



# Spokane Buddhist Temple

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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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## Spokane Buddhist Temple Team

-Supervising Minister-  
Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki  
Seattle Betsuin



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MA Eric Kerkove

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### ***Dharma Exchange 5/26 Noon*** (formerly called Dharmalogue) “Diversity In Buddhism”

Come sit around the table with Minister Assistant Eric Kerkove and discuss your views on this month's topic.

**GOTAN-E SANGHA SERVICE**  
**Sunday — May 19th —10:30 am**  
**Children's & Adult Dharma Talk by Reverend Candice Shibata**  
From the Buddhist Church of Florin  
Celebrating the Birthday of the founder of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism

Gotan-E means birthday gathering. Gotan-E is the celebration of the birthday of the founder of the Jodo Shinshu school of Buddhism. Shinran's actual date of birth is said to be May 21, 1173; he was believed to be born in Hino near Kyoto, Japan. Until he died at the age of 90, Shinran's life was lived simply and humbly.



One important contribution that Shinran made was his effort to spread the path of Buddhahood to all beings. He understood that enlightenment was not meant just for those few who could abandon their home and family life, and live within the confines of the temple wall. Shinran understood that regardless of whether one is male or female, young or old, rich or poor, educated or illiterate, good or evil, all can attain Buddhahood through the working of Amida Buddha's Wisdom and Compassion. It is through the untiring efforts of sharing his insight that we can hear, today, the truth of the Nembutsu and gather together for the birthday of Shinran Shonin.

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Reverend Shibata was born in San Jose, California and moved to Stockton, California shortly after her birth. While growing up in Stockton, she was very active at the Buddhist Church of Stockton and enjoyed years of playing basketball in the temple basketball league.

She received her BA at California State University, Sacramento where she majored in psychology and minored in sociology. After graduation, Reverend Shibata was a case manager for children with developmental disabilities for seven years. In 2009, she obtained her first Masters of Arts Degree in counseling psychology from the University of San Francisco. Following graduate school, she interned as a marriage and family therapist at two elementary schools from 2009-2010.



In the fall of 2010, she began her graduate studies in Buddhism at the Institute of Buddhist Studies and Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California. In September 2012, Reverend Shibata received her Tokudo ordination in Kyoto and then served as the minister's assistant at the Buddhist Church of Stockton. She completed her Masters Degree in Buddhist studies in May 2015 and received Kyoshi ordination in Japan shortly after graduation. She says "I am happy to have followed in the Shibata family footsteps, as I am a 4th generation BCA minister and the 14th generation minister in the Shibata family."

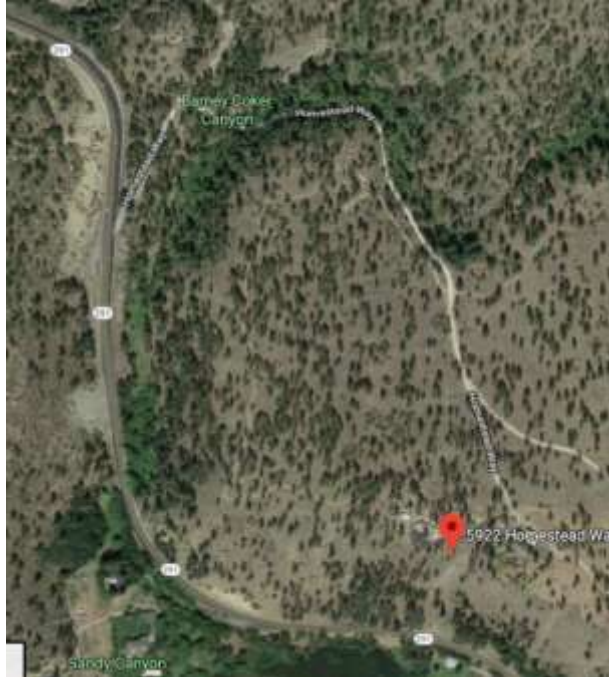
Reverend Shibata began her first assignment at the Berkeley Buddhist Temple in September 2015, and in January 2018, she began her assignment at the Buddhist Church of Florin.



## ALL SANGHA POTLUCK Saturday - May 18th - 5:00 pm

Our monthly Sangha gatherings have been fun.  
Come get to know your Sangha - All Ages Welcome

Richard Stimson's House: 5922 Homestead Way, 9 Mile Falls



West on Francis, from Maple or Division  
Francis turns into Hwy 291/West 9 Mile Falls Road  
In approx 9.3 miles, turn right on Homestead Way  
Follow the dirt road 1/2 mile to first house on the right



## DHARMA SCHOOL

will be available **Every Sunday!**

*Thank you Aiko, Jacqui, Marji & Nanami*



### Other Groups Renting Space at the Spokane Buddhist Temple

#### Passage Meditation Group

Tuesday evenings. We are focusing on Sri Easwaran's form of passage meditation and his 8-Point Program for daily living. This form of meditation fits with our Buddhist as well as any spiritual path. Passage meditation was designed specifically for the Western "monkey mind." It is a very disciplined approach to slowing down and focusing. It is difficult, but very rewarding! We are currently studying Easwaran's book, Essence of the Upanishads. Please read Sri Easwaran's book - Passage Meditation - that can be found on the web at [easwaran.org](http://easwaran.org) - then practice meditating for a month before joining our group. 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>

**Keiko Von Holt & Sumi-E** Keiko teaches the Japanese watercolor art of Sumi-E at our temple. Please contact her if you are interested in her classes. Email: [keikosumie@aol.com](mailto:keikosumie@aol.com).

### Shotsuki-Hoyo

The May Shotsuki-Hoyo remembrance service will be held on May 12th. According to temple records and other sources, a total of 16 people passed away during the month of May of their respective year:



Gunemon Fujita  
Dick Imada  
Hatsutarō Kajita  
Yoichi Oba  
(Mrs) Taneyo Sato  
Tatsuhei Sugikawa  
(Mrs) Fumiko Takasugi  
(Mrs) Sadako Yamamoto

Paul Noboru Gow  
(Mrs) Fumiko Itano  
(Mrs) Sayoko Oba  
Frida Kahl Oldsen  
(Mrs) Chizuko Shegenobu  
(Mrs) Toyo Sugikawa  
Toshio Uyeji  
Natalie Houle

### APRIL BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

- Next Hospitality Committee event will be at Richard Stimson's house on Saturday, May 18th.
- Amazon Smile is now up and running
- The South Perry Street Fair is on July 20th, and tentatively we are only going to have the fundraiser the day of the fair and then split Obon off to another event in August
- Donated \$100 to "Odyssey for Pride in Perry" (this is a "Friend" level sponsorship)

### PHOTOS FROM THE TERIYAKI FEST Showing some of our fantastic volunteers!!



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### Sign up to receive BCA Connect!

BCA Connect is a new digital publication of the latest news, events, and Jodo Shinshu resources from the Buddhist Churches of America. We hope this monthly update will assist our friends in exploring Buddhist education and community activities throughout our network of temples. Our first edition is expected to launch in Spring/Summer 2019. Thank you for joining us! Sign up at:

<http://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/connect/>

**We have "adopted" the Odyssey Youth Center  
once a month, by providing a nutritious and fun dinner  
to the teens & young adults at the  
Odyssey Youth Center (in our neighborhood)  
This month it is on Friday May 17th**

**Meet by 4:45 PM at the Temple** with a main dish, dessert, salad, etc. in a disposable container. Make a card showing the main ingredients (allergens, meat, dairy, etc.) We will walk the food up to the center.

Odyssey Youth Center is a youth-led, adult-supported organization committed to creating, sustaining, and advocating for safe and affirming programs, policies, and services for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning (LGBTQ) youth community.

Contact Susan or Kathy to participate:  
naturalke@gmail.com or susanhales2015@gmail.com



Have you danced at the Obon Festival? Do you want to learn the Bon Odori dances? They are easy to learn folk dances.

You are Invited to a **Bon Odori Dance Classes on Mondays at 5 pm** in the Temple basement led by Jacqui:

July 8th, July 22nd, July 29th, August 5th

Then come dance with us on 5/8, 7/13, 7/20 (tentative), 8/17 (tentative), 8/18

Questions: Contact Jacqui at [jacquipierce@yahoo.com](mailto:jacquipierce@yahoo.com)