

Spokane Buddhist Temple

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activities and services. Visit us online at:
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February 2022



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

- 2/06 Sun Sangha Service
- 2/13 Sun Shotsukihoyo Service
Nirvana Day see below
- 2/20 Sun Sangha Service followed by Dharma Discussion
- 2/27 Sun Sangha Service

We are going to begin having social time downstairs after service. Stay tuned for details.

Social Welfare Committee invites you to come Make Sandwiches on Feb 8th & 22nd at 10 am in the basement of the Temple.

**** IN-PERSON SERVICES RETURN ****

We welcome you back to in-person attendance at the Temple. You can continue to join us on-line at 10:30 am on Sundays with Zoom or live on Facebook.

Email SpokaneBuddhistTemple@gmail.com to get on the Zoom list. Most services will also be live on Facebook, and later uploaded to YouTube. *Vaccinations for those over 12 and Masks required for all at the Temple.*



NIRVANA DAY SERVICE 2/13/22—10:30 am

Nirvana Day is observed on **February 15th**. The day commemorates the death of the historical Buddha and his entry into final or complete Nirvana. Nirvana

Day is a time for contemplation of the Buddha's teachings. The Buddha died at the age of 80 in the company of his monks. The Buddha knew his life was at an end, and he assured his monks that he had withheld no spiritual teaching from them. He urged them to maintain the teachings so that they would continue to help people through the ages to come. Finally he said, "All conditioned things are subject to decay. Strive for your liberation with diligence." Those were his last words.

ARE YOU CONNECTED?

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For a list of Shin Buddhist Websites, Podcasts and More!

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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 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

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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/



SUPPLIES *** NEEDED

Donate:

Toilet Paper

50 gal garbage bags

Copy Paper

Drop off these supplies on Sundays

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 12/31/21 to 1/31/22 from:

Patricia and Robert Ohashi	Rachel Landman and Patrick Solverson
Loren and Caroline Nishimura	Steven Verhoef
Stacey Carr	Izumi Pierce
Paul and Karen Vielle	Ryan Campanella
Judith Broverman and Marji Mitchell	
Mary Naber	Paul Tiesse and Marvo Reguindin
Kyle Brown	Chad Donoho
Susan Hales	Alani Manystars
Liat Parker	Richard Terao
Jun Yugawa	Joe Bracco
Marie Ellis	Eric Inaba
Tina Rodeen	Kiku Terao
Regardless of . . .	Tuesday Meditation Group



Both of our furnaces quit working in the last 30 days and we have replaced them.

If you wish to help with the cost of these new furnaces, please send a donation and designate it for the "Furnace". Thank you!

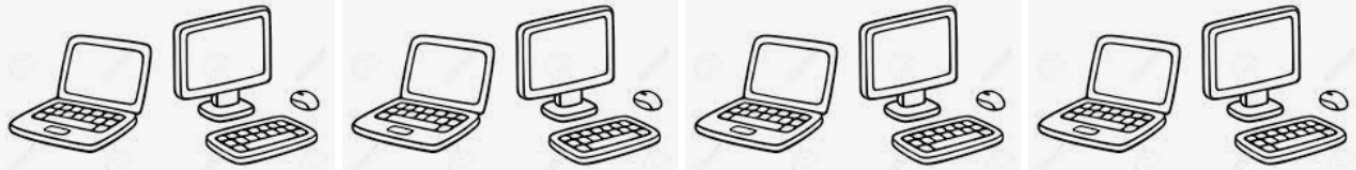


SEEN BUDDHIST
SERVICE BOOK

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.



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



February Shotsuki-Hoyo

On February 13th, 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 February of their respective year:

Alpha Mae Clark
Karsten Nis Oldsen
Hazuo Horita
Tsutae Muraoka
Edward Parker
Evelynn Beler Vielle
Midori Yamasaki
Wilson Burdett

John Goodsen
Shirley Bennett
Mary Ikebe
Nobuichi Nitta
Ito Tanaka
Masao "Mas" Wada
Chiyeiko Yamauchi
Jim Bennett

BCA Center for Buddhist Education Every Day Buddhism Committee Presents:



Finding the Antidote to Greed, the first of the Three Poisons

Addressing drug and alcohol addiction & introducing a Dharma Recovery Program

The first in a series of in-depth lectures and interactive discussions on the three poisons -Greed, Anger & Ignorance

**Saturday, February 5, 2022
11:00am – 1:00pm (PT)**

Guest Speakers: Dr. Michael Conway and DeeDee Just



Dr. Michael Conway is currently an associate professor in the Shin Buddhist Studies Department at Otani University in Kyoto. He encountered the teachings of the nenbutsu at the Buddhist Temple of Chicago in 1998 and entered the Master's program in Shin Buddhist Studies at Otani in 2003. He was the managing editor of *The Eastern Buddhist* from 2011-2015



DeeDee Just is a licensed Marriage & Family Therapist and an active member of the Vista Buddhist Temple. She led a workshop on grief and loss with Rev Jon Turner of OCBC, and was a speaker at the SODSTL Mini-Workshop at OCBC in 2017. That same year she heard about a Buddhist-based recovery group at OCBC. With Rev. Harada's help and direction, she co-founded a similar group, Dharma Recovery, at Vista.

Moderator: Rev. Marvin Harada

Registration is Free:

<https://forms.gle/kXTw3pTNYFz37D5e9>

Donations gratefully accepted

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Visit buddhistchurchesofamerica.org email: cbe@bcahq.org or phone: 510.809.1460

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – REGISTER FOR ZOOM LINK

CBE SEMINARS ONLINE FOR ALL (SOFA) SERIES

UEN NO CHISHIKI * “My Revered Teachers”



Rev. Haruyoshi
KUSADA



Rev. Takamaro
SHIGARAKI



Rev. Jitsuon
KAKEHASHI

Reflections by **Rev. Dr. David Ryo Matsumoto**



President,
Institute of Buddhist Studies
(IBS), George & Sakaye Anzani
Professor of Contemporary Shin
Buddhist Studies

*UEN NO CHISHIKI (有縁の智識) is a Japanese phrase from Tannishō and has a rich history in the Shin Buddhist tradition. Shinran Shōnin teaches that our encounter with a good teacher of the Way (zenchishiki) occurs through the working of Amida Buddha's Primal Vow. It happens not through our own doing, but as if by chance. And yet, that working fits perfectly with us, ordinary beings who are incapable of attaining birth in the Pure Land on our own. With profound gratitude, I would like to reflect upon the lives and teachings of three teachers of the Way to whom I owe so much.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2022

11 AM - 1 PM (PACIFIC TIME) Check your local time

NOTE: PRESENTATION WILL BE IN ENGLISH



Register [here](https://forms.gle/vC7yRWqPXRvcZn5aA) or at this link: <https://forms.gle/vC7yRWqPXRvcZn5aA>
Visit www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/buddhist-education
Free – Donations are welcome and gratefully accepted
Contact CBE at cbe@bcahq.org or (510) 809-1460

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Explore topics in Jodo Shinshu doctrine, practice, and culture



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](#)

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Explore topics in Jodo Shinshu doctrine, practice, and culture

Details at <https://www.wlabt.org/bbg-winter22>

WEST LOS ANGELES BUDDHIST TEMPLE DHARMA CENTER

BUDDHISM **BEYOND GRATITUDE**

WINTER 2022 5 SESSIONS

SAVE THE DATES!

A series of gatherings for young adults to engage in conversation with Jōdo Shinshu Dharma teachers

SAT JAN 22
10:30a - noon PST
SESSION 1:
What is Namo Amidabutsu?

FRI FEB 4
7:00 p - 8:30p PST
SESSION 2:
Our Interconnectedness & Namo Amidabutsu

FRI FEB 18
7:00p - 8:30p PST
SESSION 3:
Our Impermanence & Namo Amidabutsu

FRI MAR 4
7:00 p - 8:30p PST
SESSION 4:
Our Karma & Namo Amidabutsu

FRI MAR 18
7:00p - 8:30p PST
SESSION 5:
Our Life Attitude & Namo Amidabutsu

Check our website for updates:
<https://wlabt.org/bbg-winter22>

For questions, please email: WLADharmaCenter@gmail.com

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.

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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