

The White Path

Living the Life of the Nembutsu

WHITE RIVER BUDDHIST TEMPLE

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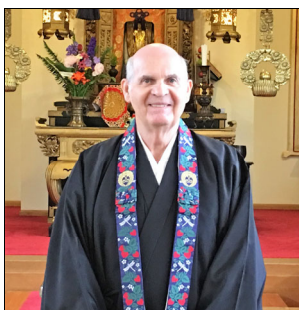
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Minister's Greetings

Well, here we are at the end of 2020 the year of the rat, a year that promised to be one of new beginnings. But what a year it has been. One like no other in our lifetimes. We have had a global pandemic, protests and riots in parts of the United States, national and local elections, online learning and remote work. If I try and describe 2020 in just a word or two it would be a difficult task. I might use the word unprecedented. Or maybe even bizarre, uncommon, or unrivaled. No matter what word we use it will be a year whose memory will stay with us a while.

It might do us good to lightly reflect on the past year of quarantine, social distancing, and Zoom parties. As we reflect, we must not let this past year darken the promise of this coming year which will be filled with new hopes, renewed spirits and new resolutions.

There is a well-known story in Japan about two monks who were in a thunderstorm when they came to a swollen river. There was a woman there in her kimono who needed to cross the river but was afraid. One of the monks asked her, "Can I help you?" She told him she needed to cross the river. The monk picked her up and put her on his shoulders and carried her across the river and sat her down on the other side.

The two monks continued their journey to the monastery. One monk said to the other, "I have a bone to pick with you. As monks we are not to look at or touch a woman, yet you did." The other monk said, "My brother, I helped that woman across the river and put her down on the other side. But you are still carrying her in your mind."

Let us wave goodbye and put down the old year. And like the reliable, resilient, dependable ox embrace the new year of the ox with strength, hard work, and determination.

Wishing you a happy new year full of happiness! Have a promising and fulfilling New Year!

Reverend James Hozen Warrick



Greetings from the Chairman!

Hello, temple members. It has now been over nine months since we held our last in-person Sunday service.

January is both a month of reflection and a month of anticipation. Initially, we reflect on the events and accomplishments of the year that is about to end. The pandemic forced 2020 to be a year of change. Weekly in-person Sunday services at the temple were cancelled. In its place, Reverend Warrick began holding virtual services on the internet. These services potentially reach a wider and significantly different audience. Their ultimate effects are currently not known. Our labor-intensive fundraising events, including Bon Odori and the Fall Bazaar were either dramatically revamped or cancelled. The effect of this is we needed to rely on fundraising that were much easier to implement. This included lantern donations, flower sales and an increased reliance on our pledge program. Although the reduced income projects to a substantial deficit, it is not nearly as bad as initially feared. In addition, our monthly Board meetings and other events at the temple became ZOOM meetings over the internet. This significantly reduced nighttime driving, which I very much appreciated. Some of these changes may continue to be incorporated into future activities.

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Condolences

On behalf of the White River Buddhist Temple, we send our deepest condolences to the family of Ritsuko Hamamura. A lifetime member of the Temple, Rits was an independent, hard working, and generous woman who recently turned 100 years old. She will be greatly missed!

President’s Message Continued

We also anticipate the upcoming new year of 2021. The recent discovery of an effective COVID-19 vaccine that is already being distributed, is a very uplifting sign for 2021. Based on recent comments made during interviews by Dr. Fauci, it appears that vaccine inoculation may become available to most of our Sangha’s members sometime this spring. We can now see a light at the end of this COVID-19 tunnel. During the interim three or four months, however, we will need to remain cautious. Current infection rates remain high, especially around South King County. Therefore, we will continue to make virtual activities the norm.

At this time, I would like to thank the outgoing Board of Trustees members: Charles Natsuhara, Norma Geenty, Tessa Asato, Vivian Alexander, and Gretchen Hansen for their invaluable services over the last few years. Next, I would like to welcome incoming Board members: Kelsey Asato, Valerie Yamanaka, Mary Cogger, Sara Perrott and Georgette Magnin. Finally, I would like to congratulate the 2021 Board of Trustee officers: President-Randy Okimoto; Vice President-Kendall Kosai; Recording Secretary-Kelsey Asato; Treasurer-Valerie Yamanaka; Corresponding Secretary-Sara Perrott, and Assistant Treas-Charles Natsuhara.

In the meantime, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year! And finally, stay safe, stay at home, or WEAR A MASK!

In gassho,
Randy

**January Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service
IN PERSON SERVICES - CANCELLED
View online on January 3 at 10:30am
www.wrbt.org/service**

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

Tase Sagara	1973	Masako Shimomura	2004
Jintaro Nakayama	1973	Sachiko Nakayama	2005
Harry Nakagawa	1977	Takio Hank Nishimoto	2006
Hajime Nakai	1977	Yoshi Porky Nishimoto	2007
Jack Kaoru Arima	1979	Shizuko Higuchi	2007
George Satoru Miyaki	1980	Masami Iida	2008
Ura Toyoshima	1983	George S. Ikuta	2008
Masao Tsuji	1987	Dorene Nakayama	2010
Yoshito Tanaka	1991	Katherine Dodobara	2010
Minoru Koga	1992	Duane Hamamura	2011
Yoshiko Mary Matsuyama	1994	Frank Okimoto	2011
Mary Yukie Hiranaka	1996	Roy Hajime Taketa	2012
Chie Onchi	1996	Hiroshi Takashima	2014
Shizumi Fujimura	1998	George Tsunoru Komoto	2016
Akiko Shimatsu	2001	Willard Creighton Ferrell	2018
Masao Tom Sutow	2001	Frank Tokio Komoto	2018
Sunao Iwai	2001		

1 year ~ 2020 3 year ~ 2019 7 year ~ 2015 13 year ~ 2009
17 year ~ 2005 25 year ~ 1997 33 year ~ 1989 50 year ~ 1972

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

**Ho-Onko Service
January 17th at 10:30 am**

You are invited to our virtual Ho-Onko service on January 17th at 10:30 AM. The service will be streamed live at www.wrbt.org/service followed by a virtual New Year (Shinnenkai) lunch via a Zoom link provided to all Temple members!

To give you a taste of our annual Shinnenkai, we are offering the ability to purchase a bento (or several) that you can eat during the event! Bentos are available for order for \$17 by visiting www.wrbt.org/shinnenkai2021 or returning the enclosed form by January 6th. Contactless drive-thru pickup for the bentos will take place on the morning of Saturday, January 16th at the Temple.

In addition, what Shinnenkai celebration would be complete without BINGO? Each bento comes with a 10-pack of bingo cards that will be used during the event where you can win prizes like paper towels, rice, and even toilet paper!

We hope to see you on January 17th! For questions, please contact us at 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 Meeting: At the Dec 13 general meeting, the following officers were elected for 2021: President--Georgette I. Magnin; Vice-President--Vivian Alexander; Secretary--Sara Perrott; Treasurer--Pat Kawabata; Auditor--Janice Yamada

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

Currently **no in-person BWA activities** are scheduled through 2020. None are planned for the first two months of 2021.

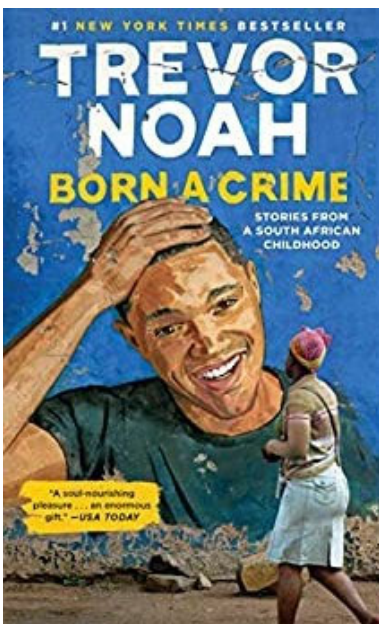
WR BWA gratefully acknowledges receipt of donations from Itsuo & Yuri Shiotani and Lilly Kato for our Eshinni-Kakushinni Service and the Tanaka Family for their donation in memory of Betty Tanaka.

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

January 3, 2021 at 7pm

Please join us for our next book club meeting where we will discuss *Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood* by Trevor Noah.

It is an autobiographical comedy book that became a #1 *New York Times* Bestseller and has received many accolades:

“Compelling . . . By turns alarming, sad and funny, [Trevor Noah’s] book provides a harrowing look, through the prism of Mr. Noah’s family, at life in South Africa under apartheid. . . . *Born a Crime* is not just an unnerving account of growing up in South Africa under apartheid, but a love letter to the author’s remarkable mother.”—**Michiko Kakutani, *The New York Times***

Sign up at wrbt.org/bookclub and a zoom link will be sent to you. We look forward to a meaningful discussion! If you have any questions, please direct them to: office@wrbt.org.

2020 Pledge Totals

November 1 - 30, 2020

Thank you for your support in 2020!

Date	PLEDGES DECLARED		Contributors	DOLLARS COLLECTED	
	Additional	Total		Additional	Total
December 4, 2020	\$4,720	\$46,370	62	\$5,400	\$44,135
Name and Amount Not Specified for Publishing: Anonymous #19 Anonymous #22					
Amount Not Specified for Publishing: Joe Watanabe Kelsey Asato					
Under \$500: Alva Nishimura Dennis Nishimura Anonymous #20					
\$500- \$999: Darlene Yamada Yoshiko Yamada					
\$1,000- \$4,999: Anonymous #21					
<u>For Comparison</u>					
December 2, 2019	\$3,200	\$33,995	56	\$4,400	\$33,420

Donations

The Temple gratefully acknowledges the following donations received and recorded from November 15th through December 14th. 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. **For regular donors, year-end letters listing contributions made during 2020 will be prepared after December 31st and will be mailed in January.** 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 - \$3875.00

Shotsuki (Monthly) Memorials

M/M Alan & Janis Yamada	In memory of Mae and Doug Yamada
Ms. Georgette Magnin	In memory of Joyce Ding
Mrs. Tomeko Taketa	In memory of Shima Taketa
Mrs. Lilly Kato	In memory of Shima Taketa
Ms. Lorraine Blackler	In memory of George, Mary, and Aileen Hiranaka
Mr. Dennis Yamashita	In memory of Hank Miyoshi
Mrs. Monica Furtik	In memory of Hank Miyoshi
Ms. Kathryn Natsuhara	In memory of Chiyokichi Natsuhara
Mr. Charles Natsuhara	In memory of Chiyokichi Natsuhara

Eitaikyo

Mrs. Setsuko Hamamoto	Mrs. Yuki Iwai
Mrs. Lilly Kato	M/M Yuri & Itsuo Shiotani
Mrs. Katie Komoto	Mrs. Tomeko Taketa
M/M Pat & Shiyoji Kawabata	Mrs. Kiyomi Taketa-Ozanich
M/M Karen & Ron Murakami	M/M Alvin & Mitsuko Terada
Ms. Kathryn Natsuhara	Tamio & Takako Uchida
Mr. Charles Natsuhara	Mrs. Yoshiko Yamada
M/M Alva & Dennis Nishimura	Ms. Darlene Yamada
Mrs. Joan Rodgers	

Memorials

M/M Alvin & Mitsuko Terada	In memory of Masae Sakagami
Ronald and Vivian	In memory of Masae Sakagami
Mrs. Sanaye Maekawa	In memory of Masae Sakagami
Ms. Karen Yamada	In memory of Amy Kato, Steve Kato, Betty Tanaka
Ms. Laurie Tanaka	In memory of John Kitagawa
Ms. Loraine Blackler	In memory of John Kitagawa
M/M Yuri & Itsuo Shiotani	In memory of John Kitagawa, Masae Sakagami and Steve Kato

General Donations

Jim and Diane Cowles	In appreciation for temple ministry
Mrs. Lilly Kato	In appreciation Don & Judy Gardener and NW District Music Service
Kemi Nakabayashi & Jim Norton	In appreciation Don & Judy Gardener and NW District Music Service
Mrs. Katsumi Ito	In memory of Frank and Shizuko Natsuhara
M/M Yuri & Itsuo Shiotani	Bodhi Day
Mr. Roger Fukai	In appreciation
Ms. Patricia Cosgrove	In appreciation
Anonymous	In appreciation

Temple Cookbook

It's not too late to send in your family's favorite recipes for our new Temple Cookbook!

We would love to honor those that are no longer with us by including one of their favorite recipes or two along with a short memory, history, or photo.

Please submit your recipe to office@wrbt.org

Thank you! We look forward to your submissions!

Virtual Timeless Favorites Cooking January 23rd at 11 AM



The next virtual Timeless Favorites cooking class will take place on January 23rd at 11:00 AM. The topic and instructor is to be announced. Please RSVP to attend the virtual cooking class at www.wrbt.org/timelessfavorites or contact office@wrbt.org

ABA

The ABA has suspended all in-person activities because of COVID-19. Our next scheduled virtual ZOOM meeting is Monday, March 8, 2021 at 1 pm.

Facilities Committee

We are researching prices for the possible replacement of the temple's 10-year-old car.
 We are working on replacing the large metal fire extinguisher in the kitchen which is leaking.
 Randy and Charles cleaned the gutters and raked up the leaves.

Community Notice - Virtual Mochi Tsuki 2021

Welcome to Mochi Tsuki 2021! Close out 2020 and welcome 2021 with hope for prosperity, fortune and good health. We invite you to celebrate virtually with the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Community. Learn about our history, why mochi is important, and try out some new skills at home. Ake-mashite Omedetou and Happy New Year! Stay tuned for updates on their website www.bijac.org

Newsletter Reminder

February newsletter articles are due **Sunday, January 10th**. Please send articles to newsletter@wrbt.org. Save a tree and a stamp - receive your newsletter via email! Contact newsletter@wrbt.org

2021 CBE Virtual Programs

For more information <https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/>



<p>SAVE THESE DATES! 2021 CBE VIRTUAL PROGRAMS JANUARY ~ APRIL <i>All events listed in Pacific Time.</i></p>	
<p>SATURDAY JANUARY 9 11 am - 1 pm Register online</p>	<p>SHIN BUDDHISM AND SCIENCE FICTION Speakers: Rev. Harry Bridge Buddhist Church of Oakland Rev. Jon Turner Orange County Buddhist Church & Rev. Landon Yamaoka Palo Alto Buddhist Temple <i>Venture into dharma explorations inspired by science fiction films.</i></p>
<p>SUNDAY JANUARY 10 1 pm</p>	<p>BCA YOUTH CONCERT! JODO SHINSHU ARTISTS & MUSICIANS SHOWCASE (JAMS) <i>Enjoy a variety of performances by BCA youth.</i></p>
<p>SATURDAY JANUARY 30 5 pm - 6:30 pm Register online</p>	<p>RELEVANT AMERICAN BUDDHISTS (RAB) Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Tanaka Musashino University <i>Who and what were the RAB? Stories from BCA's 1970s program for young adults.</i></p>
<p>SATURDAY FEBRUARY 6 10 am - 11:30 am Register online</p>	<p>EVERY DAY BUDDHISM BOOK TALK "DISCOVERING BUDDHISM IN EVERYDAY LIFE" Speaker/author: Rev. Marvin Harada BCA Bishop <i>Listen to the stories behind this collection of heartwarming essays.</i></p>
<p>SATURDAY FEBRUARY 13 11 am - 1 pm Register online</p>	<p>"HONEN AS RELIGIOUS REVOLUTIONARY: THE PERSON WHO DEFINED THE BUDDHISM WE IDENTIFY AS JAPANESE TODAY." Speaker: Dr. Mark Blum University of California at Berkeley</p>
<p>SATURDAY MARCH 6 11 am - 1 pm Register online</p>	<p>ZEN & SHIN BUDDHISM - PART 1 "LETTING GO: A ZEN & SHIN APPROACH TO LIBERATION" Rev. Dr. Duncan Ryuken Williams Author, AMERICAN SUTRA</p>
<p>SATURDAY MARCH 13 11 am - 1 pm Register online</p>	<p>ZEN & SHIN BUDDHISM - PART 2 <i>(Please note change of date)</i> "ZEN PRACTICE" Speaker: Rev. Anton Tenkei Coppens Roshi Zen River Temple, Netherlands</p>
<p>SATURDAY APRIL 10 5 pm - 6:30 pm Register online</p>	<p>SOCIALLY ENGAGED BUDDHISM Speakers: Prof. Mitsuya Dake Ryukoku University Rev. Kiyo Kuwahara Berkeley Buddhist Temple</p>
<p>SATURDAY APRIL 17 11 am - 1 pm Register online</p>	<p>3 BISHOPS: "WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF BUDDHISM IN THE WEST?" Rev. Marvin Harada Bishop, Buddhist Churches of America Rev. Eric Matsumoto Bishop, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Rev. Tatsuya Aoki Bishop, Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada</p>

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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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