

The White Path

Living the Life of the Nembutsu

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Minister's Greetings

Greetings,

Well, here we are again in April. This will be the next to the last newsletter that I will be writing. I do not know who the next person will be to share the Dharma with you in this way. Just as I do not know who will conduct services at WRBT in the near future.

Due to the shortage of Kaikyoshi ministers in BCA right now the need for ordained priests has never been greater. Because of this the BCA Minister's Assistant Program was established to fulfill exactly what the name implies: to assist ministers.

The Ministerial Assistant (MA) is a voluntary position/status for those wishing to learn the Jodo Shinshu tradition and to provide ministerial support to their local temple.

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 several churches and temples.

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 program was started over 20 years ago as an experimental program. No longer experimental it is approved by the BCA Ministers' Association.

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 urge any WRBT member to consider how you might get involved with this program.

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.

There is an old saying "April showers bring May flowers", but this year, it seems we had plenty of showers in March. Because there are plenty of April flowers blooming right now.

This month we celebrate Hanamatsuri "Japanese flower festival" along with the celebration of the Buddha's birth. The original purpose of the Hanamatsuri festival was to encourage flowers such as the cherry blossom to stay in bloom. The idea being that the longer the blossoms stayed in bloom the more prosperous the harvest would be. This in itself being a message of hope.

In celebrating Shakyamuni Buddha's birthday, we pay tribute to the man who according to our Jodo Shinshu tradition, "appeared in this world solely to teach the ocean-like Primal Vow of Amida Buddha".

NAMO AMIDA BUTSU

Reverend James Hozen Warrick



Greetings from the President

Happy April!

We are excited to announce that we will be cautiously returning to in-person, indoor services again. Starting April 3rd, we will begin welcoming members back inside the temple. However, COVID protocols will remain in place with high quality masks, social distancing, and vaccination verification for those who are eligible. When the weather permits, we will consider moving the service outdoors to enjoy a more open environment.

I want to also thank all the temple volunteers who participated in the COVID test kit

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President’s Message continued

distribution. It’s a critical service to the community and we were proud to hand out hundreds of test kits. Left over kits were donated to vulnerable senior housing, the Auburn Food Bank, Seattle Betsuin, and Tacoma Buddhist Temple. If you did not get a kit, we still have kits available at the temple – come get yours after a drive-in service this month!

In March, I had the opportunity to participate in the BCA National Council Meeting along with Vice President Valerie Yamanaka. Much of the meeting was dedicated toward receiving updates from the BCA. Declining temple membership and a shortage of ministers remains a top concern across the organization with optimism for the future!

Finally, I hope that you will all consider either donating plants to our annual spring plant sale (April 30th) or volunteering for the event! More information is found in this newsletter!

Thank you again for your continued support of the temple! We look forward to seeing you soon!

Kendall

**April Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service
IN PERSON!**

**April 3rd at 10:30am
www.wrbt.org/service**

COVID protocols will remain in place with high quality masks, social distancing, and vaccination verification for those who are eligible.

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

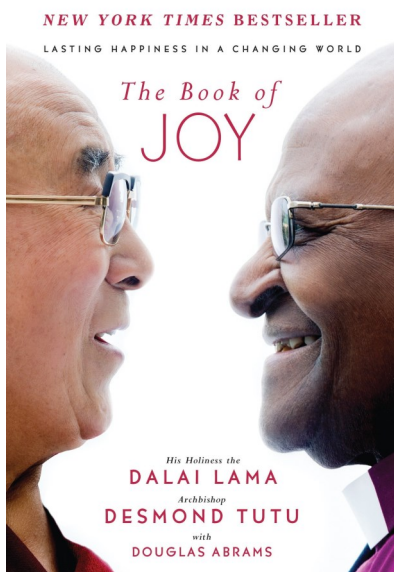
Richard William Arima	1983	Frank Senji Natsuhara	1999
Reiko Yamamoto	1989	Misao Tsukamaki	1999
Dennis Tanaka	1990	Roy Fujisawa Bingo	2000
Barbara Kimiko Tsuji	1993	Fujie Yabusaki	2004
Kenzo Kinoshita	1995	Tetsuo Yanagawa	2006
Frank Masaru Arima	1995	Kaoru Yanagawa	2010
George Akio Taketa	1997	Shari Watanabe	2010

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

**White River Buddhist Temple Virtual Book Club
April 3, 2022 7:P.M.**

Pre-register at wrbt.org/bookclub to get the Zoom Link



Book of Joy

The Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu “explore the Nature of True Joy and confront each of the Obstacles of Joy—from fear, stress, and anger to grief, illness, and death. They then offer us the Eight Pillars of Joy, which provide the foundation for lasting happiness. Throughout, they include stories, wisdom, and science. Finally, they share their daily Joy Practices that anchor their own emotional and spiritual lives. ... In this unique collaboration, they offer us the reflection of real lives filled with pain and turmoil in the midst of which they have been able to discover a level of peace, of courage, and of joy to which we can all aspire in our own lives.

Upcoming: May 1, *Black in Blue*, June 5 *Love and Rage*

ABA

The ABA met via ZOOM on February 14, 2022. The membership approved updating the signers on the WRBT ABA checking account to include only current officers, President Randy Okimoto, Sec/Treasurer, Norma Geenty and current signers, VP, Randal Chun and Temple Treasurer Charles Natsuhara. Subject to approval of the Restart Committee, the ABA is planning a spring field trip to Kubota Gardens sometime in May. A fall field trip to the Seattle Asian Art Museum was discussed. Any decision on a Temple Picnic was tabled until our next scheduled virtual meeting on April 11, 2022, at 1 pm.

White River Celebrates the Arrival of Spring with the 2022 Spring Plant Sale on April 30th!

The annual White River Buddhist Temple Spring Plant Sale is back! Join us on Saturday, April 30, from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M to purchase your vegetable/flower starters and more!

We can't do this alone! We're doing a call-out to our temple members to help donate some items toward the sale including: vegetable and fruit starts, perennials and annuals, houseplants, garden accessories including pots. Donations can be dropped off at the temple on 4/27 & 4/28 from 11 am - 1 pm.

Interested in volunteering? Shifts are available for temple members:

Set-up	8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.	(4 people)
Sales	10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.	(3-4 people)
Sales and Clean-up	12:00 P.M. to about 2:30 P.M.	(3-5 people)

Please contact Mary Cogger at coggermh@nventure.com if you have questions or would like to donate plants!



SAVE THE DATE
Rummage Sale
Saturday, June 11th
9am—2 pm

Please save gently used items for our Rummage Sale (No upholstered or large pieces of furniture). Questions? Contact office@wrbt.org or Sharon 206-947-2461



Restart Committee Article

As King County's COVID-19 numbers continue to fall, we are now experiencing a much better community transmission rate than just a couple months ago! With these falling numbers in mind, we will once again be welcoming temple members back inside the Hondo for both memorial services and Sunday service with limited capacity! COVID-19 mitigation efforts will remain in place and the following continue to be required:

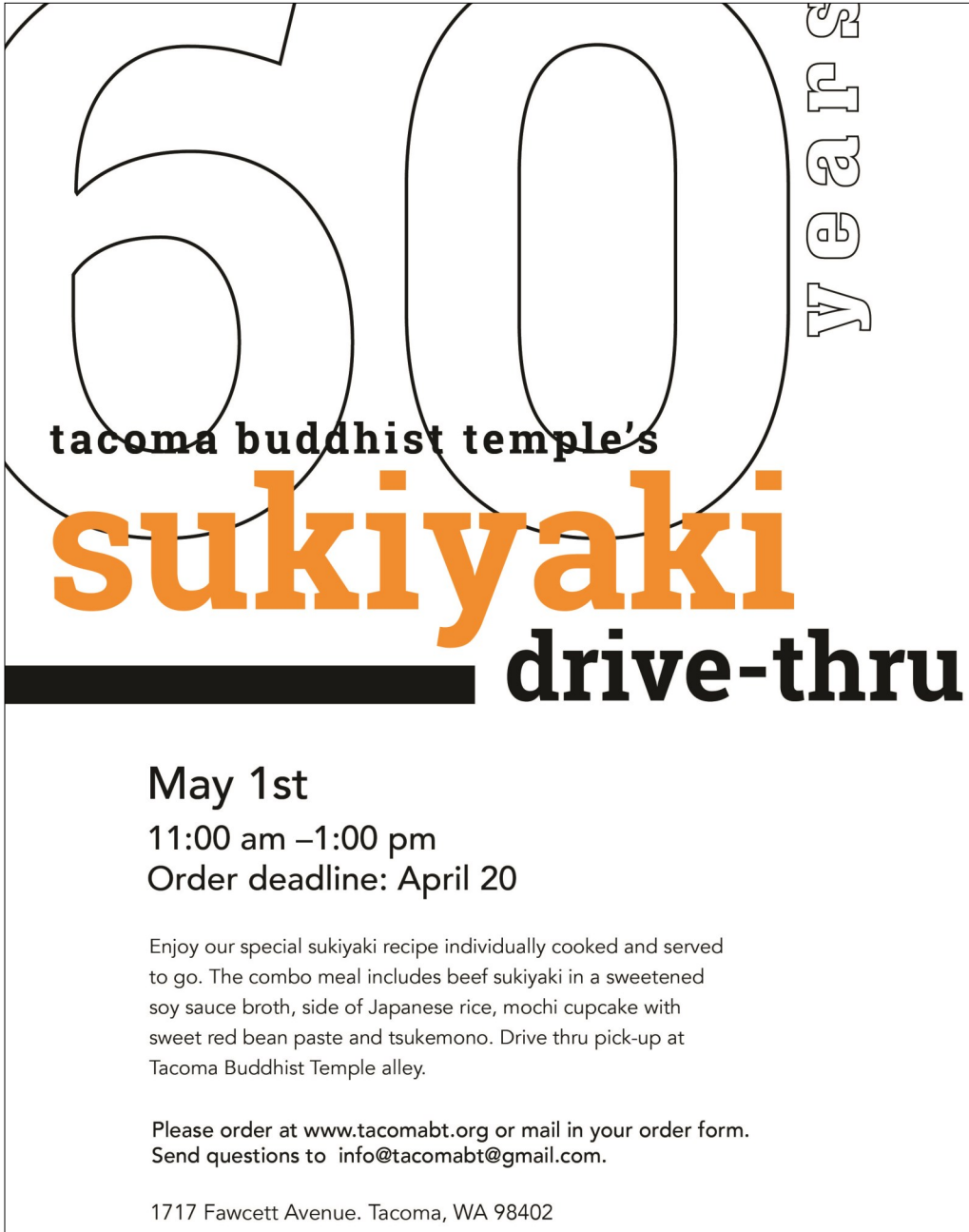
- A well-fitted mask – a mask will be provided if needed courtesy of King County Public Health;
- Social distancing will be observed with limited capacity for services and events;
- Vaccination verification (for those who are currently eligible) will be conducted as you enter the temple;

Our first in-person, indoor service since March 2020 will take place on April 3rd at 10:30 AM followed by our Hanamatsuri service on April 10th at 10:30 AM. We hope to see you there.

Facilities Committee

Ruts in grass: JR is waiting until the ground dries before fixing the ruts.

Updating our Temple Insurance Policy: Our insurance agent informed us that the WRBT insurance policy with Liberty Mutual requires that we separately identify and value unique or special religious artifacts and objects to be covered in case of theft or fire. Rev. Warrick and Randy went over the Onajin and Hondo and have compiled a list and its estimated replacement values.



500 Years
tacoma buddhist temple's
sukiyaki
drive-thru

May 1st
11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Order deadline: April 20

Enjoy our special sukiyaki recipe individually cooked and served to go. The combo meal includes beef sukiyaki in a sweetened soy sauce broth, side of Japanese rice, mochi cupcake with sweet red bean paste and tsukemono. Drive thru pick-up at Tacoma Buddhist Temple alley.

Please order at www.tacomabt.org or mail in your order form. Send questions to info@tacomabt@gmail.com.

1717 Fawcett Avenue. Tacoma, WA 98402

BCA Offering

Center for Buddhist Education

To register:
www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/cbe



Newsletter Reminder

May newsletter articles are due **Thursday, May 12th**. Please send articles to newsletter@wrbt.org. Save a tree and a stamp - receive your newsletter via email! Contact newsletter@wrbt.org

清浄樂を帰命せよ

Take Refuge In Amida, The Music of Purity

Japanese
Language Seminar

04.02.22 @ 11AM (PT)

親鸞聖人作『浄土和讃』第三十九首を一緒に味わっていただきます。



Reverend
Yuki Sugahara

Donations

The Temple gratefully acknowledges the following donations received and recorded from February 16th through March 16th. 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 or you can also make a donation by credit card at the temple website <https://www.wrbt.org/donate>.

Total Donations Received - \$ 1942

Shotsuki (Monthly) Memorials

M/M Kent & Julie Nishimura	In memory of Shig Nishimura and Yasumi Kinoshita
Mrs. Audrie Hayes	In memory of Itsuko Funai and Stan Tsujikawa
M/M Sharon & Mark Kosai	March Shotsuki
Tanaka Family	In memory of Maki Yamada and Yoshio Horiuchi
Mrs. Lilly Kato	March Shotsuki
Mrs. Tomeko Taketa	In memory of Ben Taketa
Ms. Lorraine Blackler	In memory of Hiroto Mizoguchi
Ms. Susie Taketa	In memory of Roy Taketa, Tsutae Tiny Taketa, Ben Taketa

Memorials

Ms. Susie Taketa	In memory of Shiyoji Kawabata and Yoshiko Yamada
Ms. Vickie Shimada	In memory of Michi Chihara
M/M Janis & Alan Yamada	In memory of Michi Chihara and Carolyn Yamada

Ohigan

M/M Sharon & Mark Kosai

General Donations

Kiwanis Club of Kent – AM	Kitchen Use
Anonymous	United Way
Mrs. Charlene Grinolds	BCA Endowment
Anonymous	BCA Endowment
Amazon Smile	

2022 Pledge Totals

Feb 1 - 28, 2022

Thank you for your support in 2022!

Date	PLEDGES DECLARED			DOLLARS COLLECTED	
	Additional	Total	Contributors	Additional	Total
Mar 3, 2022	\$14,060	\$25,500	31	\$11,950	\$20,750
<u>For Comparison</u>					
Mar 3, 2021	\$22,900	\$28,100	31	\$22,275	\$23,500

Name and Amount Not Specified for Publishing: Anonymous #3

Amount Not Specified for Publishing: Cris Cyders Joe Watanabe Wayne Mizuki
 Sally Mizuki Sharon Kosai James Dodobara Ikuko Dodobara

Under \$500: Dennis Yamashita Don Gardner Judy Gardner Kathleen Taketa-Ozanich
 Valerie Yamanaka Brad Dong Susie Dong Joan Rodgers Yukiko Iwai
 Robert Akiyama Mitsuko Akiyama

\$500- \$999: Gayle Takemura

\$1,000 - 4,999: Charlene Grinolds Anonymous #2

Buddhist Women's Association

BWA@wrbt.org

BWA Spring Virtual 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 17. My email is: oz.georgette@gmail.com or mobile: 206-854-7913

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.

WR BWA gratefully acknowledges receipt of a donation from Eva Chun for our Lady Kujo service.

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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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