

The White Path

Living the Life of the Nembutsu

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Minister's Greetings

Greetings,

Well, here we are in November. When November rolls around we usually think of the Thanksgiving holiday. This year 2020 Thanksgiving might be a little different for many people thanks to the COVID-19 crisis. For some who traditionally travel or go out, staying home might be best for them this year. But for most of us, Thanksgiving is a "stay at home" holiday anyway. Something that we have been practicing for the last six months or so. Parades will still be televised without the crowds and folks can still travel to be together if they wish.

Thanksgiving was always a big family celebration when I was growing up. With family coming from far and near. Hugs and handshakes were given freely.

Our traditional meal for years has been: Turkey, mashed potatoes with giblet gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce, green beans, candied yams with marshmallows, pumpkin pie with whipped cream, and pecan pie just to name a few dishes.

Happily, I do not expect it to be much different this year from all the Thanksgivings in the past.

As Buddhists we can pause and be grateful for all the blessings that come to us no matter what form. We should feel fundamentally grateful for everything that happens to us. Even COVID-19 if it brings us together in love, understanding and gratitude.

A common tradition on Thanksgiving is to give thanks in a way of prayer before everyone starts eating. Buddhist prayers or not usually about being grateful for material things. They are usually more about cultivating seeds of compassion in our minds and hearts.

Below is a nice adaptation of the Metta Sutra in a prayerlike form that you might like to use this Thanksgiving.

For all living beings, no matter who or what they are
 Whether they are seen or unseen.
 Whether they are living near or far.
 Whether they are born or unborn.
 Let none deceive or despise anyone.
 Let none wish harm to another, through anger or hatred.
 May all beings be safe, peaceful and happy!

If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you, it will be enough. ~ Meister Eckhart

Namo Amida Butsu

Rev. James Hozen Warrick

Condolences

White River Buddhist Temple sends our deepest sympathies to the families of loved ones who have passed away in the month of October. We will miss both of them!

John Kitagawa was 99 years old when he passed away. We are grateful for the hard work that he put into our Temple and for his continued support through the years.

Masae Jean Sakagami passed away at age of 98 years old. She was fun and hard working, and always supported the Temple with her time and talents.



Greetings from the Chairman!

Hello, temple members.

It has now been over seven months since we held our last in-person Sunday service.

November is a month of planning for the Temple. Our second General Membership Meeting of the year is an important meeting for the administration of the Temple. The Temple needs to implement plans for the upcoming new year by passing a budget and nominating members to replace outgoing Board members. Usually, this essential business is conducted at the Temple. Unfortunately, with the coronavirus still going strong and an upcoming flu season on the horizon, the Board has decided that holding an in-person meeting at the Temple would not be safe. Therefore, we will have our first Virtual General Membership Meeting on Sunday, November 8, 2020 at 2 pm.

Virtual meetings are held on the internet using cell phones, laptop computers, and tablets. Virtual meetings are difficult but certainly not impossible. BCA regularly conducts virtual seminars with several hundred participants. Our Board has held virtual meetings since March and Rev. Warrick routinely holds virtual Sunday services and virtual weekly meditation sessions.

For the General Membership Meeting, we plan to use the ZOOM technology. With a ZOOM meeting, the Temple will send an e-mail to each pledge member that contains a link to the site of the meeting about a week before the scheduled meeting. The e-mail will also contain a copy of the Agenda and of the proposed 2021 Budget. At the scheduled meeting time, the participant goes to his/her computer opens the e-mail and clicks on the link, uploads the software and connects to the meeting. A participant can also use a telephone to call into the meeting and participate verbally.

If you do not receive a copy of an e-mail message containing a ZOOM link by November 2, 2020 check your other e-mail accounts since we may have used one of them. If you still can't find the e-mail message please contact office@wrbt.org.

In the meantime, remember to VOTE and stay safe, stay at home, or WEAR A MASK!

In gassho,
Randy

White River Virtual Offerings

ALL EVENTS ARE VIRTUAL AT THIS TIME.

The online calendar is kept updated and has links or instructions for access to each event. If you have any questions about access, please contact office@wrbt.org

Access the WRBT calendar by navigating to our website or the shortcut - bit.ly/WRBTcal (case sensitive).

Live-Streamed Virtual Services

Virtual live-streamed services are broadcast at least twice a month on our website at www.wrbt.org/service and YouTube channel. For questions on how to access the service, please contact us at office@wrbt.org.

Socializing with the Sangha

In an effort to remain connected with our Sangha members, we encourage you to join us at 10:00 AM before each live-streamed service for "Socializing with the Sangha" - an opportunity to socialize virtually over Zoom, catch up with friends, and talk about the Dharma. A Zoom link is provided on the calendar bit.ly/WRBTcal (case sensitive). Looking forward to seeing you there!

Virtual Services Archived and Available to Watch Online

Did you miss the live service? All of our virtual services are being archived so that you can view them anytime at www.wrbt.org/virtualservices

Virtual Meditation

If you are interested in "attending" the virtual meditation sessions, the links are on the online calendar. Please contact Rev. Warrick with questions. (rev.warrick@wrbt.org)

Social Media

Be sure to subscribe to White River's social media pages.

Youtube: youtube.com/whiteriverbuddhisttemple

Instagram: instagram.com/WhiteRiverBT

Facebook: facebook.com/WhiteRiverBT

November Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service IN PERSON SERVICES - CANCELLED

View online on November 1 at 10:30am

www.wrbt.org/service

According to our Temple records, the following people passed away in the month of November. If any names have inadvertently been omitted or if you have any questions about Shotsuki services, please contact office@wrbt.org

Kenzo Arita	1972	Chiyeko Nishimura	2003
Masaye Nakai	1976	Shizuko Arima	2008
Jitsu Nakayama	1976	Helen Nishimoto	2008
Genichi Nakagawa	1978	Koko Sutow	2009
Hiroshi Nakayama	1983	Mae Yamada	2010
Yoneko Fujiye	1989	Kimiko Taniguchi	2012
Linda Tsugiye Nishimura	1991	Doug Yamada	2015
Charles Franklin Moss	1993	Harry Taketa	2015
George Masakatsu Iida	1994	Natalie Nguyen	2017
George Tadamichi Kanda	1994	Tomio Hamasaki	2017
James Masayuki Onchi	1998	Masaru Hamamoto	2018
Hatsue Okimoto	2000	Kiyono Maekawa	2018

1 year ~ 2019 3 year ~ 2018 7 year ~ 2014 13 year ~ 2008

17 year ~ 2004 25 year ~ 1996 33 year ~ 1988 50 year ~ 1971

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

Virtual Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Service

November 15th at 10:30 am

In this month's newsletter you will find an invitation for our virtual Eitaikyo service, being held on Sunday, November 15th. You can participate in the Virtual Eitaikyo service live at www.wrbt.org/service

Medicare 2021 Updates

The open enrollment period for Medicare 2021 runs from October 15, 2020 through December 7, 2020. If you have any questions, Cho Shimizu has again offered to provide support either through e-mail (cshimizu@comcast.net) or phone, 425 223 2677.

His updated presentation can be found at:

<https://www.insurance.wa.gov/media/8935> (ppt) or bit.ly/medicareupdate2021 (pdf).

Unfortunately, in-person classes are not possible. Instead, Cho will be conducting the following ZOOM presentations on 2021 Medicare. Please choose one to attend. (All links can be found on the online Temple calendar bit.ly/WRBTcal (case sensitive))

Nov 16, 2020 10:00 AM https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_I56kDxKCSFK7k2WWvT2YUQ

Nov 18, 2020 02:00 PM https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6patcJTMRrOGfszYkpf_hA

Nov 23, 2020 02:00 PM https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_3eTTXR3zRFel3AIb0TbEcQ

New Temple Cookbook!!

We need your help! In an effort to bring you a new Temple cookbook, we are seeking recipes from the Sangha to add to the publication! Recipes should include ingredients, measurements, and simple instructions. We would also love to include recipes from those who are no long with us, along with any short memories that you have about the recipe or person. Please submit your recipe to office@wrbt.org by December 1st, 2020! Thanks!

Virtual Timeless Favorites Cooking November 14th at 11 AM

The next virtual Timeless Favorites cooking class will take place on November 14th at 11:00 AM. Instructor Kendall Kosai will be teaching the class - topic to be announced. Please RSVP to attend the virtual cooking class by November 4th at www.wrbt.org/timelessfavorites or contact office@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

BWA General Virtual Meeting, Sunday, Dec 13, 1pm. Nomination and election of officers and budget. Complete meeting agenda, Zoom link, and materials will be emailed to the BWA distribution 30 days before the meeting.

Eshinni-Kakushinni Service with Guest Speaker Rev. Candice Shibata. Thank you to all who participated and viewed in this virtual event.

Karen Murakami continues a **weekly BWA Connections e-mail**. For requests to be added to the distribution list or to submit information, please send them to Karen's e-mail: wrlink4goldenchain@comcast.net

A new home for our lanterns: White River Valley Museum has cancelled its Festival of Trees. Instead, the lanterns will be displayed on a tree in the temple foyer starting in November. Thanks to our volunteers who assembled all these lanterns. Special thanks to Gretchen for the idea and donation of supplies.

Scarf-making - Vivian is organizing at-home sessions to create, package and distribute scarves.

Currently no in-person BWA activities are scheduled through the rest of 2020. Because conditions may change after this article is printed, please check the Temple calendar bit.ly/WRBTcal for updates.

YEAR-ROUND COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your past donations; collections will resume when the Temple re-opens

Newspapers: Thank you for your donations of newspapers. You can donate directly to Inca's Secret: 8433 S 212th St #105, Kent, WA 98031, (253) 437-1312. Collections at the temple will resume when it opens to the public.

Collection activities for the Diaper/Change Jar and YEAR-ROUND Green Box Collections are suspended until the temple re-opens for in-person services. Thank you so much for your past support.

WRBT Virtual Book Club

Hi all. Miss you. I have been asked to see if anyone is interested in beginning a virtual book club. Interested parties will meet on Zoom Sunday, Nov. 8 at 7:00 P.M. to discuss options.

If you are interested please pre-register at office@wrbt.org and we'll send you the Zoom link directly. Thanks, Mary

ABA

The ABA is suspended so there has been no activity. Our next scheduled zoom meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, November 16th at 1 pm. The cooking class is cancelled.

**2020 Pledge Totals
September 1 – 30, 2020**

Thank you for your support in 2020!

Date	PLEDGES DECLARED			DOLLARS COLLECTED	
	Additional	Total	Contributors	Additional	Total
October 7, 2020	\$1,000	\$40,950	49	\$1,355	\$36,230
Name and Amount Not Specified for Publishing: Anonymous #15 Anonymouse #16					
Amount Not Specified for Publishing:					
Under \$500:					
\$500- \$999:					
\$1,000- \$4,999:					
<u>For Comparison</u>					
September 30, 2019	\$3,350	\$29,865	46	\$4,100	\$27,935

Pledge Reminder

This is just a reminder that if you have not already done so, please submit your 2020 annual pledge. With the temple shut down because of the pandemic, general donations are lower. That, together with the cancellations of our fundraisers, the temple is even more reliant on its pledge program. There is no minimum pledge so any amount will be appreciated. Thank you again!

Donations

The Temple gratefully acknowledges the following donations received and recorded from September 16th through October 19th. Thank you to the many people whose financial donations, as well as their donations of goods, energy, and time help us to conduct 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

Donations can be sent directly to the temple. You can also make a donation by credit card at the temple website <https://www.wrbt.org/donate>.

Total Donations Received - \$2700.00

Memorials

M/M Bill & Norma Geenty	August Shotsuki – In memory of Suwako & Shiro Murashige
Ms. Laurie Tanaka	September Shotsuki – In memory of Ed Tanaka
Mrs. Charlene Grinolds	October Shotsuki – In memory of Tomi Tsuji
Mrs., Lilly Kato	October Shotsuki – In memory of Tad, Kenichi, & Urano Kato
Mrs. Monica Furtik	October Shotsuki - In memory of Mitsuko Hamakami
M/M Roger & Shirley Fukai	October Shotsuki - In memory of Mitsuko Hamakami
M/M Karen & Robert Nishimoto	October Shotsuki - In memory of Mitsuko Hamakami
Mrs. Monica Furtik	October Shotsuki - In memory of Tad Kato
Ms. Lorraine Blackler	October Shotsuki - In memory of Tsune Onchi
M/M Sharon & Mark Kosai	October Shotsuki
Ms. Kathryn Natsuhara	October Shotsuki – In memory of Sen & May Natsuhara
Mr., Charles Natsuhara	October Shotsuki – In memory of Sen & May Natsuhara
Mr. Dennis Yamashita	October Shotsuki – In memory of Masue Mosi Miyoshi
Anonymous	October, August and March Shotsuki
Mrs. Betty Hirano	In memory of Amy Kato
Ms. Lorraine Blackler	In memory of Amy Kato
M/M James & Ikuko Dodobara	In memory of Amy Kato
Ken and Yoshi Dodobara	In memory of Amy Kato
Doug and Keiko Dodobara	In memory of Amy Kato
M/M Wayne & Sally Mizuki	In memory of Amy Kato, Steve Kato, Betty Tanaka
M/M Cynthia & Chris Mochizuki	In memory of John Kitagawa
Mrs. Lilly Kato	In memory of John Kitagawa

Virtual Obon/Bon Odori

Anonymous
Mrs. Charlene Grinolds
Mr. Ron Hamakawa

Ohigan

Mrs. Charlene Grinolds

General Donations

M/M Sharon & Mark Kosai	October -Temple Support
Ms. Patricia Cosgrove	In Appreciation
Anonymous	In Appreciation
M/M Sally & Wayne Mizuki	BCA Dana Program
Mrs. Charlene Grinolds	BCA Dana Program

Facilities Committee

Charles, JR and Randy trimmed the hedges around the east and southern fences of the temple grounds. Bob met with our kitchen appliance maintenance company and they reset the thermostat on the refrigerator correcting a freezing problem. The company also performed its annual maintenance inspection on the Temple's heating and air conditioning units and replaced a relay switch.

Charles contacted the Auburn Fire Dept. and let them know that we are interested in continuing talks regarding the possible purchase of the back area for a new fire station. We are waiting for follow up.

We are researching prices for the possible replacement of the temple's 10 year-old car.

Newsletter Reminder

December newsletter articles are due **Sunday, November 11th.** Please send articles to newsletter@wrbt.org. Save a tree and a stamp - receive your newsletter via email! Contact newsletter@wrbt.org

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Reverend Warrick's Formal Temple Office Hours (SUSPENDED)

~~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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