiques the erasure and uplifts the voices of Asian American Buddhists. Han's work champions Asian American Buddhists as trailblazers, bridge-builders, integrators, and refuge-makers, bringing a fresh perspective to the study of American Buddhism.

She will be joined in conversation with IBS Dean Scott Mitchell.

To register please go to <https://www.shin-ibs.edu/event/refuge2021/>

BCA members are welcome to join the National Council attendees at the following free virtual workshops to be held on Saturday, February 20, 2021.

Event: **BCA Town Hall Meeting – Rev. Harada, Bishop and Dr. Kent Matsuda, BCA President**

Time: 10:30 AM (PST)

Learn about creative strategies implemented at BCA temples aimed to increase temple membership.

Event: **BCA Ministerial Affairs Committee Session – Glenn Kitaoe, Committee Chair**

Time: 1:30–2:30 PM (PST)

Learn about how temples can help their minister reach their retirement goals. Topics - investing, using a financial advisor, having a will/trust & life insurance.

NOTE: This meeting is limited to the National Council attendees and Temple Board Members Only. Interested attendees should contact their temple president for more information on how to join this session.

Event: **Pre-School and Adult Senior Day Care Program – Claire Tamamoto**

Time: 2:45-3:45 PM (PST)

Learn about how Aiea Hongwanji Mission was able to implement programs to serve the needs of the community while providing much needed funding for their temple.

Event: **BCA Endowment Session – Koichi Sayano (Endowment Board) and Anna McGibbons (Angeles Investments)**

Time: 4:00–5:00 PM (PST)

Grow your temple's assets over the long-term: learn about investing with the BCA Endowment Foundation.

Event: **Young Buddhist Editorial Workshop – Devon Matsumoto**

Time: 5:15–6:15 PM (PST)

Learn more about the Young Buddhist Editorial and their motivation for creating a platform and space for young adults.

For more information on any of the programs above, visit the 2021 BCA National Council website:

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