

The White Path

Living the Life of the Nembutsu

WHITE RIVER BUDDHIST TEMPLE

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Minister's Greetings

Well, here we are in November again. During November we usually think of the Thanksgiving holiday. This year we are still in the grips of the COVID-19 crisis. Hopefully we can join with our loved ones and celebrate this wonderful holiday together. Although Thanksgiving is not usually considered a Buddhist holiday, it is a time when 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 this continuing pandemic if it brings us together in love, understanding and

gratitude.

Although Halloween has already passed, with all that scary stuff that goes with it; I want to present you with something scary that I ran across the other day. It is an article on the BCA website by the Wheel of Dharma editor, Jon Kawamoto. I will not present the entire article because the title "BCA Facing 'Severe' Shortage of Ministers" is scary enough. You can read the article here: <https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/post/bca-facing-severe-shortage-of-ministers>

The shortage is linked to a number of divergent factors, which are combining to create a perfect storm of a dilemma: a wave of ministerial retirements over the past year and this year, leaves of absence, and the unexpected, unforeseen impacts of the pandemic. Currently, there are 35 Kaikyoshi ministers actively covering the BCA's 58 temples and churches. The BCA's active 130 Ministers Assistants (MAs) are playing a vital role in making up for the shortfall by providing Dharma messages and services for a number of churches and temples.

It is on the role of the Ministers Assistants that I will focus. The origins of the Minister's Assistant Program dates to the time of BCA Bishop Hakubun Watanabe and was further developed during the time that Reverend Koshin Ogui was Bishop. The BCA Minister's Assistant Program was established to fulfill exactly what the name implies: to assist ministers. It was started over 20 years ago as an experimental program. No longer experimental it is approved by the BCA Ministers' Association.

The levels of BCA Minister's Assistants are:

Minister's Assistant with Kyoshi: Title "Reverend"

Minister's Assistant with Tokudo: Title "Reverend"

Certified Minister's Assistant: No title

Minister's Assistant: No title

This program is only open to BCA members who are specifically recommended by their resident or supervising Kaikyoshi minister. They must also have the approval by their local temple board. This is the only English language program that meets the ordination requirements as set forth by the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha.

I have personally been involved in this program since its inception. Becoming a MA can be a life changing event. Anyone who has the desire to learn, teach and help spread the Buddha Dharma, please contact me for further information.

NAMO AMIDA BUTSU

Reverend James Hozen Warrick

Virtual Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Service

November 21st at 10:30 am

We invite you to our virtual Eitaikyo service, being held on Sunday, November 15th. You can participate in the Virtual Eitaikyo service live at www.wrbt.org/service



Greetings from the Chairman!

Hello, temple members.

November is a month of planning for the Temple. Our second General Membership Meeting of the year is scheduled for Sunday, November 14, 2021 at 11 am. It is an important meeting for the administration of the Temple. The Temple must 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. Although Covid 19 vaccination rates continue to rise and new cases seem to

be slowing, the Board has nevertheless decided to be on the safe side and hold one more virtual General Membership meeting.

Similar to our last two General Membership Meetings, 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 a few days before it is scheduled. The e-mail will also contain a copy of the Agenda and of the proposed 2022 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 12, 2021 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 myself at (206 437 9341) or reokimoto@comcast.net or Kendall Kosai, at (206 947 1235) kkosai2@gmail.com.

Other Board actions that may be of interest are: 1)The Board has approved on a trial basis, the holding of Private Family Memorial Services at the Temple with certain restrictions, 2)The Board has authorized in-person outdoor services to be held on the Basketball court during the winter months, weather permitting. During inclement weather, the outdoor services will be held on a Drive-in basis. 3)The ballots for new 2022 Board officers will be mailed out after the General Membership meeting and will be due on November 30, 2021. We currently have five members that have agreed to have their names listed on the ballots, Char Grinolds, Charles Natsuhara, Georgette Magnin, Tessa Asato and Anika Klix.

In the meantime, please remember to VOTE, stay safe, get vaccinated, and WEAR A MASK!

In gassho,
Randy

**November Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service
IN PERSON SERVICES - CANCELLED
View online on November 7th 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 ~ 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

~ White River Buddhist Temple Presents ~

A Musical Revue Fundraiser

Benefitting the Auburn Food Bank's "Food to Go" Student Backpack Program

November 20, 2021

4:00 pm

www.wrbt.org/foodtogo

White River Buddhist Temple presents an exciting evening of music, featuring local musical artists! Share this with your friends and family, and join us for this special online presentation as we raise money for the Auburn Food Bank's "Food to Go" student backpack program to benefit the most vulnerable children in the Auburn School District.

The "Food to Go - Backpack" program provides backpacks filled with single serve, high protein, kid friendly foods on weekends and holidays so children do not go hungry when they aren't able to access school meals.

Matching funds (every dollar donated will be matched up to \$4000) from the Temple Community Fund and friends of the Temple allow us to provide additional support for this important program.

White River Buddhist Temple is committed to supporting our local community and your support will help provide a child with the food they need to learn and grow!

Questions? office@wrbt.org

White River Buddhist Temple *presents...*
A Musical Revue Fundraiser
 Benefitting the Auburn Food Bank's "Food to Go" Student Backpack Program!

Streaming November 20th ♦ 4:00PM
Featuring these Performers and More!

Bronson Bragg
Take7 Little Big Band

Melanie Vail

Kareem Kandi

Voices 4

www.wrbt.org/foodtogo



Restart Committee

The Ohigan Outdoor Service on Sept 26, 2021 at 10:30 am was very successful. About 30 members attended the event on the basketball court.

The Committee's recommendation to the Board that it approve private family memorial services inside the Temple on a trial basis was approved.

October 10, 2021 Outdoor Drive-in Service - The drive-in service in front of the Temple proved very successful. It was attended by about 20 members in 12 automobiles. Sensei set up a portable onajin in front of the Temple and Ruth Terry was the MC. Upon arrival, each temple member drove up and parked their car. They listened to the service on their car radio at FM 89.1. Socially distanced oshoko was performed at the end of the service with appropriate masking. Everyone seemed to enjoy the unique but dry in-person service.



Facilities Committee

Bus Stop Upgrade: King County has contacted the Temple about acquiring some of our land to upgrade the bus stop on Auburn Way N as part of their Rapid Line system. We would receive compensation. This project has been delayed.

Garden Maintenance & Fence Repair: Mary and Randy are doing some weeding in the garden areas. JR and Charles continue to mow the lawn areas and also trimmed the hedges.

Security False Alarms: ADT sent a repairman out in late September to replace the back hallway sensor. We haven't had any false alarms since.

Front Sign Repair: JR Pewitt, Charles, Georgette and Junko have finished repairing and installing the wooden sign in front of the temple. It looks really good.

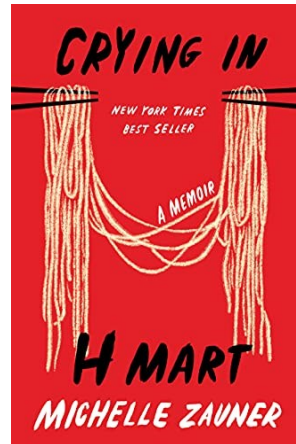


WRBT Virtual Book Club

Crying in H Mart

By Michelle Zauner

Sunday, November 7th @ 7 P.M.



**NEW YORK TIMES
BEST SELLER •
A Best Book of 2021:
Entertainment Weekly**

**“...an unflinching,
powerful memoir
about growing up Ko-
rean American, losing
her mother, and forg-
ing her own identity.”**

In this exquisite story of family, food, grief, and endurance, Michelle Zauner proves herself far more than a dazzling singer, songwriter, and guitarist. With humor and heart, she tells of growing up one of the few Asian American kids at her school in Eugene, Oregon; of struggling with her mother's particular, high expectations of her; of a painful adolescence; of treasured months spent in her grandmother's tiny apartment in Seoul, where she and her mother would bond, late at night, over heaping plates of food.

Please sign up at wrbt.org/bookclub

Buddhist Women's Association

BWA@wrbt.org

WR BWA General meeting and nomination of officers: A Zoom meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 21, 2021, 11:15am to 12:15pm. The main agenda item is the election of officers for 2022.

Nomination of BWA officers is open for the following offices: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Auditor. All current WR BWA members are eligible. Please email or call Georgette with nominations or questions at oz.georgette@gmail.com or 206 854 7913.

The BWA thanks Rev. Kathy Chatterton from Idaho-Oregon Buddhist Temple, our guest speaker at the E-Shinni Ka-Kushinni Service on Oct. 24, 2021. We also appreciate Rev Warrick for making the arrangements.

Federation of Buddhist Women's Association: Vivian Alexander and Georgette I. Magnin represented the temple at the virtual meeting on Saturday, October 16.

The White River Valley Museum has decided not to have a Festival of Trees this year. The red and white paper lanterns made by the BWA volunteers and the bodhi lights are stored away in hopes of a future event.

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

No in-person BWA activities are scheduled. We will follow the guidance of the re-start committee.

ABA

The next ABA virtual meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2021 1 pm. Topics include election of 2022 officers, donation to Auburn Food Bank and oseibo.

Newsletter Reminder

November newsletter articles are due **Thursday, November 18th**. Please send articles to newsletter@wrbt.org. Save a tree and a stamp - receive your newsletter via email! Contact newsletter@wrbt.org

Donations

The Temple gratefully acknowledges the following donations received and recorded from September 14th through October 18th. 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, Assistant 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 - \$ 2,490

Shotsuki (Monthly) Memorials

M/M Yuri & Itsuo Shiotani	September Shotsuki
Ms. Laurie Tanaka	In memory of May Kajikami and Ed Tanaka
Ms. Joanne Kitagawa	In memory of John Kitagawa, Hiroto and Kiyomi Mizoguchi
Ms. Lorraine Blackler	In memory of John Kitagawa
Mrs. Gayle Takemura	In memory of Ed Tanaka
M/M Sharon & Mark Kosai	October Shotsuki
M/M Shirley Kanda & Roger Fukai	In memory of John Hamakami
M/M Karen & Robert Nishimoto	In memory of Mitsuko Hamakami
M/M Shirley Kanda & Roger Fukai	In memory of Mitsuko Hamakami
Mrs. Monica Furtik	In memory of Mitsuko Hamakami
Mr. Randy Okimoto	Sept. /October Shotsuki
Mr. Kenneth Kamei	In memory of Kiku Kumasaka
M/M Janis & Al Yamada	In memory of Jackie Kawasaki Wills and Rikuye Kawasaki
Ms. Kathryn Natsuhara	In memory of Sen Natsuhara and Haruko Natsuhara
Mr. Charles Natsuhara	In memory of Sen Natsuhara and Haruko Natsuhara
Mrs. Lilly Kato	October Shotsuki
Mrs. Katie Komoto	October Shotsuki
Ms. Lorraine Blackler	In memory of Tsune Onchi
Ms. Susan Taketa	In memory of Tad Kato

Memorials

In memory of Bill Geenty

Mizuki Family

Mrs. Lilly Kato

Mrs. Gayle Takemura

Ms. Laurie Tanaka

M/M Janis & Al Yamada

Ms. Darlene Yamada

Mrs. Charlene Grinolds

Mrs. Lilly Kato

In memory Goro Kinoshita

M/M Janis & Al Yamada

In memory of Amy Kato

Ohigan

M/M Mitsuko & Alvin Terada

Bon Odori

Ms. Valerie Yamanaka

Bazaar

Mr. Randy Okimoto

M/M Ron & Karen Murakami

General Donations

Ms. Patricia Cosgrove

In Appreciation

Kiwanis Club of Kent, AM

Kitchen Use

2021 Pledge Totals

September 1 - 30, 2021

Thank you for your support in 2021!

Date	PLEDGES DECLARED		Contributors	DOLLARS COLLECTED	
	Additional	Total		Additional	Total
Oct 1, 2021	\$1,300	\$38,030	48	\$2,075	\$37,425
Under \$500:	Anonymous #13				
\$500- \$999:	Anonymous #14		Anonymous #15		
<u>For Comparison</u>					
Oct 7, 2020	\$1,000	\$40,950	49	\$1,355	\$36,230

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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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