



Spokane Buddhist Temple's Annual
OBON FESTIVAL

A Festival Honoring our Ancestors
927 S. Perry, Spokane, WA

Saturday 7/16/22

Noon - 7:30 pm

As part of the South Perry
Street Fair

Free - All Ages Welcome
Come Dance With Us!



Schedule

12-5pm - Temple Open House

12-6pm - Japanese Food

6pm - Obon Dancing



Japanese Peanut Noodle Salad Lunch (\$12)

Mochi Dessert Bars (\$6)



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Everyone is welcome to attend all
activities and services. Visit us online at:
www.spokanebuddhisttemple.org
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July 2022



July Services 10:30 am & on Facebook Live

- 7/03 Sun Sangha Service followed by Social Time
- 7/10 Sun Shotsukihoyo Service followed by Dharma Discussion
- 7/17 Sun NO SERVICE
- 7/24 Sun Sangha Service followed by Intro To Buddhism Class
- 7/31 Sun Sangha Service followed by Intro To Buddhism Class

2-Part Introduction To Buddhism Classes 7/24 & 7/31 - See Page 4



Volunteers Needed for Obon on 7/14-7/16
See the Sign Up Sheet at the Temple
Or respond to our Email

TEMPLE RUMMAGE SALE



FRIDAY, AUG 26TH 9AM – 3PM

SATURDAY, AUG 27TH 9AM – NOON

Please donate your gently used, clean items. We will begin collecting right after
Obon (July 17) beginning July 18th.

Or – if you would like - **rent a table (to sell items yourself)** - set up is
outside – cost is \$20/table.

If you would like to help with pricing, set up and sale, or have questions
please contact Celeste, 509-599-8378 or @dcsterrett@yahoo.com.

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

Rinban Katsuya Kusunoki
our Supervising Minister



Spokane Buddhist Temple Team

--Supervising Minister--

Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki
Seattle Betsuin

---Minister Assistants---

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

---2022 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/

SHOW SOME LOVE & SUPPORT WITH SOME SPOKANE BUDDHIST TEMPLE GEAR!

All net proceeds raised will be paid directly to us for our ministers Education Fund.

- 2 women's cut shirts (grey and royal blue) \$20
- 2 men's cut shirts (grey and purple) \$20
- 1 long sleeve (black) \$25
- 1 hoodie (black) \$30



Here is the QR or email the Temple for the link. Organized by Amanda Goodwin, MAA.

Fundraiser ends on 7/17/22. Shirts will be delivered 8/2/22, either shipped to your house for a fee or to the Temple for free.

There is also an option to donate extra on top of what you buy.



2- Part Introduction To Buddhism Classes

Sunday - 11:45 am

July 24th - Intro to General Buddhism

July 31st - Intro to Jodo Shinshu Buddhism

Stay After the 10:30 am Service for these classes.
Bring your questions about Buddhism.



*2022 Obon Festival
July 16th
& the return of the South Perry Street Fair*

*Izumi Invites you to COME DANCE!!
Bon Odori Dancing at 6 pm on 7/16/22*

Dance Practices 7/3 & 7/10 at 1 pm

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 or do a BillPay transaction through your bank.

We received dues and/or donations from 5/22/22 to 6/19/22 from:

Loren and Caroline Nishimura
Stacey Carr
Mary Naber
Eric Inaba
Kris Birdsell
Izumi Pierce
Celeste Sterrett

Kyle Brown
Paul and Karen Vielle
Melissa & Becca Opel
Tuesday Meditation Group
Wednesday Meditation Group
Amanda Goodwin

Thomas Hiroshi Okamoto in memory of Joyce Terao.

We are grateful to those anonymous people who leave cash donations in the koro each week.

July Shotsuki-Hoyo



On July 12th, as part of our service, we will have the monthly Shotsuki-Hoyo remembrance service. According to Temple records and other sources, a total of 14 people passed away during the month of July of their respective year:

Shelby Craig
Paul "Skip" Glenn
Teruichi Kayahara
(Mrs.) Katsuko 'Katie' Nakagawa
Takeo "Dan" Terao
Osamu "Paul" Yamagiwa
Sutematsu "Pat" Ueno

Jan Gauthier
(Mrs.) Fumiko Heyamoto
Taki Mayeda
Kasue Ogohara
Sutematsu Uyeno
Jerry Potvin
Edith Landfried



Tragedy In Buddhism

By Bishop Harada

Week after week, we can't seem to escape another tragic mass shooting. In a short span of 10 days or so, we had the shooting at a grocery store in Buffalo, New York, the shooting at a church in south Orange County, California, and then the horrific shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, in which 19 children and two teachers were gunned down.

How does a family endure such a tragedy of losing your child or your parent or partner in such a terrible shooting? How does one resolve the grief, the sorrow, of such a loss of an innocent person, doing nothing more than being a student or a teacher in a public school? It must be too much to bear, too harsh of a tragedy, too painful of a loss.

During the time of Shakyamuni Buddha, there was the tragic story of Patacara.

Patacara was pregnant and close to giving birth with her second child, and wanted to return to her family's home to deliver her baby. She and her husband and their young child began the journey to Patacara's home. Along the way, Patacara's husband was bitten by a poisonous snake and died. Patacara continued on the journey to her home, and then went into labor and had to deliver her baby all alone. Now, weakened from the delivery, she continued with her newborn infant and her older child.

Along the way, they came across a swollen river that they had to cross to reach her home. Fearing that she wasn't strong enough to take both the baby and her child across the river, she took the baby across first, and made a little nest of leaves and placed the baby in the nest, and then entered the river to go back to get the older child. Halfway across the river, a large hawk began to circle over the baby in the nest. Patacara tried to wave her arms, screaming, trying to scare off the hawk. The older child on the other side of the river, thought Patacara was calling to him to come, so he entered the river, and was swept away by the swift current. The hawk then swooped down and snatched her newborn baby and flew off.

Patacara, now having lost her husband, her older child, and her newborn infant, continued on her journey to her home. Finally, as she got closer to her home, exhausted, she saw smoke in the distance. She asked someone what the fire was. The person said, "Do not go there. A terrible tragedy has occurred. An entire family has perished in a fire."

When Patacara reached her home, to her great shock, it was her home, and her parents had perished in the fire.

Patacara went crazy from her shock and grief. Fortunately, the Buddha happened to be in the area and began to console and comfort Patacara. Through the Buddha's compassionate and tender counsel, she returned to her senses, and then dedicated her life to helping other women who encountered tragedy in their life.

One can only hope that the families of the victims in the Uvalde, Texas, shooting, and the family of the shooter as well, who was shot and killed, all find a way to work through the grieving process to someday live in a meaningful way. There are no words to ease their grief, to ease their sorrow. It is just a tragedy beyond words.

But there is a path. There is a light amidst such darkness and tragedy. Patacara found it and received it from Shakyamuni Buddha. It is the light of the Dharma, the light of great wisdom and great compassion, the ultimate source of comfort in times of grief, tragedy, and despair. We too, and all beings, can open our hearts and minds to receive this timeless and unobstructed light of comfort, amidst great tragedy and sorrow.

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

BCA Center for Buddhist Education
Living The Dharma (formerly Every Day Buddhism) Committee Presents:



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

PART 2

Saturday, July 16, 2022

11:00 am – 1:00 pm (PT)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji

Rev. Miyaji presentation will focus on
the Jodo Shinshu Perspective on Anger



Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji is currently a minister of Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church since August 1, 2020. In addition, he teaches at the Institute of Buddhist Studies located in Berkeley, California. His previous assignment as a minister was at Tacoma Buddhist Temple from December 2017 to July 31, 2020.

He graduated from the University of California at Berkeley with a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy and Japanese language and literature, Institute of Buddhist Studies at Berkeley, California with a Master's in Buddhist Studies, Ryukoku University in Kyoto, Japan with a Master's Degree in Shin Buddhist Studies and most recently completed his doctoral dissertation entitled, "Shin Buddhist Ethics," through Ryukoku University. He specializes in the areas of Japanese Buddhism and religion, translation of Buddhist scripture, and Jodo Shinshu doctrine and ethics.

Moderator: Rev. Marvin Harada

Registration

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Focusing on the 7 Patriarchs



Reverend

Kiyonobu Kuwahara

JULY 23, 2022 @ 11a (PT)



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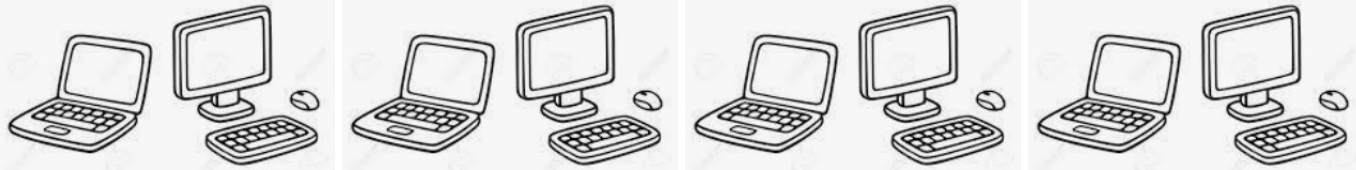
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Explore topics in Jodo Shinshu doctrine, practice, and culture



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/>

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<https://hometownbuddhism.blogspot.com/>

Spokane Buddhist Temple

www.SpokaneBuddhistTemple.org

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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

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.

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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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