



Tacoma Buddhist Temple

(Jodo Shinshu)

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MYOKYO 明鏡

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

July 2025

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."*

Sensei's Message



Amida's Compassion is for Everyone!

Rev. Tadao Koyama

Hello everyone! Happy July! I won't lie, the end of the month of June had left me feeling really concerned. It is very disheartening to see the world, the country, our own state of Washington, and our local city of Tacoma once again in a sense of deep divide. The middle east seems to be escalating in its many conflicts between many countries. The war between Russia and Ukraine doesn't seem to be stopping. The policies that are in place right now in our country are causing harm to people and leading to civil unrest and even violence.

I ask us all this, "Is compassion such an impossible thing?" We see so many ugly things right now in the media and are hearing such dehumanizing rhetoric of certain groups of people in this country. It makes me sad to know that we have allowed ourselves as a human species to descend so far down this line of hate, mistrust, and willful ignorance.

I am just one priest. I know that I do not have the power to change everyone's mind or have the power to right all the wrongs of what is currently happening right now. I do have the ability to continue teaching the message of Amida's guiding light to all of us. I would like to remind all of us that religion should not be there to re-enforce ideas, and preconceived notions of what reality is. Religion should be there as a teaching guide to how we must continue to self-examine ourselves, improve ourselves, and help to awaken a deep sense of compassion.

It is true, I am incapable of doing totally 100% selfless actions in the life I live. I am not a saint, or a deity who can change things at the wave of a hand. All I can do is continue to share that the Buddha's compassion is for you, me, your enemy, all of us. We foolishly lump all protestors together as these rioters who want to cause destruction. They do not, they are trying to show the world and the people in charge how the policies and actions that are being taken are hurting and dehumanizing people. We foolishly call all police, and other

federal workers monsters and robots of an unjust system. They are not. They are humans too, who most likely have families and people they love and care about.

We have seen violence erupt and damage to buildings being inflicted. While this is not good, and violence and vandalism should NEVER be encouraged, that was only a small portion of the protest. I have also seen images of protestors and police having civil conversations. I have seen kindness between two human beings on opposing sides of a conflict.

This is why it's important for us as Jodo Shinshu followers to continuously check ourselves. When we believe so blindly that we are in the right and that harmful actions are justified, we once again demonstrate the type of ignorance and hinderance that the Buddha spoke of that keeps us from becoming enlightened.

This is why I always rely on Amida's wisdom and compassion. This reliance is not to get out of responsibility, or mean inaction. This means that I always rely on the Buddha's guidance in living my life now. Not to always sit and watch life go by, but to determine my next course of action in life. This is why Jodo Shinshu is for me. It helps me to realize that I alone am not the be-all, end-all of the decisions and actions I take. Amida stands as a statue in the center of the temple as a guiding principle and reminder that I am not perfect, and not infallible.

I encourage all of us to think about this. To think on what "Namo Amida Butsu" means when we place our hands together.

President's Message



Dear Sangha Members and Friends,

As we enter the month of July, our sangha at Tacoma Buddhist Temple reflects on the spirit of Obon—a time of remembrance, gratitude, and connection. Obon invites us to honor those who came before us, whose lives and sacrifices have made ours possible. In this same spirit of appreciation, our temple board continues its work to support the Dharma, nurture intergenerational relationships, and sustain our temple as a place of refuge, learning, and community. From ongoing facility improvements to inclusive event planning and thoughtful financial stewardship, board members serve with humility and an entrusting heart (shinjin), guided always by Amida Buddha's infinite wisdom and compassion.

Committee and Association Highlights

The following highlights reflect the work of temple committees that do not submit their own monthly reports to the *Myokyo*.

Administration Committee

The Administration Committee is exploring updated database systems to improve how we manage membership records, pledges, and temple communication. The committee also created a dedicated Temple Chrome Profile and is pursuing a training opportunity in parliamentary procedure/Robert's Rules of Order to strengthen leadership capacity.

Events Committee

Preparations are in full swing for **Obon**, which will take place on **August 2**. Please watch for upcoming announcements about volunteer opportunities and event details—we look forward to gathering with all of you!

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee continues to warmly greet visitors each Sunday and has distributed and reviewed membership packets with prospective members. We were pleased to welcome 16 visitors this past month.

Pledge Administration Committee

This committee has finalized compassionate, inclusive language regarding both Emeritus Member Status and Hardship Status, supporting our commitment to welcoming all with dignity.

Volunteer Training & Safety Initiative

The board is currently finalizing a contract to develop harassment prevention training and educational resources for all temple volunteers, helping to ensure a safe and respectful environment for everyone.

Communications Committee

We are excited to share that the Communications Committee is nearing completion of our brand-new temple website. Stay tuned for the fine tuning.

Looking Ahead

As we honor the legacy of those before us during this season of Obon, we also turn our gaze to the future. In the coming months, the board will continue working to ensure that Tacoma Buddhist Temple remains a vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable sangha for generations to come. Whether through service, attendance, or simply sharing a warm smile with someone new, each of us plays a role in nurturing this beloved community. The Board of Trustees also wishes to express our deep gratitude for the historical support shown by the Puyallup Tribe to Japanese immigrants in the early 20th century—particularly at a time when discriminatory laws prevented Japanese families from owning or renting land. That generosity made it possible for many to begin farming and building new lives. We have begun the slow and respectful work of building a relationship with the Puyallup Tribe, with the hope of one day offering a formal statement of thanks for their invaluable support during that difficult era.

As part of this effort, we are looking for sangha members who would enjoy accompanying me to the Puyallup Tribe's monthly Culture Nights and their Labor Day Powwow. These events are wonderful opportunities to listen, learn, and build meaningful connections through shared presence and mutual respect.

In gassho,
Gavin Morgan
President, Tacoma Buddhist Temple

Buddhist Women's Association



Hello BWA members,



Thank you all so much for all your hard work preparing all the delicious food for our annual BWA Bento Sale last month. I thought this year's bento was especially tasty!

This month we will meet on **July 6** after service for our **BWA General Meeting**. I will make every effort to keep the meeting as short and efficient as possible.

Upcoming events:

July 6 – BWA General meeting following service, July/Aug/Sept BWA toban to host lunch
July 26 – 9 AM Daifuku Mochi making for Obon sale (30+ box)
July 27- *Hatsubon & Urabon-e Service*
August 2 - BWA Fresh Strawberry mochi for Bon Odori (wash and insert berries only) time tbd
September 6 - 12-2 PM EFN Repacking Volunteering

In Gassho,
Denise Cline, Tacoma BWA President

Dharma School



2024-25 Dharma School year has ended, and Coco and I would like to thank DS teachers, **Karen Yoshitomi, Kjirsten Winters, Meesa Pedrozo, Jill Case, Alex Theisen, Kenji Shipp and Christopher Kibbey**, for their continuous dedication and DS families for bringing your children to the temple every Sunday.



At the temple picnic, we awarded seven DS students for their excellent attendance:

Cooper (1st year), Jasper (3), Aislin (7), Briony (7), Tamsin (7), Nao (10) and Enzo (14).
Congratulations to them and their families!

There is no DS class during July and August, but we hope to see everyone at our **Obon on August 2!**

Gassho,
Junko

Young Buddhist Association



July! Hooray!

All of us YBA students are finally free from school and can now enjoy the summer to its fullest. The weather has been particularly nice at the time I am writing this article, a week in the high 70s and low 80s.



The YBA was uneventful this past month, but there are plenty of things to look forward to:

-The YBA t-shirts are in the process of being made, **thank you to Tai** for making the design again. There are 50 T-shirts and only 5 hoodies. They will be sold at Obon so if you want to get your hands on a hoodie be quick! Sangha members have priority.

-The YBA will also run a shave ice stand at Obon as always.

-The YBL is planning a retreat on **August 29 – 31**, so if your high schooler is interested, please put those dates aside.

On another note, I would like to thank all the YBA members for another successful school year, this group made being president the easiest job ever.

In Gassho,
Enzo

*Preview of this year's T-shirt design by Tai



Buddhist Education Committee



It's summer and time for family vacations! As I write this, Tom and I (plus 2 dogs) are in the middle of a camping trip. Our first stop was in Canada, then back down to Washington to camp at various places in the Cascades. Later we head to Eastern Washington and then on to Idaho to visit Tom's family. This year we decided to take our summer vacation in June, hoping to avoid the fires and heat that made our past July and August trips a challenge. So far, the weather has been in the 80s and 90s and there are fires happening everywhere. Maybe next year, we will vacation in May!



Our temple summer events are coming up! We begin with our Obon Cemetery Visits, starting with cemetery cleanups at the **Eatonville & Orting Cemeteries** on **Wednesday, July 16**, followed by our **Obon Cemetery Visits** on **Sunday, July 20**. Everyone is welcome to join us!

Also coming up is our **Hatsubon & Urabon-e Service** on **Sunday, July 27**. This is a special service dedicated to those members who have passed away since our last Bon Odori.

Members of the BEC will be spending the summer coming up with guest speakers and scheduling Sunday services for the next 12 months. We hope you have enjoyed this year's guest speakers for seminars and Dharma Exchanges (**thank you Kwabi, David, Nate & Aimee & Lotus Class!**) If anyone has a future Dharma Exchange speaker in mind, please let us know!

In Gratitude,
Lynrae

Facility Committee



Even with the ravages of time and the underhanded tricks of our resident gremlins, Tacoma Buddhist Temple remains most beautiful building for miles around.

However, some exterior maintenance is ensuring our facility will catch the trophy for the most exquisite facility in the universe. Some might think that claim is a heaping helping of hyperbole, but upon seeing that new coat of paint on the south wall, who would disagree. Additionally, the Reverend Pratt room exterior stairway was refurbished. Also, the temple north chimney's old concrete cap has been replaced with a stainless steel one.



David Yotsuuye, Robert Yotsuuye, Tom Hubbell, Rick Tanabe, Nick Greenaway, and Del Sasaki are always ready to selflessly support the temple's facility needs.

Both Fawcett Avenue and Court D continue to be litter free. **Rick Tanabe and Delbert Sasaki** utilize their green thumbs and gardening tools to keep our grounds in top shape.

~Dave

Library



Books to look for....

Thach Nhat Hanh ***The Good Citizen: Creating Enlighten Society*** received great reviews from the book club. It offers practical advice on maneuvering life's challenges. *In the Tibetan Buddhism Section.*

Jeff Wilson ***Living Nembutsu: Applying Shinran's Radically Engaged Buddhism in Life and Society***



In the Jodo Shin Buddhism section.

Thelma Chang *I Can Never Forget: The Men of the 442* In the General Buddhism section.

Jane

Toban Update



June Toban: David & Kathy Yotsuuye (Chair), Bobby & Junko Yotsuuye, Mike Shiogi, Kenji Shipp, Beth Veile & Steve Schenk

Duties

- Prepare somen for **Hatsubon Service on July 27 with July Toban**
- Plan & prepare **Obon lunch** for workers on **August 2 with July Toban**

July Toban: Rick Tanabe (Chair), Carrie Mori, John & Crystal Inge, Kate Inge, Russell Songco & Vicky Tamaru

Duties

- Clean temple with **August Toban**
- Host Coffee Hour on **July 13**
- Prepare somen for **Hatsubon Service on July 27 with June Toban**
- Plan & prepare **Obon lunch** for workers on **August 2 with June Toban**

August Toban: Todd & Marcia Nakamura (Chair), Vicki Yoshioka, Alex Theisen, Nick Greenaway, Kim & Cindy Nakamura, Don Arima & Susan Bogni

Duties:

- Clean temple with **July Toban**
- Plan & prepare snacks & water for **Obon Break Area on August 2**
- Host Coffee Hour on **August 10**

Thank you Toban members!

~Lynrae

Greeter's List



July	6	<i>Tracy Ling/David Campbell</i>
	13	<i>Bobby Yotsuuye/David Yotsuuye</i>
	20	<i>Carrie Mori/Gavin Morgan</i>
	27	<i>Michelle & Eddie Izumizaki</i>
August	3	No service
	10	<i>Brian & Etsuko Willis</i>
	17	<i>Claire Silver/Coco Inoue</i>
	24	No service
	31	No service

*For inquiries, please contact the Membership Committee.

Greeter's Notes

BEFORE GUESTS ARRIVE

- Put out the carpet in front of the entrance door.
- Put the "Please knock" sign on front door.

AFTER THE SERVICE

- Bring the carpet back into the foyer.
- Bring the "Please knock" sign in.
- Please have new visitors sign the visitor sign-in sheet in the binder and give them the following:
- Temple Information Booklet (pale green cover)
- TBT Information Sheet with temple info and recommended books
- Spirit, Mind and Body information flyer

Extra supplies are in the office supply room off the Rev Pratt room in the file drawer labeled Membership. Please do a headcount, including downstairs and balcony, and enter it into the Visitor Sign-In sheet. If you are not available, please find your replacement. More detailed greeter instructions are in the Visitor Binder in the foyer.

Yearly Memorial Service

Memorial Service Years for 2025

1 st Year – 2024	17 th Year – 2009
3 rd Year – 2023	25 th Year – 2001
7 th Year – 2019	33 rd Year – 1993
13 th Year – 2013	50 th Year – 1976



July 2025

7 th Year	Yaeko Nakano	July 20, 2019
13 th Year	Mary Hisaye Nakagawara	July 1, 2013
25 th Year	Cherylee Kiyoka Hosogi	July 30, 200
33 rd Year	Misao Ikeda	July 6, 1993
33 rd Year	Yoshiaki Kajimura	July 24, 1993

August 2025

17 th Year	Shikino Betty Thirkill	August 16, 2009
25 th Year	Tsutomu Tom Takagi	August 9, 2001
33 rd Year	Tom Mukai	August 8, 1993

September 2025

1 st Year	Tetsuo Ted Tamaki	September 10, 2024
3 rd Year	Tadao Yotsuuye	September 19, 2023
7 th Year	Yoshinobu Henry Kakiuchi	September 3, 2019
17 th Year	Bill Masatoshi Sugiyama	September 2, 2009
25 th Year	Shigeno Mosher	September 4, 2001
33 rd Year	Shizuko Yamada	September 14, 1993

Thank You for your support!

The Tacoma Buddhist Temple, BWA, DS and YBA would like to thank the following people for their recent donations.

*The Tacoma Buddhist Temple received the following donations from **May 20 - June 14:***

*IMO – in memory of

\$50	Crystal & John Inge	In memory of Tadashi Kajimura
\$100	Brad & Laura Nakamura	In memory of Tadashi Kajimura
\$25	June & Barry Weled	Gotan-e
\$50	Mayumi & Kevin Ikeda	In memory of Tadashi Kajimura
\$200	Tammy & Scott Heydon	In memory of Tadashi Kajimura
\$100	Paula Kajimura	In memory of Tadashi Kajimura
\$50	Rick & Jill Tanabe	In memory of Tadashi Kajimura
\$100	Kazuko Kajimura	In memory of Tadashi Kajimura
\$1,000	Charlotte Omoto	In memory of Rod Omoto
\$300	Tom & Janice Osaka	In memory of Tadashi Kajimura
\$50	Donald Arima	Gotan-e
\$100	Jeff & Vivian Hiroo	In memory of Michael Cacciola
\$100	Jeff & Vivian Hiroo	Gotan-e
\$100	Del & Cynthia Sasaki	Gotan-e
\$60	Thelma Abe	Memorial Day service (\$30); Gotan-e (\$30)
\$50	Elsie Taniguchi	In memory of Tadashi Kajimura
\$50	Sean Tanino	Gotan-e
\$25	Vivian Alexander	Spring seminar
\$50	Daniel Otsuka	Gotan-e
\$30	Kazuko Inoue	Gotan-e
\$25	Aimee Lew	In memory of Tadashi Kajimura
\$50	Kemi Nakabayashi	Spring seminar donation
\$530	University of Washington	Lunar New Year Taiko
\$100	Ken & Lynne Tanino	Gotan-e
\$100	David & Kathy Yotsuuye	Gotan-e
\$250	Chizuko Yotsuuye	In memory of RHYS Hideo Boehmer
\$750	Seattle Yacht Club	WG May Cruise Donation to Tacoma Buddhist Temple
\$25	John & Crystal Inge	Gotan-e

BWA

\$30	Emiko/John Kurata	Congratulations on BWA 100th Anniversary
\$100	NWD BWA	100th Anniversary
\$20	Nick Green	Special bento donation
\$5	Janice Osaka	Special bento donation
\$100	June/Jerry Akita	100th Anniversary
\$23.70	Denise Cline	Oil for bento fundraiser
XX	Patti Wong	Food/supplies for bento fundraiser

DS

\$75	Skip & Tracey Yotsuuye	Donation
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YBA

\$25	Jeff & Vivian Hiroo	In appreciation of Parents' Day Luncheon
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Sensei Answers Dharma Questions

Rev. Koyama and John Inge re-started the question-and-answer part of our Dharma services. This segment usually is done once every two months. Here are some of the questions and answers below. These answers are paraphrased from the longer discussion that took place during service.

Q: What if I don't agree with something Sensei says? Like how we don't have souls?

A: Let me start by saying, you do not have to agree with everything I say. As a priest, I am not here to give you dogmatic answers or to tell you to believe everything I say. Your spiritual journey is your own, and you are in charge of how you interpret and digest the dharma messages I share.

On the second point, when I say we do not have souls, I am NOT saying that we are not unique or special. The doctrinal point I am making on this subject has to do with the Mahayana teaching of "Anatman" or "no-self". This teaching is based on the idea that there is not an essence inside of us that remains unchanged or unaltering. The Abrahamic concept of a soul is that it's an essence or a spirit that remains eternal forever. Buddhism teaches the ever-changing aspect of all things. That our origin and existence come from co-dependent arising. Once again, I am NOT saying that you are not special, unique, or have an identity that is unique to you.

Q: I'm struggling to understand how or what is reborn in the Pure Land with the concept of "no-self"

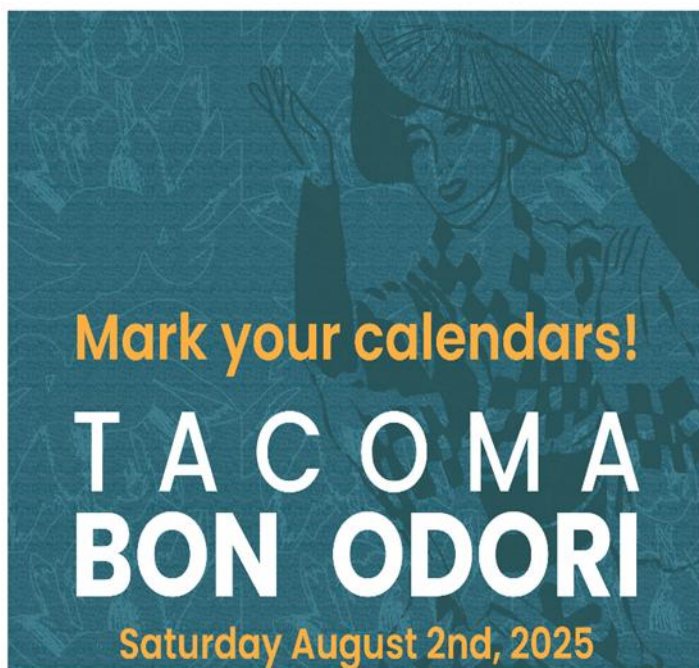
A: Just because we do not have this eternal essence that we consider "soul" or "spirit" does not mean that the accumulation of the causes and conditions that bring us to where we are now are meaningless. When a minister's assistant asked Professor Mark Blum, "What goes to the Pure Land if we do not believe in a soul?" He responded with "Your consciousness."

Q: A big part of Shin Buddhism seems to be focused on what happens after we die. So, what can we do to suffer less in this life?

A: It is true that a lot of our rituals and the times we gather at temple can revolve around death. One of the main aspects of our teaching is that after we die, we are instantly born in the pure land, instantly awakened, and instantly return to this world to guide others to the Pure Land. So, at first, it might seem that we focus a lot on what happens after we die. However, Shinran, our founder, tells us quite explicitly that we must resolve our entrusting heart to the Dharma in this life.

I interpret this as once we resolve and no longer worry about where we go after we die, and trust that we will be born in Amida's land of peace, that we will suffer less in this life! One of the reasons is that all of us share in the human experience of mortality. While the concept of death can be scary, dark, and sad, we can also help ourselves in this life by coming to accept the reality and live more real and authentically.





Announcing Bon Odori and Dance Lessons!

Everyone is welcome to come to the lessons.

Two Days only: July 15 and July 17. 7:00-8:30 PM in our temple social hall. Doors will open around 7:15 PM.

Learn, have fun or just watch and enjoy community. If you have questions, please contact Crystal Inge at crystal.inge@gmail.com.

Let's get excited!

FRESH BERRIES ARE STARTING TO RIPEN NOW!!!



'If' you would like to replace last year's frozen berries, we would gladly accept any berries for our 2025 Obon Pie Making. You may bring ***strawberries, blackberries, blueberries, and/or raspberries*** to church and ask to place them in the freezer. Any leftover berries will be used for our Fall Bazaar pies.



Thank you so much for sharing.
Obon Pie Making Group

BOOK CLUB
Thursday, July 10 @ 7 PM

@KINGS BOOKS

The Free Mind: Finding Clarity in a
Digitally Distracted World
Author: Dza Kilung Rinpoche

BOOK CLUB
Thursday, August 14 @ 7 PM

@ KING'S BOOKS

Your Heart Was Made for This:
Contemplative Practices for
Meeting a World in Crisis
Author: Oren Jav Sofer

2025 Obon Memorial Candle Observance

Candle order deadline: Sunday, July 13

Memorial Candle Observance has been a special gathering to end an evening of festivities. We experience and observe the spiritual meaning of Bon Odori – remembrance and gratitude to the many people who are represented by the several hundred glowing candles around the garden and pond.

People of many different faiths along with us Buddhists participate in the observance. Grateful remembrance for ancestors and those who have died transcends religion, country and ethnicity.

ORDER DEADLINE IS – SUNDAY JULY 13.

There are several ways to place an ORDER: We have a copy of last years order available if it helps.

- **Complete the order form below and mail to the temple.** Make checks out and mailed to temple – 1717 S. Fawcett, Tacoma 98402-1706. Please put on envelopes: Attn: Memorial Candles
- **Email** your order to Lynrae Hubbell, lynrae@harbornet.com
- Place your order before or after **Sunday services**. We will take orders on most Sundays, starting on Sunday, June 15.

The cost is \$10 per candle. Charge, check, cash accepted.

Questions? Contact Lynrae Hubbell, Wendy Hamai wfhamai@rainierconnect.com or Donna Sasaki dlsasaki@comcast.net

Thank you ALL for your continued support of this meaningful observance since 2008.

2025 Memorial Candle Order FORM (\$10 per candle)

DEADLINE: SUNDAY, JULY 13

Ordered by: _____

phone # _____ **Email** _____

***Names for candles:* one name or couple per candle. PRINT CLEARLY, please!** Use back of form if needed. **Buddhist name flag** will also be included if, 1) We already have one on file, or 2) You have a copy of the Buddhist name in Kanji and include a copy with your order.

Buddhist name on file?

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Tacoma Buddhist Temple presents the 2025 Tri-Temple

POTLUCK: Optional community potluck. Bring a shared dish. There will be a table if you would like to contribute, we will provide water.

SOFTBALL Tournament



AT: Saghalie
Middle School
Federal Way WA

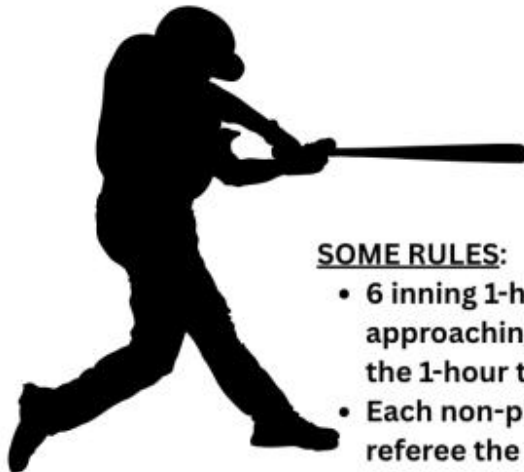
33914 19th Ave SW Federal Way WA 98023

Saturday
Aug. 9th
9AM - 2PM

GAME SCHEDULE

- 09:00- Open Softball scrimmage open to everyone.
- 10:00- Seattle vs Tacoma
- 11:00- White River vs Tacoma
- 12:00- Seattle vs White River
- 1 PM- TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP GAME!

Championship game teams will depend on wins; cumulative point totals will be used if there is a 3-way tie.



SOME RULES:

- 6 inning 1-hour games. If the 1-hour time limit is approaching, we will finish the current inning prior to the 1-hour time limit.
- Each non-playing team will provide 2 officials to referee the off-schedule game.
- For tournament games: At least 1 female on the field for each team.
- Each player may only play for one team.

For More Info: Contact Bobby
at: yotsuuye@outlook.com



BWA Bento Fundraiser



Thank you for
helping clean up
the yard around
the temple!!

(Plus Kevin)



Where's
Russell?



Unexpected excitement to this year's picnic.

Tacoma Buddhist Temple
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2025

In Attendance: Tom Hubbell, Erik Hammerstrom, Gavin Morgan, Kara O'Toole, Alex Theisen, Nate Foote, Meesa Pedrozo, Joel Robison, Claire Silver, Carrie Mori, Tracy Ling, John Inge, Denise Cline, Junko Yotsuuye

Excused: Enzo Yotsuuye, Rachel Meatte, Kaila Yoshitomi, Bobby Yotsuuye, Jim Doyle, Lynrae Hubbell

1. Meeting called to order at 8:32 AM. – president, Gavin Morgan

2. Nembutsu – Rev. Koyama

3. Land Acknowledgement - Bobby Yotsuuye

4. Motion to Approve Today's Agenda:

Motion: Claire moved to approve today's agenda. Carrie seconded the motion. Motion approved by the board.

5. April 20th, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes and Agenda

Motion: Erik moved to approve the board meeting minutes. Carrie seconded the motion. Motion approved by the board.

6. Minister's Report – Rev. Koyama; report in Google Drive.

- Rev. Landon Yamaoka's seminar went well, who will also be in our service today.

7. President's Report – Gavin Morgan; report in Google Drive

8. Organization/Committee Updates: All reports in Google Drive

- Finances: Report In Drive
 - Large expense as approved from last board meeting
- Administration Report: Report in Drive
 - Confirmation that Sensei is posting recording and managing the storage.
 - Would like to meet with each committee to tour the database options together before next meeting
 - Aggregate all vendors and contracts are with
 - Digital password safe for all of the accounts
- Communication/Outreach: Report in Drive
- Toban: Report in Drive
- Facilities/Grounds: Report in Drive
 - Work has begun on the chimney caps and stairs and painting
 - Working with John on the capitol campaign
- Events: Report in Drive
 - Obon planning has begun
- Membership: Report in Drive
 - New member family
 - Carrie has completed the new board member orientation
- NW District/BCA: No Report at this time
- BEC: Report in Drive
- Dharma School: Report in Drive
- BWA: Report in Drive soon
- YBA: Report in Drive
- Pledge Administration: Report in Drive
 - Discussion of changes to verbiage in emeritus status and how a member is made emeritus status
 - Discussion of hardship status

9. New Business:

- Picnic 2025
 - Nate moved to allot \$100 for prizes for the picnic. Joel seconded. Board approved.
- Pledge Administration Documents
 - Discussed above
- Graduation gifts
 - **Motion:** Joel moved \$120 for onenju gifts for graduating seniors. Tom seconds. Board approves.

10. Old Business:

- Temple Website Progress
 - Meeting this week to finish it up
- Capital Campaign Progress
 - Goal: make upgrades to safety of temple
 - Discussion and questions of the plan
 - Tabling the discussion of insurance for time
 - Discussion for need for more contingency cost

- **Motion:** Nate moves to empower the capital campaign chair to move forward with the capital campaign as presented to the board today. Joel seconds. Board approves.
- Database Progress
 - Previously discussed
 - Joel will meet with groups for the database tour the week before the next board meeting
- Harassment and Abuse Training and Policy
 - Already discussed in president's notes
- Kara's term on the board updated to balance the board numbers and also allow her to have served a 3 year term

11. Alex's Activities:

- N/A

12. From the Floor:

- The softball match Aug. 9, Tacoma is hosting.

13. Tag Up:

Open forum for board members to discuss concerns observed or miscommunication

- N/A

14. Announcements/Services Schedule:

- May 18- Gotan-e Service, Dharma School/Parents' Day Luncheon
- May 25- Memorial Day Service, Cemetery visitations 1:30 PM
- May 25- Japanese Character class (Spirit, Mind, and Body)
- June 1- BWA Bento Sale
- June 1- Japanese Character class (Spirit, Mind, and Body)
- June 1- Temple Yard Clean up 9 AM
- June 8- Temple Picnic
- June 15- Next Board Meeting

14. Meeting adjourned at 9:42 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Alex Theisen

TBT Board Secretary

Join the Memorial Candle team!

Help is needed and tasks can include all aspects of doing this observance. It can range from taking orders at Sunday services, making labels on the computer, putting together and organizing candle orders, garden work (pond washing, building soil terraces for candle display), clean up and packing supplies). Join in with the work and learn how to continue this wonderful observance.

For questions and sign up, contact one of us:

Lynrae Hubbell, lynrae@harbornet.com

Wendy Hamai, wfhamai@rainierconnect.com

Donna Sasaki. dlsasaki@comcast.net





Temple Picnic



Excellent Attendance Certificates 2025





*July 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4 4th of July	5
6 Sunday Service 10 AM BWA meeting after service	7	8	9 Study Class Via Zoom 6 PM	10 Book Club King's Books 7:00 PM	11	12
13 Sunday Service 10 AM Coffee hour after service	14	15 Obon Odori practice 7 PM Social Hall	16 Eatonville Orting Cemetery Cleanup 10:00 AM	17 Obon Odori practice 7 PM Social Hall	18	19
20 Board meeting 8:30 AM Sunday Service 10 AM Obon Cemetery Visitations	21 Myokyo Deadline	22	23	24	25	26 Daifuku Mochi making 9:00 AM
27 Hatsubon Service 10 AM	28	29	30	31		

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					1	2 Tacoma Obon Odori 4 PM - 8 PM BWA Strawberry Mochi TBD
3 <i>No Service</i>	4	5	6	7	8	9 Tri-Temple Softball game 9 AM - 2 PM
10 Sunday Service 10 AM Coffee hour after service	11	12	13 <i>No Study Class Summer Break</i>	14 Book Club King's Books 7:00 PM	15	16
17 Board meeting 8:30 AM Sunday Service 10 AM	18 Myokyo Deadline	19	20	21	22	23
24 <i>No Service</i>	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 - <i>No Service</i>						