

Spokane Buddhist Temple

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August 2023

August Service Schedule

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| 8/6 | 11a-6:30p | Obon Festival with 4:00 pm Service |
| 8/13 | 10:30 am | Hatsubon Sangha Service with Rev. Kusunoki
No service @ Temple (see page 3) |
| 8/20 | 10:30 am | Shotsukihoyo Sangha Service |
| | 11:45 am | Intro To Buddhism |
| 8/27 | 10:30 am | Sangha Service |
| | 10:30 am | Dharma School for Ages 4-11 |
| | 11:45 am | Intro To Buddhism |

See Page 6 about donations to the Temples in Hawaii that were destroyed in the wild fires in Maui

Buddha & Beer at Iron Goat Brewery
 6 pm Wed. 8/16

Buddhist Study Group at the Temple - 6 pm Wed. 8/23

Sunday 8/13

****No service at the Temple****

Hatsubon Service at Greenwood Memorial Cemetery - See Page 3

DHARMA SCHOOL

Aug 27th - 10:30 during service

Ages 4 to 11

(Project subject to change)

Email: SpoBuddhistTempleDharmaSchool@gmail.com



Introduction to Buddhism

Introduction to Buddhism Classes
 Sunday 8/20 & 8/27 - 11:45 am
 After the 10:30 am Service

Do you have questions about Buddhism? Are you new to the Spokane Buddhist Temple?

Join Ministers Assistant Eric Kerkove for a brief introductory lecture about Buddhism on the 20th and a lecture on Jodo Shinshu Buddhism on the 27th. The lectures are followed by an opportunity for discussion with questions and answers. All Are Welcome!

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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.



Rinban Katsuya Kusunoki
our Supervising Minister

Spokane Buddhist Temple
Minister Assistants Team:
Chad Donoho
Eric Kerkove
Amanda Goodwin



Spokane Buddhist Temple Team

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Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki
Seattle Betsuin

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Reverend Paul Vielle (ret.)

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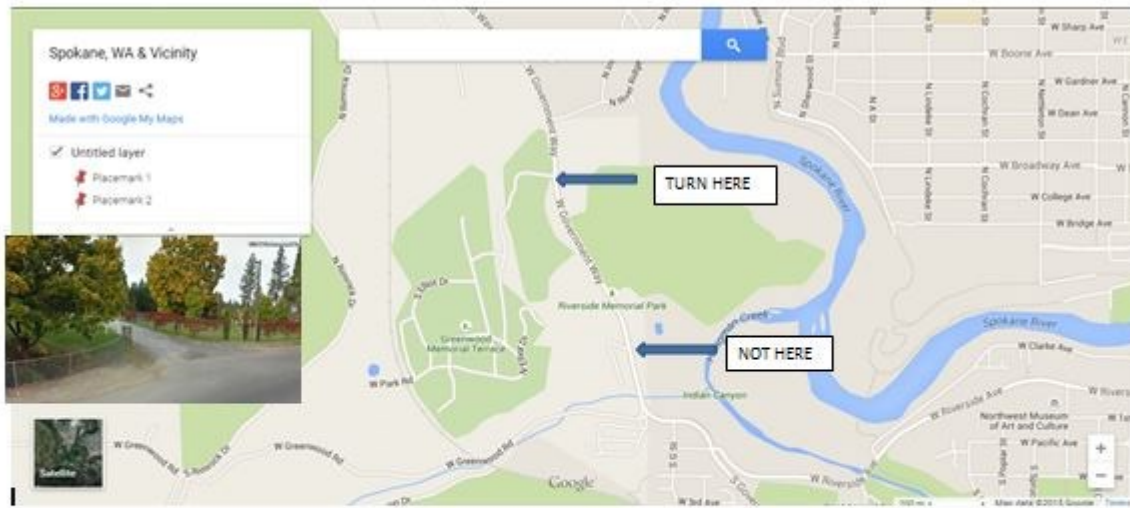
Have questions: Email Chad at
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Chanting At Home

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/



From Spokane, Drive west on 2nd Avenue to the Sunset Highway
 Turn right on Government Way (north)
 Turn left at the SECOND entrance to the cemetery (1.36 miles north of the Sunset Highway)
 If you drive by the Life Church on your right, you have gone too far.
 We will have someone standing at the south entrance (do not turn here) and at the north entrance (turn here).

SUNDAY AUGUST 13th HATSUBON CEMETERY SERVICE *(Note: No service at the Temple)*

Held at the Lower Terrace @ Greenwood Memorial Terrace Cemetery
 211 N Government Way, Spokane
10:30 AM Service

***Please bring a lawn chair. We will have a canopy.
 Note there are no public restrooms at the cemetery.***



Shin Buddhist Temples hold an annual *Hatsubon* service in July or August to remember those who have passed away in the past year.

Come welcome Rinban Kusunoki and his family as Rev. Katsuya leads the Hatsubon Service.

SEE THE BCA'S EVENT PAGE for info and links to the many workshops & learning opportunities: <https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/buddhist-education>



August Shotsuki-Hoyo

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

If you wish to have someone added to the Shotsukihoyo list, see one of our Minister Assistants.

David Brady, Sr.	Tokujiro Ikeda
Yuriko Ito	Bobby Gene Jordan
Tomoyoshi "Tom" Kirihara	Yoneichi Kirihara
Yuriko Kirihara	John Francis Munighan
Asao Oki	Takashi Osumi
Tsuneo Otsuki	Bob Wheeler
Joseph Phillip Workman	(Mrs.) Fusayo Wakayama
Robert Hideaki Yamagiwa	Leo Yukio Kiyohiro
Carolyn Sakai	

Dues and Donations

We are grateful for your donations and dues, which offset our expenses. You are helping us keep the doors open at the Spokane Buddhist Temple and continue to spread the Dharma.

Dues & Donations received in August 2023

Kris Birdsell	Mary Naber
Wednesday Meditation Group	Tuesday Meditation Group
Stacy Carr	Eric Inaba
Paul & Karen Vielle	Izumi Pierce
Loren & Carolyn Nishimura	Chris Nerison
Lena & Curtis Cooley	Tina Rodeen
Edith Cabbage	Sadina Henderson
Ryan Campanella	Jackie & Ken Endersbe
Becca & Melissa Opel	Tyler Hanson
Lisa Geiss	

Celeste Sterrett in honor of Jan Gauthier & Shelby Craig

We are also grateful for the cash donations left on Sunday and bookstore purchases.

Arigato to all of the
volunteers and partici-
pants at our
10th Annual
Obon Festival
on August 6th





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August 10, 2023

Dear Dharma Friends,

We have been watching in disbelief the tremendous destruction caused by the recent wildfires on Maui. The loss of life, livelihood, and property has been devastating. Lahaina Hongwanji and its Sangha were directly affected by the fires. The temple, columbarium, classroom building, and minister's residence were completely destroyed in the horrific fires that devastated historic Lahaina town. Many temple members were forced to evacuate, and many homes were burnt to the ground. Our hearts go out to all who have been impacted by this disaster. As residents and our fellow Sangha members begin the process of rebuilding and healing, Hawaii Kyodan is committed to supporting relief efforts on Maui.

In the spirit of compassionate action, we have established the **MAUI WILDFIRE DISASTER RELIEF FUND**. You can donate in the following ways:

1. **Online at www.hongwanjihawaii.com by clicking on the "Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief" button under the "Donate" tab.**
2. **Through GoFundMe at the following link: <https://gofund.me/ff77a520>**
3. **Check and cash donations can be sent directly to Hawaii Kyodan Headquarters. Please make check payable to HHMH and in the memo line designate "Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief" to ensure proper credit.**

**Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii
1727 Pali Highway
Honolulu, HI 96813**

All donations collected will go to support Lahaina Hongwanji and relief efforts on Maui. The Office of the Bishop and Committee on Social Concerns will prioritize addressing the immediate and short-term needs of temple families displaced by the fires and supporting the greater community as it rebuilds. The Committee will select reputable relief agencies and organizations to support in order to ensure our donations will directly aid those impacted by this disaster. Updates will be shared on our website at www.hongwanjihawaii.com.

Mahalo for your generosity and support during this time of tragedy.

In Gassho,

Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani
Bishop

Dr. Warren Tamamoto
President

Rev. Blayne Higa, Chair
Committee on Social Concerns



2023 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 annual pledges of \$300 or more are sustaining members of the Temple. Those contributing at lower levels are non-voting associate members of the Temple. Although \$300 is the minimum pledging amount for sustaining membership, additional pledges are greatly appreciated. It costs about \$60,000 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 25-30% 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 \$ _____

Check that you understand that your Membership includes membership in the BCA and you will receive the BCA monthly newsletter "Wheel of Dharma" in the mail.

* 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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