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March 2021

*Due to Covid-19,
the Temple building is closed until further notice.*



Services Resume Virtually at Spokane Buddhist Temple

We are now holding virtual services via Zoom. Services are each Sunday through March 2021 at 10:30 am.

The service is also being live-streamed on Facebook. You can view this service live stream anytime afterwards on Facebook or YouTube. After the service, we will turn off the live feed and you may stay and socialize and discuss the Dharma Message.

Please email the temple at SpokaneBuddhisttemple@gmail.com to get the Zoom login by email.

Namo Amida Butsu,
Reverend Melissa Opel, MA Chad Donoho, Amanda Goodwin, MA in training

March Virtual Service Schedule—10:30 am

- 3/7 Sangha Service
- 3/14 Sangha Service & Shotsuki-hoyo ****Daylight Savings****
- 3/21 Sangha Service
- 3/28 Sangha Service

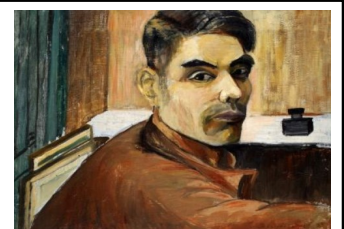


**See Page 4 for our Fundraiser
for Jewels Helping Hands**

**See Page 4 for the upcoming
Rummage Sale**



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The Painted Diary of Takuichi Fujii**



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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**
Email: SpokaneBuddhistTemple@gmail.com
- ◆ Check out our new 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 Melissa Opel and MA Chad Donoho



Amanda Goodwin
Minister's Assistant in training



Rinban Katsuya Kusunoki
our Supervising Minister

Spokane Buddhist Temple Team

--Supervising Minister--

Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki
Seattle Betsuin

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Reverend Melissa Opel
MA Chad Donoho
Sensei Paul Vielle (ret.)
Amanda Goodwin (Aspirant)

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Have questions? Contact
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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/

February Shotsuki-Hoyo

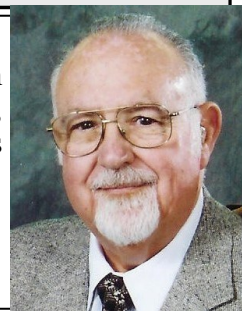


On March 14th, as part of our virtual service, we will have the monthly Shotsuki-Hoyo remembrance service. According to Temple records and other sources, a total of 21 people passed away during the month of March of their respective year:

Eileen Kiyoko Tanaka
Marceline Burdett
Iku Horiuchi
Shoichi Kayahara
(Mrs.) Asano Kirihara
Charlie Nakanishi
Yoshito Norisada
Joe Takeshita
Toshiko Uyeno
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Kengo Kato
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(Mrs.) Kiuyo Osumi
(Mrs.) Marguerite Peterson
Kuhei Tschida
Kana Yamamoto
George Heyamoto

On February 6, 2021, Jim Bennett passed away in Spokane. He was 90 years old. Jim Bennett was a long time member of the Spokane Buddhist Temple with Shirley Bennett, who passed in February 2016. He will be remembered for his love of cooking and his service to the Temple on the Board of Directors and at many fundraisers.



Check out the new Website for the
Buddhist Churches of America:
<https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/>



SEEN BUDDHIST
SERVICE BOOK

Other on-line sources of the Dharma you might want to check out:

Website "Everyday Buddhist" <https://www.everydaybuddhist.org/>

Buddhist Churches of America website <https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/>

SERVICE BOOK TO DOWNLOAD:

Thank you to Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji for scanning the BCA service book (300+ pages) that we use at the Temple. What a wonderful resource for all to practice while we are at home practicing social distancing.

It can be found at:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/18K14SOj0EyQPmaF9NHeC5m1nLBJL6PDA/view?fbclid=IwAR2aD6JKqj-RQqapONoYXe98r5vKpR0xmBr7AKLpZBjpdA1_WDkPvphfPQQ



YOU KNOW IT DON'T YOU?

YOU'VE GOT TOO MUCH STUFF!!

We are having a rummage sale **MAY 15th** at the temple. So get sorting and bring us most anything **Except** clothes, broken electronics and giant old TV's. We'd **love** – decorating items, kitchen stuff, tools, sports equipment, puzzles, games, jewelry, purses, scarves, belts, portable furniture, coins, plant starts.

Temple will be open for accepting stuff beginning on Saturday, March 13th from 9 am – 11 am and will continue opening every other Saturday.



Aiding One Another: A Fundraiser for *Jewels Helping Hands*

Thank you Everyone!

Your generosity to this cause truly expresses your compassion and concern for the welfare of others.

Our original goal was to pay the power bill for the warming center through February. Little did we know the generosity of our Sangha and friends – we have currently raised almost \$2,000. Because the need is still so great, we have decided to continue with our donation campaign to help *Jewels*.

Jewels is an all-volunteer, local non-profit organization that runs a warming center and helps with the many needs of the homeless of Spokane. In addition to the warming center, Jewels operates street medical teams, offers food, mobile outreach, mobile showers, and hygiene supplies, and helps with connection to community resources. Our continued financial donation will help fulfill these tasks.




You can donate on our website www.spokanebuddhisttemple.org by clicking on “Donate to Jewels Helping Hands,” or you can mail a check made out to the Temple with the memo line: “Donation to Jewels Helping Hands.” To build on your donation, we will apply to the Buddhist Churches of America for matching funds.

For more about *Jewels Helping Hands*, see <https://jewelshelpinghands.org>, or join them on Facebook.

Thank you

Social Welfare Committee: Shawn Boltz, Susan Hales, Tricia Ohashi, Tina Rodeen, Celeste Sterrett

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

 CBE SEMINARS ONLINE FOR ALL FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - REGISTER FOR ZOOM LINK <i>*Pacific Time - Check local time zone</i>	
TWO SATURDAY SESSIONS, 11 AM - 1 PM (PACIFIC TIME)	
ZEN & SHIN BUDDHISM	
PART 1: MARCH 6, 2021	PART 2: MARCH 13, 2021
 Letting Go: A ZEN & SHIN APPROACH TO LIBERATION	 Zen Practice TIMELESS CALLING, TIMELY RESPONSE
Dr. Duncan Ryuken Williams <i>University of Southern California</i> <i>Author, AMERICAN SUTRA: A STORY OF FAITH AND FREEDOM IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR (2019)</i>	Tenkei Coppens Roshi <i>Abbot, Zen River Temple- Uithuizen, The Netherlands</i> <i>Author, TIMELESS CALLING, TIMELY RESPONSE, A GUIDE FOR ZEN BUDDHIST PRACTICE (2020)</i>
<p>Duncan Ryuken Williams was born in Tokyo, Japan to a Japanese mother and British father and grew up in Japan and England until age 17, when he came to the U.S. to attend college (Reed College) and graduate school (Harvard University, where he received a Ph.D. in Religion). He is currently Professor of Religion and East Asian Languages & Cultures and the Director of the USC Shinso Ito Center for Japanese Religions and Culture. Previously, he held the Shinjo Ito Distinguished Chair of Japanese Buddhism at UC Berkeley. He has also been ordained since 1993 as a Buddhist priest in the Soto Zen tradition and served as the Buddhist chaplain at Harvard University from 1994-96.</p>	<p>Anton Tenkei Coppens is the abbot of Zen River Temple. Born in The Netherlands, he has a background in art and art history, started his Zen training in England in 1976, and continued it from 1980 with Genpo Merzel Roshi and Taizan Maezumi Roshi, mostly in the US but also in several European countries. He received Shiko, Dharma transmission, from Genpo Roshi in 1996 and Inka, the final seal of approval, in 2006. Tenkei Roshi also practiced Zen in Japan with Junyu Kuroda Roshi and became a fully qualified representative of the Soto school. Together with his wife, Tamara Myoho Gabrysch Roshi, and a number of close students, he established Zen River Temple in 2002.</p> <p><i>"Timeless Calling, Timely Response aims to serve as an inspiration for anyone interested in hearing their life's calling and</i></p>

We are grateful to the following people who sent donations to the Spokane Buddhist Temple in February 2021:

Karen and Paul Vielle
Mary Naber
Tricia and Bob Ohashi
Virginia St. Louis
Izumi Pierce
Staci Carr
Kyle Brown
Celeste Sterrett
Michelle Madeen
Amanda Goodwin
Jeremy Trigsted
Jamie Myers
Shawn Boltz
Becca and Melissa Opel



James Sayles
Steven Verhoef
Lena and Curtis Cooley
Liat Parker
Marianne Iwasa
Susan Hales
Joan Schilling
Marnie Taylor
Marji Mitchell and Judy Broverman

The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) has supported the Temple with a donation to the general fund and a donation to the Minister's Education Fund. Thank you!

Below are the Buddha's words from Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki that we talked about in discussion on January 31st. As a reminder, these were the words his mother used to speak to him. Rev. Katsu says the "Person who wrote that poem is Mrs. Mitsuji Fujiba. Her husband is a Buddhist minister of Shinshu Ohtani-ha (Higashi Hongwanji). It is a different school than ours but still a Jodo Shinshu school.

I found the translation of this poem in Rev. Dr. Taitetsu Unno's book, *River of Fire River of Water* (P. 121-122)"



<HOTOKESAMA NO KOTOBA –Buddha's words->

You, as you are, you're just right.
Your face, body, name, surname,
For you, they are just right.

Whether poor or rich,
Your parents, your children, your daughter-in-law, your grandchildren,
They are, all for you, just right.

Happiness, unhappiness, joy and even sorrow.
For you, they are just right.

The life that you have tread is neither good nor bad,
For you, it is just right.

Whether you go to hell or to the Pure Land,
Wherever you go is just right.

Nothing to boast about, nothing to feel bad about,
Nothing above, nothing below.

Even the day and month that you die,
Even they are just right.

Life in which you walk together with Amida,
There's no way that it can't be just right.

When you receive your life as just right,
Then a deep and profound trust begins to open up.

NAMUAMIDABUTSU

Witness to Wartime

The Painted Diary of Takuichi Fujii

Northwest Museum of Arts & Culture (MAC)

January 23 - May 16, 2021 Open Tuesday-Sunday, 10 am-5 pm
2316 West 1st Avenue, Spokane, Washington 99201 (509) 456-3931

*The Museum exhibits are again open to the public, with Covid-19 guidelines.
Tickets must be purchased in advance online or by phone.*



Takuichi Fujii (1891 - 1964) was born in Hiroshima in 1891 and moved to the United States when he was 15. His paintings and drawings bare witness to his life in America and, most especially, to his experience during World War II, when Fujii, his wife, and daughters were incarcerated. They were confined first at the Puyallup temporary detention and in August 1942, sent to the Minidoka incarceration camp in Idaho until October 1945.

Marking the 75th anniversary of Executive Order 9066, the forced removal and internment of Japanese-American citizens during World War II, this showing of more than 70 paintings and drawings by Takuichi Fujii chronicles the harsh conditions and daily routine of his incarceration.



Takuichi Fujii, title page of diary, 1942-1945. Ink



SAVE THESE DATES!
2021 CBE VIRTUAL PROGRAMS
JANUARY ~ APRIL *All events listed in Pacific Time.*

BCA Education is open to all and on line.
For details and registration:
<https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/buddhist-education>

Upcoming free on line seminars:

<p>SATURDAY MARCH 6 11 am - 1 pm Register online</p>	<p>ZEN & SHIN BUDDHISM - PART 1 "LETTING GO: A ZEN & SHIN APPROACH TO LIBERATION" Rev. Dr. Duncan Ryuken Williams Author, AMERICAN SUTRA</p>
<p>SATURDAY MARCH 13 11 am - 1 pm Register online</p>	<p>ZEN & SHIN BUDDHISM - - PART 2 <i>(Please note change of date)</i> "ZEN PRACTICE" Speaker: Rev. Anton Tenkei Coppens Roshi Zen River Temple, Netherlands</p>
<p>SATURDAY APRIL 10 5 pm - 6:30 pm Register online</p>	<p>SOCIALLY ENGAGED BUDDHISM Speakers: Prof. Mitsuya Dake Ryukoku University Rev. Kiyo Kuwahara Berkeley Buddhist Temple</p>
<p>SATURDAY APRIL 17 11 am - 1 pm Register online</p>	<p>3 BISHOPS: "WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF BUDDHISM IN THE WEST?" Rev. Marvin Harada Bishop, Buddhist Churches of America Rev. Eric Matsumoto Bishop, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Rev. Tatsuya Aoki Bishop, Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada</p>

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VISIT BCA WEBSITE FOR UPDATES: FLYER, FREE REGISTRATION LINKS & TO DONATE (OPTIONAL)
BUDDHISTCHURCHESOFAMERICA.ORG EMAIL: CBE@BCAHQ.ORG TEL: 510.809.1460

2021 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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