

The White Path

Living the Life of the Nembutsu

WHITE RIVER BUDDHIST TEMPLE

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Minister's Greetings

Greetings,

On September 3rd His Eminence Monshu Kojun Ohtani made his first official visit to the White River Buddhist Temple. The Gomonshu is the spiritual head of our Jodo Shinshu Tradition worldwide. The word Monshu or keeper of the gate is a term sometimes used in Japanese Buddhism to denote the head of a monastery, as in the case of Jōdo-shū and Tendai Buddhism, but in the case of our Nishi Hongan-ji sect of Jōdo Shinshū Buddhism, it refers to the spiritual leader of our sect, and direct descendant of our founder Shinran Shonin. Koshin Otani became 25th Gomonshu in 2014. His visit was for us a once in a lifetime visit. Everything had to be so formal and perfect.

His visit was a wonderful experience and was, for me, a special event. I am very happy and proud to be a part of our WRBT Sangha. When Gomonshu-sama first arrived, things seemed very stiff and formal. However, by the time he departed he had a smile on his face and seemed much more relaxed and open. I feel this was because of the warmth and kindness of our Sangha. I am grateful to everyone who cleaned the temple, prepared and served food, set up, tore down and to those who attended this short visit.

Here we are in October and with this month comes Halloween!

Do you dress up? Do you go trick-or-treating (or take your kids)? Can we use Halloween to further our Buddhist practice? At first it seems like Halloween might hold opposing views from Buddhism. I remember when I was a kid, I spent Halloween being greedy and attached to gathering large grocery bags of candy. Resulting in eating lots of candy and possibly putting on a few pounds. Ah weight gain karma coming to fruition!

Halloween can be a time for us to reflect on some very import Buddhist principals. Cause and effect (eat candy-gain weight) another one I think about is Dana, (selfless giving) one of the six paramitas. Halloween is the only holiday celebrated in the US in which we do not give exclusively to our family or loved ones, but to complete strangers. We give unconditionally. This is carried even further in the symbolism of Halloween through the use of costumes, for even if our loved ones arrive at our doorstep to trick-or-treat they would be shrouded in disguise. If you and your family go trick-or-treating, or just stay home and practice Dana, I wish you a safe and Happy Halloween! And BTW go easy on the candy!

In Gassho,

Rev. James Hozen Warrick



Message from the Chairperson

The Gomonshu-sama's visit has been an exciting one for me. White River was one of a very few select temples that he visited while he was in America. I was honored to meet and talk to him while he was at White River. Reverend Warrick, Rona Warrick, Charlene Grinolds, Ron Murakami and I represented White River at banquet held in his honor at the Seattle Betsuin. I was happy to see every NW District Temple President in attendance.

I am sad that we will be losing Justin. He has done so much for this temple during his long stay with us. I had a good feeling knowing that whenever I came to the temple Justin would be looking out see who was here. I wish him well when he moves and hopes he doesn't forget us. Good luck, Justin, I'll miss you.

Wayne Mizuki

P.S. Remember to join us on October 6th at 10:00am for "Pastries with President." No agenda, No donation, No catch. Just coffee, pastries (or something similar), and good conversation with your fellow Sangha members!

**October Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service
October 6, 2019 at 10:30 AM**

According to our Temple records, the following people passed away in the month of October. Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service on Sunday, October 6th at 10:30 am. If any names have inadvertently been omitted, please email office@wrbt.org to correct our records.

Kenichi Kato	1971	Masue Mosi Miyoshi	1993
Kiku Kumasaka	1972	Urano Kato	1997
Naka Kiyohara	1975	Fumiko Nishimura	1997
Sen Natsuhara	1979	Tad Kato	2012
Yohei Hikida	1981	Shigeru Toyoshima	2013
Henry Ichiro Komatsu	1989	Mitsuko Hamakami	2014
Matsumi Matt Mikami	1993		

1 year ~ 2018	3 year ~ 2017	7 year ~ 2013	13 year ~ 2007
17 year ~ 2003	25 year ~ 1995	33 year ~ 1987	50 year ~ 1970

DESIGNATED MEMORIAL SERVICE YEARS To schedule a family memorial service, please contact office@wrbt.org

SAVE THE DATE

Multifaith Celebration of Harmony – The Music of Thanksgiving

**Sunday, November 24, 2019
2 – 4 pm**

Join us and experience our shared value of Gratitude with the diversity of Eastern and Western faith traditions through the rich forms of songs, chants, instrumentals, and movement to warm our hearts with hope as we enter the Holiday Season in Community. Seven faith traditions will join us as White River Buddhist Temple hosts this special event! Please register by November 3, 2019:

office@wrbt.org. A cookie and tea reception follows the program.



STILL LOOKING FOR CANDIDATES FOR WRBT BOARD

Thanks lots to Kelsey Asato, Char Grinolds, Wayne Mizuki and Greg Watson for their great commitment and service to WRBT after their 3 years on the Board!! We need to replace these folks, so please step up and offer your service!! Your commitment is to serve on the Board and not for any office or chairmanship. We need your thoughts, insights and experiences to help our temple grow. Don't underestimate your ability to contribute!!

Please contact Norma Geenty at williamgeenty@comcast.net or 253-840-4386 to volunteer by October 15, 2019 or with questions or concerns.

Meditation Sessions

**Saturday, October 12: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Saturday, October 26: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Instructors: Cris & Melissa Cyders

Join us as we continue to explore Zen Shin Meditation, including reviewing correct posture and breathing, and learning to focus attention in the hara (in the body, the focus of strength and concentration of power).

Questions? office@wrbt.org

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FALL BAZAAR

Sunday – October 20th

11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Sushi, Chicken Teriyaki, Vegetarian Rice Bowl,
Chicken Rice Curry, Mochi, Manju, Bake Sale, Handicrafts & Gifts,
and Fresh Produce

If you have a few hours to spare, consider volunteering! We'd love to have you come out and help! office@wrbt.org

DISCOVERY SALE FOR THE FALL BAZAAR

Please donate your former treasures for sale in our Discovery Sale Room so they can brighten another person's life!! Dishes, table linen, handicrafts, collectible dolls, vases, stuffed animals, toys, paintings, screens, art items, jewelry, afghans, quilts, scarves and aprons will be welcome. No clothes please. If you want your items to be sold at a certain price, please inform Chiho Pewitt, Darlene Yamada or Norma Geenty of your requested price or an appropriate price will be set. Please contact Norma if you have any questions, at wiliamgeenty@comcast.net or at 253-840-4386. Thank you very much for your contributions!!

Thank You!

Thanks to Janis, Vivian and Anika for helping with watering, weeding, and keeping the gardens tidy this growing season. Thanks to Mitsuko for working in the garden to prepare for Gomonsu's visit. And thanks to Randy and Justin for working on the overall grounds.

TIMELESS FAVORITES

After a summer hiatus, Timeless Favorites cooking sessions will resume on Saturday, October 5 with Virginia Wyssen teaching a Swiss dish. It'll be Spaetzle Geschnetzeltes, a German style noodle dish with creamy chicken gravy. Sounds yummy. Please sign up at the temple, office@wrbt.org, or by email to Eva Chun or Lilly Kato.

Facilities Committee

A painting party was held in conjunction with the overall Temple cleanup held on August 27th. The Facilities Committee with the assistance of Gretchen completed painting the bathroom's exterior area.

The Board of Trustees has approved two maintenance projects that Justin has offered to complete before he leaves. The first project involves cutting down and removing three birch tree trunks in the NE corner of the asphalt parking lot. The second project involves filling in with dirt the ditch-type area in the northwest corner of the grass lot, behind the backstop. It will eliminate an eyesore while at the same time creating about twenty more parking spots for Obon.

The doorframe for the rear entrance is worn out and needs to be replaced. JR is in the process of getting bids.

Newsletter Reminder

November newsletter articles are due **Sunday, October 13th**. Please send articles to newsletter@wrbt.org.

Receive your newsletter via email! Contact newsletter@wrbt.org.

Buddhist Women's Association
BWA@wrbt.org

All are welcome to participate in BWA activities. You do not need to be a BWA member.



Fun Fellowship to Snoqualmie Falls – August 19, 2019 – Left to right – Karen, Katie, Pat, Darlene, Eva, Amy, Rev. & Mrs. Warrick. (Darlene's write-up below)

Eight people attended the Fun Fellowship trip to Snoqualmie Falls on Monday, August 19. Although the waterfall was small in comparison to the spring runoff when the snow in the mountains begins to melt generally in May, the fall was still a pretty sight. The day was sunny and perfect for the walk to the observation deck. Some

of us had time to explore the upper trails, but there wasn't enough time to make the 1.3 mile hike down to the bottom of the falls. At the gift shop, Reverend Warrick was told the trail "was intense," and many of us wore sandals that day. We then drove a short distance to have lunch at Mt. Si Golf Course Restaurant with an unobstructed view of Mt. Si. With full stomachs, we decided to pass on our stroll through the town of Snoqualmie and headed to Snoqualmie Casino to test our luck for a short time before heading home.

Please Volunteer to help – We've invited Rev. Anne Spencer as our Eshinni-Kakushinni guest speaker next month on Sunday, October 27. BWA will host a potluck lunch, chaired by Georgette, following Sunday service. Please sign up to help on the kitchen hallway bulletin board or e-mail Georgette, oz.georgette@gmail.com.

RSVP for No-Host Dinner – Rev. Anne Spencer will sharing at a Special Dharma Time the day before. There will be a no-host dinner following at Golden Dynasty restaurant Saturday evening, Oct 26. **Please rsvp on the sign-up sheet on kitchen hallway bulletin board or to Darlene now or by October 16** to attend the dinner. dzy2012@yahoo.com or call 206-276-5168.

Oct 29, Craft & Coffee, Georgette's class + Fun Fellowship Lunch info in "Future Dates" section below.

"Live the Nembutsu" 2019 World Buddhist Women's Convention in San Francisco – What a great time we had in San Francisco! Seven of us registered for the Convention – Vivian Alexander, Eva & Randy Chun, Pat Kawabata, Mitsuko Terada, Ron & Karen Murakami. Keynote speaker Keiko Toro, independent scholar, colorfully diagramed transforming evil/sorrow (world of delusion) to virtue/joy (interrelationship of life) through Namo-Amida-Butsu. Keynote speaker Rev. Yukiko Motoyoshi, Buddhist Church of Stockton, took us through her life journey as the eldest growing up in a minister's family. At first, she lacked self confidence so didn't find her way into the ministry right away. Through her eyes, we could grow, learning as she learned living in the Nembutsu.

FBWA Honorary Advisor Mrs. Janet Umezu was elected to be one of our Secretaries General serving in Janice Doi's position since her term is ending. Mrs. Umezu will represent us at World Buddhist Women's Meetings next year along with Peggy Okabayashi.

Our NWD BWA sang "Getting To Know You" Northwest-style, welcoming everyone as one of the opening acts representing the BCA contingency during Entertainment at the Saturday banquet. We were a bit anxious since we hadn't practiced with everyone all together, but we sang our hearts out. It all turned out great!

It's good to go on trips, and always nice to come home

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BWA News Continued

Future Dates - All are welcome to participate in our activities whether BWA member or not.

Sept 17, Tues, 10:00-12:00 Craft & Coffee – White River Valley Museum Project – **Bring little scissors to cut thread.** Gretchen will bring all other supplies and lead us making decorations for a holiday cultural tree for the Museum. Stuff cotton fabric hearts with fiberfill & stitch closed, or crochet white snowflakes for this depiction of Enlightenment. Sign up on back hallway bulletin board. Questions to Gretchen or bwa@wrvt.org

Sept 23, Mon – Fun Fellowship to Ilani Casino Resort to the south in Ridgefield, Washington, for those who signed up. Invited other NWD BWA chapters, so Oregon BWA is joining us for no-host lunch.

Oct 16, Wed – Deadline to sign up for Sat, Oct 26, no-host dinner at Golden Dynasty restaurant after Rev. Anne Spencer's Special Dharma Time on bulletin board or Darlene dzy2012@yahoo.com or call 206-276-5168.

Oct 20, Sun – Deadline to sign up for Tues, Oct 29, no-host lunch at Miyabi restaurant after Craft & Coffee.

Oct 26, Sat, 3pm –Special Dharma Time with Reverend Anne Spencer – “Are You A Buddhist?” - Please come to hear what our special guest speaker has to share on Saturday afternoon & Sunday service this weekend.

Oct 27, Sun – Eshinni-Kakushinni Service – Reverend Anne Spencer, BWA guest speaker

Oct 29, Tues, 10:00-12:00 Craft & Coffee – Join Georgette to create a hand-sewn pouch (2.5” x 4”). Fabric, thread, & instructions provided. Feel free to bring your own fabric 9” x 7”. Please bring if you have your own scissors, pins and hand-sewing needles. Or borrow from Georgette for the morning. Great for gift pouches, purse organizers. Or bring your own craft to work on. See Georgette at service or e-mail oz.georgette@gmail.com for questions.

Oct 29, Tues, 12:45 – Fun Fellowship No-Host Lunch at Miyabi Restaurant in Tukwila to follow Craft & Coffee. Sign-up sheet on Fun Fellowship board. Questions to Gayle pgtakemura@gmail.com or Darlene dzy2012@yahoo.com or call 206-276-5168. Deadline to sign up = Oct 20.

Green Box Year Round Collections in temple lobby – July, August, September = School Supplies & Baby Supplies. August = 25 pounds. Thank you for your support!

Newspapers - Thank you for your donations of recycled newspapers that are delivered to Inca's Secret! 20 bags for July & August.

Diaper/Change Jar on the lobby table during service days. We are collecting your loose change to purchase diapers and wipes, etc. for those in need. Thank you very much for your donations!

ABA

The ABA held its September 9th cooking class with Rona Warrick being the instructor. Rona prepared a delicious Samoan dish called Sapasui and a pineapple coconut upside down cake. Both were enjoyed by all. Because of the short time and possible inclement weather, the group decided to postpone all field trips until the spring. Possible destinations include the Kubota Gardens, Seattle Asian Art Museum at Volunteer Park, the Shinto Temple near Mt Vernon and the Hydroplane museum near Southcenter.



Our next men's cooking class and meeting (including election of new officers) will be Monday, November 18, 2019 and be taught by Maydell.

Donations

The Temple gratefully acknowledges the following donations received and recorded from August 19th through September 16th. Thank you to the many people whose financial donations, as well as their donations of goods, energy, and time help the temple provide services, programs, and maintain the temple. Please contact Charles Natsuhara, Treasurer, regarding omissions or corrections by phone (253) 833-0789, or by email to finance@wrbt.org.

Total Donations Received – \$2465

Monthly (Shotsuki) Memorials

Mr. Randy Okimoto	In memory of Yae Okimoto
M/M Itsuo & Yuri Shiotani	September Shotsuki
Mrs. Gayle Takemura	In memory of Ed Tanaka and May Kajikami
Mrs. Betty Tanaka	In memory of Ed Tanaka and May Kajikami
Ms. Laurie Tanaka	In memory of Ed Tanaka and May Kajikami
Alan Yamada Family	In memory of Rikuye Kawasaki and Jackie Wills
M/M Shirley Kanda & Roger Fukai	In memory of John Hamakami
M/M Karen and Robert Nishimoto	In memory of John Hamakami
M/M Wayne and Sally Mizuki	In memory of Helen Mizuki
Mrs. Amy Kato	September Shotsuki
Mrs. Alice Nishimoto	In memory of Nancy Fujikawa

General Donations [includes memorials not part of monthly memorials]

Kawauchi Family	Funeral for Tom Kawauchi
Sagara Family	Funeral for Doris Sagara
Mrs. Amy Kato	In memory of Doris Sagara
Mrs. Margaret Teramoto	In memory of Alice Hama
Calvin and Loraine Hoshibata	In memory of Yaeko Mikami
Ms. Mae Deguchi	In memory of Yaeko Mikami
Mrs. Michiko Hirata	In memory of Yaeko Mikami
Mrs. Amy Kato	In memory of Yaeko Mikami
Ron and Judy Ching	In memory of Yaeko Mikami
Mrs. Amy Kato	In appreciation for Gomonshu visit
Mrs. Lilly Kato	In appreciation for Gomonshu visit
Tamio and Takako Uchida	In appreciation for Gomonshu visit
Mrs. Rosie Kato	In appreciation for Gomonshu visit
M/M Mike and Louise Kato	In appreciation for Gomonshu visit
Charles Natsuhara	In appreciation for Gomonshu visit
M/M Ron & Karen Murakami	Bon Odori (omitted from pervious article)
Anonymous	In appreciation

Pledge Reminder

This is just a reminder that 2019 pledges should be submitted by the end of October so we can get an accurate count for the BCA. Currently, we pay \$146 to BCA and \$10 to NW District per member. Therefore, we recommend that the Temple pledges exceed that amount. As of August 31st, we had 40 contributors amounting to over \$26,500 in pledges. Approximately 30% of our yearly revenues come from pledges.

**2019 Pledge Totals
August 1 – 31, 2019**

Thank you for your support in 2019!

Date	PLEDGES DECLARED		Contributors	DOLLARS COLLECTED	
	Additional	Total		Additional	Total
September 3, 2019	0	\$26,515	40	\$120	\$23,835

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\$500- \$999:

\$1,000- \$4,999:

For Comparison

September 3, 2018	\$1,700	\$26,225	44	\$1,855	\$21,620
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Reverend Warrick's Formal Temple Office Hours

Wednesday & Thursday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

For religious or other consultations and home visitations, we advise that an appointment be made directly with Rev. Warrick. Reverend Warrick is on-call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for emergencies.

For ALL ministerial needs (including emergencies), please call the Temple phone (253) 833-1442. If your call is not answered immediately, please leave a message and Rev Warrick will return your call as soon as possible. Note that calls will be forwarded to Rev. Warrick when he is not at the Temple.

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