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(Jodo Shinshu)

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

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Sensei's Message

Statement "To offer those in the Pacific Northwest an enduring community that values life in seeking enlightenment through Japanese Shin Buddhist teachings."

What Shin Buddhism Means by "Evil Turning to Good"

Rev. Takashi Miyaji



I remember watching the news some time ago. It was a segment regarding the coming of a solar eclipse and the warning not to look at the sun directly. Soon after, cameras showed a certain political leader of this country willingly peering directly up towards the sun. I shook my head and laughed in disbelief.

I didn't think anything of this event until a few weeks later, when I was reading a Jodo Shinshu book explaining the Buddha's wisdom and compassion. Omine Akira, a famous Shin Buddhist scholar who wrote this book, told that trying to understand the Buddha's wisdom is like trying to look directly at the sun. The intensity of the light would destroy our eyes. In other words, we do not have the capacity, whether through our reasoning or intuition, to understand the depth of the Buddha's wisdom.

How then do we understand the Buddha's intent? We do so when light shines upon the objects and things that do *not* cast light in the world we live. We should try to understand light not for what it is, but rather, what it does.

In Shin Buddhism, there is a common example provided. Imagine that the self is in a pitch-black room where one cannot see anything in it. I can walk around with a flashlight, with minimal vision, but I will still bump into things and not have real clarity. Human intellect made the flashlight. I can use it for some guidance, but it does not truly provide the clarity that I need to understand and accept where I am. It is only when the blinds of the window are retracted that the outside light shines throughout the room instantly. Now, I can clearly see everything in the room, as well as my own body. I can even see the dust particles in the room. This is all due to the light that comes from the outside. There is a contrast drawn between the Buddha's wisdom and our human intellect. The limited self is in no way able to fully comprehend the potential of the Buddha's wisdom. It is like comparing the capacity of a flashlight versus the sun.

I am ashamed to say that I have more than once, had the audacity to think that I could understand the Buddha's wisdom. This is me trying to look directly at the sun. I am guilty of being exactly what I was trying to ridicule earlier.

The sun is so bright that we cannot withstand looking directly at it. However, it is because we have the pitch-black room, the furnishings of the room, our very bodies, even the dust in the room, that we can come to understand the power of the sun. What this means then, is that *because* there are things in this world that do not have light, we then come to understand what light is. There is a very subtle nuance here. It is not just contrasting and juxtaposing darkness and lightness. Here, 1. darkness requires light, 2. lightness requires dark, and 3. darkness is fulfilled and embraced by the light.

When we put this in the context of human beings and Amida Buddha, 1. our human condition requires the wisdom of the Buddha. At the same time, 2. the Buddha requires the deluded sentient being to show what true wisdom is. Finally, 3. all sentient beings are fulfilled and embraced by the Buddha's wisdom. It is this interplay of lightness and darkness that enables truth to reveal itself to us (*tathāgata*).

So, what does all this philosophical mumbo-jumbo have to do with me? It means that this life is precious for the precise reason that we can come to the truth of the Buddha Dharma here and now. Truth is revealed through this self, not because I believe / am the truth, but precisely because I am everything *but* truth. Because I do not give off light, lightness illuminates me. There is nothing to be worried about because I am always embraced within the light of wisdom.

When we understand this, we bask in the light's warmth. It is much like a shivering duckling who comes out of the freezing water to warm up under the sun. Then, when we feel this warm truth, we try to avoid taking part in actions that promote greed, anger, ignorance, and confusion towards this reality. We instead, try to take part in actions that encourage the understanding of the Buddha's light and the warmth that it brings. This is the Shin understanding of "evil turning to good." In short, don't look directly at the light; let the light reveal itself by illuminating us. This is how we will come to understand the Buddha's wisdom. It is through the Buddha's light of wisdom that our perception changes, and so will our engagement with the world.

真宗における「転悪成善に向かう」とは何か

数ヶ月前に起きた話です。テレビでニュースを見ていましたら、間もなく日食がきますが、その時、太陽に目を直接向けられないで下さいという警告がありました。すると、ある有名な政治家が全くそのことを無視して、空の方へ目を向けた映像が映っていました。なんて馬鹿なんだろうと思いました。

その数日後、私は浄土真宗についての本を読んでいた。大嶺顕氏という有名な宗学者の著作でしたが、氏が説明するには仏様の智慧を理解しようとする事は、まるで太陽の光を直接見ようとするようなことだということです。そんなことをすれば、目はさすがに潰れます。つまり、私たち凡夫にとって仏様の深い智慧を理解する能力、つまり眼力がないのです。だとすれば、どのように仏様の光、つまりお心を分けることができるのでしょうか？それは、本来光が照らしていないものに光が照るとき、光というものがわかる。光そのものを分かつてはならず、光のはた

らきを^{りかい}理解することが^{ひかり}光を知る上で^{うえ}大事な^{だいじ}ことなのです。このように、^{ほとけさま}仏様の^{ちえ}智慧の^{ひかり}光を^{ちよくせつ}直接知るのではなく、^{ちえ}智慧のはたらきを^み見ることで^{ちえ}智慧そのものがわかるということです。

よく使われる例話があります。例えば、自分が^{まっくら}真っ暗な^{へや}部屋の中^{なか}にいます。部屋の中は何も見えません。懐中電灯^{かいちゆうでんとう}はあるけれど、^て照らす^{はんい}範囲が^{ひじょう}非常に^{かぎ}限られているため、歩き回っても家具にぶつかったりして、部屋の中がはっきり見えません。懐中電灯は確かに人間の知識で作られた見事なものですが、^{いまわたし}今^{げんじよう}私の^{うけい}現状をそのまま受け入れられるようなものではないのです。しかし、部屋の窓のカーテンが開かれた途端、外からの^{ひかり}光が入ってきて、部屋の全体が一気に明るく見えるようになります。自分の身体まではっきりと見えます。さらに、部屋の中にある塵までも見えてきます。外からの^{ひかり}光が入ってきたからこそ^{ものごと}物事がはっきりと見えたのです。だから、^{かぎ}限られた^{しりよく}視力を持つ自分の目、つまり人間の知識で^{ちえ}仏様の^{ちえ}智慧が分かるはずがないのです。懐中電灯と太陽の^{ひかり}光のどちらが強いのかみたいな比較です。

恥ずかしいことに、私は何度も^{ほとけさま}仏様の^{ちえ}智慧が^{りかい}理解できると思ったことがありました。これは私が^{たいよう}太陽を^{ちよくせつ}直接^み見ようとする^{すがた}姿です。見下していた政治家がやっていたことと全く一緒です。

^{たいよう}太陽は^{ちよくせつ}直接^{わたし}私たち人間の^め目で見ることは不可能ですが、^{まっくら}真っ暗な^{へや}部屋、^{わたし}私たちの^{からだ}体、そして^{ちり}部屋の^{ちり}塵によってその^{ひかり}光のはたらきが分かるのです。つまり^{ひかり}光のないものによって^{ひかり}光が分かるわけです。^{ひかり}光と^{やみ}闇を並べて^{ひかく}比較するだけのものではないのです。この関係は、^{かんけい}闇が^{やみ}光を必要とし、^{ひかり}光も^{やみ}闇を必要とし、また^{やみ}闇が^{ひかり}闇のままで^て光に照らされるわけです。これを^{しゆじよう}衆生と^{あみだに}阿弥陀如来の^{かんけい}関係に当てはめると、^{ぼんぶ}凡夫は^{ちえ}仏の^{ちえ}智慧を必要とし、^{ぼんぶ}仏は^{ちえ}凡夫を通して^{すく}救いのはたらきといった^{ちえ}智慧をあらわし、そして^{ぼんぶ}凡夫は^{ぼんぶ}凡夫のままで^{にょらい}如来（*tathāgata*）の^{ちえ}智慧の^{ひかり}光に包まれるのです。

このことはなぜ大切なのかと言いますと、この今の^{わたし}私の^{じんせい}人生というものは^{ぶつぽう}仏法と出あわせていただく非常に^{じゅうよう}重要な^{わたし}チャンスになるわけだからであります。この「私」を通してこそ、^{しんじつ}真実があらわれるのです。これは私が^{しんじつ}真実そのものになるのであるからではなく、^{ぎやく}逆に私が^{しんじつ}真実のものは何一つも持っていないからこそなのです。つまり、^{わたし}私から^{ひかり}光が出ることが不可能であるからこそ、^{ひかり}光が私を^て照らすわけです。そうであるから、この^{ひかり}光に照らされていることに安心して生きていけるのです。

これが分かれば、^{ほとけさま}仏様の^{ひかり}光の下で安心して^{らく}楽におられるのです。池の冷たい水から上がったきたちっちゃなアヒルが震えていて、^{たいよう}太陽の下であったまるようなものです。そして、この^{あたた}暖かさを^{かん}感じる中で、^{しんじつ}真実の世界から^{わたし}私たちを惑わせる^{まど}貪・^{とん}瞋・^{じん}痴と言った^ち三毒の^い煩惱から出来る限り離れようとし、また、^{ほとけさま}仏様の^{ひかり}光の^{ぬく}温もりを他人に分らせようとする^{いき}生き方を送るのであります。これが^{しんしゆう}真宗における「^{てんあくじようぜん}転悪成善に向かう」ということです。ですから、^{ひかり}光を^{ちよくせつ}直接見ないで、^{わたし}私たちを

かがや ひかり う け と ほとけさま ち え ひかり
輝 かす 光 のはたらきを受け止めていきましょう。そうするとき、仏 様の智慧という 光 によって
わたし ものごと み かた か しゃかい せつ かた か がっしょう
私 たちの物事の見方が変わり、また社会との接し方が変わるのです。合 掌

Future Schedule

(Sat) April 4	Omigaki 10 AM, Cleaning the Onaijin Adornments TBD
(Sun) April 5	HANAMATSURI at 10 AM TBD
(Sat) May 16	Spring Seminar with Rev. Dr. Mark Unno, 3-5 PM
(Sun) May 17	Gotan-e with guest speaker Rev. Dr. Mark Unno, 10 AM

NOTICE

DUE TO THE RECENT EVENTS OCCURRING WITHIN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON REGARDING COVID-19, ALL TEMPLE EVENTS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.

President's Message



Temple and Coronavirus

To keep our Sangha safe, the difficult decision to close the Temple for all services and functions was made with the concurrence of Rev. Dr. Miyaji and the Temple Board. Temple will continue to be closed until further notice. I hope everyone in our Sangha and their family and friends are all well. Please do what is recommended and necessary to maintain your health.

To keep in touch with the Temple, Tacoma has worked on establishing a livestream of our services. Please check our Temple website, www.tacomabt.org for more details. You can also check www.seattlebetsuin.com for their online services.

If anyone needs help, with things like shopping or running other errands, please let me know and I can help make arrangements for help. We have a volunteer willing to do shopping or run errands. Send an email to yotskendo@aol.com or call 206-769-5643.

Sukiyaki Lunch Fund Raiser

Thank you to co-chairs Lynne and Ken Tanino and all the volunteers that helped make this year's Sukiyaki Lunch a very successful event. Also, thank you to Debby Abe who helped get an article in the Tacoma News Tribune. I believe that our media exposure has greatly helped with attendance at our functions.

73rd Annual Northwest District Convention and BCA National Council Meeting

This is a repeat, but I think it is worth repeating. I hope you were able to attend the NW District convention; it was an opportunity to meet members and Ministers from other Temples and to renew friendships. If you were

not able to attend, please plan on attending future conventions. Beginning in 2021, the Convention date will move from February to September. This is being done to, hopefully, have better weather during the Convention. In 2021, Portland is hosting, the date is **September 17-19, 2021**. In 2022, Ontario will be hosting, **September 16-18, 2022**. In 2023, Tacoma is the host and we have a tentative date of **September 15-17, 2023**, at the Double Tree in Tukwila. Please reserve these dates and I hope you will be able to attend.

The BCA National Council Meeting was held in conjunction with the NWD Convention. At the National Council Meeting, Rev. Marvin Harada was approved as the new Bishop, Dr. Kent Matsuda will be the next BCA President and Terri Omori is the President elect. Terri Omori will be the BCA President in 2 years. Terri will be the first woman President in the history of BCA, congratulations Terri. Also, the BCA assessment will be about \$159 per member and the NW District assessment will be \$8 per member.

2020 Tacoma Buddhist Temple Membership Pledges

The preliminary pledge returns show that the average pledge level has increased. A detailed graph will be made once we get closer to all members completing their pledge. Thank you to everyone that has been able to make their pledge.

Gassho,
David

Buddhist Women's Association News



“Whirled Peas”. Well, that is a strange opening to this month’s BWA news! In preparing to report news and events from the 2020 Northwest District Buddhist Convention I picked up my convention booklet for some quick inspiration, and as I did, it fell open to the Convention Schedule pages. In the margin, in beautiful handwritten script were the words “whirled peas”. I stared at the letters and knew immediately they were not mine (much tidier handwriting than mine). My next thought was, oh dear, I left with someone else’s booklet! I stared intently at the letters and thought, did they mean whipped peas? Was that on the menu, because I don’t remember there being peas? Perhaps someone was sharing a recipe. And then it hit me, it was a witty homophone of this year’s theme: Dana for World Peace, “whirled peas”, and I smiled. So, I would like to thank the person with beautiful handwriting who is missing their booklet for sparking a random moment of joy in my day, for helping to get me started on this article, and for reminding me how infinitely interconnected our lives are.

Here are this month’s BWA highlights:

Eleven Tacoma BWA members attended the 73rd Annual Northwest District Buddhist Convention hosted by Seattle Betsuin at the Hyatt Regency Lake Washington as registered participants and several more members attended the Sunday Closing service. Two important votes were taken at the NW District BWA general meeting. First, Seattle Betsuin BWA graciously volunteered to serve an additional and extended term as NW District BWA Cabinet. This was voted on and unanimously approved. The second vote was to extend the term of office for the NW District BWA Cabinet from one year to two years. This was approved by a majority vote. Tacoma BWA will serve as NW District BWA Cabinet for a two-year term beginning September 2021. Lastly, our BWA merchant table was again quite successful this year. Thank you to everyone that volunteered at the table and donated items.

During the month of February, the BWA and BEC teamed up for our annual drive of food, toys, supplies and towels for pets in honor of Pet Memorial Day. Thanks to your generous donations this year we delivered 20

lbs. dry dog food, an e-collar, 216 cans of cat food, 12 lbs. dry cat food, 3 tennis balls, 117 potty training pads, a box of wipes, a dog toy, 16 lbs. dog treats and \$215 in cash donations to the Humane Society of Tacoma Pierce County. Additionally, 95 towels were donated to Sunny Skies Animal Rescue. BWA would like to extend a special thank you to Lynrae Hubble for all your help coordinating the pet drive and for delivering all the items!

The March 15, 2020 service was scheduled to be Spring Ohigan and BWA Memorial Service for Ladies Takeko Kujo, Yoshiko Ohtani and BWA Members. Lady Takeko Kujo (1887-1928) was the daughter of Myonyo Shonin, the 21st Monshu. She devoted herself to education and social welfare based on Buddhist principles. Lady Yoshiko Ohtani (1918-2000), wife of Shonyo Shonin, the 23rd Monshu and grandmother of the present Monshu is credited for founding the World Buddhist Women's Conference. This year the Tacoma BWA lost member Yaeko Nakano in July 2019, and past Temple and BWA member Linda Teal in November 2019. We will deeply miss our dear friends, cherish their memories and remain thankful for their many contributions.

When there is more news about resuming service and Temple activities, I will look forward to planning and sharing future BWA events. Until then, stay healthy and know how much I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Gassho,
Denise Cline

Dharma School News



The Month of March was a busy month regardless of Daylight Savings!! Spring arrived March 19 with daffodils, crocuses, buds blooming – kind of refreshing and exciting...AND I saw a robin!!

Our deepest condolences to the family of **Ichiro Nakayama**. Mr. Nakayama was the most generous person – always sharing his vegetables, fruits, plants, trees to any temple event and with his friends. He always got upset if he received anything for his generosity, but never said 'no' to food or sake. Mr. Nakayama will be dearly missed by all of his temple friends.

There were 5 students and 3 teachers participating at the **NW District Convention** at the Hyatt Regency February 21-23. **Jet Yotsuuye** was elected NWD YBA Vice President for the coming year. Congratulations, Jet!! **Rev. Dean and Linda Koyama** wished everyone their best regards and are doing well in Palo Alto.



Thank you to all the students and parents who helped at **our Suki-yaki fundraiser**. Lotus students made awesome signs and Prajna, Matreya and Lumbini students illustrated very creative placemats. Being a runner, dishwasher, busser, table setter, our Dharma School was well represented. Thank you for your energies and your time!!

Because of the closure of our Temple, ALL Dharma School activities have been postponed or cancelled for the month of March. To engage our students in Dharma School at home in place of DS at the temple, students are asked to think *and submit ten ways they are grateful* for someone, some thing, some place, etc., and to also think of different ways they *show compassion*, especially now. Thank you to **Rev. Miyaji** for sharing a few of his ideas as well!!! I can't wait to see their responses and share with you. We truly have an awesome group of children in our Dharma School.

Please stay safe and be well. Miss all the energy of our sangha!!!

"Student of the Month"



Hi. My name is Aislin. I am 9 years old and in the 3rd grade. My favorite Disney character is Vanellope von Schweetz from 'Wreck It, Ralph' and 'Ralph Breaks the Internet'— I like her because she glitches and is so funny! My favorite food is pasta and I love ALL BOOKS!! I want to learn about mythology!! My dream is to make world peace and stop pollution!! My role model is my mom because 'she IS my world!!' One of my 'kind' moments is when I let Tam have extra time for video games. One thing I like about the Temple is that it is imperfect. I am very grateful to my twin sister, Briony, because she understands.

In ten words or less, to describe Rev. Miyaji: Awesome, nice, imperfect.

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

Gassho,
June Akita

Buddhist Education Committee News



With so much we are taught as they dukkha heart of last two, and The BEC is



the temple remains closed. We are supporting Rev. Miyaji and others in working to make the Dharma accessible digitally, and hopefully this will have already started by the time you read this. We will discuss other ideas as well, but please also feel free to reach out to the BEC members via email if you have a suggestion for continuing in these times of change. (The BEC is Erik Hammerstrom, Lynrae Hubbell, Rev. Miyaji, Fred Pelger, Donna Sasaki, Patti Wong, and Kenzo Yoshitomi)

up in the air right now it is hard to know where to hold on. But as Buddhists, to accept change. Things will change, and not always for the better, but even change the fundamental nature of enlightenment does not. The freedom from promised in Buddhism does not change. Although it is hard for us to see, the Buddhism is here for us in the Buddha, the Dharma, and the Sangha. These especially the last one, are hard to see at a time like this, but they are there.

I close with a reminder that while not all change is good, some is. As you read this the first blossoms are likely just appearing on the trees in front of the temple, and all around us, the warmth and flowers of spring are slowly returning. These are things you can enjoy even while keeping yourself, and your loved ones, safe.

- Erik Hammerstrom

Monthly Book Club

April 9 (Th) at 7pm at Kings Books

Featured Book:

Ethics for a New Millennium

Dalai Lama

Toban News



April Toban News



Toban Committee Updates:

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

Over the past couple months, the Toban committee has been working on improving and streamlining the Toban administration process. Here are some things that are already in motion!

- **New Cleaning Equipment!** In order to help the members of the Toban work groups accomplish their tasks more easily and efficiently, the Toban committee is looking to improve the tools we are using. Because of limited electrical outlets in our building and multiple stairs, the use of heavy corded standard vacuum cleaners is cumbersome and frankly just too heavy for many members to use.

- **Dyson Stick Vacuum:** The newer stick vacuums make cleaning the stairs and pews much easier and have enough battery time to clean the entire temple. We now have 2 of these vacuums. They are the same brand but are different models. Directions on how to use, charge and empty them are hanging on hooks next to the charging stands. Please read the directions carefully and don't forget to put them back on the chargers when finished. They both have several adaptors, but they are not interchangeable between vacuums...please keep them separated into the correct boxes. The vacuum charging stations are located in the storeroom behind the onaijin.



- **Motorized Mop:** We also now have a motorized wet mop for the kitchens to replace the standard wet mop we have always used. Cleaning is faster, and the water comes from a clean reservoir. We are looking for any other ideas to make the Toban tasks easier, faster, and more effective. The mop is located in the social hall supply closet at the end of the hall next to the restrooms.



- **Updated Toban List:** The Toban list has been revised to evenly distribute and assign new and current members to a Toban. Most members will not see a change since we tried to keep original groups intact and assigned families to the same Toban month whenever possible. The current Toban chair is listed at the top followed by the previous chairs in descending order. This will help to ensure that the rotation of Toban chair duties is rotated in a way that spreads the responsibility evenly amongst the group. (pg. 15)
- **Monthly Toban Responsibilities:** Monthly Toban responsibilities have been updated with clearer instructions. Some Toban months will be asked to support major temple events (Sukiyaki, Obon, Bazaar) beyond their month. For example, the Sukiyaki takes place in March, but to avoid asking March Toban to provide lunch for construction, this will be assigned to February, snacks the day before the event will be assigned to March, snacks the day of the event assigned to April and after event cleanup assigned to May.
- **Improved Communication:** The monthly Toban information will continue to be printed in the Myokyo. In addition, an email reminder will be sent to the Toban Chair and group two months in advance of their assigned month. The email will provide greater detail of the Toban's responsibilities and give Toban chairs plenty of time to plan ahead.

As always, if you have ideas or suggestions on how we can continue to improve the Toban administration and processes, please let any of the Toban Committee members know.

Upcoming Toban Groups & Responsibilities:

March	April	May
**Brett Johnson & Megumi Azekawa	**Kjirsten Winters	**Kenzo Yoshitomi
Merilee Tanbara	Chikako Inoue	Kaila Yoshitomi
June & Jerry Akita	Richard & Tracy Ling	Karen Yoshitomi
Diane Taniguchi	June & Barry Weled	Shinobu & Kazuko Inoue
Cheryl Kanda	Shizuka Faria	Alvin & Donna Sasaki
Erin Shen	Ellen Shigeno*	Allan & Rose Kishi*
Tets & Martha Tamaki*	Frank Shigio*	Ed & Kimiko Fujinaga*
Thelma Abe*	Peter Lee*	Sam Uchiyama*
Sam Shimizu*	* Exempt	
Miyo Kanda*		

MARCH	APRIL	MAY
Monthly cleanup for March and April Clean windows and dust windowsills	Monthly cleanup for March and April - schedule Dust and vacuum pews in Hondo	Monthly cleanup for May and June - schedule Dust and vacuum pews in Hondo
Sukiyaki Snacks for Sat Break: (day before event) > Ask Toban to bring snacks > Make tea and coffee > Setup/serve/clean up kitchen counter for lunch	Sukiyaki Snacks for Sun Break: (day of event) > Ask Toban to bring snacks > Setup/serve break area in classrm next to Hondo > After event is over, clean up break area	Sukiyaki Tuesday Cleanup: (Tues after event) > Ask Toban to bring snacks or use leftovers > Help cleanup social hall & kitchen > Setup/serve/clean up kitchen counter
Hanamatsuri Potluck: April 5, after 10am service > Help BWA setup/cleanup tables & chairs > Help BWA setup/cleanup potluck	> Bring leftovers to kitchen to pkg & give away or use for Tues cleanup Hanamatsuri Potluck: April 5, after 10 am service > Help BWA setup/cleanup tables & chairs > Help BWA setup/cleanup potluck	Coffee Hour: May 10, after service - TBD > Ask Toban & members to bring snacks > Make tea and coffee
Coffee Hour: (check temple calendar for date) > Ask Toban & members to bring snacks > Make tea and coffee > Setup/serve/clean up in Rev. Pratt room	Coffee Hour: April 19, after service - TBD > Ask Toban & members to bring snacks > Make tea and coffee > Setup/serve/clean up in Rev. Pratt room	> Setup/serve/clean up in Rev. Pratt room



From Your Facility Committee



If you are attached
There is a plan
with a lot of safety
updated. Now in
friend named Ester after his late wife. Perhaps we can paint it red, put some wheels on it, and name it Ester. Ester was an exceptional cook and made some mighty fine sweet tea. We can place it outside and use it to rescue our undercooked pots of rice.

to that old stove in the social hall kitchen, I have a box of tissues for you. afoot to replace it with a new stove. It'll most likely be an 8-burner stove features. A smaller stove will permit our fire suppression system to be my convoluted brain that old stove reminds me of a red 1948 Ford truck a

After the stove is installed a full electrical upgrade will be completed, and like our current system, will be of service for many generations. By the time folks deem that it needs replacement some future generation will install food synthesizers in the kitchen.

Jeff Hiroo and Fred Pelger continue to give all the dirt and debris the blues during their weekly visits to clean the temple. Tom Hubbell continues spiffy up Fawcett Avenue. David Yotsuuye, Robert Yotsuuye, Gary Ichinaga, Tom Hubbell, Tony Gregg, Rick Tanabe, and Del Sasaki their apply diverse skill sets to keep our temple in working order. Kurt Osaka and Osaka Gardens exert a labor of love to maintain the beauty of our temple grounds.

~David

Yearly Memorial Services



General Memorial Service Years for 2019

1st Year - 2018	17th Year - 2003
3rd Year - 2017	25th Year - 1995
7th Year - 2013	33rd Year - 1987
13th Year - 2007	50th Year - 1970

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1 Year	Yoshioka, Robert	Shaku Myō-Kaku	明覚	April 17, 2019
13 th Year	Ikeda, Takeshi	Shaku Sho-Do		April 10, 2008
13 th Year	Fujioka, Irene Ichiko	Shakuni Bi-Sen		April 26, 2008
17 th Year	Nakao, George Eichu	Shaku Ei-Ho		April 29, 2004
33 rd Year	Osaki, Tatsuo	Shaku Ryu-Sho		April 11, 1988
50 th Year	Komoto, Nobuji	Shaku Jun-Sei		April 17, 1971

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33 rd Year	Arima, Yoshito	Shaku Jun-Nin		April 26, 1988
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June 2020

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Thank You for your support!

Greeters Schedule

Greeters:

Note: Please have new visitors sign in their name and give them the following booklets;

- Temple Information Booklet
- Messages from the Buddha (mini booklet with pale pink cover)
- 1/2 page list of Temple activities & "Want More Info." (1/2 sheet form)

Lastly, please do a headcount and enter it in the attendance sheet in the visitor folder.

If you are not available on the day you are assigned, please find your replacement.

April	5 — Crystal & John Inge
	12 — Michael Shiogi & Gavin Morgan
	19 — Ken Tanino & Coco Inoue TBD
	26 — David Yotsuue & Bobby Yotsuue TBD
May	3 — Denise Cline & David Campbell TBD
	10 — Wendy Hamai & Henry Stoll TBD
	17 Del Sasaki & Rick Tanabe
	24 Kevin & Mayumi Ikeda
	31 Tracy & Richard Ling
June	7 Alex Thiesen & Jeff Hiroo

***Note:** A new list has been established. Any questions, please contact Donna Sasaki.

Sukiyaki thank you.

Wow! What a very successful and busy Sukiyaki day. Every one of you did your share to make this day a success.

Publicity committee, you did a fantastic job to ensure the event was well advertised throughout the community which brought in the large crowds.

Committee chairs, we thank you for your time, energy and dedicated support to ensure every detail was covered beyond just the day of the event.

To all volunteers, we acknowledge your enthusiastic efforts to ensure customers enjoyed their meal and experience at the Sukiyaki Lunch.

Due to all of you, we are happy to report sales and revenue were higher than last year.

Thank you!
Ken and Lynne Tanino
Sukiyaki chairs

**Membership Pledges
As of March 16, 2020:**

2020 Pledges made: \$72,962.50

2020 Pledges paid: \$46,163.50

Welcome a New Member!!

Emma Inge



Where were you born and raised?

I was born and raised in Seattle, WA.

Why have you chosen to join Tacoma Buddhist Temple?

I chose to join the temple because even after graduating high school. I knew that Buddhism would still be an important part of my life and I wanted to still stay involved within the temple community.

Do you have any skills or interests that can add to the Temple and the Sangha?

Although I am not going to be at the temple often, I can help out with designs for poster making, as well as help in the kitchen during events.

What is the one thing you want the Temple to know about you?

One thing that I want the temple to know about me is, while I am in college, I occasionally go to the Oregon Buddhist Temple!



NWD convention installation of officers: find Donna, Jet & John.





Updated - 2020 Toban List

January	
**Delbert & Cynthia Sasaki	2020 Chair
Denise Cline	2019 chair
Jeff & Vivian Hiroo	2018 chair
Erin Berkey	2022 chair
Craig O'Hanlon	2021 chair
Tad & Joan Kajimura	
Bob Gach	

May	
**Kenzo Yoshitomi	2020 Chair
Kaila Yoshitomi	2019 chair
Karen Yoshitomi	2018 chair
Shinobu & Kazuko Inoue	2022 chair
Alvin & Donna Sasaki	2021 chair
Allan & Rose Kishi	
Ed & Kimiko Fujinaga	
Sam Uchiyama	

September	
**Kenji Shipp	2020 Chair
Mike Shiogi	2019 chair
Bobby & Junko Yotsuuye	2022 chair
David & Kathy Yotsuuye	2021 chair
Leroy & Penny Kawaguchi (call)	
Chizuko Yotsuuye (email David)	
Tada & Yoshie Yotsuuye	

February	
**Lynn Blick	2020 Chair
Jim Doyle & Tony Gregg	2019 chair
Jane Burster	2018 chair
Renee Moriguchi	2014 chair
Brian & Etsuko Willis	2022 chair
Meesa Pedrozo	2021 chair
Glenn Morita	
Kats Fujita	
Yasuko Morita	

June	
**Riu Pittman/Victoria Evert	2020 Chair
Henry Stoll & Wendy Hamai	2019 chair
Kenji Stoll	2018 chair
Les Hitsman & Fred Pelger	2022 chair
Gail Ichinaga	2021 chair
John & Emiko Kurata	
Anita Nakayama	
Michiko Saito	

October	
**Sandra Swartz	2020 Chair
Rick Tanabe	2019 chair
John & Crystal Inge	2018 chair
Nancy Butterfield	2017 chair
Emma Inge	2023 chair
Dylan Montgomery & Helen Schweitz	2022 chair
Carrie Mori	2021 chair
Allan Oshima	
Jim Akagi	
Charlotte Omoto	

March	
**Brett Johnson & Megumi Azekawa	2020 Chair
Merilee Tanbara	2019 chair
June & Jerry Akita	2018 chair
Diane Taniguchi	2017 chair
Cheryl Kanda	2022 chair
Erin Shen	2021 chair
Tets & Martha Tamaki	
Thelma Abe	
Sam Shimizu	
Miyo Kanda	

July	
**Masahiro Sugano	2020 Chair
Kevin & Mayumi Ikeda	2019 chair
Erik Hammerstrom	2017 chair
Debby Abe	2022 chair
Akemi Ikeda	2021 chair
Elsie Taniguchi	
Kosho & Michiko Yukawa	
Violet Mizukami	

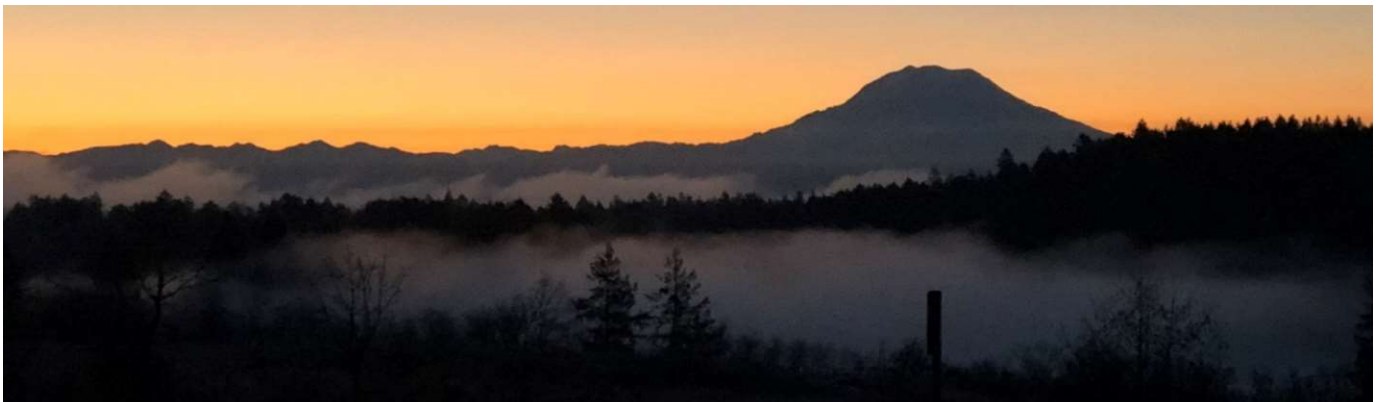
November	
**Alex Theisen	2020 Chair
Todd & Marcia Nakamura	2019 chair
Vicki Yoshioka	2018 chair
Danny Otsuka	2022 chair
Kim & Cindy Nakamura	2021 chair
Tom Osaka	
Don Arima & Susan Bogni	
Asako Arima	

April	
**Kjirsten Winters	2020 Chair
Chikako Inoue	2019 chair
Richard & Tracy Ling	2018 chair
June & Barry Weled	2022 chair
Shizuka Faria	2021 chair
Ellen Shigeno	
Frank Shigio	
Peter Lee	

August	
**Brandon Villarreal	2020 Chair
David Campbell	2019 chair
Patti Wong	2017 chair
Ken & Lynne Tanino	2022 chair
Larry & Kiyomi Fujita	2021 chair
Darlene Matsumoto	
Kazue Maesaki & Helen Motokane	
Hana Yoshida	

December	
**Claire Silver	2020 Chair
Merlaine Cook	2019 chair
Tom & Lynrae Hubbell	2018 chair
Gavin Morgan	2023 chair
Joshua & Yoshino Kretchmar	2022 chair
Pauline Yamashita	2021 chair
Frank and Midori Komoto	
Fujiko Yoshikawa	

Sunrise view of Mt. Rainier



*April 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4 OMIGAKI 10 AM
5 HANAMATSURI 10 AM	6	7	8	9 King's Books 7:00 PM	10	11
12 Sangha Service 10 AM	13 TBD	14	15	16 Gomeinichi 10 AM	17	18
19 Sangha Service 10 AM	20 TBD	21	22	23	24	25
26 Sangha Service 10 AM	27 TBD	28	29	30		

*May 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3 Sangha Service 10 AM	4 TBD	5	6	7	8	9
10 Sangha Service 10 AM	11 TBD	12	13	14 King's Books, 7 PM	15	16 Gomeinichi Spring Seminar 3-5 PM
17 GOTAN-E 10 AM	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Sangha Service 10 AM	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Sangha Service 10 AM						