

"RAMEN FEST"

Spokane Buddhist Temple
Sunday - April 10th - 11am - 3pm
***** Take Out Only *****



FEATURING TRADITIONAL JAPANESE
RECIPE RAMEN - \$12 - *Chicken or Tofu*
Butter Mochi Desserts - \$5

33rd Spring Food Festival
***** *Cash Preferred—Cards Accepted* *****
Temple Open House 11 am—3 pm

Spokane Buddhist Temple

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April 2022

March On-Line & IN-PERSON Services 10:30 am



- 4/03 Sun Hanamatsuri Sangha Service (see Pg 4)
- 4/10 Sun NO SERVICE - 11a-3p RAMEN FEST (See Pg 1)
- 4/17 Sun Shotsukihoyo Service followed by
11:45 Intro To Buddhism Class
- 4/24 Sun Sangha Service followed by
11:45 Intro To Shin Buddhism

The Social Welfare Committee invites you to come make **Sandwiches Every Tuesday** at 10 am in the basement of the Temple for Jewel's Helping Hands.



The Zoom link for services is down.
Please join us live on Facebook. We are working on a solution.

INTRO TO BUDDHISM & SHIN BUDDHISM 4/17 & 4/24

Are you new to the Temple? Have questions about Buddhism?
Join Rev. Opel and MA Kerkove for two intro classes in April.
There will be time for questions.



Hanamatsuri – Flower Festival Sangha Service
Sunday — April 3rd — 10:30 am

With Special Guest Reverend Katsuya Kusunoki
Our supervising minister from the Seattle Betsuin
In person or Live on Facebook

VOLUNTEERS STILL
NEEDED



FOR RAMEN FEST ON APRIL 10TH

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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 often meet after service on some Sundays for a dharma discussion.

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Email: SpokaneBuddhistTemple@gmail.com
- ◆ 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)

---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/
- 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/



**Hanamatsuri – Flower Festival Sangha Service
Sunday — April 3rd —10:30 am
With Special Guest Reverend Katsuya Kusunoki
Our supervising minister from the Seattle Betsuin
In person, live on Facebook, and through Zoom**

Hanamatsuri, literally flower festival, is celebrated in April, commemorating the birth of Siddhartha Gautama, who became enlightened and is known as Buddha.

According to our tradition, the historical Buddha, Sakyamuni, was born in Nepal on April 8, 566 B.C. He was born the son of King Suddohana and Queen Maya. There are many flowery descriptions of the scene at his birth, including celestial birds singing beautiful songs, beautiful flowers, and a sweet gentle rain bathing the baby Buddha. It is not necessarily the beauty of the flowers, the sounds of the celestial birds, nor the sweet gentle rain that fell, but the vibrant fact that on this day was born the greatest of sentient beings who became the Enlightened One, the Buddha.

A special altar—the **Hanamido**—is erected and decorated with flowers representing the garden in Lumbini, southern Nepal, where it is said that Queen Maya went into labor. A statue of the infant Buddha is placed in a pan and, in a ritual known as kanbutsu, water or sweet tea is poured over it in remembrance of the “sweet rain” that descended from heaven at the moment of his birth. Everyone has the opportunity to bathe the baby Buddha.

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.



April Shotsuki-Hoyo

On April 17th, as part of our service, we will have the monthly Shotsuki-Hoyo remembrance service. According to Temple records and other sources, a total of 18 people passed away during the month of April of their respective year:

Craig Bruebaker	Koji Hayashi
Takeshi Kan	Akira Katayama
Isako Mary Kimura	Kazuo "Kaz" Kuwada
Mariechen Oldsen Morgenstern	Walter Kurt Morgenstern
Yasumasa Moriya	John Naber
Chiyono Nakanishi	Minoru Terao
Mary Barna Twiner	Bradley Whitehouse
Chiyono Yamaguchi	Fumi Uyeji
Tomiko Yamamoto	Kenneth Clark



Bob Ohashi, a long time member of the Spokane Buddhist Temple passed away at home. We will miss that smile and his kind spirit. Here is his obituary from the Spokesman Review:

Robert Hajime Ohashi (Bob) died at home on March 20, 2022, at the age of 90. Bob received his Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Washington in 1955. He was the owner of Ohashi, Augier and Associates Architects in Richland and Spokane. He loved drafting by hand and enjoyed the fine details of his work, which spanned across residential and commercial properties. He enjoyed skiing, sailing, reading, traveling, listening to jazz music, and walking his many dogs over the years. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Tricia, children Bill Campbell (and his children Colin, Shannon, Edie, Ian and Tristana), Doug Campbell (and his children Jessalyn and Michelle, and Michelle's mother Colleen), Robert Storm and Robyn Ohashi (her husband Dave Berg and their children Miya and Annika), sister Irene and sister-in-law, Char, 5 great-grandchildren, and his dog Jake. A celebration of life will occur June 11th starting at 3:00 PM at Parkwood Circle Clubhouse. Memorials may be made to the Spokane Jazz Orchestra.

UPCOMING SERVICE

Celebration of Life

Jun, 11 2022 - 3:00p.m.

Parkwood Circle Clubhouse

The **Passage Meditation** group is still active and meeting on Tuesday evenings at the Temple

"The method of meditation I teach involves sitting quietly with eyes closed and going slowly, in the mind, through the words of an inspirational passage that appeals to you deeply. It may be a prayer, or a poem from one of the great mystics, or a piece of scripture from any of the world's religions. It must be a very positive selection. When you sit quietly like this every morning, concentrating completely on words that embody your highest ideals, you are giving your mind thoughts of the purest quality to work with during the day. These selfless thoughts begin to mold your life. Joy begins to follow you throughout the day. "

Eknath Easwaran

More information please call Mary: (509) 570-6876 or check out: www.bmcm.org
Recommendation before joining our group is to read Easwaran's book - Passage Meditation.

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.

We received dues and/or donations from 2/27/22 to 3/27/22 from:

Rachel Landman and Patrick Solverson	Loren and Caroline Nishimura
Stacey Carr	Paul and Karen Vielle
Mary Naber	Melissa & Becca Opel
Eric Inaba	Tuesday Meditation Group
Izumi Pierce	Kris Birdsell
Trente Brown	Lynne Rowicki & Nuido group
Lisa Geiss	Ryan Campanella

Mary Naber in memory of Marcelline Burdett & Eileen Tanaka
Chad Donoho for Shotsukihoyo
Karen & Paul Vielle in memory of Marcelline Burdett & Eileen Tanaka
Becca & Melissa Opel in memory of Marcelline Burdett & Eileen Tanaka

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



SHIN BUDDHIST
SERVICE BOOK

SERVICE BOOK TO DOWNLOAD (new link):

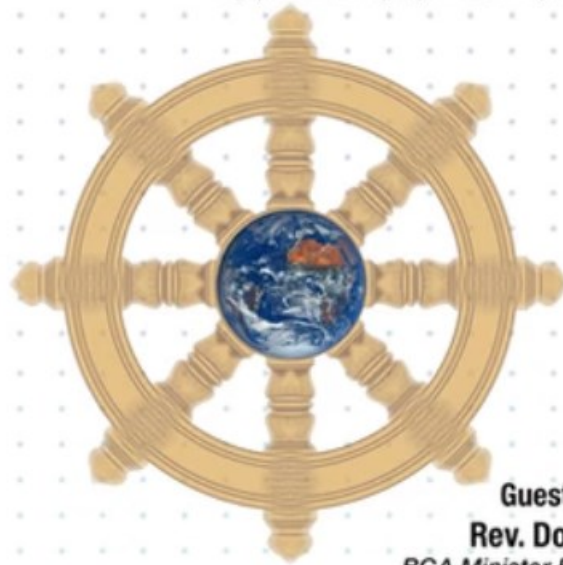
<http://spokanebuddhisttemple.org/recommended-reading/shin-buddhist-service-book/>

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

West Los Angeles Buddhist Temple Dharma Center

Eco-Sangha Seminar

Join us to find out how Jodo Shinshu can inspire us to engage with the on-going climate change issue



In observance of Earth Day

Guest Speaker

Rev. Don Castro

BCA Minister Emeritus &

Founder of the Eco-Sangha movement

REGISTER TODAY:

wlabt.org/2022-eco-sangha

Questions? Contact: WLABDharmaCenter@gmail.com



Sat., Apr. 9, 2022, 1pm - 2:30p PDT via Zoom



CBE Seminars Online For All (SOFA) Series

Register at www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/buddhist-education

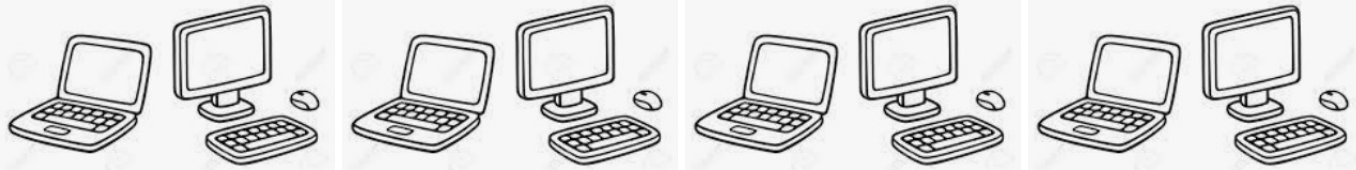
Or, [click here](#). **Donations** are welcome and gratefully accepted

View [CBE Fall SOFA calendar and registration links](#)

Contact CBE at cbe@bcahq.org or (510) 809-1460

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Explore topics in Jodo Shinshu doctrine, practice, and culture



ARE YOU CONNECTED?

We are often asked “Where can I learn more about Shin Buddhism?”.
Here are just a few of the on-line resources:

Buddhist Churches of America

<https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/>

Learn Tab includes “Suggested Reading” list

News & Media

Monthly newsletter “Wheel of Dharma” - sign up

Podcasts

Bishop’s Messages

BCA Connect News – sign up for emails

Events – lists the on-line lectures & classes

CBE – Center for Buddhist Education – on-line lectures & classes - sign up

And more!

Seattle Betsuin

<https://seattlebetsuin.com/>

Buddhist Education tab

News & Events tab

Includes the Betsuin newsletter – sign up

Idaho-Oregon Buddhist Temple

Blog from the IOBT

<https://hometownbuddhism.blogspot.com/>

Spokane Buddhist Temple

www.SpokaneBuddhistTemple.org

Newsletters tab – sign up

Contact tab – sign up for the chat emails

Links tab in the About Us tab

YouTube

Many of the Shin Buddhist Temples record their services on YouTube, plus there are many lectures available. Sort on:

Shin Buddhism

Buddhist Churches of America

Northwest District Ministers Association

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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