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March 2022

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



- 3/05 Sat BCA Workshops (Pg 3)
- 3/06 Sun Sangha Service followed by Social Time
- 3/13 Sun **10 am Eitaikyo Service from the BCA** (Pg 3)
- 3/20 Sun Ohigan Service followed by Volunteer Training (Pg 4)
- 3/27 Sun Sangha Service followed by Dharma Discussion

The Social Welfare Committee invites you to come make **Sandwiches Every Tuesday** at 10 am in the basement of the Temple for Jewel's Helping Hands.



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

Join us at the Temple at 10:30 am on Sundays, or online with Zoom or live on Facebook. Email SpokaneBuddhistTemple@gmail.com to get on the Zoom list. ***Vaccinations for those over 12 and Masks required for all at the Temple.***

The **PASSAGE MEDITATION** group is still active and meeting on Tuesday evenings at the Temple
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Instead of our Sangha Service on 3/13, come to the Temple or view at home:
3/13/22 - NOTE: 10:00 AM - See Page 3

The **Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Service** is held in appreciation and respect for all those departed members who supported and assisted our temples and who wished to ensure the continuation of Shinran Shonin's teachings. This annual event will have participants from all BCA temples throughout the United States. We welcome you to join us for this important event. Guest Speaker: Rev. Kenji Akahoshi, BCA Minister Emeritus, Southern District - San Diego.

Go to bcancm.org/workshops to get the link.

Ohigan Service - 3/20/22 - 10:30 am

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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/

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10:00 AM PDT as part of the 2022 National Council Meeting

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OPEN TO ALL INTERESTED VIEWERS

Saturday, March 5

10:15 AM PST Town Hall Meeting

(Rev. Marvin Harada, Bishop, Buddhist Churches of America)

"Messaging and Membership"

The town hall will focus on how to grow our membership, one of the greatest challenges that faces our BCA, local churches and temples.

1:00 PM PST Youth Protection Presentation

(Terri Omori, BCA President Elect)

To Protect Our Youth and Those Who Serve Them

This workshop will include information on how to develop and initiate policies and procedures and information regarding the process to comply with the new California Assembly Bill 506.

2:00 PM PST BCA Music Committee Presentation

(Kemi Nakabayashi, Chairman, with supporting members of the BCA Music Committee)

Enhancing Temple Services and Engaging Your Sangha Through Music

This workshop is intended to provide some "how to" ideas and resources for the sanghas, to support temple services and engage all members.

3:00 PM PST Endowment Foundation/Dharma Forward

This workshop will cover Campaign goals, messaging, strategy, and tax-advantaged methods for donors to support the Campaign.

4:00 PM PST Endowment Foundation

(Koichi Sayano and Steve Terusaki)

This workshop will focus on the value and benefits of investing temple funds with the Endowment Foundation.

Sunday, March 13

10:00 AM PDT (Daylight Savings Time) Buddhist Churches of America Eitaikyo Service

Guest Speaker: Rev. Kenji Akahoshi, BCA minister emeritus

The above programs are free and open to all. Go to bcancm.org/workshops for more information and to join the events



Ohigan Service

Sunday - March 20, 2022 - 10:30 AM

Ohigan honors the Buddhist notion of crossing over to the Other Shore (i.e., Enlightenment), away from This Shore of impermanence, stress and dissatisfaction, and is traditionally observed during the Spring and Fall equinoxes, because the weather is more pleasant and people have more time to rest and reflect.

Shakyamuni Buddha, the historical Buddha, was born in this world, on this shore of impermanence. Observing profoundly the sorrow of this world of illusion, he reached that distant shore of nirvana. He showed all humankind the means of crossing the ocean of darkness to the realm of light on that shore. These are called the Six Paramitas to nirvana. The Six Paramitas serve as a bridge spanning this wide ocean; they are Charity, Morality, Patience, Right Effort, Meditation, and Wisdom. These constitute the universal way for humans to attain ultimate peace, but it is not easy for us to keep them in mind and carry them out, because we are busy living and working everyday. For this reason, we set aside a special day twice a year, in Spring and Fall, so that we may reconsider these teachings, reflect upon ourselves, and pay respect to the innumerable people from the past to the present who have come into our lives and in some way or other influenced it to be better.

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 2/1/22 to 2/26/22 from:

Rachel Landman and Patrick Solverson	Marie Ellis
Loren and Caroline Nishimura	Steven Verhoef
Stacey Carr	Catrina Houseman
Paul and Karen Vielle	Virginia Saint Louis
Mary Naber	Celeste Sterrett
Kyle Brown	Heather Beeman
Eric Inaba	Tuesday Meditation Group

Izumi Pierce & the Bon Odori Dancers for the Ministers Education Account
 Mari Haworth in memory of Jim & Shirley Bennett
 Karen & Paul Vielle in memory of Alpha Mae Clark, Jim & Shirly Bennett, Evelyn Beler Vielle
 Kirk & Patricia Phillips in memory of Roy Shiosaki



SHIN 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.



March Shotsuki-Hoyo

On March 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 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
Bruce Jerial Waters
Robert Cole Pierce

Jeffrey Lee Pierce
Fumi Hara
Gracye Hattori
Kengo Kato
(Mrs.) Tayeko Kayahara
(Mrs.) Kiuyo Osumi
(Mrs.) Marguerite Peterson
Kuhei Tschida
Kana Yamamoto
George Heyamoto



In Memory of Venerable Buddhist Master, Thich Nhat Hanh By Reverend Marvin Harada, Bishop

On Jan. 22, 2022, the Venerable Buddhist Master, Thich Nhat Hanh, passed away in Vietnam. Besides the Dalai Lama, Thich Nhat Hanh has to be considered as the most significant propagator of Buddhism during our lifetimes.

He wrote 100 books on Buddhism. Over the years of my ministry, I have used his books countless times for study classes, adult discussions, and as a source for my own Dharma talks. His books are so beautifully written, easy to understand yet profoundly deep, and relatable to anyone.

Today, I would like to pay my deep respects to this wonderful teacher of the Dharma.

Of the books that Thich Nhat Hanh has composed, one of my favorites is his book, "No Death, No Fear." I find this book the most comforting for someone who has lost a loved one, and I have referred and given this book to many over the years.

One of the metaphors that I have learned from Thich Nhat Hanh is the metaphor of the candle. When we burn a candle, we think that the candle's life is gone when the wax is gone and the flame has been extinguished. But Thich Nhat Hanh points out by saying, "But wait a minute. As the candle is burning, it gives out light and warmth. Even when the wax is gone and the flame is extinguished, the light and warmth that the candle has been emitting, continues to extend out into the world."

I have often used this image and metaphor in my messages at memorial services. When we lose a loved one, we deeply miss their physical presence. We think that they are "gone," just like the life of a candle when the flame is gone. But Thich Nhat Hanh directs us to see the light and warmth that the candle has been extending out into the world. He directs us to reflect on the light and warmth that we have received, and continue to receive from our loved ones.

Now, we are the ones to receive the light and warmth from the life and heart of Thich Nhat Hanh. His teachings that he has shared throughout his life continue to give light and warmth to the world.

In one of his books, I read about an episode in which Thich Nhat Hanh once spoke at a prison. He entered the room of maybe 200 prisoners, and they were talking and the room was noisy. Thich Nhat Hanh sat in the middle of the room and did not say a word. The prisoners mumbled to themselves, "Isn't this monk going to talk? I thought he was going to give us a talk? How come he doesn't speak?"

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Minutes and minutes passed, and still Thich Nhat Hanh did not speak. Gradually, the room got quieter and quieter. Eventually, the prisoners became totally silent. Thich Nhat Hanh began to speak, and shared a Dharma message to those prisoners.

One person, a single person, who is at peace and tranquil, can transform a whole room full of loud and noisy people. One person can give light and warmth to a world that is dark and cold. That person was Thich Nhat Hanh.

In his book, "No Death, No Fear," Thich Nhat Hanh shares a song that he composed based on a Buddhist text. I would like to share it here as my tribute to his life and teachings:



*This body is not me; I am not caught in this body,
I am life without boundaries,
I have never been born and I have never died.
Over the wide ocean and the sky with many galaxies,
All manifests from the basis of consciousness.
Since beginningless time I have always been free.
Birth and death are only a door through which we go in and out.
Birth and death are only a game of hide-and-seek.
So smile to me and take my hand and wave good-bye.
Tomorrow we shall meet again or even before.
We shall always be meeting again at the true source,
Always meeting again on the myriad paths of life.*

CBE Online Seminar

SHINSHU AT THE MOVIES:
TRAPPED IN A CYCLE

SATURDAY 03.19.22
11:00AM (PACIFIC TIME)



REV. JON TURNER
ORANGE COUNTY BUDDHIST CHURCH


Examining different films from a Buddhist perspective. Scenes will illustrate different aspects of the Buddhist path as our cinematic heroes proceed along their journey, trapped in a cycle, within a self-created reality.

REGISTER HERE: <https://tinyurl.com/k8yb5xrp>

CBE CENTER FOR BUDDHIST EDUCATION

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ESSENTIALS
of
JODO SHINSHU
BUDDHISM



REVEREND DR. TAKASHI MIYAJI

SATURDAY MARCH 26, 2022
11AM - 1PM (PACIFIC TIME)

REGISTER HERE



CBE Seminars Online For All (SOFA) Series

Register at www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/buddhist-education

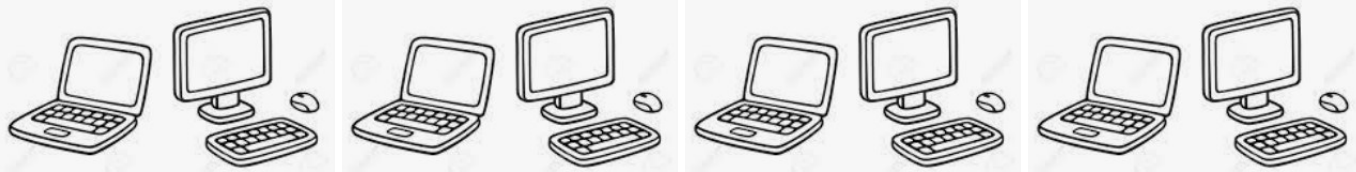
Or, [click here](#). **Donations** are welcome and gratefully accepted

View [CBE Fall SOFA calendar and registration links](#)

Contact CBE at cbe@bcahq.org or (510) 809-1460

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Explore topics in Jodo Shinshu doctrine, practice, and culture



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

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

The **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."

Ek Nath 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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