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June 2024

June Service Schedule - 10:30 am

6/2	10:30 am	Sangha Service with Rev. Anne Spencer
6/9	10:30 am	Shotsukihoyo Sangha Service
6/16	10:30 am	Sangha Service with Rev. Cynthia Yasaki (See Pg 3) Potluck Lunch after Service
6/23	10:30 am	Sangha Service Stay after Service for a Toban, we will clean the Temple
6/30	10:30 am	Sangha Service & Dharma School for Ages 4-11



Come to Temple on Sunday (6/2) to welcome back Reverend Anne Rensho Spencer as our guest speaker. Rev. Spencer is from the Idaho-Oregon Buddhist Temple and will give the Dharma Talk at the Sunday Sangha Service.

Introducing our new Supervising Minister
Reverend Cynthia (Cindy) Jikaku Yasaki
From the White River Buddhist Temple



Come meet her on
June 16th at the
Sangha Service &
Stay for the Potluck



Want more Buddhism?

Check out the on-line workshops at the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA):

<https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/buddhist-education>

And subscribe to their emailed newsletter "BCA Connect":

<https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/bca-connect>

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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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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.



Reverend Cynthia Yasaki
our Supervising Minister

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



Spokane Buddhist Temple Team

--Supervising Minister--

Rev. Cynthia Yasaki
White River Buddhist Temple

---Minister Assistants---

Amanda Goodwin
Chad Donoho
Eric Kerkove

Reverend Paul Vielle (ret.)

--Your 2024 Board of Directors---

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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/



Rinban Kusunoki has retired from being our Supervising Minister, as of May 2024, due to his busy schedule.



Thank you Rev. Kusunoki for your many years of supervision of our Temple and Minister Assistants. We appreciated your leadership, the Dharma Talks and workshops, and for your kind guidance. We hope to see you at the NW District Convention in September.

(MA Amanda Goodwin, Rev. Opel, Rinban Kusunoki, MA Eric Kerkove & MA Chad Donoho)



**Introducing our new Supervising Minister
Reverend Cynthia (Cindy) Jikaku Yasaki**
From the White River Buddhist Temple
*Come meet her on June 16th at the Sangha Service
& Stay for the Potluck*

Rev. Yasaki will visit us three times in 2024, give Dharma Talks, and work with our Minister Assistants through out the year.

Rev. Cyndi Yasaki was born and raised in the city of Torrance, California and grew up going to the Gardena Buddhist Church where she became interested in learning about Buddhism. After graduating from high school, Rev. Cyndi attended the Youth Buddhist Retreat at Sacramento Betsuin in 2009 where she became a Youth Minister's Assistant and received the Buddhist Name Shaku Jikaku. In 2013 she became a Certified Minister's Assistant at the Gardena Buddhist Church. Rev. Cyndi graduated from San Jose State University with a Bachelor's in Science in Health Sciences with a minor in Japanese in 2015.

Two years later she started her studies at the Institute of Buddhist Studies. Rev. Cyndi completed her Certificate in Shin Buddhism in Spring 2019 and received the first level of ordination, Tokudo, in Kyoto, Japan in Summer 2019. She married her husband Rev. Tadao Koyama in 2020 and moved with him to Tacoma, WA upon his ministerial assignment as the Resident Minister of the Tacoma Buddhist Temple.

Rev. Cyndi received her Masters in Arts in Buddhist Studies from the Institute of Buddhist Studies and her second level of ordination, Kyoshi, in 2022.

In trying to stay healthy, Rev. Cyndi tries her best to practice taiko once a week. When not busy, Rev. Cyndi likes to relax with her husband and their cat, Irvin.

Stay after Service on 6/23 for a
**** TOBAN ****
A ritual cleaning of the Temple.

We will have several tasks for you to complete, such as washing the kitchen cabinets, sweeping the basement entryway, and many more.

See Ally Rice to sign up to donate an hour or two to your Temple.



June Shotsuki-Hoyo



On June 9th, as part of our service, we will have the monthly Shotsuki-Hoyo remembrance service. According to Temple records the following people passed during this month:

Gay Todd
Yoshio Hamamoto
Shozo "Sho" Higashi
Peter Key
Yoshiro Mori
Archie Okawa
Jean Taeko Soejima
(Mrs.) Oto Uyeji
(Mrs.) Tsuneye Wada
Kara Naber

Eugene Bergman
Jack Hattori
(Mrs.) Toshie Kanagae
Nobuichi Kiyabu
Tsumayo Nakai
Kozo Soejima
(Mrs.) Riku Takeshita
Lachen Joy Verdery
Robert "Bob" Gilles
Kam Uyeji

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. To donate, 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.

Donations and Dues received through 5/26/24:

Kris Birdsell
Wednesday Meditation Group
Richard Terao
Stacey Carr
Karen & Paul Vielle

Jennifer Mathews
Tuesday Meditation Group
Kevin Tremblay
Izumi Pierce
Loren & Caroline Nishimura

MARK YOUR 2024 CALENDARS

for these upcoming Events & Buddhist Holidays at SBT

8/4 & 8/11 Dance Lessons by Izumi for Obon
8/18 Obon Festival at the Temple and in Grant Park
8/25 Hatsubon Service at the Cemetery
9/13-15 Northwest District Buddhist Convention in Auburn, WA

SBT Calendar link is: <https://spokanebuddhisttemple.org/calendar/>

Mark your calendars - we're heading to the NW District Buddhist Convention in September.

White River Buddhist Temple Presents the 2024 Northwest District Buddhist Convention

CONNECTIONS: BUILDING FOR TOMORROW

September 13 - 15, 2023
Muckleshoot Resort & Casino

REGISTER NOW



Message from the White River Buddhist Temple

We are thrilled to be hosting this year's 2024 Northwest District Buddhist Convention on September 13th - 15th at the Muckleshoot Resort and Casino, in Auburn, WA! (<https://muckleshootcasino.com/>)

Featuring keynote speaker Reverend Candice Shibata of the Buddhist Church of Stockton, the convention's theme is ***Connections: Building for Tomorrow***, where we hope to explore the historical interdependence in our community, as well as how we can foster relationships in the future.

The website and registration is now live at: www.nwdconvention.org.

Each year, there is a get-together of the NW District Shin Buddhist Temples in WA, ID & OR for a convention with services, workshops and a banquet. This is an opportunity to hear messages and take workshops from ministers that you have not met, and make new friends from the other Temples. We hope to rent a van from Spokane to Auburn.

BYR VII: SUMMER
**BCA YOUTH
RETREAT**

JUN 23 - 29, 2024



7th annual BCA Summer Youth Retreat
Jodo Shinshu Center
For High School age students

SIGN UP NOW FOR THIS AMAZING PROGRAM!!



information & registration:
<http://tinyurl.com/BYRVII>

The Summer Pacific Seminar is hosted by BCA, IBS & JSIO.
Please join us for this very interesting discussion with our
three panel speakers.

SUMMER PACIFIC SEMINAR

AUG 3, 2024 In-Person & Streaming

**"THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ORTHODOX
TEACHING IN JODO SHINSHU"**

REVEREND JOHN
PARASKEVOPOULOS

Buddhist priest from Australia
ordained at Nishi Hongwanji
in 1994. Holds a first-class
honours degree in Philosophy.
Publications: "Call of the
Infinite", "The Fragrance of
Light", "The Unhindered Path"
"Immeasurable Life"

REVEREND DR.
TAKASHI MIYAJI

H.E. Koshō Ohtani Professor
of Shin Buddhist Studies,
Assistant Professor of Jodo
Shinshu Buddhist Studies,
Resident Minister of
Southern Alameda County
Buddhist Church.

REVEREND
KIYONOBU KUWAHARA

Program Director for the
Jodo Shinshu International
Office, and resident minister
for the Berkeley Buddhist
Temple, and Supervising
minister for Buddhist
Temple of Marin.



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2140 Durant Ave, Berkeley, CA 94704

<https://tinyurl.com/SUMPAC>

REGISTRATION & MORE INFO

Can We Grow Relationship Lotuses from Muddy Conflicts?



Strategies for Working with
Conflict & Disagreement

August 10, 2024 | 11:00-12:45 PM, Online



GUEST SPEAKER

Gregg Krech

Founder of the ToDo Institute, a Naikan Education and Retreat Center in Middlebury Vermont, and one of the leading authorities on Japanese psychology in North America.

Conflicts are often muddy. Relationships are tricky. Issues can be sensitive. How do we navigate this landscape without sinking into the mud? Is it possible to grow a lotus under these circumstances? Managing a conflict offers the prospect of increased suffering, but the promise of growth, greater understanding and, in the end, a stronger relationship.

In this seminar, Gregg will offer some ideas of what to do and what not to do, based on his experience with Japanese Psychology and Buddhism.

Register for Free:

forms.gle/MdUSyTQ1MXDwc9F76



CALL FOR ENTRIES 4th Annual BCA Virtual Art Exhibit

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/ARTBCA](https://tinyurl.com/artbca)

**Open to all members of our BCA
Sangha Community!**

Submission Deadline: Aug 31, 2024



Buddhist Churches of America

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SPOKANE BUDDHIST TEMPLE 2024 MEMBERSHIP

We are profoundly grateful for your interest in the Spokane Buddhist Temple. By joining or renewing your membership, you honor the legacy of those who founded this Temple in 1945 and help provide a broad and deep base of support to sustain the sangha far into the future. Your membership pledge is an acknowledgment of your commitment to bringing the Dharma to the Spokane area so that everyone interested can hear the teachings of the Buddha and learn about the rich heritage of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism.

Your pledge is a concrete example of dana, or selfless giving. Dana is usually listed first among the Buddhist paramitas, or virtues to be cultivated. At the Spokane Buddhist Temple (SBT), this takes the form of pledges and monetary contributions, gifts in kind, and volunteer efforts to maintain the Temple and sustain the sangha.

Membership Levels and Benefits

Sustaining Members pledge \$300 per year or more.

Young Members are under 30 and pledge \$50 per year.

Both sustaining and young members are eligible to serve as Trustees and can vote in all Temple elections. They are members of our parent organization, the Buddhist Churches of America, and receive the Buddhist Churches of America's (BCA) monthly publication The Wheel of Dharma.

When To Pledge and How To Pay

Renewals are due in November. This facilitates our planning and budgeting for the upcoming year. New members who join earlier in the year can pledge a prorated amount of \$25 per month; please consult the SBT treasurer or bookkeeper.

Pledge payments can be made in the following ways:

check

credit card

e-check from your financial institution

cash

You can choose the number of separate payments you make:

annual (1 payment)

semi-annual (2 payments)

quarterly (4 payments)

monthly (12 payments)

Where Your Money Goes

Membership pledges and other cash donations from sangha members make up close to a third of SBT's annual revenue. Although as a religious nonprofit we do not pay property tax on the Temple, our expenses include utilities, insurance, building and grounds maintenance, security, travel and honoraria for visiting ministers, subsidies for ministers' education, and dues to the BCA and NW District. SBT spends a total of about \$60,000 each year to bring the Dharma to Spokane.

Tax Info

If you itemize your Federal income tax, you may be able to deduct your contributions to the Temple. If you take a Required Minimum Distribution from your retirement accounts, you may be able to designate those funds to go to SBT. Please consult a tax professional for details applicable to your situation.

What We Do With Your Information

We provide your name and mailing address to the Buddhist Churches of America. We do not share any information about sangha members with any other individuals or organizations.

SPOKANE BUDDHIST TEMPLE 2024 PLEDGE FORM

Amount pledged for Spokane Buddhist Temple membership for 2024: _____

Additional donation to support Temple activities in 2024: _____

Method of payment (check one): check _____; e-check _____; credit card _____; cash _____

Frequency of payment (check one): annually _____; semi-annually _____; quarterly _____; monthly _____

Please return your completed pledge form to the SBT office, and consult the SBT Treasurer for further details, if needed. Members will receive a summary of all pledges and contributions they made in 2024 in January 2025.

Name(s) (PRINTED):

Signatures(s):

Phone(s):

Email address(es):

Mailing address:



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