

Spokane Buddhist Temple

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activities and services. Visit us online at:
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June 2022



June Services 10:30 am & on Facebook Live

- 6/05 Sun Sangha Service followed by Social Time
- 6/12 Sun Shotsukihoyo Service followed by Dharma Discussion
PET MEMORIAL (See below)
- 6/19 Sun Sangha Service followed by Social Time
- 6/26 Sun Sangha Service followed by Dharma Discussion



PET MEMORIAL SERVICE June 12th - 10:30 am

To participate in the Pet Memorial Service,
email a photo of your pet with the name of
the pet, year of death and your name to the
Temple.

Deadline to send photos is 6/6/22

The Pet Memorial is a chance to honor all that our pets have contributed to
our lives. The Buddha taught that all sentient beings have Buddha nature
and may become a Buddha in a future life. We will read their names and
show a digital slide show of your pets during service. You do not have to be
a member to participate. This includes any pets, not just dogs & cats.

Send
Photo
Pet's Name
Year of Death
Your Name

Send to:
SpokaneBuddhistTemple@gmail.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

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Seattle Betsuin

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

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Have questions: Email Chad at bronzetiger23@yahoo.com



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/

***** *MARK YOUR CALENDARS* *****

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

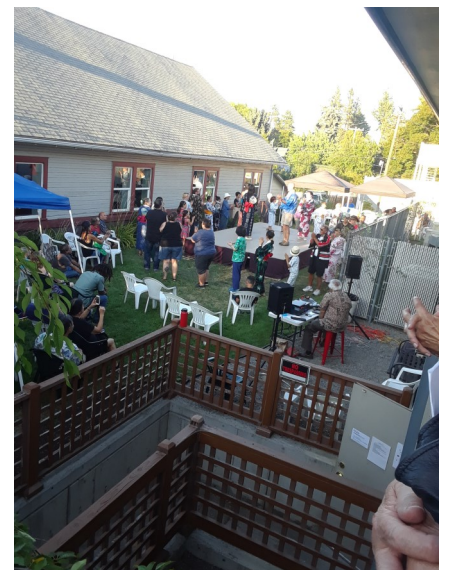
We are still in the planning stages, but you can look forward to food, an afternoon service & Bon Odori Dancing.

Want to help plan the festival and be a volunteer?
Watch for a meeting after service.

Photos from previous years:
2021



2018 & 2019



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 4/28/22 to 5/22/22 from:

Rachel Landman and Patrick Solverson	Loren and Caroline Nishimura
Stacey Carr	Paul and Karen Vielle
Mary Naber	Melissa & Becca Opel
Eric Inaba	Tuesday Meditation Group
Kris Birdsell	Wednesday Meditation Group
Jeremy Phillips	

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

Thank you to those who purchased plants and flowers at the annual Flower Sale, and to those who donated items to sell. All proceeds went to our Minister's education fund.



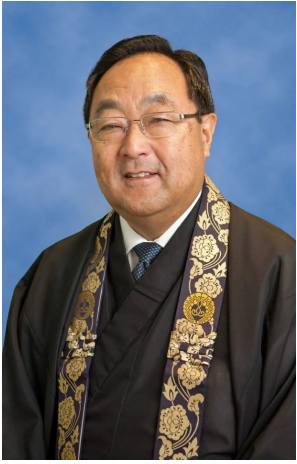
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS RACHEL LANDMAN & PATRICK SOLVERSON



June Shotsuki-Hoyo

On June 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 17 people passed away during the month of June of their respective year:

Gay Todd	Eugene Bergman
Yoshio Hamamoto	Jack Hattori
Shozo "Sho" Higashi	(Mrs.) Toshie Kanagae
Peter Key	Nobuichi Kiyabu
Yoshiro Mori	Tsumayo Nakai
Archie Okawa	Kozo Soejima
(Mrs.) Riku Takeshita	(Mrs.) Oto Uyeji
Lachen Joy Verdery	(Mrs.) Tsuneye Wada
Robert Gilles	



Save Animals to be Human By Bishop Harada

Jon Kawamoto, the editor of the Wheel of Dharma, recently shared with me an amazing article and video from the Washington Post about a woman in Ukraine, who in the midst of the war there, returned to save the animals from her animal shelter.

Asya Serpinska is from the town of Hostomel, Ukraine, and was formerly a math professor. Upon retirement, she established an animal shelter that quickly grew to have hundreds of cats and dogs. With the attack of Ukraine, she was forced to initially flee, but then returned to rescue her animals at the shelter. Her surrounding area was bombarded and she said it felt like an earthquake.

Russian soldiers confronted her and her staff, accusing them of assisting the Ukrainian army. When Asya's favorite beloved dog, Gina, barked at the soldiers, one soldier shot and killed her dog. She said, "Any dog defends its territory. It's their nature."

The soldiers threatened to kill her, and a staff member was bound and restrained on the floor overnight.

Asya even fed and took care of a lion and other animals from the local zoo that were also innocent victims of the war.

I was so impressed by something that Asya said in the video that ran with the story. She said, "To save animals is to be human."

The war and the attack on Ukraine, is a vivid example of what it means to lose one's sense of humanity. As we have seen on the news, hospitals, schools, residential areas have all been bombed and attacked, and innocent citizens from children to the aged have lost their lives. How can you do such things if you have any sense of humanity?

Asya, on the other hand, in saving the animals at her shelter, is affirming her humanity. Such an expression of her humanity is maybe stronger than the bullets and bombs being inflicted on the Ukrainian people.

Many years ago, I translated a book on Shin Buddhism from Japanese to English, by Hideo Yonezawa, a popular lay speaker in Japan. In his book, he expressed that Shin Buddhism is the path to becoming truly human. The path of the Nembutsu, is the path to becoming a true human being. I immediately recalled that expression when I saw what this woman in Ukraine was doing for the animals.

Other religions "assume" that we are human, but in Buddhism, we have to "discover" our humanity. In other religions, it is often thought that man was created by god to rule over the earth, over other beings like plants and animals.

In Buddhism, we are all sentient beings, no greater and no less than other beings. We were not made to rule the earth over other beings. In contrast, if it weren't for other beings, we couldn't live. If anything, it is the opposite. We should be bowing our heads in respect and gratitude for other beings that make our life possible.

In the midst of this terrible war in Ukraine, where we see what happens when human beings lose their sense of humanity, we also see a beautiful example of one person who is affirming their humanity by saving the animals. Asya Serpinska, in saving animals, is saving not only her sense of humanity, she is showing the entire world what it means to be human.

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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FROM SHAKYAMUNI TO SHINRAN

Focusing on the 7 Patriarchs



Reverend
Kiyonobu Kuwahara

JULY 23, 2022 @ 11a (PT)



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Register at www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/buddhist-education

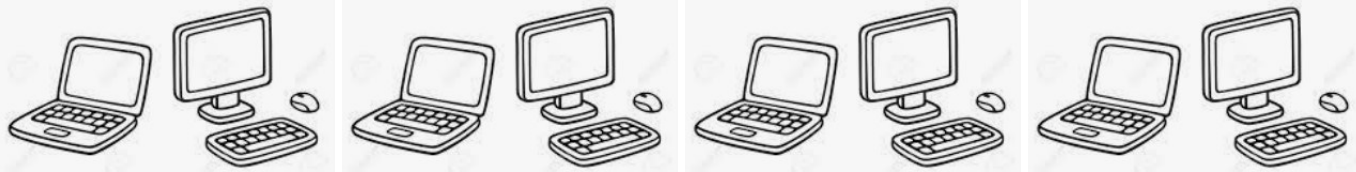
Or, [click here](#). *Donations* are welcome and gratefully accepted

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

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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

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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

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) _____

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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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