



Tacoma Buddhist Temple

(Jodo Shinshu)

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(MYOKYO, the Bright Mirror of Buddha Dharma always illuminates our LIFE)

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Temple Mission Statement *"To offer those in the Pacific Northwest an enduring community that values inclusiveness and acceptance in seeking enlightenment through Japanese Shin Buddhist teachings."*

Dear Tacoma Buddhist Temple Members,

On behalf of my family, I would like to express my deepest appreciation for your guidance, friendship, and support during my time as the resident minister here at this temple. I will greatly miss all of you and the wonderful memories that we have made here over the years.

My ministerial duties will transfer me to the Institute of Buddhist Studies located in Berkeley, California, working as a part-time faculty member. In addition to this, I will be working at the Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church located in Union City, as their resident minister. This transfer will be effective August 1st, 2020.

What makes matters worse is that I was unable to properly say goodbye to each and every one of you due to the coronavirus pandemic. It saddens me that I will not be able to see you in person, thank you personally, and shake your hand or give you a hug. Sadly, this will not be possible even amongst the members for quite some time. After temples can re-open, there will be new measures in protocol that will be implemented at the temple to ensure the safety of all members and participants.

Many people in this country have somewhat forgotten the fact that the pandemic is still in full swing, but we must continue to look out for one another by practicing social distancing and wearing our masks. The recent news about people not wanting to follow these instructions greatly distresses me, and this is all the more reason why I believe the teaching of Buddhism needs to be heard in this country. We are all in this together, and we should promote ways that protect one another. This is in regards not only to the pandemic but also race relations within this nation.

Although my time here was very short and it felt like a blink of an eye, I am grateful to have been given a chance to meet the people at the Tacoma Buddhist Temple and the northwest district in general. There is a charm about this area and its people, and this is something I will always remember with great fondness as I leave this wonderful place. Let us continue our journey on the spiritual path of the Nembutsu together. I wish you the best, and I will continue the fight of helping to spread the wonderful teaching of Shinran Shonin. Thank you, Dharma friends. Namo Amida Butsu.

Gassho,
Rev. Takashi Miyaji, Kaori and Keisai (4 years old)

わか ことば
お別れの言葉

ぶつきょうかい みなさま
タコマ仏教会の皆様

たび がつまつ ねんあま せ わ ぶつきょうかい はな みなさま たいへん
この度7月末をもって、2年余りお世話になったタコマ仏教会を離れることとなりました。皆様には大変
せ わ おお べんたつ いただ こと ところ ごれい もう し あ
お世話になり、そして多くのご鞭撻を頂きました事、心から御礼を申し上げます。

はちがつついたち きた しゅう みなみ ぶつきょうかいおよ べいこくぶつきょうだいがくいん しゅうにん
8月1日より北カリフォルニア州の南アラメダ仏教会及び米国仏教大学院に就任することとなり
きより はな ぶつきょうかい まな こと い しゅうそしんらんしょうにん おし みちび
距離は離れてしましますが、タコマ仏教会で学んだ事を活かし、宗祖親鸞聖人のみ教えに導かれながら
おし でんどう せいいつぱいはげ みなさま ちよくせつ あ わか あいさつ
、その教えの伝道に精一杯励んでまいります。皆様と直接お会いして、お別れのご挨拶ができないことが
たいへんさんねん
大変残念でなりません。

さき てら さいかい とき こうりゅう まい しかた おお へんか おも
また、この先お寺が再開する時には交流やお参りの仕方に大きな変化があるのではないかと思います。
きんじつ くに ひと わす
近日、この国の人たちはコロナウイルスのことをずいぶん忘れてしまっているようです。しかし、ソーシャ
ル・ディスタンスやマスクをつけることは、自分だけでなく、自分の周りの人への配慮であり、それを続け
ていかなければなりません。さいきん み ちゅういかんき むし ひと たた
最近のニュースを見ると、このような注意喚起を無視している人が多々いると
き たいへんふあん おも ぶつきょう よ じちゅうしんてき たいど み
聞き、大変不安な思いになります。このような「自分さえ良ければいい」という自己中心的な態度を見るに
つけ、まさに仏教という教えがますます必要であると感じるところでございます。わたし すべ たが
協力することで社会が成り立っている故、自我を見つめる中で他人のことを考えていくことが仏教の
しせい おも もんだい くに じんしゅさべつ もんだい およ たいおう
姿勢ではないかと思います。これはパンデミックの問題だけでなく、この国の人種差別の問題にも及ぶ対応
しかた
の仕方であります。

ぶつきょうかい しゅうにん きかん ねんはん みぢか きかん みなさま いっしょ
タコマ仏教会に就任させていただきました期間は2年半という短い期間でありましたが、皆様と一緒に
ぶつえん あ たいへんありがたくおも わたし かぞく すば
にご仏縁に遇えましたことを大変有り難く思っております。私たち家族はこれからいつまでも、この素晴ら
しい土地と皆様方とのご縁を心の糧としていきたいと思っています。とお はな こんご たが
いにお念仏の御同行として教えを聴聞していきましょう。くれぐれもお体を大切にお過ごしくさ。からだ たいせつ す

なもあみだぶつ
南無阿弥陀仏

宮地 崇

香織

慶哉（4才）





Sensei's Message

Don't Forget the Sangha Rev. Takashi Miyaji

Do you remember your first memory? What is one of the earliest recollections you of yourself or something you did? For me, it was the time I was in Ogden, Utah. I was born there and spent a few years in Ogden while my father was a minister serving at the Ogden Buddhist Temple. In this memory, my mom was carrying me and I was holding a carrot and feeding the horse next door. I remember being scared because the animal was very large and it came very close to me. It must have been a very traumatic experience for me to be able to remember that memory to this day. But I look on it now as a fond memory, and I am happy to be able to relive that moment as best as I can recall.

Recently, I watched on a Netflix show, an episode about the human brain. Sadly, what they explain is that many people will make up what they believed they saw firsthand. This is not because they want to believe in some fantasy, but rather, that the brain will get rid of information it does not believe to be important. Then later, when it needs that information again, the brain will "fill in the gaps" to try and make sense of a past experience. For example, the episode featured a woman who said she witnessed the 9/11 attacks firsthand, but actually, she was not where she thought she was on that day.

This made me wonder, what information or experiences does my brain make up? I was able to verify that there in fact did live a horse next door to the parsonage in Ogden. My mom does remember taking me to feed the horses, so that much I know is true. But I could have been feeding the horse a piece of celery. Or maybe, it wasn't me but my brother who that actually fed the horse, but I internalized it after he told me about it! I guess that could be possible. Nevertheless, the point that I am getting at is that we do not really know exactly who we are, in the literal sense of whether we can accurately recall all of our past experiences. We overlook, we deny, we fabricate, but ultimately, we forget. This is the human condition: we are forgetful people. This is what constitutes a *bonbu*.

Have you ever gone grocery shopping and tried to test yourself whether you could remember all the items on the list that you needed to get? I have done that. If there were 15 items on the list, I would be happy if I could remember 3 things. Perhaps there are people who could remember all 15 because they have a photographic memory, or maybe other people have a knack for remembering things. But for the average person like myself, they would be lucky if they could remember 5 things on that list. In a much similar way, we might be able to recall certain things about our lives, like our first break up, graduating from high school, or the time we fell from the swing and broke our arm. But there are many fine details that we cannot seem to remember about our past.

In Buddhism, despite the fact that we may forget the events in our past, they are nevertheless the building blocks of who we are today. We call those building blocks "karma." In our everyday English language, karma has for some reason taken on some negative connotation, but that is not the whole meaning of karma. Karma is simply action. Our past karmic experiences make up who we are today. Karma in its basic meaning has nothing to do with retribution, good or evil, or right or wrong. It is simply action. My karmic actions that I do right now will help to shape who I am later in life.

My experiences here at the Tacoma Buddhist Temple helped to make me who I am today. They will be the building blocks of who I will become later in life. Your experiences as a member of the Tacoma Buddhist Temple is revealing who you are now, and it will shape who you are later in life as well. Our encountering together, although very short, is the revealing of our life story here and now, as well as what will drive the story to the next episode of our lives. I have learned so much during my time here. I now have a better understanding of the temple dynamics and that the efforts of the members of this temple really make this establishment an invaluable place. It is hard to remember exactly all the details of our past experiences together, but nevertheless, the relationship we created and the interactions we had with one another become our karmic upbringing.

There is one final message I would like to share with the members of this temple. I have been doing online services since the outbreak of the pandemic, seeing this venue as the only source of how I can stay in contact with not only our members, but also to get the message of Shinran Shonin out to the world. These videos are fun to make, although very taxing in time and effort, and I am *finally* now understanding that this will be the wave of the future. But there is one thing these online videos will never be able to replace: the human interaction of the sangha. Sadly, I am inclined to think that this too will be forgotten someday. I fear that in the future the temple will exist only virtually. As a minister of the BCA, I will do my best to slow this process as best as I can. It is my hope that all Jodo Shinshu Buddhists will remember the

importance of the three jewels: Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha. Our human interaction at the temple (the Sangha) is an indispensable component to our spiritual lives.

At the same time, I'm not too worried about this temple. Why? Because the members here know how special of a place this is. They live with the understanding that the Buddha's teachings is worth getting up for on Sunday mornings and coming to the temple to participate in service. The members of this temple know that this is not just a community center that has various social clubs and sells teriyaki chicken a few times out of the year. This is a *temple*; and everyone here knows that very well. They know this is a place that centers on the importance of the Buddha Dharma, where its members recognize the value of having the nembutsu teaching be a part of their lives. With this in mind, we could be ten members or ten thousand, it does not matter. We will live on as proud and spiritually fulfilled Jodo Shinshu Buddhists. So, let's use our karma we created together in these past couple of years to help pave the way for a mindful, inclusive, considerate, reflective, and compassionate Buddhist community here in America.

Namo Amida Butsu

「僧伽」の必要性

皆さんの生まれてはじめての思い出は何でしょうか。その人生で初めての経験を覚えていらっしゃるでしょうか。私にとっての初めての記憶はまだユタ州のオグデン市にいた時のことでした。父はオグデン仏教会の開教使でした。ある時、母が私を抱っこして、隣の家の庭にいた馬に人参を餌としてあげてました。あの大きな動物が私の手から人参を食べようとしたことは大きなトラウマでしたので、いまだに覚えています。

最近、Netflix というテレビチャンネルで人間の脳についての番組を見ました。それによりますと、人間というのはよく覚えていない経験を脳が勝手に情報を作り出すみたいです。これは人間が嘘をつきたいのではなく、脳が要る情報と要らない情報を区別して、要らない情報を削除するのだそうです。そして、その経験がまた必要となった時に、その大体なところから思い出を作り直していくらしいのです。例えば、ある女性は9.11の不幸を思い出した時、自分がその時にニューヨークにいたと語っていました。しかし実際にそこにいなかったのです。脳が勝手に女性にあの時、ニューヨークのツイン・タワーが崩壊した時、そこにいたようにいつの間にかインプットしていたのです。

この番組を見ていたとき、私は自分の人生を振り返ってみると脳はどこまで情報を不正確に作り出しているのだろうかと思いました。あのオグデンにいた思い出を考えると、確かに隣に馬がいたそうです。そして、母が私を抱っこして馬に餌をあげていたことも確認できました。しかし、人参を餌としてあげていたのではなく、セロリーだったりとか、母は私を連れて行ったのではなく、実は兄だったとか。ただ私がその話を聞いて、その話がいつの間にか自分の話に変わっていたことも考えられてくるのです。いずれにしても、次のことは事実です。人間は、本当は自分のことをよく知らないということです。これは

てつがくてき　こんほんてき　めん　み　じぶん　じっさい　けいけん　かん　じつ
哲学的にではなく、根本的な面から見ると、自分が実際に経験してきたことに関しても、実にそのことをよく知らないのだと言えるのです。これが仏教で説く「凡夫」ということです。

もう一つの例えをあげてみたいと思います。スーパーで買い物をする時、買い物リストを暗記して買い物をしたことがありますか。私はそれを一度やってみましたが、買わないといけない15個のうち、たった3個ほどしか覚えていなかったことがありました。15個全部まる暗記ができる人はきつといえると思いますが、私みたいな平凡な人間にとって、5個覚えたとしても見事なものです。このように私たちは人生の中の経験をある程度覚えていっているかも知れませんが、全ての経験を記憶することはやはり不可能です。

仏教では、自分の過去の経験を忘れていても、その経験は今の自分を作っていると説きます。このねんねんこくこく　けいけん　ごう　い　ちかごろ　えいご　つみ　わる　い　み
念々刻々の経験を「業karma」と言います。近頃の英語では「karma」は「罪」というような悪い意味があると思います。おもしろいことかたがた　おほ　ごう　どうさ　こうどう　い　み
入っている方々が多いそうですが、決してそうではありません。「業」は動作・行動という意味です。ぜんあく　よし　あし　と　こうどう　いまわたし　お　こうどう　のち　じぶん　つくりだ
善悪、良し悪しを問わず、行動のことです。なので、今私が起こす行動は、後の自分を作り出すのです。

タコマ仏教会で経験してきたことは今の私を創っています。また、今後の私も創っていくでしょう。同じく、皆様がタコマ仏教会のメンバーであることも今の貴方、また今後の貴方を創っていきます。そして私たちが出会えたことも、いくら短かったとしても、今の私たちを創り、そして将来の私たちを創っていきます。このお寺に就任させていただいたことはとてもいい勉強になりました。お寺の様々な行事やメンバーの方々がいかに大事な仕事をなさっているかが分かりました。このお寺にいた期間の全ての出来事は覚えていませんが、全ての出来事が今の自分、今後の自分を創っていくことは事実です。

最後にこのことを申し上げます。ここ最近コロナウイルスのきっかけでYouTubeにお勤めや法話を流したり、Podcastといったインターネット放送も流すようになりました。これはお寺のメンバーの皆さんと直接会うことができない中、何か皆様と私を繋げる機会を作りたいという思いからでした。そして宗祖親鸞上人の教えを今までご縁のなかった方々に紹介できるチャンスであるということも理由の一つでした。こういうオンラインのお勤めや法話は今後通常のやり方になっていくのではないかと実感しています。しかし、このようなビデオは人と人を直接つなげる何かが欠けています。仏教の中に仏・法・僧といった三宝があります。この僧というのが「僧伽」のことです。僧伽、つまりお寺のご門徒の方々の直接的なふれあいが仏法を歩む私たちにとって不可欠であるということです。今後、この「お寺」という存在が心配

であります。インターネットを通して情報^{と お じょうほう かんたん て はい}が簡単に手に入り、お寺に参る必要^{てら まい ひつよう}がないと思^{おも}い込む人^{お も い こ ひと}たちが
増えていく^{ふ おそ}恐れがあるからであります。

しかしながら、ここのご門徒^{もんと かた てら}の方はお寺のことを大事^{だいじ おも}に思っているのではないかと思^{おも}います。仏法^{ぶつぽう}の聴聞^{ちやうもん}
を大事^{だいじ}にされ、そのため毎週^{まいしゅうにちやうび}日曜日^{てら まい}にお寺に参^{つと}ってこれ^{さんか}れ、お勤^{ぶつきよう}めに参加^{ぶつきよう}されます。これはやはり仏教^{ぶつぎやう}が
自分の人生^{じぶん じんせい}にとって大事^{だいじ}なものであると知^しっておられるからだと思^{おも}います。タコマ仏教会^{ぶつきやうかい}は、毎年^{まいとしなんかい}何回^{なんかい}か
チキン・テリヤキを^う売^{こうみんかん}る公民館^しだけでない^しということ^しをよく知^しっておられます。ここは^{てら}お寺^{みな}です。そして皆^{みな}
さんは、お寺は仏法^{てら ぶつぽう}を聞き、広めるための場所^{き ひろ}だと信^{ばしよ}じています。ですから、タコマ仏教会^{ぶつきやうかい}は大丈夫^{だいじやうぶ}だと
思^{おも}います。御門徒^{ごもん}の人数^{ごんと にんずう}に関係^{かんけい}なく、自信^{じしん}を持った浄土真宗^{じょうどしんしゅう}の信者^{しんじや}であります。

皆様^{みなさま}と共に一緒^{とも いっしょ}に創^{つく}ってきた業^{ごう}を縁^{えん}に、今後^{こんご}もアメリカにおける立派^{りっぱ}な仏教^{ぶつきやう}のコミュニティをつくって
いきたいと思^{おも}います。今後^{のち}とも、どうぞよろしく願^{ねが}い致^{いた}します。合掌^{がっしょう}

Future Schedule

(Sun) July 12
(Wed) July 15
(Sun) July 19
(Wed) July 22
(Sat) August 1
(Sat) August 15

Rev. Miyaji Drive-by Farewell 10-10:30, Tacoma Buddhist Temple
Eatonville & Orting cemetery visitation Postponed to August
Obon Cemetery visitations Postponed to August
Prof. Tanaka Zoom lecture, 19:30
Virtual Obon for Tacoma Buddhist Temple; YouTube
BCA Virtual Obon Dance, 18:00

NOTICE

DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS, ALL TEMPLE EVENTS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO VIEW OUR WEEKLY SERVICES ONLINE ON YOUTUBE. THERE IS ALSO A PODCAST OF THOSE SERVICES LISTED IN THE DESCRIPTION BOX.

President's Message



Farewell Rev Dr Miyaji, Kaori and Keisai

For the last 2 and ½ years, Tacoma Buddhist Temple has been fortunate to have the guidance of Rev Dr Miyaji and to enjoy the friendship of Kaori and Keisai. Rev Miyaji's time with us has been short, but BCA and IBS, as well as Tacoma will benefit from Rev Dr Miyaji's part-time assignment to IBS. We look forward to seeing future IBS graduates in BCA and in the Northwest District.

Unfortunately, with the current COVID-19 situation, Tacoma will not be able to hold a traditional farewell banquet. As a safe alternative, a drive-by farewell celebration is being planned for July 12, 2020.

Please look for the details in another part of the Myokyo.

On a personal note, it has been my pleasure to work with Rev Miyaji. I appreciate Rev Miyaji's efforts to create an online presence for Tacoma. The videos and podcasts provide a way for all TBT members stay connected with the Dharma.

Rev Miyaji, Kaori and Keisai, we will miss you and wish you a very prosperous future. Domo Arigato.

Remember, Rev Dr Miyaji has a Podcast. The podcasts go into deeper discussions on the highlighted topic. Please check them out at:

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/no-doubt-a-shin-buddhist-approach/id1511351502>

Rev Koyama

Tacoma is very fortunate to have Rev Tadao Koyama as our next resident Minister. Rev Koyama's official start date is August 1, 2020. We look forward to getting to know Rev Koyama and his wife Cynthia (Cyndi). Unfortunately, we will not be able to hold a formal Welcome banquet. Once an alternative welcome program is determined, an announcement will be distributed.

Temple and COVID-19

Tacoma Buddhist Temple continues to remain closed. Check our website, tacomabt.org for updates. If anything changes, an email will be sent to all members.

If anyone needs any assistance, please reach out and we will help you get assistance. If anyone needs to make any changes to your yearly membership pledge, even if you have already submitted your pledge, please contact myself or pledge administrator Tracy Ling.

TBT Virtual Obon Odori (Dance)

Tacoma Buddhist Temple will not be holding an in person Obon Odori this year. Tacoma will be producing a Virtual Obon Video which will be published on our original Obon date of August 1, 2020. Please check the Tacoma Buddhist Temple's YouTube channel which can be accessed from our Temple website tacomabt.org

Please remember to return your Obon donation envelope, which should be included with the Myokyo. Also, if possible, consider making a larger donation since we will not be able to do our regular food sale, which is a major fund raiser for the Temple. Thank you for your continued financial support. Without your generous donations, Tacoma Buddhist Temple would not be able to continue bringing everyone the Dharma.

Gassho,
David

Buddhist Women's Association News



With no business to report this month please enjoy this BWA member spotlight.

Yasuko Morita was born Yasuko Hashimoto 93 years ago in March at Tacoma General Hospital. She has three younger siblings, Katsumi, Henry (deceased) and Joanna. Yasuko attended Tacoma Buddhist temple with her family throughout her childhood. She is an accomplished seamstress and worked in that field for over 20 years. In her teens, she once sewed a pretty green print skirt that she adored but only got to wear a couple times. It was one of the pieces of clothing she had when she was sent to the Pinedale Assembly Center. Soon after arriving, she washed it and hung it out to dry only to come back and find it full of holes from the insects as it was the only green thing in sight.

Yasuko met her future husband at her close friend Kiku's wedding. Hiroshi Morita was an usher and cousin of the groom. Yasuko and Hiroshi were married for 30 years and lived outside of Sacramento California. After Hiroshi passed away in 1988, Yasuko returned to Tacoma to be close to her family. She worked at Nalley's Fine Foods for many years where

she was in charge of coding labels for the jars. She also spent many years commuting to Seattle to work in the office of her sister Joanna's family jewelry business.

When I asked Yasuko what are the most important life lessons she has learned she laughed and replied that she had learned a lot of not good lessons. Then, after a moment of reflection she added that it is very important to make a lot of good friends and to be an honest person. She had a group of six very close friends, some having known each other since they were young children. While she was the oldest of the group, she is the last one still alive. She cherishes the memories of all the good times they had together.

While Yasuko never had children of her own, she is known as "Auntie" and "Grandma" to many generations of children at the Tacoma Buddhist Temple. Her easy, warm smile and open arms have made her a magnet to children throughout the years.



Gassho,
Denise Cline



Join in Sensei's and Family Drive-By Farewell: Sunday, July 12th

We must keep practicing social distancing, but we also want to bid Rev. Dr. Miyaji and family farewell in person. So, why not get in your car and join in the Drive-By Farewell. How does this work?

Time: 10:30a.m. - approximately 11:00, Sunday, July 12th. Sensei and Family will stand by their house to wave and say last words from 6 ft. 😊

How it works: On Fawcett, drive northbound so your passenger side is closest to the temple. While in your car, say a quick hello, goodbye, good luck. Decorate your car, make a poster, drop off a card in the social distancing basket, etc. We will have temple members on the street to help direct the cars and timing.

Questions: Please email Crystal Inge at crystal.inge@gmail.com with any questions.

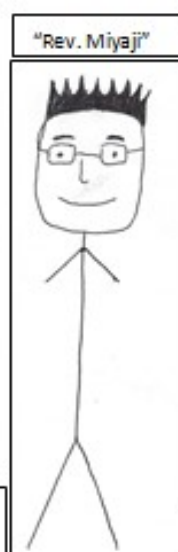
Dharma School News



Thank you **Rev. Miyaji, Kaori and Keisai** for your support and guidance, for **all** the smiles, for sharing your knowledge and language skills, for your delicious dishes (your miso soup, your sushi, your potato salad to name a few!), for exhibiting your “DJ” ability at Obon, and mostly for being so welcoming to all. We wish you well in your new venture and look forward to hear about your new Dharma School. Southern Alameda is gaining a *beautiful, caring and multi-talented family*. Please be safe and well and ‘let’s keep in touch!’



Nice, grateful, smart, and competitive



Nice, funny, smart



I don't know him but seems funny



He is a great teacher and is nice



Funny, smart, talented and compassionate



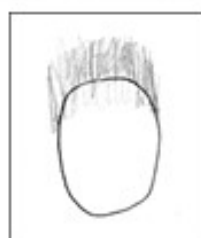
Funny but serious



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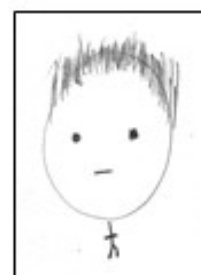
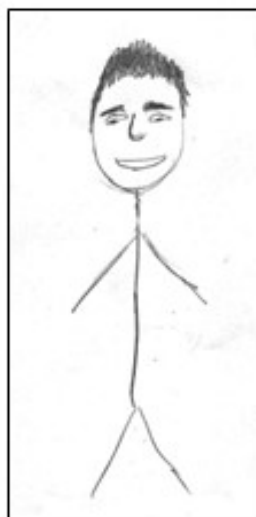
"Very cool guy"



"Awesome, nice and imperfect"



"A compassionate DJ"





Lumbini Class

Karen Yoshitomi

Junko Yotsuaye

Prajna Class



Merlaine Cook



Dear Sensei, Kaori and Keisai,
It was an honor to get to know you. You are a great speaker in both languages! The best I have ever known. With your abilities, personality and most importantly, Kaori's support, I am sure you will succeed. Be happy and don't forget about us here in Tacoma!

You will be missed.
Junko, Lumbini Teacher
Bobby Jet & Enza, da fam!



Meesa Pedraza



Kirsten Winters



Kenji Shipp

Thank you to the Miyaji family for always bringing smiles, happiness and laughter to our Temple family. You will be missed! Please come back and visit soon! Kaila



Brett Johnson



Erin Berkey



Rev. Miyaji Advisor

Maitreya Class



Kaila Yoshitomi



Lotus Class



Alex Theisen

Megumi Azekawa



We only really come around for fundraisers, but I'm still sad to say goodbye to you. Reverend Miyaji, I will miss your energy! The unfortunate thing about "stay home stay healthy" is that we can't have a farewell party for you where you can be "DJ Miyaji!" Reverend Miyaji, Kaori, and Keisai - enjoy California but don't forget about beautiful Washington. Hope you can come back to your Tacoma family and visit soon!

Take care, John,

Erin, Justin, Ethan Shen

Your command of both languages, your superior knowledge of Buddhism, your friendship will be so missed.
Stay safe...June



Merilee Tanbara June Akita Superintendents

"Student of the Month"



Hi. My name is Gus. (I will be a sophomore in the fall.) My favorite Disney character is the Hulk because he is AWESOME!! My favorite snack is cookies. I enjoy reading Percy Jackson books. The one thing I'd like to learn is how to become an adult! My dream is to survive the stress of high school. My role model is Gal Gadot because she is a very strong woman. My kind moment is when I hold the door for people. One thing I like about the temple is helping at) Sukiyaki and the people. I am grateful to my family because they take care and love me!

To describe Rev. Miyaji: Funny, smart, talented, compassionate.

Thank you, Gus!! Glad to know you better!

Gassho, June Akita, Superintendent

Young Buddhist Association News

Hello Everyone,

Congratulations to everyone in the YBA for would like to give a special thanks to Jet for being the origami master for the Obon video.



finishing the unprecedented school year of 2020. I organizing the thank you video and, also for Josiah

Hope everyone has a safe and fun summer vacation and ready to hopeful come back this fall.
Gassho, Ryan



Buddhist Education Committee News

Like everything pandemic planning With the help of online services



else, the Buddhist Education Committee has had to adjust to a new "normal" since the began. Instead of scheduling guest speakers, we are cancelling them. Instead of Sunday services, we are trying to support Rev. Miyaji as best we can from a distance. several temple members, Rev. Miyaji has been able to continue conducting some great on YouTube and we hope everyone has been able to watch them.

Our next task is to figure out how to remotely support our new minister, Rev. Koyama and what Sunday services will look like when we are finally able to reopen the temple.

Since some of my temple duties are in limbo, I have been on a quest for some assemblance of discipline during quarantine. A few months ago, I started doing daily yoga with "Yoga with Adriene" on YouTube. She has several "30-day Yoga Challenge" series, plus a variety of classes. During one of her classes, she mentioned that we are not only doing yoga with her, but with everyone around the world who follows her channel. Adriene has been teaching on YouTube for several years and has thousands of followers, so I may be stretching along with someone in Australia in a yoga class Adriene posted 5 years ago. Untethered from space and time, we yogis are all connected by our love and appreciation of Adriene's teachings.

While I think it's strange to only use the internet to connect with people, sharing online teachings with others even though we were not in the same place or time, can be comforting in this time of isolation. Apart from each other, it's easy to feel as though we are not "one with everything". Though our temple and community sangha are not physically together, we are linked through the Buddhist teachings.

We will all miss Rev. Miyaji, Kaori and Keisai very, very much, and it's sad to see them move on, but knowing that they will be chanting the same chants as we do, reading the Golden Chain and Threefold Refuge and bowing in Gassho, they will always be with us.

~Lynrae



Toban News



July Toban News

Hope everyone is stay at home order and other activities.



staying safe and healthy! Until the Temple resumes in-person services and the has been lifted, we will be postponing all monthly Toban cleanups, coffee hours We can't wait to see everyone again in person!

As always, if you anyone on the Toban Committee know.

Toban Committee:

(Crystal Inge, Donna Sasaki, Lynne Tanino, Barry Weled & Kaila Yoshitomi)

have ideas on how the Toban committee can keep us all connected, please let

~Kaila

From Your Facility Committee



Our extension cords vacuum charging to write operating ensure we don't dork with our resident gremlins, I'm sure Disney's powerful and highly compensated legal team wouldn't have any copyright issues since it's all for a good cause.



will be collecting a little more dust. Tom Hubbell installed two new portable stations. Next on the to do list are to install storage bins for the attachments and instructions for the charging stations. Now some of us might need illustrations to things up. Disney characters would be a nice touch. Now unless it is in cahoots

Lynrae Hubbell, with her discerning eye, has been redoing the foyer bulletin board. Of course, with her sharp sight, no weed was left standing as she and Tom weed whacked the strip of grass between the sidewalk and fence along 17th Street.

By the time you read this the social hall kitchen electrical panel and conduit work should be completed. Thanks to Tony Gregg, on June 23rd, the contractor was scheduled to be provided access so it could accomplish the tasks. After that, along with an upgraded fire suppression system, a new gas range will be installed.

Jeff Hiroo and Fred Pelger are a menace to dirt and dust bunnies during their weekly visits. Trash doesn't sit for long with Tom Hubbell's efforts to police Fawcett Avenue. David Yotsuuye, Robert Yotsuuye, Gary Ichinaga, Tom Hubbell, Tony Gregg, Rick Tanabe, and Del Sasaki always provide enthusiastic support for facility projects. Finally, Kurt Osaka and Osaka Gardens keep our temple grounds in prime condition.

~David

Yearly Memorial Services

General Memorial Service Years for 2019

1st Year - 2018
3rd Year - 2017
7th Year - 2013
13th Year - 2007

17th Year - 2003
25th Year - 1995
33rd Year - 1987
50th Year - 1970

July 2020



1 Year	Nakano, Yaeko	Shakuni Myō-On	妙音	July, 20 2019
50 th Year	Sagami, Mitsu	Shakuni On-Shin		July, 11 1971
50 th Year	Mukai, Hikono	Shakuni Myo-Sho		July, 31 1971

August 2020

7 th Year	Murakami, Kaoru Cora	Shakuni Tei-Do	貞道	August 23, 2014
7 th Year	Kodama, Goji	Shaku Ko-Sho	剛証	August 28, 2014
13 th Year	Nakashima, Yoshiye Marie	Shakuni Myo-Ryo		August 14, 2008

September 2020

1 Year	Kakiuchi, Yoshinobu Henry	Shaku Ki-Kō	喜光	September 3, 2019
3 rd Year	Nakagawara, Hiroshi John	Shaku Ei-Tetsu	英徹	September 4, 2018
13 th Year	Yamasaki, Motoshi	Shaku Ken-Jitsu		September 20, 2008

Greeters Schedule

*The greeters list will resume when the temple reopens.

Bon Odori Memorial Candle Observance goes on-line

There will be an on-line version of the Memorial Candle Observance at the end of the video being produced for our temple's Bon Odori. Requirements needed to keep all of us safe and healthy would have made it very difficult to do this observance in the usual way. We hope that you will enjoy seeing a montage of photos of the garden/pond surrounded by hundreds of candles from previous years.

We will be having candles in memory of our temple members who have passed on since last year's Bon Odori. These candles will be displayed on the onaijin as part of the Hatsubon service. There will be a small display of some of the over 300 candles we had last year.

We'll miss the beauty and peace of this observance -- ending an evening of festive dancing as we gather to remember and express our feelings of "okagesama de genki desu – thanks to you, I am fine". We remember them with a sense of gratitude and joy for the part they played in our lives.

Bon Odori is another opportunity to recognize the importance of interconnectedness . . . we thrive and grow with the support and help of others. This is even more important now with COVID-19 as we have to be more conscious of how to keep ourselves and others safe and healthy. We think of the families of the over 100,000 people in our country who have died from this terrible disease and wish them some peace and comfort. We take hope and look forward to the time next year when we can all gather again in the garden for Bon Odori and this observance.

Wendy Hamai





The Board making it work with Zoom meetings

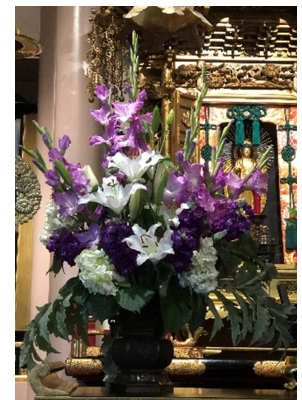
Month Book Club

July 9 at 7 pm

Featured Book:

LINCOLN IN THE BARDO

George Saunders



Memorial Day cemetery visitation



Farewell Rev. Dr. Miyaji, Kaori and Keisai! ☹️

Thank you Rev. Dr. Miyaji for your dedication to our Temple and Sangha. You've created so many wonderful memories and experiences with your wisdom, profound knowledge and sense of humor. You have an amazing future ahead of you and we wish you the best in each step you take. We will see you soon (maybe at our PNW convention)!
Namo Amida Butsu



There's always room for fun times with sensei. He can laugh at himself, and we can laugh with him.

Honto ne!





Thank you
Sensei, Kaori and
Keisai for
enriching our
Temple.

Sayonara and
please stay in
touch!

In Gassho,

Your Tacoma
Buddhist Temple



New Podcast!

NO DOUBT

—A SHIN BUDDHIST APPROACH—

BY REV. MIYAJI

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/no-doubt-a-shin-buddhist-approach/id1511351502>



55 years: Tada Yotsuuye celebrates milestone anniversary



Temple member Tada Yotsuuye, Alaska Airlines Line Maintenance Inspector celebrated 55 years as an employee with Alaska Airlines in June. He's the first employee to achieve this monumental milestone in the history of the company.

Leaders recently hosted a special pin recognition ceremony to honor Tada's 55th anniversary, and there was no shortage of funny stories and notes of gratitude.

"Tada is an incredible Alaska Airlines employee," said Constance von Muehlen, SVP of maintenance and engineering, during the presentation. In reflecting on this major milestone, she did a little math. The aviation industry is 117 years old (starting in 1903), and Tada has been part of the aviation industry for 74 of those years since he started with the Air Force in 1946. He later joined Alaska in 1965.

"That means not only are you, Tada, a fantastic part of our Alaska history," she said, "but you're really part of American airline and aviation history, which we are treasured and honored to have among us."

Tada is an Alaska Legend award recipient as well as a 2006 Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award recipient, which is a prestigious award that only 2,888 individuals in the United States have received. He has had a long and distinguished career.

Alaska Airlines new 55-year employee anniversary pin created just for Tada.

CEO Brad Tilden expressed his gratitude during the presentation to Tada and recognized his dedication to Alaska Airlines.

Congratulations Tada!



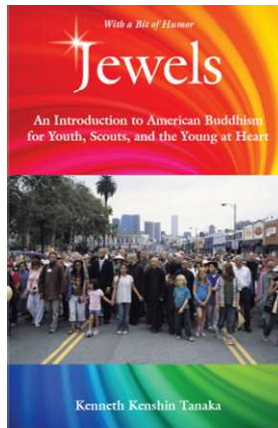
Northwest District Presents:

**Passing the Torch to the Next Generation: Lessons to be learned
from
*Jewels: An Introduction to American Buddhism for Youth, Scouts and
the Young at Heart*
(With a Bit of Humor)**

with Guest Speaker

Prof. Kenneth K. Tanaka

Professor Emeritus of Musashino University in Tokyo, Japan, and a Jodo Shinshu priest; author of *Ocean: An Introduction to Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in America*, and a co-editor of *The Faces of Buddhism in America* and other books.



**Zoom Lecture on Wednesday, July 22, at
7:30 PM**

Registration required for password access. Register at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZltcumuqzwvEt3Y2D9CmPDWK_FI4cFs29YK

**Admission is free but we kindly ask all donations be made to
your local Jodo Shinshu temple**

For more information please email: ysobtport1and060117@gmail.com

*July 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5 Sangha Service 10 AM	6	7	8	9 King's Books, 7 PM via Zoom	10	11
12 Sangha Service 10 AM Rev. Miyaji Drive-By 10-10:30 AM	13	14	15 Eatonville, Oregon Cemetery Visit Postponed to Aug	16 Gomeinichi Miyajis leave for California	17	18
19 Obon cemetery Visit Postponed to Aug	20	21	22 Prof. Tanaka Zoom lecture, 19:30	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Rev. Miyaji concludes ministerial duties	

*August 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Rev. Koyama begins ministerial duties VIRTUAL OBON POSTED YOUTUBE
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 King's Books, 7 PM via Zoom	14	15 BCA VIRTUAL OBON DANCE, 18:00
16 Gomeinichi Minister only	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



Invitation to 2020 VIRTUAL OBON

Dear Sangha Friends,

Due to the pandemic and the suggested guidelines of the CDC with the state of Washington, we have decided to cancel this year's Hatsubon/Urabon-e service and Obon Odori, which were originally scheduled on July 19th, 2020 and August 1st, 2020, respectively. In place of this, we will have a "virtual Obon" in which you can view both the Hatsubon/Urabon-e service, as well as a the Obon Odori online. The link will be sent out via email or you can type in keyword "Tacoma Buddhist Temple Obon" on YouTube.

Obon is the day to remember and honor our loved ones who have passed away. But Obon is meant not only for us to reflect on what is lost, but also for us to rejoice and be thankful for being able to encounter Amida Buddha's compassionate working through the efforts of our loved ones.

Tacoma Buddhist Temple extends our cordial invitation to you, your family and friends to this year's Virtual Obon service, which will be available to view on August 1, 2020.

Your generous donation is greatly appreciated for this annual Obon. Namo Amida Butsu.

Gassho (with palms together),

Tacoma Buddhist Temple