

# The White Path

## Living the Life of the Nembutsu

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### Minister's Greetings

Greetings,

Well, here we are in January 2022, the year of the tiger. Compared to last year, this Tiger year promises a healthy and happy year with less stress and more human connections. We can hope that this comes true. Each year as we say goodbye at the end of the old year we look forward to the New Year with its fresh beginning. There were many beginnings and endings in the past year and there will be many of the same in the New Year.

The Buddha taught that all phenomena, including thoughts, emotions, and experiences, are marked by three characteristics, or “three marks of existence”: impermanence, suffering or dissatisfaction, and not-self.

Everything changes, the Buddha taught. This may seem obvious, but much of the time we relate to things as if their existence were permanent. So, when we lose things we think we can't live without or receive bad news we think will ruin our lives, we experience a great deal of stress. Nothing is permanent, including our lives.

Suffering or dissatisfaction, is among the most misunderstood ideas in Buddhism. Life is dukkha (suffering), the Buddha said, but he didn't mean that it is all unhappiness and disappointment. Rather, he meant that ultimately it cannot satisfy. Even when things do satisfy—a pleasant time with friends, a wonderful meal, a new car—the satisfaction doesn't last because all things are impermanent.

The notion of not-self is difficult to grasp. The Buddha taught that there is no unchanging, permanently existing self that inhabits our bodies. In other words, we do not have a fixed, absolute identity. The experience of “I” continuing through life as a separate, singular being is an illusion, he said. What we call the “self” is a construct of physical, mental, and sensory processes that are interdependent and constantly in flux.

It is this impermanence that gives the opportunity to experience endings and new beginnings.

Rona and I began my ministry at WRBT in June 2018. After long and careful consideration and some sleepless nights we have decided that it will end May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

Our hearts are filled with gratitude for the many ways our Sangha members have been and will always be a part of our lives.

We are looking forward to our remaining “Golden Years” which we hope will be days filled with new beginnings and discoveries as we plan domestic and international trips which are on our bucket list.

At the beginning of this New Year, we wish all our Sangha members happiness, safety, and good health for the coming year.

Amida Buddha, in the causal stage, made the universal Vow:

When beings hear my Name and think on me, I will come to welcome each of them,  
 Not discriminating at all between the poor and the rich and wellborn,  
 Not discriminating between the inferior and the highly gifted,  
 Not choosing the learned and those upholding pure precepts,  
 Nor rejecting those who break precepts and whose evil karma is profound.  
 Solely making beings turn about and abundantly say the nembutsu,  
 I can make bits of rubble change into gold.

NAMO AMIDA BUTSU

Reverend James Hozen Warrick



**Greetings from the President**

Greetings, Temple Members!

My name is Kendall Kosai and I am White River Buddhist Temple’s new president. As a fourth generation temple member, it is humbling and exciting to have the opportunity to represent and lead our sangha. I’d like to thank our outgoing President Randy Okimoto and temple board members Sally Mizuki and Ruth Terry for their time and commitment during these extremely unusual circumstances. I’d also like to welcome and thank our incoming board members for stepping up: Tessa Asato, Charlene Grinolds, Charles Natsuhara, and Georgette Magnin.

Especially as we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic, there will be plenty of challenges that the temple will face – diversifying and addressing our aging membership, transitioning back to in-person services safely, improving our message to be more inclusive, and general temple sustainability.

White River is a place of community, respect, and welcomes everyone. Our approaches will be compassionate and driven by our Buddhist principles. We will have to use creative solutions to solve these problems that look different from our traditional approaches and will make difficult decisions in the days ahead. I am optimistic that with the diversity of skills and expertise of our members, we will be successful. I look forward to receiving your input on each of these issues.

I would like to emphasize that having an open line of communication with our Temple members, no matter how small the idea or issue, is my top priority. Please feel free to reach out to me anytime at [kkosai2@gmail.com](mailto:kkosai2@gmail.com).

I look forward to working together.  
Kendall

**January Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service**

**IN PERSON SERVICES - CANCELLED**

**View online on January 9th at 10:30am**

**[www.wrbt.org/service](http://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](mailto: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 ~ 2021      3 year ~ 2020      7 year ~ 2016      13 year ~ 2010**  
**17 year ~ 2006      25 year ~ 1998      33 year ~ 1990      50 year ~ 1973**

DESIGNATED MEMORIAL SERVICE YEARS To schedule a family memorial service, please contact [office@wrbt.org](mailto:office@wrbt.org)

With Heartfelt  
*Sympathy*

White River Buddhist Temple extends its deepest condolences to the family of Michi Chihara. A long time member of the Temple, Michi was always so generous and kind to everyone that she met. She will be deeply missed by all.

## Ho-Onko Service January 23rd at 10:30 am

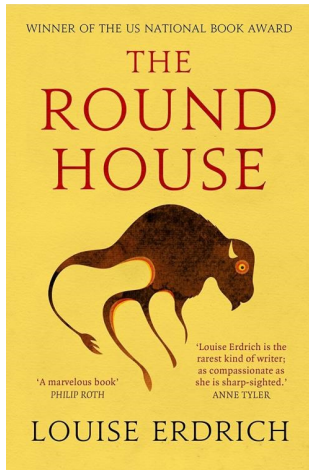
You are invited to our virtual Ho-Onko service on January 23rd at 10:30 AM. The service will be streamed at [www.wrbt.org/service](http://www.wrbt.org/service) followed by a virtual New Year (Shinnenkai) lunch via a Zoom link.

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 \$20 by visiting [www.wrbt.org/shinnenkai2022](http://www.wrbt.org/shinnenkai2022) or returning the enclosed form by January 6th. Contactless drive-thru pickup for the bentos will take place on the morning of Saturday, January 22nd 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 23rd! For questions, please contact us at [office@wrbt.org](mailto:office@wrbt.org).

## White River Buddhist Temple Virtual Book Club January 9, 2021 7:00 P.M.



By one of the most revered novelists of our time - a brilliant chronicler of Native-American life. The Round House, transports readers to the Ojibwe reservation in North Dakota. It is an exquisitely told story of a boy on the cusp of manhood who seeks justice and understanding in the wake of a terrible crime that upends and forever transforms his family.

Riveting and suspenseful. The Round House is a page-turning masterpiece of literary fiction - at once a powerful coming-of-age story, a mystery, and a tender, moving novel of family, history, and culture.

## Thank You!!

### A Musical Revue Fundraiser

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

[www.wrbt.org/foodtogo](http://www.wrbt.org/foodtogo)

Rev. Warrick, Randy Okimoto, and Don Gardner presented a check for \$9,360 to Debbie Christian for The Auburn Food Bank's Food-to-Go Backpack program.

The generosity of Temple members, friends of the Temple, community supporters, and musicians donating their time, led to the success of our Musical Revue fundraiser in November 2021, benefitting the most vulnerable children in the Auburn School District.

We are grateful to be able to support the important work that the Auburn Food Bank continues to do to assist those in need!



### Facilities Committee

**Bus Stop Upgrade:** No further communications with King County Metro. This project has been delayed.

**Wisteria emblem repair:** Jun Patton refurbished the Wisteria emblem in front of the temple and JR Pewitt and Charles re-painted the background.

**Potential Land Sale:** A representative of Doxon Toyota has contacted us regarding the availability of a portion of our property. We have told him that the western most one acre of the back lot was available for sale. The representative will contact his client and see if the property meets his needs.

### ABA

No activities. Our next virtual meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2022, at 1 pm.

### Newsletter Reminder

February newsletter articles are due **Sunday, January 16th**. Please send articles to [newsletter@wrbt.org](mailto:newsletter@wrbt.org). Save a tree and a stamp - receive your newsletter via email! Contact [newsletter@wrbt.org](mailto:newsletter@wrbt.org)

## Buddhist Women's Association

BWA@wrbt.org

**WR BWA General meeting:** A Zoom meeting was held on Sunday, November 21, 2021. Current 2021 BWA members will have their membership dues waived for 2022. New BWA members will be assessed dues when they join. Congratulations to the 2022 BWA officers elected at the meeting: President--Georgette I. Magnin, Vice President--Vivian Alexander, Secretary--Sara Perrott, Treasurer--Pat Kawabata, Auditor--Janis Yamada. A donation of \$100 worth of diapers was made to the Kent Food Bank. This is in place of the funds that would have been collected from the Diaper Fund Jar that is in our temple lobby.

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](mailto:wrlink4goldenchain@comcast.net)

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

WR BWA gratefully acknowledges receipt of donations for our Eshinni-Kakushinni Service from: Lilly Kato, Georgette Magnin, Shirley Kanda and Roger Fukai, Kathryn Natsuhara, Charles Natsuhara, Gayle Takemura, Darlene Yamada, Pat Kawabata, and Norma Geenty.

Thanks to Char Grinolds, Judy Gardner, Sara Perrott, and Gayle Takemura for donating to augment our Diaper fund.

### Restart Committee

The Restart Committee met on December 12, 2021 and approved a request to hold a Winter Solstice meditation session inside the temple on December 19, 2021, at 8 am. It also adopted certain guidelines for similar events which include: 1) Pre-event sign up and onsite sign-in, 2) Health questionnaire and temperatures recorded upon entrance, 3) Vaccination documents or a recent negative Covid test required for all attendees, 4) Masks to be worn at all times, 5) 6 ft social distancing between households, 6) 45 minute time limit, 7) 20 person invitee limit. The Committee also discussed the planning for our New Year's Eve Drive-in service including Oshoko and striking the gong.

## CENTER FOR BUDDHIST EDUCATION (CBE) PROGRAM NEWS

**Email:** [cbe@bcahq.org](mailto:cbe@bcahq.org) **Phone:** (510) 809-1460

**CBE Webpage:** <https://www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/cbe>

*\*Please go to the webpage or contact the Center for Buddhist Education to register\**

**Saturday, January 8, 2022, 11 am – 1 pm (PT)**

**Making the Dharma Connection: Buddhism & Children's Books with Kiyo Masuda - A special workshop for parents/guardians, grandparents, teachers and ministers.**

Join Kiyo Masuda, retired education specialist to explore how the dharma connection is relevant, meaningful, and applicable through children's books.

**Saturday, January 22, 2022, 11 am – 1 pm (PT)**

**Reflections on the Life & Work of Rev. Gyomay Kubose by Rev. Marvin Harada**

Learn how the late Rev. Gyomay Kubose, author of EVERYDAY SUCHNESS – ESSAYS ON EVERYDAY LIVING (1967), contributed to Buddhism in America and how he was an early inspiration for Rev. Harada's ministerial path.

**Saturday, February 5, 2022 11 am – 1:00 pm (PT)**

**"Finding the Antidote to Greed, the first of the Three Poisons" - Addressing drug and alcohol addiction & introducing a Dharma Recovery Program with Guest Speakers: Dr. Michael Conway and Dee-Dee Just**

This is the first in a series of in-depth lectures and interactive discussions on the three poisons: Greed, Anger & Ignorance, moderated by Rev. Marvin Harada.

**February 26, 2022, 11 am – 1 pm (PT)**

**"Uen no Chishiki – My Revered Dharma Teachers" - Reflections by Rev. Dr. David Matsumoto on Rev. Haruyoshi Kusada, Rev. Takamaro Shigaraki, and Rev. Jitsuen Kakehashi (This presentation will be in English)**

"Uen no Chishiki" (有縁の知識) is a Japanese phrase from TANNISHO and has a rich history in the Shin Buddhist tradition. It refers to "a good teacher of the Way, whom I have been so fortunate as to encounter.

### Donations

The Temple gratefully acknowledges the following donations received and recorded from November 16<sup>th</sup> through December 16<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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>.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Food to Go - Backpack Program. A donation of \$9,360 was made to the Auburn Food Bank for the program.

**Total Donations Received - \$14,540**

#### Shotsuki (Monthly) Memorials

Kawasaki Family	In memory of Jackie Wills, George and Risa Kawasaki
Mrs. Sharon Harris	In memory of Ritsuko Hamamura
M/M Sharon & Mark Kosai	December Shotsuki
Ms. Kathryn Natsuhara	In memory of Chiyokichi Natsuhara
Mr. Charles Natsuhara	In memory of Chiyokichi Natsuhara
Ms. Georgette Magnin	In memory of Joyce Ding
Ms. Lorraine Blackler	In memory of George, Mary, and Aileen Hiranaka
Ms. Bonnie Kurata	In memory of Roy and Josie Taketa
Mrs. Lilly Kato	In memory of Shima Taketa
Ms. Susan Taketa	In memory of Shima Taketa and Josie Taketa
Mrs. Monica Furtik	In memory of Hank Miyoshi, Dorothy Yaguchi, Amy Kato, Harry Taketa

#### Memorials

##### **In memory of Bill Geenty**

M/M Ikuko & Jim Dodobara	M/M Randy & Eva Chun	Mr. Dennis Yamashita
Ms. Kathryn Natsuhara	In memory of past temple members	
Ms. Joyce Matsuoka-Hayashi	In memory of Shizu Matsuoka	

#### Eitaikyo

Mr. Dennis Yamashita	M/M Mitsuko & Alvin Terada	Mrs. Yuki Iwai
Mr. Randy Okimoto	Mr. Charles Natsuhara	Mr. Randy Okimoto

#### Bodhi Day

M/M Randy & Eva Chun	M/M Sharon and Mark Kosai
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#### General Donations

Mrs. Sharon Ito	In memory of Frank and Shizuko Natsuhara
Ms. Patricia Cosgrove	In Appreciation
Ms. Kathryn Natsuhara	In Appreciation

#### Auburn Foodbank – Food to Go Backpack Program

M/M Randy & Eva Chun	Ms. Adriana Chandler	Mrs. Maydell Crane
M/M Joan & David Hoskin	Ms. Janet Sakahara	M/M Roger & Shirley Fukai
M/M Ron & Karen Murakami	Ms. Kathryn Natsuhara	Mr. Charles Natsuhara
Mrs. Charlene Grinolds	Mrs. Norma Geenty	M/M Sharon & Mark Kosai
Ms. Carmen Ingebrigtsen	Mr. Richard Goddard	Ms. Nancy Robins
M/M Donald & Judy Gardner	Ms. Valerie Yamanaka	Mrs. Gayle Takemura
M/M Alva & Dennis Nishimura	Mr. Randy Okimoto	Ms. Karen Nakagiri
Mr. Mathew Zyskowski	Ms. Kemi Nakabayashi	Ms. Darlene Yamada
Ms. Debra Christian	Mrs. Connie Toda	Robin Kuras
Ms. Irene Goto	Mr. Don Johnston	Ms. Susan Manegold
Ms. Rae Colborne	Mr. Thomas Holman	Mrs. Gretchen Hansen
Anonymous (2)		

### 2021 Pledge Totals

Nov 1 - 30, 2021

Thank you for your support in 2021!

Date	PLEDGES DECLARED		Contributors	DOLLARS COLLECTED	
	Additional	Total		Additional	Total
Nov 30, 2021	\$5,600 <sup>1</sup>	\$43,630	53	\$5,275	\$42,900

#### For Comparison

Dec 4, 2020	\$4,720	\$46,370	62	\$5,400	\$44,135
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**Amount Not Specified for Publishing:** Joe Watanabe James Pewitt,

**Under \$500:** Anonymous #16 Anonymous #17 Anonymous #18

<sup>1</sup> Includes an omitted \$2,000 pledge paid in February.

**\*\*Views expressed in articles by individuals do not necessarily represent the views of, and should not be attributed to the Temple or Sangha members\*\***

### **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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