

Spokane Buddhist Temple

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November 2021



November On-Line Service Schedule - 10:30 am

11/7	Sun	Sangha Service
11/14	Sun	Shotsukihoyo Service
11/17	Wed	Intro To Buddhism Online 6 pm
11/21	Sun	Sangha Service
11/21	Sun	Intro to Buddhism Online 12 pm
11/28	Sun	Sangha Service

Email SpokaneBuddhistTemple@gmail.com to get on the chat & Zoom list. Most services will also be live on Facebook, and later uploaded to YouTube.

Intro To Buddhism Online Classes

Wednesday 11/17 at 6 pm & repeats Sunday 11/21 at Noon
Email for the Zoom link.

Have a question about Buddhism? Join Rev. Opel for a brief introductory lecture about Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, followed by an opportunity for discussion with questions and answers. All Are Welcome!

**** In-Person Services Suspended ****

Due to the delta variant and the increase in Covid cases around our area, we are going to suspend in-person services until things improve. If you are interested in joining us, please join us on-line at 10:30 am on Sundays with Zoom. Email SpokaneBuddhistTemple@gmail.com to get on the Zoom list. Most services will also be live on Facebook, and later uploaded to YouTube. We wish you all good health and peace at this time.

Update from the Spokane Buddhist Temple Board

Hello members:

We are getting ready to mail out some board nominations for the upcoming year, as well as pledge forms. Please either send them back to the temple or email the temple your responses.

Also, we are planning on doing our Mochifest fundraiser near the New Year so be on the look-out for that as well.

Our Religious Education Committee is working diligently on getting streaming to be more smooth; we've had to update our internet services and are trying out new equipment. Appreciate everyone's patience on this.

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Sangha Services— Our Sangha Service (Sangha is the Sanskrit word for Buddhist community) is a traditional Jodo Shinshu service with chanting led by a Doshi. Services are at 10:30 am on Sundays at the Temple. We meet after service for refreshments and sometimes a dharma discussion.

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- ◆ Check out our website at **www.SpokaneBuddhistTemple.org**
- ◆ **For the latest Temple Information visit our Facebook page:** www.facebook.com/SpokaneBuddhistTemple
- ◆ Visit the **Buddhist Churches of America** Website: www.BuddhistChurchesofAmerica.org
There is a wealth of information, podcasts, and information about Shin Buddhism on this site.



Left to right:
MAA Amanda Goodwin,
MA Chad Donoho,
Reverend Melissa Opel,
MA Eric Kerkove

Rinban Katsuya Kusunoki
our Supervising Minister



Spokane Buddhist Temple Team

--Supervising Minister--

Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki
Seattle Betsuin

---Minister Assistants---

Reverend Melissa Opel
MA Chad Donoho
MA Eric Kerkove
Sensei Paul Vielle (ret.)
Amanda Goodwin (Aspirant)

---2021 Board of Directors---

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Have questions? Contact
Becca Opel
509-294-1461



Chanting At Home

Follow these links to access recordings of the following:

- Juseige https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/home/001_juseige_chanting/
- Sanbutsuge https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/home/002_sanbutsuge_chanting/
- Junirai https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/home/003_junirai_chanting/
- Ondokusan https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/home/004_ondokusan_gatha/

The White River Temple is having a Musical Revue Fundraiser for the Auburn Food Bank on November 20th.

White River Buddhist Temple *presents...*
A Musical Revue Fundraiser
Benefitting the Auburn Food Bank's "Food to Go" Student Backpack Program!

Streaming November 20th ♦ 4:00PM
Featuring these Performers and More!

Bronson Bragg
Take 7 Little Big Band

Melanie Vail

Kareem Kandi

Voices 4

www.wrbt.org/foodtogo



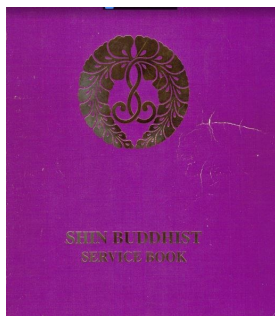
Dues and Donations

We appreciate any donations to offset our expenses that keep the doors open at the Spokane Buddhist Temple. Either click on the Donation button on the website, or email a check to us. If you want 100% of your donation to go to the Temple, please send a check.

Thank you to those who have paid their dues and/or given donations
from 9-13-21 to 10-24-21:

Kyle Brown
Judith Broverman and Marji Mitchell
Robyn Graham
Kathleen Dellwo
Steven Verhoef
Melissa and Becca Opel
Richard Terao
Mary Naber

Joan Schilling
Jim Duffy
Paul and Karen Vielle
Stacey Carr
Bob & Tricia Ohashi
Tina Rodeen



SERVICE BOOK TO DOWNLOAD (new link):

<http://spokanebuddhisttemple.org/recommended-reading/shin-buddhist-service-book/>

During service, we will tell you the page we are on.

November Shotsuki-Hoyo



On November 14th, as part of our service, we will have the monthly Shotsuki-Hoyo remembrance service. According to Temple records and other sources, a total of 16 people passed away during the month of November of their respective year:

(Mrs.) Ine Furumasu
Hideo Ekinaka
George Kubota
Dick Shimizu
Roy Soejima
Max B. Taylor
Rev. Eiyu Terao (Founder of SBT)
Harold Tokunaga
Michio Yamagiwa

Leslie Green
Chiyoko Kiyabu
(Mrs.) Haruyo Oba
(Mrs.) Reiko Shimizu
James "Jim" Tamura
Hidejiro Yamagiwa
Caitlin Anne Packer

Hello everyone,

It's that time of year again, I am hosting the second annual BCA (JAMS) Jodo Shinshu Artists & Musicians Showcase. This is a really fun event that gives our BCA youth a chance to share their talent. Please forward this email to all of your members, youth groups, dharma school students, and any other BCA youth.

We are looking for people to share their talent with us. Singers, dancers, poets, instrument players, jugglers, magicians... and any other type of performance art. Please have them complete the attached registration form to submit their video (about 3-5 minutes). I will put all of the videos together and create a show that will be streamed online on January 9, 2022.

We want to showcase all of the amazing talent in our BCA Sangha. Please spread the word and encourage your youth to share their talents with us. Please share this email with any BCA youth groups you know of. There is not a strict age limit on performers... so feel free to use your judgement.

Thank you very much! And please send me any questions anytime, and feel free to share my contact information with anyone that is interested.

See you at the show!
Gassho,
Koichi Mizushima

BCA J.A.M.S.

Jodo Shinshu Artists & Musicians Showcase

-2ND ANNUAL
BCA VIRTUAL CONCERT EVENT!

-Singers, Musicians, Comedians,
Magicians, Etc...

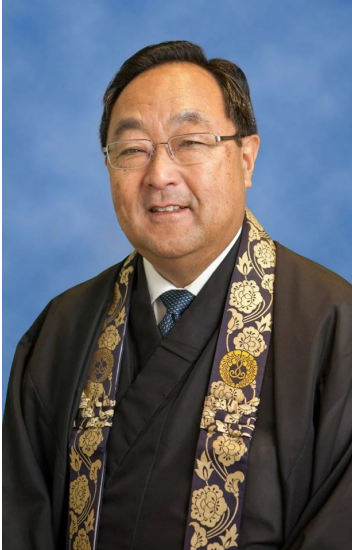
-Submit your 3-5 min. video at the link
below (due Dec 15th)

-It's all for **FUN**. So share your
talent and help spread some joy!

-Questions? email "Koichi"
bkmizushima@bcahq.org

EVENT DATE: **JAN.09**
1:00PM PST **2022**

VIDEO SUBMISSION: <https://tinyurl.com/34fmyrkx>



The Importance of the Right Starting Point

I recently listened to a wonderful lecture by Michael Conway, who teaches Shin Buddhism at Otani University, the Higashi Honganji University in Kyoto, Japan. In that lecture, he talked about the importance of having the right starting point in Buddhism.

He pointed out that in Shin Buddhism, if we have the right starting point, that we will inevitably reach our true destination, which is the awakening of truth or enlightenment. Dr. Nobuo Haneda has also spoken of this same topic before as well.

I recall that the great Zen Master, Dogen, also said something very similar. Dogen said that the goal of enlightenment, and the path, are intimately connected. He pointed out that the goal is not something far, far away, but the goal is also right here and now, if we are on the path.

The path and the goal are not two separate things, or two separate points on one line. Dogen emphasized the path, rather than the goal. In Zen as well, if we have the right starting point, meaning, if we are truly on the path, then inevitably we will reach the goal.

I would have to say that a crucial starting point for me occurred when I was in college, when my closest friend, who happened to be a devout Christian, always wanted to talk about religion.

I was a typical “YBA kid” who had never studied, listened, or thought seriously about Buddhism before. I couldn’t answer any of his questions about Buddhism. It shook me up and made me realize that Buddhism was my family’s religion, but it wasn’t really mine.

My friend tried to convert me to Christianity, and in one sense, I was attracted to it. When I went with him to his church, people were very warm and friendly, and the atmosphere was very uplifting. I didn’t feel that at my home temple, but I didn’t know then that the whole approach to religion was quite different in Buddhism. There is an uplifting feeling in Buddhism, but it took me some time to find it.

Halfway through college I changed universities and majors, and began to study Buddhism at the University of Oregon. I had a wonderful professor, Professor Hee-Jin Kim, who taught classes on Buddhism and Eastern religions. From there, I went to IBS and met more wonderful teachers, like Rev. Haruyoshi Kusada. While at IBS, I met Professor Shigaraki, of Ryukoku University, who was there on sabbatical, and I resolved to go to Japan and study under him.

Before going to Japan, I spent nine months studying under Rev. Gyomay Kubose of the Buddhist Temple of Chicago, who has influenced my ministry tremendously over the years. After spending five years in Japan, I was assigned to Orange County Buddhist Church, where the Sangha became my teachers.

One starting point in my life led me on a wonderful journey. As they say, “It’s all about the journey. It’s all about the path.”

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Michael Conway, in his recent lecture, also pointed out that when Buddhism was transmitted to China, the Chinese Buddhists translated the term “bodhi” or “enlightenment,” as “the path,” or “the way” (道). Normally, one would think that they would translate “bodhi” as “enlightenment,” but they chose to translate it as “path.” This is a most revealing translation.

The Chinese got it right. Bodhi, or enlightenment, doesn’t mean a “thing” or an “event,” but it means “the path.” Here, too, it is all about the journey. Bodhi means the journey, the path to enlightenment. The most important thing about the path, is that one must truly be on it. In order to truly be on it, there must be a true starting point.

We must have a true starting point that propels us on the path. Once we are on the path, then the goal and the path become one, such that the path is the goal, and the goal is the path.

Namuamidabutsu,
Rev. Marvin Harada, Bishop
Buddhist Churches of America

BCA Art Exhibit 2021
View online for your enjoyment!

"You are invited to stroll through our galleries more than once and with different friends to enjoy the efforts of our talented Sangha members. ... Art is not entertainment. Art is expression and communication. We are opened to a world beyond words. Art gives voice to body and heart... "

-Excerpt from welcome message by Rev. Dennis Fujimoto, BCA Art Exhibit 2021 Coordinating Committee

<https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/bca-art-exhibit>

Can you spot our Sangha members’ art work?



KOICHI'S KITCHEN

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2021

11 AM -1 PM (PACIFIC)



Guest Chef:

Koichi Mizushima

CBE Youth Program Coordinator
Minister's Assistant, Buddhist Church of Sacramento
Former owner/partner/chef of Japanese restaurants:
Kamon, Osaka Sushi, and Taiko Sushi

Menu:

Sushi Rolls... Just for Fun!

As the holiday season approaches, CBE celebrates temple culinary traditions with Koichi Mizushima. Treat yourself to a tasty, instructional, and entertaining virtual feast. Hone your sushi-rolling skills and enjoy well-seasoned talk-story.

Your sushi rolling will never be the same!

[Register online](#)

<https://forms.gle/RFAsxvfArT4YZrAng>

CONTACT: cbe@bcahq.org (510) 809-1460

Click for [CBE Fall SOFA calendar & registration](#) [Donations](#) are gratefully accepted.

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Or, [click here](#). [Donations](#) are welcome and gratefully accepted

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Explore topics in Jodo Shinshu Buddhist doctrine, practice & culture

<p>SEPTEMBER 18 & SEPTEMBER 25 REGISTER ONLINE https://forms.gle/ zQVGSZExumMYCvw7</p>	<p>SHINJIN - Part 1 & Part 2 Rev. Dr. David Matsumoto President, Institute of Buddhist Studies</p> 
<p>OCTOBER 16 REGISTER ONLINE https://forms.gle/ RiKhVsVgawJcPnpH8</p>	<p>JODO SHINSHU MODERNITY Dr. Galen Amstutz Adjunct Faculty, Institute of Buddhist Studies</p> 
<p>OCTOBER 23 REGISTER ONLINE https://forms.gle/ vyMunamGzBtmackz</p>	<p>日本語セミナー 本願のころ ワンドラ 睦 オレンジ郡仏教会 開教使</p> <p>Japanese Seminar: Hongan no Kokoro Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra</p> 
<p>OCTOBER 30 REGISTER ONLINE https:// forms.gle/WPxiLrBudinuQOghz6</p>	<p>CBE Every Day Buddhism Committee presents THE THREE POISONS Rev. Marvin Harada Bishop, Buddhist Churches of America (BCA)</p> 
<p>NOVEMBER 13 REGISTER ONLINE https:// forms.gle/8XXeak8cTaVNOhs8A</p>	<p>日本語セミナー 浄土真宗をととえると? 桑原 浄信 パークレー仏教会 開教使 * マリン仏教会 開教使</p> <p>Japanese Seminar: Jodo Shinshu wo tatoeru to? Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara</p> 
<p>NOVEMBER 20 REGISTER ONLINE https://forms.gle/ REAsxyfArTAYZrAng</p>	<p>KOICHI'S KITCHEN Koichi Mizushima Guest Chef/ CBE Youth Program Coordinator</p> 

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DONATIONS ARE WELCOME! PLEASE NOTE "CBE/SEMINAR DATE" IN DEDICATION BOX

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OR, [DOWNLOAD THIS FLYER IN PDF FORMAT TO ACTIVATE REG LINKS](#)

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2022 Pledge Form



Dear Members and Friends:

When you find yourself taking refuge in the Three Treasures (Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha) and feel like this is a place where you would like to grow, then perhaps you'll consider membership to the Spokane Buddhist Temple.

The concept of Dana (selfless giving) is not only a Buddhist teaching but a manner of how we exist and do business. Dana comes in many forms; not only monetary, but also your time and talents. Membership empowers individuals who rely on the nembutsu to remember their responsibility to help sustain the Dharma in Spokane and surrounding area.

By joining or renewing your membership, you honor the legacy of the families and individuals who founded this Temple in 1945 and will help maintain the foundation for the future. Your membership is critical for keeping the Dharma alive in Spokane for the benefit of current and future generations.

**In Gassho,
Spokane Buddhist Temple Trustees**

Membership pledges are made/renewed on a yearly basis every November and can be paid in numerous ways and increments. Pledges can be paid by check, credit card, or an e-check from your financial institution. You can pay annually, semiannually, quarterly, or monthly.

Individuals who make pledges of \$240 or more are sustaining members of the Temple. Those contributing at lower levels are non-voting associate members of the Temple. Although \$240 is the minimum pledging amount for sustaining membership, additional pledges are greatly appreciated. It costs about \$50,000 annually to run the Temple, including: operating expenses, building upkeep, visiting minister costs, our minister's education, and dues to the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) and the NW District. Membership pledges make up about 25% of our revenue, and we depend on them to be able to keep the Dharma alive in our community.

Printed Name (s) _____ Signature (s) _____

Address _____

Phone numbers _____

Emails _____

Payment method (please check) check e-check cash credit card

Payment frequency (please check) annually semi-annually quarterly monthly

Pledge amount for current year \$ _____

* Please consult your tax advisor for specific questions related to charitable donations.

* If over the age of 70 ½ please consult your financial planner for using your required minimum distribution for charitable donations.

*Members of the Spokane Buddhist Temple are always welcome to request our financial records. Please contact the treasurer if you would like information on the Temple's budget and financial holdings.

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