

Spokane Buddhist Temple

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activities and services. Visit us online at:
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September 2022



September Service Schedule - 10:30 am

- 9/4 Sangha Service followed by Social Time
- 9/11 Shotsukihoyo Service followed by an
All Sangha Meetingsee below
- 9/18 Sangha Service followed by a
Dharma Discussion
- 9/25 Sangha Service followed by a
Dharma Discussion

Email SpokaneBuddhistTemple@gmail.com to get the
weekly emails. Most services will be live on Facebook.

You are invited to attend - In Person Or Virtually
75th Northwest District Buddhist Convention
Sept 16-18, 2022
“Reflecting on the Past, Looking to the Future”
Hosted by the Idaho-Oregon Buddhist Temple

See Page 3 for details

Virtual Workshops & Services with all of the NW Shin Buddhist Temples



*What is Going on at the Temple?
How are our Finances?
What does the Board Do?
What does the Religious Education
Committee Do?*

****What are YOUR suggestions for the Temple?****

Stay After Service For an
All Sangha Meeting
Sunday 9/11

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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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- ◆ 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)

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Have questions: Email Chad at
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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/

Reflecting On The Past Looking To The Future

75th NW District Convention
&
75th Anniversary of IOBT

Save the Dates
Sept 16-18, 2022

Hosted by
Idaho-Oregon
Buddhist Temple



Join the northwest Shin Buddhist Temples
at the 75th Convention of the NW District Temples

Two options:

In Person Four Rivers Cultural Center in Ontario, OR - Sept 16-18 - Adults \$150
Virtual Workshops & Services - Sept 17 & 18 - \$35

The convention usually includes:

2 Services with Ministers from all over the northwest
A Variety of Workshops
Saturday night Banquet

Keynote Speaker: Reverend Marvin Harada, Bishop of the Buddhist Churches of America.
A special guest speaker is Stuart Hirai, expert on the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

More information to follow.

Contact us ASAP if you want the Virtual Access, which gives you access to the services and workshops.

We are carpooling to Ontario - Contact us ASAP if you want to go.

Email Spokanebuddhisttemple@gmail.com for Registration Forms and questions, or see Mari Haworth or Celeste Sterrett on Sunday.

September Shotsuki-Hoyo

On September 11th, as part of our service, we will have the monthly Shotsuki-Hoyo remembrance service. According to Temple records and other sources, a total of 11 people passed away during the month of September of their respective year:



Dat Nguyen	George Nomura
Harry Uchida	Harry Yamauchi
Hazel Sanders	Kenji Sugiyama
(Mrs.) Mary Sueko 'Sue' Shimizu	
Kengo Yorioka	Anton Brecek
Joanne Heyamoto	Haruko "Janet" Tamura

Thank you for supporting the Rummage Sale.

You raised \$1500, which

- Keeps the lights on for 5 months, or
- Pays for 3 classes for Minister Assistants, or
- Keeps the grass watered and the garbage picked up for 8 months



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 7/25/22 to 8/27/22 from:

Loren and Caroline Nishimura	Paul and Karen Vielle
Stacey Carr	Melissa & Becca Opel
Mary Naber	Liat Parker
Tuesday Meditation Group	Ryan Campenella
Kris Birdsell	Jackie & Ken Endersbe
Izumi Pierce	Amy Summerfield
Jun Yugawa	Wednesday Meditation Group
Celeste Sterrett	

Paul Vielle in memory of John Francis Munighan
Dennis & Lenni Terao in memory of Joyce Terao
Jimmy & Yoshimi Yamamoto in thanks for Sensei Vielle's book and support of the Temple

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



Changing our Perspective

By Reverend Marvin Harada, Bishop

I was recently introduced to a most amazing video about the Dalai Lama and Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the anti-apartheid and human rights activist of South Africa.

This video showed the friendship of the two of them, and featured some wonderful conversations and dialogue. Their friendship was both humorous and touching. They playfully kidded and joked with each other like little kids.

One of the highlights of the video to me was when Tutu asked a question to the Dalai Lama, saying, to paraphrase, “You had to escape from your country and your country was taken over. Monasteries were destroyed and many people were killed by the Chinese military. Why are you not morose?”

First, the Dalai Lama asked his translator what the word “morose” meant. He was told that it meant “sad.”

The Dalai Lama said that he was sad, of course, but that in Buddhism, we have to shift our perspective. He said that because he was exiled, he has been given this opportunity to share the Dharma with the world in a way that he never could have if he had stayed in Tibet as the Dalai Lama.

Instead of just staying angry, bitter, and morose over his situation, he shifted his perspective, to see the positive side of his situation, and how much he has loved being able to share the Dharma with the world.

Only the Dalai Lama can say something like that without any sense of bitterness or anger. How wonderful to be able to shift one’s perspective in that manner.

Most of us cannot shift our perspective like that. We stay in our state of bitterness and anger. We say things like: “Why did that terrible thing have to happen to me?” “I didn’t do anything to deserve this awful situation.” Isn’t that how we react to negative situations in our life? Don’t we flounder, even choosing to stay in such a state of anger and bitterness rather than finding something positive about the situation?

Shinran Shonin was just like the Dalai Lama. Shinran Shonin became a follower of Honen Shonin. The established Buddhism of their time was threatened by Honen’s popularity as a Buddhist teacher that was reaching many people. Honen and Shinran were both banished from the city of Kyoto. Shinran Shonin was sent to the harsh area of Echigo, which is present day Niigata, on the Japan sea side of Japan. The winters are terribly harsh there.

But after being banished to Echigo, Shinran Shonin simply said, “Now I have the opportunity to share the Dharma, to share the Nembutsu with the people of Echigo.”

Just like the Dalai Lama, he was not morose. He was not bitter. He was not angry. He shifted his perspective, and saw the wonderful opportunity that he had been given.

I would have a hard time being that positive about such a banishment. If a previous Bishop had asked me to move to somewhere like Alaska to start a new temple there, I would have said, “Why me? Why do I have to go to Alaska? I can’t golf there and it is so far from Las Vegas.”

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I would have been morose and angry. But not Shinran Shonin, and not the Dalai Lama.

What a wonderful teaching it is that Buddhism gives us. Just shift your perspective. Look at the situation of your life, no matter how terrible, no matter how awful, no matter how bleak, and see it from a different perspective. Isn't there something positive to see from that new perspective? Isn't there something meaningful in that new perspective?

Listening to and watching that wonderful video and dialogue between the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu gives me a great teaching about the simplicity but yet profundity of Buddhism. May we all learn to shift our perspective to find the most positive and meaningful view of our life.

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 IGNORANCE
THE THIRD OF THE THREE POISONS
Saturday, October 29, 2022
11:00 am – 1:00 pm (PT)
Guest Speakers:

Rev. Blayne Higa: The Jodo Shinshu Antidote to Ignorance



Rev. Blayne Higa is the Resident Minister of the Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple in Kealahou, Hawaii. He holds a Master of Divinity from the Institute of Buddhist Studies with a focus on Shin Buddhist ministry and chaplaincy. He received Tokudo ordination and Kyoshi certification from the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji ha. He is the Chair of the Committee on Social Concerns and Ministerial Training Committee for the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. He also serves on the Board of the American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii and Vibrant Hawaii.

Chenxing Han:
Buddhist Antidotes to Racial Prejudice and Ignorance



Chenxing Han is the author of *Be the Refuge: Raising the Voices of Asian American Buddhists* and the forthcoming book *one long listening: a memoir of grief, friendship, and spiritual care*, both with North Atlantic Books. Chenxing holds a BA from Stanford University, an MA in Buddhist Studies from the Graduate Theological Union, and a certificate in Buddhist chaplaincy from the Institute of Buddhist Studies. She is a co-teacher of *Listening to the Buddhists in Our Backyard* at Phillips Academy Andover, and a co-organizer of *May We Gather: A National Buddhist Memorial for Asian American Ancestors*.

Moderator: Rev. Marvin Harada

Registration
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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 frequency (please check) annually semi-annually quarterly monthly

Pledge amount for current year \$ _____

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* 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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