

Spokane Buddhist Temple

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927 S Perry Street
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activities and services. Visit us online at:
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Calendar of Events

January 2020

- Jan 5th Sun 10:30 am Sangha Service & Dharma School
 12:00 pm REC Meeting
- Jan 12th Sun 10:30 am Shotsuki Hoyo Service & Dharma School
 12:00 pm Board Meeting
- Jan 18th Sat 10:00 am **Forza Coffee Meet Up** (see below)
- Jan 18th Sat 3:00 pm **Workshop with Bishop Aoki** (see page 4)
- Jan 19th Sun 10:30 am **Ho-onko Service with Bishop Aoki** (see page 4)
 12:00 pm Potluck Lunch
- Jan 26th Sun 9:00 am Shoshinge Chanting Practice
 10:30 am Service & Dharma School
 12:00 pm Dharma Exchange on "Being Judgmental"

*****73rd NW District Buddhist Convention is Feb 21 - 23 *** see Page 5**

BUDDHIST WORKSHOP

SATURDAY – JANUARY 18th – 3 – 5 PM

“Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Questions & Answers”
with a very special guest Reverend Tatsuya Aoki
Bishop, Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada
Spokane Buddhist Temple - \$20 Suggested Donation
Bring your questions about Buddhism



HOONKO SERVICE WITH BISHOP AOKI

SUNDAY – JANUARY 19th – 10:30 AM

Hoon-ko commemorates the death of the founder of Shin Buddhism, Shinran Shonin. Service followed by a Potluck Lunch.



Get together with other folks for a chat
10 am - Saturday - Jan 18th
At Forza Coffee

Lincoln Heights Shopping Center, 2829 E 29th Ave, Spokane. Join
Temple Board & Minister Assistant members at Forza Coffee on
29th in Lincoln Heights for an informal chat. 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.

- ◆ **GET THIS NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL**
We no longer mail out the newsletter. IT IS EMAILED IN COLOR. Email: SpokaneBuddhistTemple@gmail.com
- ◆ **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.

Spokane Buddhist Temple Team

-Supervising Minister-
Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki
Seattle Betsuin



---Minister Assistants---
Sensei Paul Vielle (ret.)
Sensei Melissa Opel
MA Chad Donoho
MA Eric Kerkove

---2020 Board of Directors---

Celeste Sterrett
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Have questions? Contact
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(Left to right)
Minister Assistant
Eric Kerkove;
Minister Assistant
Chad Donoho; Rinban
Katsuya Kusunoki,
our Supervising
Minister; Sensei
Melissa Opel

DHARMA SCHOOL

We need additional teachers. Please talk to a Minister Assistant if you are interested in 1 Sunday/month.

Thank you Aiko, Jacqui, Marji & Harumi





Shotsuki-Hoyo

The monthly Shotsuki-Hoyo remembrance service will be held on January 12th. According to Temple records and other sources, a total of 13 people passed away during the month of January of their respective year:

Asayo Heyamoto
James Horiuchi
James Kiyaichi Koga
(Mrs.) Shige Ida
Grover C. Twiner
Richard Williams
Jake Normandin

Michael Higashi
Peter Low Kelsey
Sagata Kuwahara
Gregory Matazo Soejima
(Mrs.) Sakae Wakayama
Manichi Yamaguchi

JAPANESE LANGUAGE LESSONS FOR ABSOLUTE BEGINNERS! **First class is a trial lesson and is FREE only on Friday, Jan. 10th at 5 pm**

**Then you can sign up for classes on Fridays 5pm-6pm
Starting on January 17, 2020**

Beginners 5 - 6 pm ** Intermediate 6 - 7 pm

4 Lessons \$70 (including materials) or each lesson is \$20

1/10 (free), 1/17, 1/24, 1/31

2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28 etc.

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TO SIGN UP: e-mail creativemind1111@yahoo.com or text 509-599-3678

Instructor: Harumi Norasakkunkit

Mark your Calendars for 2020

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| 1/18 | 10 am | Coffee Meet up |
| 1/18 | 3 pm | Bishop Aoki Workshop |
| 1/19 | 10:30 am | Ho-onko Service with Bishop Aoki |
| 2/5 | 6 pm | Buddha & Beer (location TBA) |
| 2/12 | 6 pm | Discover Buddhism Meet Up |
| 2/15 | 10 am | Coffee Meet up |
| 2/16 | 11:30 am | All Sangha Meeting |
| 2/21 - 2/23 | | NW District Buddhist Convention |
| 3/4 | 6 pm | Buddha & Beer (location TBA) |
| 3/15 | 10:30 am | Ohigan Service with Reverend Miyamura & workshop |
| 4/16 | TBA | Get Lit! is bringing two Japanese-American authors to our Temple |
| 4/18 | 10 am | Coffee Meet up |
| 4/18 | TBA | Workshop with Reverend Akahoshi |
| 4/19 | 10:30 am | Hanamatsuri Service with Reverend Akahoshi |
| 5/6 | 6 pm | Buddha & Beer (location TBA) |
| 5/13 | 6 pm | Discover Buddhism Meet Up |
| 5/16 | 10 am | Coffee Meet up |
| 5/17 | 10:30 am | Gotan-E Service |
| 5/31, 6/7 & 6/14 | | Introduction to Shin Buddhism Classes |





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Here is a brief outline of Bishop Aoki’s
 Buddhist path:

Socho Tatsuya Aoki Sensei

Born & Raised: Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan

Education: Sapporo Kosei High School 1991;
 University of Lethbridge, Bachelor Degree in Religious
 Studies 1998;
 Central Buddhist Academy, Kyoto, Japan 2001;
 Ryukoku University, Master’s Degree in Buddhist
 Studies 2004

Orientations & Certificates:

Tokudo Ordination 1991;
 Kyoshi Certification 2002;
 Kaikyoshi Certification 2003;
 Fukuyoshi Certification 2013

Assignments: Vancouver Buddhist Temple/Fraser Valley Buddhist
 Temple 2003 – Current;
 Bishop of JSBTC 2013-Current

***** *Sunday Hoonko Service***
followed by a
Potluck Lunch

HOONKO SERVICE with Rev. Tatsuya Aoki
Bishop, Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada

Shinran Shonin’s Memorial Service
SUNDAY – JANUARY 19th - 10:30 AM SERVICE



Hoon-ko commemorates the death of the founder of Shin Buddhism, Shinran Shonin. This holiday is observed in early January from the 9th to the 16th. This holiday is among the most important observed in the Jodo Shinshu tradition. The observance began after Shinran's daughter, Kakushinni carried on administration of Shinran's mausoleum, as did her descendants, who ultimately became the Monshu of Jodo Shinshu. In the word hōonkō; 'hōon' means "return of gratitude" and 'ko' means "to clarify the meaning of" or "gathering".

Are you going to the 2020 Northwest District Convention in February? Go to www.seattlebetsuin.com/convention for the registration packet, hotel information and a schedule.



From the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple

73rd Annual Northwest District Buddhist Convention registration is open now! Registration fees will increase by \$50 after February 1st so make sure to register soon.

Instructions for registration, hotel reservations, workshop information and more are available via the Seattle Betsuin website under the "News and Events" tab or through the link below.

This year our convention is combined with the BCA National Council Meeting so we'll have the rare chance to see Minister's from around the country all in one place! It's sure to be an amazing weekend so make sure to reserve your spot early.

<https://seattlebetsuin.com/convention/>



Thank you to all of
the Volunteers
For Mochi Fest

We had a huge turn-out!
And raised a lot of money for the education of our Minister Assistants.

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Sumi-E Classes

By Keiko Von Holt

January 9th - February 13th

Spokane Buddhist Temple - Perry Street entrance

10 am -12 noon on Thursdays for 6 weeks \$85 (12 hours)

Contact her at keikossumie@aol.com to sign up to learn the art of Japanese brush painting. Supply list will be available when you register.



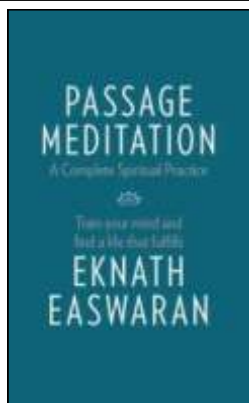
Introductory Passage Meditation Workshop

Spokane Buddhist Temple, 927 South Perry Street, Spokane 99202

Introductory workshop introducing Sri Easwaran's form of Passage Meditation, specifically designed for the Western "monkey mind."

4-week session - Tuesdays 6 - 7:30 pm - January 7th through 28th, 2020

Format: video instruction and discussion followed by 1/2 hour of meditation. More information: Sri Easwaran's book *Passage Meditation* is available at local bookstores and through the internet at Bmcm.org. NO FEE but a donation to the Temple is suggested. For more information call: Mary at (509) 570-6876



Other Groups Using our Space at the Spokane Buddhist Temple

Passage Meditation Group - Tuesdays

More information: call Mary Naber: 509-570-6876. Also, "Learn to Meditate" on the web: <http://www.easwaran.org/introductory-passage-meditation-course-introduction.html>. No meditation Christmas & New Year's Eve.

Keiko Von Holt & Sumi-E - Thursdays

Keiko teaches the Japanese watercolor art of Sumi-E at our temple. Please contact her if you are interested in her classes. Email: keikossumie@aol.com.

Japanese Language Class For Absolute Beginners - Fridays: Contact Harumi if you are interested in a Japanese language class - creativemind1111@yahoo.com or text 509-599-3678