

# The White Path

## Living the Life of the Nembutsu

WHITE RIVER BUDDHIST TEMPLE

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### Minister's Greetings

Greetings,

Well, here we are in March again. March is a month where everything is shifting. Winter is turning into spring, snow is melting, rains are less frequent, and flowers are blooming. A lot of things happen in the month of March. We might say that March is a month when the notion of impermanence can be easily seen. The Buddha taught that all phenomena, including thoughts, emotions, and experiences, are impermanent. Everything changes, he taught.

When we are experiencing pleasure, we don't want things to change. When we experience pain or sadness or suffering, we wish for change for the better.

I have a baseball cap on which the following is inscribed: "Life can change in an instant." Last March I experienced an instantaneous life changing moment when I fell on a stairway and split my kneecap in two. A year later the wound has healed, and I am able to walk, run, jump, and do the things I could do before the accident. Sometimes change is quick, like a fall and sometimes change is slowed like the healing or the ageing process in all things. However, impermanence can be overcome.

A famous Pure Land scholar had this to say about impermanence:

The Primal Vow of Amida was established to be supremely excellent.

With skillful means, in compassion, Amida draws forth foolish beings.

Every sentient being gains emancipation.

When we say the Name, immediately our karmic evil falls away.

When foolish beings reach the western quarter,

Their karmic evil, from kalpas countless as particles, disappears.

Gaining the six supernatural powers, they are able to act at will.

Rid forever of aging and sickness, they are free from impermanence.

The Spring Equinox occurs in March. It is a time when the weather is normally neither too warm nor too cold and the days and nights are of equal length. At this unique time of the year, the two shores of light and dark are so close to one another the passage back and forth is easier. Harmony pervades throughout the universe. It is a good time to set aside a special day to reconsider the Buddhist teachings, reflect upon ourselves, and pay respect to the innumerable people from the past to the present who have come into our lives and in some way or other influenced it to be better. As Jodo Shinshu Buddhists we gather before the sacred shrine of Amida Buddha to meditate on the harmony of nature and devote ourselves to realizing this harmony within.

This special day we have set aside this month is called O-Higan. Higan is an abbreviation of "To-Higan" which literally meaning "to reach the other shore." In Buddhism, the world of suffering is referred to as "this shore" and the world of Enlightenment is called "other shore." In order to reach the other shore, we do not have to wait for the end of our life. We can all reach the other shore right now by hearing and entrusting in the Buddha's vows and allowing Buddha's energy to fill our hearts and minds with wisdom, compassion. The observance of Ohigan gives us an opportunity to gather and express our gratitude to the Buddha for teaching us the way.

NAMO AMIDA BUTSU

Reverend James Hozen Warrick



**Greetings from the President**

Cautiously optimistic.

That’s how I am feeling these days with longer days, warmer temperatures, and a fall in COVID numbers. Of course, there is much uncertainty on the horizon, and we’ve felt like this before, but I am looking forward to returning to a more regular schedule at the Temple - I hope that you feel it too.

As mentioned during the February membership meeting, our 2022 activities and goals will center around our three themes: Collaboration, Community, and Creativity. Last month, we demonstrated the tenet of Community with our free drive-thru test distribution. These tests will not only help us end the pandemic, but also provide safety to the most vulnerable. If you were not able to get a test, please contact the office and we’ll get you one.

We are continuing to monitor local health trends in our phased approach to reopening the temple. Following the recommendations of the restart committee, White River will hold our next in-person drive-in service on February 27<sup>th</sup>, followed by a drive-in service on March 20<sup>th</sup> and March 27<sup>th</sup>. Masks, social distancing, and vaccination are pillars of our COVID mitigation plan that we will abide by - allowing us to safely meet. Like I said, we are cautiously optimistic for the future - we just need to hang on for a few more weeks.

The BCA National Council meeting will take place this month and we look forward to hearing from the BCA leadership on the future of the organization! I encourage you to attend the workshops which are open to BCA members and takes place virtually on March 5th - including a townhall, a youth presentation, and other important updates. More information can be found at [www.bcancm.org](http://www.bcancm.org).

Finally, please save the date for our Plant Sale that will take place on April 30<sup>th</sup>! Thank you to Mary Cogger for serving as the lead for the event along with the fundraising committee. More information to follow!

As always, thank you to all of our Sangha members for their continued support.

Kendall

**Restart Committee Update**

In a cautious phased approach, White River Buddhist Temple will once again be holding drive-in services starting Sunday, February 27th at 10:30 am. The next drive-in services will take place on March 20<sup>th</sup> and March 27<sup>th</sup>. Masking and social distancing will continue to be a cornerstone of our safety efforts - even when we do open our services back up. We strongly encourage you to get vaccinated (including a booster!) to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and for the safety of others.

In-person private memorial services remain suspended through the end of the Month, but will be revisited during the next meeting.

Questions? Email us at [office@wrbt.org](mailto:office@wrbt.org).

**March Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service**

**IN PERSON SERVICES - CANCELLED**

**View online on March 6th at 10:30am**

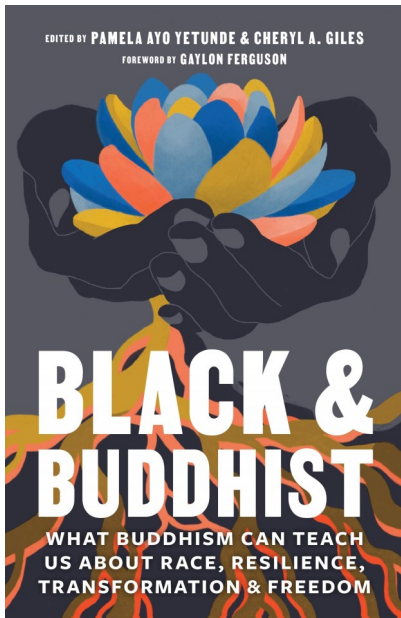
**[www.wrbt.org/service](http://www.wrbt.org/service)**

According to our Temple records, the following people passed away in the month of March. 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)

Sue Arima	1973	Ted Tadao Komoto	2006
Tatsu Sato Abe	1981	Kimi Teraoka	2006
Masanuki Yamada	1984	Tokie Nakai	2007
Tazo Nishimura	1986	Bobbie Akira Tanabe	2008
Yoshio Horiuchi	1986	Benjamin Tsutomu Taketa	2008
Tamayo Mikami	1991	Toshi Terayama	2011
Mitsuwo Ikuta	1993	Itsuko Funai	2013
Harry Susumu Anzai	1994	Satoru Kato	2014
Tsutae Tiny Taketa	1996	Stan Tsujikawa	2017
Hiroto Mizoguchi	2001	Yasumi Kinoshita	2017
Kai Honore Hansen	2005	Steve Kato	2020
Shigeru Nishimura	2005	Cheri Mizuki	2020

<b>1 year ~ 2021</b>	<b>3 year ~ 2020</b>	<b>7 year ~ 2016</b>	<b>13 year ~ 2010</b>
<b>17 year ~ 2006</b>	<b>25 year ~ 1998</b>	<b>33 year ~ 1990</b>	<b>50 year ~ 1973</b>

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



**White River Virtual Book Club**

March 6 @ 7:00 P.M.

Pre-register at our website to get the Zoom Link

**Black & Buddhist**—a collection of essays

What does it mean to be Black and Buddhist? In this powerful collection of writings, African American teachers from all the major Buddhist traditions tell their stories of how race and Buddhist practice have intersected in their lives. The resulting explorations display not only the promise of Buddhist teachings to empower those facing racial discrimination but also the way that Black Buddhist voices are enriching the Dharma for all practitioners.

Upcoming: April: *The Book of Joy* by Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu

May: *Black in Blue* by Carmen Best

June: *Love & Rage* by Lama Rod Owens

**Religious Committee**

As we know Rev. Warrick will be retiring on May 31. We have let Bishop Harada know our desire to have a full time Minister. We will continue to work with the Bishop to see if we can get a Minister but there is a huge shortage of Ministers at this time and probably for the next few years, so we may not have one by the time Sensei retires. In the event that this is the case the Religious Committee is working on plans to continue services each week. In order for this to happen we will need our Sangha members' help.

Are you willing to help with Sunday Services? Contact Char Grinolds 253-229-7340, [charginolds@gmail.com](mailto:charginolds@gmail.com)

Are you interested in becoming a Minister's Assistant? Contact Rev. Warrick

What do you want to learn about in regards to Shin Buddhism? Contact Char Grinolds

**White River Buddhist Temple  
Spring Plant Sale April 30, 2022**

Please consider helping by:

- Propagating and dividing plants
- Growing plants from seed
- Dividing bulbs, etc.
- Collecting unused garden items
- Volunteering to help at the sale
- Planning to visit and purchase

You can contact Mary Cogger for more info @ 253.248.3088 or [coggermh@nventure.com](mailto:coggermh@nventure.com)

**Newsletter Reminder**

April newsletter articles are due **Sunday, March 13th.** 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)

**Facilities Committee**

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

**Doxon Motors inquiry about back lot acreage:** No further contact.

**Preserving and safeguarding Temple scrolls.** Nothing to report.

**Repairing the storage shed on the basketball court:** JR opened the storage shed and discovered that mold was growing on some items. He suspected that it was because of lack of ventilation. Consequently, JR installed two vents. Hopefully, this will correct the problem.

**Ruts in the back field:** Ruts from vehicles being stuck in the mud, will need to be repaired. Two kids got their trucks stuck. We are waiting for the field to dry out before fixing it.



## The Evolving Place of Women in the Buddhist World: Interreligious Connections

Thursday, March 10 at 4 pm on Zoom

RSVP to [ICTC@seattleu.edu](mailto:ICTC@seattleu.edu)

<https://www.seattleu.edu/ictc/current-conversations/idi-interreligious-dialogue-initiative/>

Join us for this first IDI conversation of the year with **Venerable Karma Lekshe Tsomo**, a Buddhist scholar and activist with an international reputation and outreach and founder of the Sakyadhita International Association of Buddhist Women.

Venerable Karma Lekshe Tsomo has taught at the University of San Diego since 2000. She integrates scholarship and social activism through the Sakyadhita International Association of Buddhist Women and Jamyang Foundation, an innovative education project for women in developing countries, with 15 schools in the Indian Himalayas, Bangladesh, and Laos.

**Respondents to Venerable Karma Lekshe Tsomo's presentation:**

**Dr. Sharon Callahan**, Professor Emerita, School of Theology and Ministry, and **Dr. Sharon Suh**, Professor, Theology and Religious Studies and current President of Sakyadhita International Association of Buddhist Women.

### THE EVOLVING PLACE OF WOMEN IN THE BUDDHIST WORLD: INTERRELIGIOUS CONNECTIONS

## Venerable Karma Lekshe Tsomo



Buddhist scholar, activist and founder of the Sakyadhita International Association of Buddhist Women

**THURSDAY, MARCH 10  
AT 4PM ON ZOOM**

*With responses from:*

**Dr. Sharon Callahan**, Professor Emerita, School of Theology and Ministry

**Dr. Sharon Suh**, Professor, Theology and Religious Studies

### Buddhist Women's Association

[BWA@wrbt.org](mailto:BWA@wrbt.org)

**BWA Spring General Meeting:** Will be held after service on Sunday, April 24. Meeting agenda and info will be e-mailed to BWA members around March 24. Please contact Georgette if you have material or items for the Spring General meeting by March 14. My email is: [oz.georgette@gmail.com](mailto:oz.georgette@gmail.com)

**Lady Kujo Memorial Service:** The annual service commemorating this important woman who started the Buddhist Women's Association in Japan in the early 1900s was held on Sunday, February 20, 2022. Thank you Rev. Warrick for arranging our guest speaker Rev. Melissa Opel from Spokane Buddhist Temple.

**WR BWA Officers Installed:** On Sunday, January 23, 2022, the BWA officers were installed during the Ho-Onko service honoring our founder, Shinran Shonin.

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.

### ABA

A virtual ABA meeting was held on February 14, 2022. New officers Randy Okimoto, Pres. and Norma Geenty, Sec./Treas. were authorized to be added as signors for the ABA Keybank checking account. The membership will explore having an outdoor spring field trip to the Kubota Gardens sometime in May. The issue of whether we will have an ABA sponsored June Picnic was tabled until our April 11, 2022 meeting.

### Dharma Forward Fundraiser

Order **Panda Express** on MARCH 11, 2022 online (pandaexpress.com or via the App) using CODE 906058 OR save your receipt and send to minanaga@bcahq.org by March 12, 2022.

28% of sales will be donated to: Buddhist Churches of America Endowment Foundation: Dharma Forward campaign

Dharma Forward ensures the future of Shin Buddhism in America through BCAEF in support of BCA & IBS.

**Support BCA and IBS**



## Eat more Panda Exp!



**VIRTUAL COMMUNITY FUNDRAISERS**

**Mar. 11, 2022 Fri** of National Council Meeting

**Enter code: 906058 online only**

### CBE Online Seminar

#### Shinshu at the Movies: Trapped in a Cycle



**REV. JON TURNER**  
ORANGE COUNTY BUDDHIST CHURCH

SATURDAY 03.19.22  
11:00AM (PACIFIC TIME)

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Examining different films from a Buddhist perspective. Scenes will illustrate different aspects of the Buddhist path as our cinematic heroes proceed along their journey, trapped in a cycle, within a self-created reality.

**REGISTER HERE:** <https://tinyurl.com/k8yb5xrp>

**CBE** | CENTER FOR BUDDHIST EDUCATION

**Donations**

The Temple gratefully acknowledges the following donations received and recorded from January 18<sup>th</sup> through February 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, 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 or you can also make a donation by credit card at the temple website <https://www.wrbt.org/donate>.

**Total Donations Received - \$ 1,669**

**Shotsuki (Monthly) Memorials**

Mrs. Katie Komoto	January & February Shotsuki
M/M Sharon & Mark Kosai	January & February Shotsuki
Mrs. Yuki Iwai	In memory of Sunao Iwai
Mrs. Charlene Grinolds	In memory of Steve Tsuji
Mrs. Audrie Hayes	In memory of Kart Funai and Kaz Tsujikawa
Ms. Jill Komoto	7 yr. memorial for George & Lily Komoto
Mr. Greg Komoto	7 yr. memorial for George & Lily Komoto
M/M Yuki & Itsuo Shiotani	February Shotsuki

**Memorials**

M/M Jim & Ikuko Dodobara	In memory of Shiyoji Kawabata
Tanaka Family	In memory of Michi Chihara
Ms. May Terayama	In memory of Michi Chihara
Mrs. Gayle Takemura	In memory of Carolyn Yamada
M/M Yuki & Itsuo Shiotani	In memory of Carolyn Yamada
Ms. Laurie Tanaka, Ms. Sheri Tanaka & Ms. Noreen Tanaka	In memory of Carolyn Yamada

**Hoonko**

Mrs. Setsuko Hamamoto	Ms. Laurie Tanaka	Mrs. Pat Kawabata
Mrs. Norma Geenty	Ms. Kathryn Natsuhara	Mr. Charles Natsuhara
M/M Alva & Dennis Nishimura	M/M Sharon & Mark Kosai	

**Bodhi Day**

Mrs. Norma Geenty

**General Donations**

Mrs. Katie Komoto	Shinnenkai - In Appreciation
Mrs. Charlene Grinolds	BCA Dana Program
M/M Mike and Debbie Akiyama	In Appreciation
Ms. Sharon Sakamoto & Mr. Ron Takemura	In Appreciation
M/M Yuki & Itsuo Shiotani	Newsletter - stamps
Kroger	Community Give Back

**FINAL 2021 Pledge Totals**

**January 1 – December 31, 2021**

**Thank you for your support in 2021!**

Date	PLEDGES DECLARED		Contributors	DOLLARS COLLECTED	
	Additional	Total		Additional	Total
Feb 3, 2022	\$500 <sup>1</sup>	\$47,670 <sup>2</sup>	68	\$500 <sup>3</sup>	\$46,790

**For Comparison**

Jan 8, 2021	\$0	\$48,230	71	\$0	\$46,595
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**\$500- \$999:**

Includes three 2021 pledges received or adjusted in 2022.

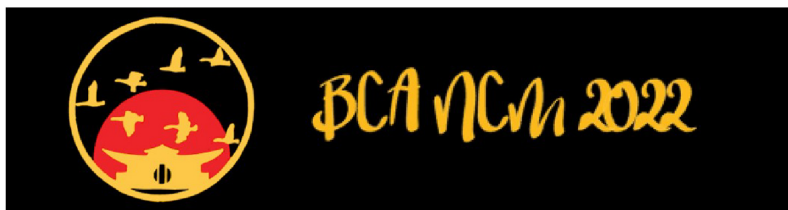
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Includes three 2021 pledges received or adjusted in 2022.

**2022 Pledge Totals**  
**Jan 1 - 31, 2022**

**Thank you for your support in 2022!**

Date	PLEDGES DECLARED		Contributors	DOLLARS COLLECTED	
	Additional	Total		Additional	Total
Feb 7, 2022	\$10,900	\$10,900	9	\$8,800	\$8,800
<b><u>For Comparison</u></b>					
Jan 31, 2021	\$5,200	\$5,200	10	\$1,225	\$1,225
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<b>Amount Not Specified for Publishing:</b> Monica Furtick    Georgette I Magnin    Ruth Terry    Mark Terry					
<b>Under \$500:</b> Joan Hoskin    David Hoskin					
<b>\$500- \$999:</b> Carolyn Schwab    Joe Schwab					



**OPEN TO ALL INTERESTED VIEWERS**

**Saturday, March 5**

**10:15 AM PST Town Hall Meeting**

(Rev. Marvin Harada, Bishop, Buddhist Churches of America)

**"Messaging and Membership"**

The town hall will focus on how to grow our membership, one of the greatest challenges that faces our BCA, local churches and temples.

**1:00 PM PST Youth Protection Presentation**

(Terri Omori, BCA President Elect)

**To Protect Our Youth and Those Who Serve Them**

This workshop will include information on how to develop and initiate policies and procedures and information regarding the process to comply with the new California Assembly Bill 506.

**2:00 PM PST BCA Music Committee Presentation**

(Kemi Nakabayashi, Chairman, with supporting members of the BCA Music Committee)

**Enhancing Temple Services and Engaging Your Sangha Through Music**

This workshop is intended to provide some “how to” ideas and resources for the sanghas, to support temple services and engage all members.

**3:00 PM PST Endowment Foundation/Dharma Forward**

This workshop will cover Campaign goals, messaging, strategy, and tax-advantaged methods for donors to support the Campaign.

**4:00 PM PST Endowment Foundation**

(Koichi Sayano and Steve Terusaki)

This workshop will focus on the value and benefits of investing temple funds with the Endowment Foundation.

**Sunday, March 13**

**10:00 AM PDT (Daylight Savings Time) Buddhist Churches of America Eitaikyo Service**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Kenji Akahoshi, BCA minister emeritus

**The above programs are free and open to all. Go to [bcanem.org/workshops](http://bcanem.org/workshops) for more information and to join the events**

**\*\*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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