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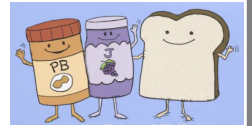
May 2022



May Services 10:30 am & on Facebook Live

- 5/01 Sun Sangha Service followed by Dharma Discussion
- 5/07 Sat 11a-1p Flower Sale (see below)
- 5/07 Sat 2 pm Mrs. Joyce Terao Memorial Service (see pg. 3)
- 5/08 Sun Shotsukihoyo Service followed by Social Time
Dharma Talk by **Rev. Warrick** livestreamed as part of our
service. Join us to celebrate his retirement.
- 5/15 Sun Sangha Service followed by Dharma Discussion
- 5/22 Sun **Gotan-E** Sangha Service followed by Social Time (see Pg. 6)
- 5/29 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.



PRE-ORDER YOUR BOUQUETS
Other bouquets, plants & terrariums will be for sale.
All proceeds go to our minister's education.

"FLOWER FUNDRAISER"
May 7th - 11 am-1 pm
At the Spokane Buddhist Temple
Pick up flowers for Mother's Day
Bouquets for \$10
& Other plants & terrariums for sale
All proceeds go to our Minister's Education Fund
Thank you to our sponsors: Costco, Albertsons & Trader Joes
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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 often meet after service on some Sundays for a dharma discussion.

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Left to right:
MA Chad Donoho,
MA Eric Kerkove,
Rinban Katsuya Kusunoki,
Reverend Melissa Opel,
MAA Amanda Goodwin

Rinban Katsuya Kusunoki
our Supervising Minister



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May Shotsuki-Hoyo

On May 8th, as part of our service, we will have the monthly Shotsuki-Hoyo remembrance service. According to Temple records and other sources, a total of 17 people passed away during the month of May of their respective year:

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| Gunemon Fujita | Paul Noboru Gow | Dick Imada |
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We are sad to announce the passing of Mrs. Joyce Terao on April 5, 2022. Mrs. Terao and her husband, the late Reverend Eiyu Terao, were the founders our Temple, along with the late Rev. William and Mrs. Mary Terao. Please see the next page for an article from the Wheel of Dharma.

Joyce Mitsuko Terao December 9, 1919 - April 5, 2022 Resident of Alameda, CA

Joyce Mitsuko Terao passed away peacefully at her home in Alameda, CA, on April 5, 2022. She was 102 years old.

Come view the Livestreamed Service at the Spokane Buddhist Temple
Saturday - May, 7 2022 - 2:00p.m from the Buddhist Temple of Alameda
View the service at the Spokane Buddhist Temple—doors open at 1:30 pm

Or view at home at: <https://www.youtube.com/c/buddhisttempleofalameda>

We invited Mrs. Terao and her daughters, Mrs. Karen Akahoshi and Lenni Terao-Doerr to Spokane on Sept. 27, 2014 to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the rebuilding of the Spokane Temple after the fire. We named the gym to the north of the Temple “Terao Hall”, in honor of the Terao Family.

Photos from the
2014 Temple Rededication Reception and Terao Hall Naming



Mrs. Terao and Janet Tamura
Tasty food was made by Jun, Chad & Eileen



Mrs. Terao's daughters, Karen & Lenni, talking to Sangha members
Over 75 people enjoyed the reception



Mrs. Joyce Terao was honored by the Spokane Buddhist Temple as one of its founders. Terao Hall was named after her and her late husband, Rev. Eiyu Terao, and the late Rev. William and Mrs. Mary Terao. Also participating in the ceremony were Rinban Don Castro (far left) and Sensei Paul Vielle.

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Mrs. Joyce Terao celebrates her 102th birthday on Dec. 9, 2021, at her Alameda home

Celebrating the Amazing Mrs. Joyce Terao Bomori of Late Rev. Eiyu Terao of Alameda Recently Turned 102; the Teraos Were Instrumental Figures in Creating Spokane Temple

**By Rev. Dr. Seigen Yamaoka
Retired, Former BCA Bishop and IBS President**

“Come for coffee,” was a lifelong invitation that was extended to me by Mrs. Joyce Terao, the wife of the late Rev. Eiyu Terao of the Alameda Buddhist Temple.

Over the years, whenever we met, she would remind me of the invitation, but I would always respond, “I’m too busy.”

After I retired last year, I decided to pay her a visit. When I went through the door, I saw the welcoming smile that has never changed, and she said, “Thank you for coming. I’m sorry I can’t get up because my legs are not what they used to be.”

She is 102 years old, but once we started talking, it was hard to stop. I planned to stay for just a short time, but once our conversation started, the visit lasted 2½ hours. I learned so much from her about her dedication as a minister’s wife, mother, and friend.

She was born on Dec. 9, 1919, the second eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kinzo and Misue Tateyama of Stockton, California. Her parents might have been thinking about going back to Japan because they sent Joyce at age 13 to attend the Oe Girls High School in Kumamoto, Japan. After completing high school, she stayed an additional two years to study flower arrangement, tea ceremony, and other cultural studies. After six years in Japan, she finally returned to Stockton.

About that time, a young minister from Japan was initially assigned to the Buddhist Church of San Francisco. He caught the interest of Mrs. Kikue Yamate, an active member of the San Francisco Fujinkai. She took it upon herself to find a wife for him.

Mrs. Yamate contacted her school classmate, Rev. Toshinao Ouchi of the Stockton Buddhist Church, and asked if there was a suitable future bride for her minister. Rev. Ouchi said there was a girl who had just returned from Japan. So, the two friends began to arrange a meeting of the two young people.

When Joyce met Eiyu, her first impression was that he was good looking. She learned that his parents had worked at farming on Union Island together with Mr. and Mrs. Sadaichi Neishi. He had been born on Union Island in California’s San Joaquin Delta, so he was Nisei, or second-generation Japanese American.

Joyce and Eiyu began seeing each other, but, in the meantime, Eiyu was assigned in 1939 to the Buddhist Church of Oakland. They were married in 1940 at the Buddhist Church of Oakland and followed the old traditional ways.

His parents could not attend the wedding, so Mr. and Mrs. Sadaichi Neishi, who were close friends of his parents, were stand-in parents (oya gawari) and Mr. Kikutaro Nakashima, President of BCO, and Mrs. Nakashima were the official go-betweens (Baishakunin). After the wedding, Rev. Terao was assigned to the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple. While there, their first daughter, Reiko, was born.

With the start of World War II, they were evacuated in 1942 to Minidoka, the internment camp in Idaho.

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Rev. Eiyu Terao and Mrs. Joyce Terao pose in the mid-1950s in Spokane

Rev. Terao, being an American citizen, was able to do Buddhist services for the internees. Most of the people in the camp were from western Washington and Oregon and had lost everything.

In Minidoka, Karen, their second daughter was born. In 1945, the family was released from the camp, but Rev. Terao wanted to be assigned to Spokane. The Seattle Betsuin had founded a group in 1910 there that was serviced by Seattle ministers.

Rev. Terao requested the assignment because he wanted to serve the needs of the Japanese community, who lived near and far from Spokane.

But another major reason was that he wanted to create a church in memory of his parents and relatives, who had died in the atomic bomb blast in Hiroshima in 1945.

Rev. Terao was officially assigned as the minister of the Spokane Buddhist Temple in 1945, but there was no church building. So they rented an upstairs flat, which served as the family home and as the church.

Rev. Terao began services at the home, but the family felt sorry for the owner because she was not Buddhist, so they felt they had to find a home to purchase.

The Terao family found a home nearby and purchased it for \$3,000 and used the home as the church. It was a difficult time for the family because their son, Dennis, was born, followed by another daughter, Lenni. The family home became a gathering place for the membership of the small, struggling church.

Rev. Terao did not receive a salary. But the Spokane Sangha was kind enough to provide the family with fresh vegetables and rice, according to Mrs. Terao.

Rev. Terao worked part-time as a handyman at the printing shop, where his younger brother William, who was discharged from the Army, had a full-time job, and helped as a minister's aide.

Since Rev. Terao was busy visiting Buddhist families at their farms and homes in eastern Washington, Mrs. Terao handled many of the church activities while raising her growing family. She was instrumental in starting the Sunday School, Fujinkai, YBA, and a Friendship Group.

In 1961, after 16 years, Rev. Terao was assigned to the Alameda Buddhist Temple and his brother, Rev. William Terao, took over the Spokane Buddhist Church.

Mrs. Terao assumed the responsibilities of Okusan at Alameda but took a job at the local U.S. Postal Service branch and worked for 20 years to help provide for the family.

Rev. Terao retired in 1978 and passed away in 1994. Mrs. Terao still maintains communication with the Spokane temple and the Spokane Sangha members honor the Terao family even to this day. She currently lives with her son, Dennis, in Alameda.

In the beginning, I did not understand why Mrs. Terao kept inviting me over for coffee all those years. I finally realized the reason for her persistent invitations. It was based on a feeling of obligation and the sincere appreciation she felt for Mr. and Mrs. Kikutarō and Kane Nakashima, who were the go-betweens at her wedding. That couple became my grandparents when I married my wife, Shigeko, granddaughter of the couple. Mrs. Terao wanted to check in on my progress as a minister.

It should be noted that thanks to the Teraos, using their own resources, they were able to establish one of the most diverse Sanghas in the BCA.

I learned so much from Mrs. Terao and realized that she had my back all these years. The coffee tasted so good because I felt the special warmth of being embraced by such a beautiful, caring person. Thank you. Namō Amida Butsu.

Mrs. Terao's daughter, Lenni Terao-Doerr, contributed to this article.



GOTAN-E SANGHA SERVICE

Sunday - May 22nd - 10:30 am

**Celebrating the Birthday of the founder of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism,
Shinran Shonin**

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.

The **Passage Meditation** group is still active and meeting on Tuesday evenings at the Temple

More information please call Mary: (509) 570-6876 or check out: www.bmcm.org

Recommendation before joining our group is to read Eknath Easwaran's book - Passage Meditation.

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.

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Living The Dharma (formerly Every Day Buddhism) Committee Presents:



Part 1

FINDING THE ANTIDOTE TO ANGER, THE SECOND OF THE THREE POISONS

(Part 2 - The Shin Buddhist Perspective on Anger Speaker & date TBA)

Saturday, May 14, 2022

11:00 am – 1:00 pm (PT)

Guest Speaker: Dr. Larry Ward

Dr. Ward's presentation will focus on Thich Nhat Hanh's book
Anger: Wisdom for Cooling the Flames



Larry Ward is a senior teacher in Buddhist Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh's Plum Village tradition, the author of the book *America's Racial Karma*, and co-author with his wife, Peggy, of *Love's Garden: A Guide To Mindful Relationships*. Dr. Ward brings twenty-five years of international experience in organizational change and local community renewal to his work as director of the Lotus Institute and as an advisor to the Executive Mind Leadership Institute at the Drucker School of Management. He holds a PhD in Religious Studies with an emphasis on Buddhism and the neuroscience of meditation, and has trained at the Trauma Resource Institute. As a teacher, Dr. Ward interweaves insights with personal stories and resonating clarity that express his Dharma name, "True Great Sound."

Moderator: Rev. Marvin Harada

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Reflections on the Invasion of Ukraine

By Bishop Harada

Updated March 12

It has been disturbing to see the invasion of Ukraine by Russia. To see a country without any provocation be invaded by another country is appalling.

When I think of how large Russia is as a country, it makes me wonder what more Putin wants. Isn't Russia big enough for him? Why take over a neighboring country, unless it is just a manifestation of the hungry ghost realm in which you never have enough of anything. For such a world ruler — or maybe I should say dictator — there is never enough of anything.

When we look back at the history of the world and of civilization, isn't this a recurring theme, like a broken record? Conquerors, dynasties, kingdoms, war after war, battle after battle. Where does it end?

In ancient India, there was a ruler named King Ashoka, who helped to build and establish Buddhism. Although King Ashoka was a Buddhist ruler, he did not start out that way. In fact, he was a tyrant, a dictator, a conqueror. He had sent his army into battle to conquer again, and then went to see how the battle went, after the fact. King Ashoka was devastated to see the horrors of war that he had caused by sending his army into battle. Death and destruction were everywhere. "What have I done?" thought King Ashoka.

From that day on, King Ashoka turned to Buddhism and became a ruler of peace, not war.

How Buddhists respond to war is also something to reflect on. Tibet was invaded by Communist China. Temples and monasteries were destroyed. Sutras and ancient texts were destroyed. Monks were killed. But despite the travesty, the Dalai Lama continues to find a peaceful resolution and continues to work to restore his country of Tibet, in which he was both the spiritual and secular ruler.

Perhaps you recall some years ago, the Taliban began to destroy the ancient Buddhist statues in Afghanistan. The ancient statues were huge, carved out of the mountainside. They had been there for centuries, created out of the devout faith of Buddhists. They were like the ancient pyramids of Egypt. Yet, the Taliban saw them as false religion and tried to destroy them. First, they used tanks and artillery to bomb the statues, but they still stood strong. Eventually, they were destroyed.

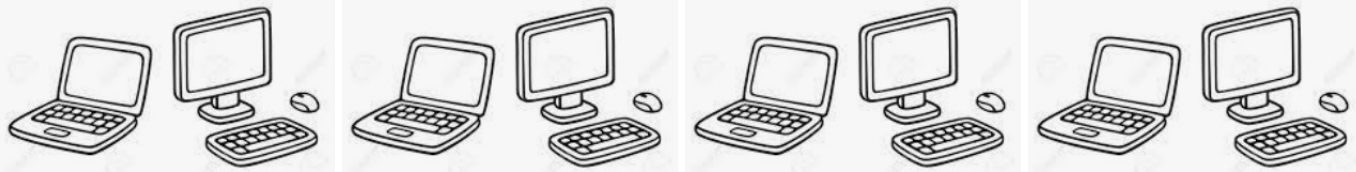
There were worldwide objections and protests to the destruction of the statues, but Buddhists did not go to war over the issue. I cannot help but think that for Buddhists, the thinking was, "You can destroy the statues, but you cannot destroy the Dharma. The Dharma resides in the hearts and minds of Buddhists as a living teaching, as a living truth. It cannot be destroyed by rockets or artillery. It cannot be destroyed by tyrants and dictators. The Dharma will long outlive dynasties, empires, and kingdoms. Dynasties, empires, and kingdoms will come and go, like the waves that hit the shore. But the Dharma is timeless."

The Dharma was transmitted across the Asian continent for the past 2,500 years despite opposing rulers and kingdoms. It has been transmitted secretly amidst caves. It has been transmitted during the internment camps. It has been transmitted even in the wake of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

It is my hope and aspiration that the Dharma will flourish, such that there will be more world leaders who have an appreciation of the Dharma, and will find it appalling to invade another country like we have seen in Ukraine.

All the more — there a need for the Buddha-Dharma in this world.

Namuamidabutsu,
Rev. Marvin Harada, Bishop
Buddhist Churches of America



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Here are just a few of the on-line resources:

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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**

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