

# Spokane Buddhist Temple

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**October 2022**



## October Service Schedule - 10:30 am

- 10/2 Sangha Service followed by Social Time
- 10/9 Service with **Rinban Kusunoki** followed by an Q&A  
\*\*\* see Pg 3 \*\*\*
- 10/16 Shotsukihoyo Service followed by a Dharma Discussion
- 10/23 Sangha Service followed by a Dharma Discussion
- 10/30 Sangha Service followed by a Dharma Discussion

## Fun Events in October

- Wed 10/12 - 6 pm Buddha & Beer with Reverend Opel @ Uprise Brewing
- Wed 10/19 - 6 pm Book Study Group with Reverend Opel @ Temple
- Sun 10/30 - 12:30 pm - Bon Odori Dance Class - See Pg 5
- Sun 10/30 - 4 pm - Halloween Bingo - See Pg 3

Email [SpokaneBuddhistTemple@gmail.com](mailto:SpokaneBuddhistTemple@gmail.com) to get the weekly emails. Most services will be live on Facebook.



Very Special  
Sangha Service  
Oct 9th - 10:30 am  
with **Reverend Katsuya  
Kusunoki**  
from the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist  
Temple  
\*\*\*See Pg 3\*\*\*



## HALLOWEEN BINGO

Sunday - 10/30 - 4 pm

Costume Contest - All Ages Welcome

\$2.50/card or \$5 for 10 cards - Awesome Prizes



\*\*\*See Pg 3\*\*\*

## BUDDHA & BEER - See Page 4

Join Reverend Melissa Opel on **Wed. October 12th at 6 pm** at  
Uprise Brewing Co., 617 N Ash Street, Spokane  
(Tentative location—check Facebook or Temple emails)

## BOOK STUDY GROUP - See Page 4

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Downstairs at the Temple for a Buddhist Book Study Group

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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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- ◆ 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:  
MA Chad Donoho,  
MA Eric Kerkove,  
Rinban Katsuya Kusunoki,  
Reverend Melissa Opel,  
MAA Amanda Goodwin

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)

---2022 Board of Directors---

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Have questions: Email Chad at  
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## Chanting At Home

Follow these links to access recordings of the following:

- Juseige [https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/home/001\\_juseige\\_chanting/](https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/home/001_juseige_chanting/)
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Very Special Sangha Service Oct 9th - 10:30 am  
with **Reverend Katsuya Kusunoki**  
from the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple.  
Our Supervising Minister & Rinban of the NW Shin Buddhist Temples

Rev. Kusunoki is a Hongwanji-ha certified Special Rituals Minister. Rev. Kusunoki will lead us in chanting, give the Dharma Message and will answer questions after the service, downstairs.

**Reverend Katsuya Kusunoki** is the Head Minister of the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple. Sensei was born in Nagasaki, Japan, the second son of a temple family. Today his older brother Naoya is the 17th generation of their family to serve their family temple. Sensei is a graduate of Miyazaki University where he majored in primary education and his hobby is to watch and play baseball and softball. While a college student he took a break and spent almost two and a half years in a Japanese volunteer program similar to the Peace Corps in America coaching baseball in Zimbabwe before returning to Japan to complete his studies. After graduating he spent three years teaching 3rd and 6th grade classes before deciding to become a minister.

Sensei's advanced training includes the Hongwanji-ha Rituals course for leaders (Gonshiki). He is a Hongwanji-ha certified Special Rituals Minister, a certificate only he and our former minister Rev. Sala Sekiya hold within the Buddhist Churches of America. Sensei's first assignment in America was to the Lodi Buddhist Temple in 2010 and he was transferred to Seattle in April of 2017. Sensei and his wife Ayano have a son, Yuiya, who was born in September 2016.



We are trying something new:  
Halloween Bingo  
Sunday—10/30—4 pm  
Downstairs

- Costumes encouraged
- Prize for best costume
- Desserts & candy
- Lots of prizes
- Kids welcome!

Cash Only  
Proceeds go to the Minister's  
Education fund



## **BUDDHA & BEER**



Join Reverend Melissa Opel on **Wed. October 12th at 6 pm**  
Uprise Brewing Co.

In the Kendall Yards neighborhood at 617 N Ash Street, Spokane  
(Tentative location—check Facebook or Temple emails)

Come have a casual discussion about Buddhism. All are Welcome!!

They also have a food menu and serve wine, hard seltzers, hard  
ciders, and a variety of non-alcoholic beverages

## **BOOK STUDY & GROUP**



Join Reverend Melissa Opel on **Wed. October 19th at 6 pm**  
Downstairs at the Temple - New or Not New To Buddhism? - All Are Welcome

We will be reading either:  
Crossing Over To Jodo Shinshu: Discovering the Buddhist Path  
OR

Everyday Suchness: Buddhist Essays on Everyday Living by Gyomay M Kubose

These both have short essays that we will read together, so there is no preparation required.  
If you have the book, bring it to this open discussion.

### ***October Shotsuki-Hoyo***

On October 16th, as part of our service, we will have the monthly Shotsuki-Hoyo remembrance service. According to Temple records and other sources, a total of 20 people passed away during the month of October of their respective year:



Arthur "Len" Braden  
Hichiro Ishikawa  
(Mrs.) Hisako Kato  
Tokio Konishi  
Kotaro "Van" Omine  
John Norisada  
Jim Shimizu  
Takeo Uyeji  
Fred Yamamoto  
Jackie Boltz

(Mrs.) Masako Imada  
Yohei Kato  
Yoshinobu Kimura  
Teresa Lira  
Seichi Nakamura  
Rei Shigenobu  
Kame Uyeji  
Andrew Vielle  
Edith Craig  
Kenneth Winterroth

## 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 or do a BillPay transaction through your bank.

We received dues and/or donations from 8/27/22 to 10/1/22 from:

Loren and Caroline Nishimura  
Stacey Carr  
Mary Naber  
Tuesday Meditation Group  
Kris Birdsell  
Izumi Pierce  
Celeste Sterrett  
Richard Terao  
Tina Rodeen  
Sadina Henderson

Paul and Karen Vielle  
Melissa & Becca Opel  
Eric Inaba  
Ryan Campenella  
Jackie & Ken Endersbe  
Wednesday Meditation Group  
Harumi Norasakurkit  
Amanda Goodwin

Karen Vielle in memory of Hazel Sanders

Pat Tanaka in memory of Janet Tamura

The Tamura Family in memory of Janet Tamura

We are grateful to those anonymous people who leave cash donations in the koro each week.

Have you danced at the Obon Festival? Do you want to learn the Bon Odori dances? They are easy to learn folk dances, lead by instructor Izumi Pierce.



We are dancing at the Spokane Folklore Society's 2022 Fall Folk Festival on November 12th at 2 pm

You are Invited to Bon Odori Dance Classes to learn the dances we are going to do.

**Come Learn the Dances:  
October 30th & November 6th  
Spokane Buddhist Temple  
12:30 pm Downstairs after Service**

I look forward to dancing with you all again. Let's Dance!

In gratitude,

Izumi J Pierce, Instructor

Spokane Bon Odori Dancers

Member of Wakahisa-kai Asian Traditional Dance and Music Foundation 310-866-5022

Questions: Contact Jacqui at [jacquipierce@yahoo.com](mailto:jacquipierce@yahoo.com)

BCA Center for Buddhist Education  
Living The Dharma (formerly Every Day Buddhism) Committee Presents:



## FINDING THE ANTIDOTE TO IGNORANCE

### THE THIRD OF THE THREE POISONS

Saturday, October 29, 2022

11:00 am – 1:00 pm (PT)

Guest Speakers:

#### Rev. Blayne Higa: The Jodo Shinshu Antidote to Ignorance



Rev. Blayne Higa is the Resident Minister of the Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple in Kealahou, Hawaii. He holds a Master of Divinity from the Institute of Buddhist Studies with a focus on Shin Buddhist ministry and chaplaincy. He received Tokudo ordination and Kyoshi certification from the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji ha. He is the Chair of the Committee on Social Concerns and Ministerial Training Committee for the Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. He also serves on the Board of the American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii and Vibrant Hawaii.

#### Chenxing Han:

#### Buddhist Antidotes to Racial Prejudice and Ignorance



Chenxing Han is the author of *Be the Refuge: Raising the Voices of Asian American Buddhists* and the forthcoming book *one long listening: a memoir of grief, friendship, and spiritual care*, both with North Atlantic Books. Chenxing holds a BA from Stanford University, an MA in Buddhist Studies from the Graduate Theological Union, and a certificate in Buddhist chaplaincy from the Institute of Buddhist Studies. She is a co-teacher of *Listening to the Buddhists in Our Backyard* at Phillips Academy Andover, and a co-organizer of *May We Gather: A National Buddhist Memorial for Asian American Ancestors*.

Moderator: Rev. Marvin Harada

Registration

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INSTITUTE OF BUDDHIST STUDIES PRESENTS  
THE 2022 NUMATA LECTURE

# RECEIVING AND GIVING: BUDDHIST WOMEN PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

A public lecture by Dr. Paula K. R. Arai.  
Institute of Buddhist Studies  
With Respondents Rev. Dr. Mutsumi Wondra  
and Dr. Vanessa R. Sasson  
Moderated by Dr. Nancy G. Lin

**OCTOBER 14**  
**1:00PM TO 3:00 PM PACIFIC TIME**  
**HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE**  
**ANNUAL FBWA MEETING**



Register online for zoom link at <https://www.shin-ibs.edu/events/>



## 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**

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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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