

The White Path

Living the Life of the Nembutsu

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Rev. Jim Warrick and Rona

Minister's Greetings

Greetings,

Well, here we are again in May. Last month, I wrote: 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.

A minister who retired some time ago once told me about a fan that his father gave him long ago in Japan when he was feeling low about leaving his home temple to go off to school. He was concerned about what would happen to his temple if he left and did not return. Since the ministry in Japan is handed from father to son, and he being the only son, his leaving was of great concern for all. He looked closely at this fan given to him and noticed there was calligraphy written on either side of the fan. As he looked at one side of the fan his heart sank. The words written were "If you don't do it, who will?"

This will be my last month here at WRBT as resident minister and I feel as though I am looking at that same fan. If I am not here to conduct services at WRBT who will?

To continue my story as I remember it; The young man turned the fan over to look at the calligraphy written on the other side. What was written there was; "Whether you do it or not, it will still get done".

Well, now as I look at the other side of the fan and as good fortune would have it, two devoted followers of Shinran have come forward as Minister's Assistants to fill the gap from when I retire until the time when a new minister is assigned to WRBT. My heart once again is filled with joy!

As I am leaving, I remember the Roy Rodgers & Dale Evens song:

Happy trails to you, until we meet again.
 Happy trails to you, keep smilin' until then.
 Who cares about the clouds when we're together?
 Just sing a song and bring the sunny weather.
 Happy trails to you, 'till we meet again.
 Some trails are happy ones, Others are blue.
 It's the way you ride the trail that counts,
 Here's a happy one for you.

I am so very grateful for having been given this opportunity to learn and help spread the Dharma here at WRBT. All the fond memories that Rona and I have from our time here will be with us throughout the rest of our lives.

May you find peace, joy, and happiness as you live the life of Nembutsu.

NAMO AMIDA BUTSU

Reverend James Hozen Warrick

Gotan-E Service

Sunday, May 15th at 10:30 am

In this month's newsletter you will find an invitation for our In-Person Gotan-E service. Join us as we commemorate the birth of Shinran Shonin, who dedicated his life to propagating the teachings of the Nembutsu to ordinary people. The service will also be streamed live at www.wrbt.org/service



Greetings from the President

It’s officially Spring – a time of renewal and growth. In the spirit of the season, after over two years, we are pleased to have resumed in-person services under strict COVID-19 health guidelines. It has been so wonderful to see familiar faces (masked, of course) but will continue to provide a live stream option for our members who would like to watch from the comfort of their homes: it can be viewed at www.wrbt.org/service every week. We look forward to welcoming you back to the Temple whenever you are comfortable!

This month, I’d like to draw your attention to two upcoming fundraisers at the Temple. This month, we will be selling flower bouquets for Memorial Day – your order form is included in this month’s newsletter. And on June 11th, we will hold our Temple rummage sale! We gladly welcome donations – just bring them with you on any Sunday and we’ll store them in the Multipurpose room.

Finally, this is the final month of Reverend Warrick’s time at White River. On behalf of the board and temple, I want to thank him and Rona for their compassionate, good-natured, and fun tenure at White River. We wish him and Rona a well-deserved retirement. You are welcome back anytime! Join us for a their official going away party on June 5th! More details coming soon!

As always, my line is always open. Feel free to reach out to me at president@wrbt.org.

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

**May 1st at 10:30am
www.wrbt.org/service**

COVID protocols will remain in place with well fitting 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 May. If any names have inadvertently been omitted or if you have any questions about Shotsuki services, please contact office@wrbt.org

Hanako Yanagawa	1974	Frank Fujimura	2003
Sachiko Hirose	1978	George Mitsuo Hiranaka	2003
Tokuyo Komoto	1985	Masaru Kato	2008
Takeyoshi Jack Koga	1993	Bill Yaguchi	2011
Gladys Gisi	1999	George Shoji Terada	2014
Risako Kawasaki	2000	Betty Tanaka	2020
Masao Mikami	2001	Yoshiko Yamada	2021

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

With Sympathy

White River Buddhist Temple extends its condolences to the family of Kerry Taniguchi. Kerry was known for his generous spirit and spent many hours volunteering for various local community organizations, including our own Temple. His presence will be missed!

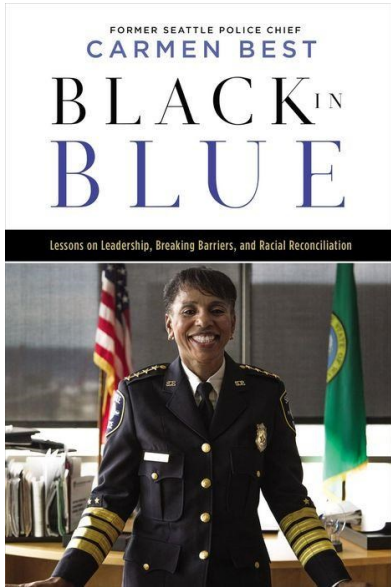
Facilities Committee

Ruts in grass: JR is waiting until the ground dries before fixing the ruts. JR and Charles are continuing to mow the temple lawns. Mary, Craig and Randy continue to work on the garden areas.

Updating our Temple Insurance Policy to specifically include scrolls and statues and other religious objects around the Onaijin and Hondo.

Randy and Rev. Warrick are in the process of determining the cost of amending our insurance policy with Liberty Mutual to cover the unique or special religious artifacts in our Onaijin and Hondo.

Charles and Kendall are collaborating with King County Metro on its request to acquire property from the Temple that is necessary to improve the bus stop on Auburn Way North.



White River Buddhist Temple Virtual Book Club

Black in Blue by Carmen Best

May 1st at 7pm

Register at wrbt.org/bookclub to get the Zoom Link

Former police chief Carmen Best shares the leadership lessons she learned as the first Black woman to lead the Seattle Police Department—a personal insider story that will challenge your assumptions on how to move the country forward

Best teaches readers the core qualities and mindset to persevere and rise through the ranks, even within a workplace whose culture and leadership must be challenged, and policies changed on the way to achieving that vision. Her motivating story serves as a master class in guiding principles for anyone striving to serve their community and rise to the highest echelon of success.

Next Book (June 5th): *Love and Rage* by Lama Rod Owens

Restart Report

We are pleased to have welcomed back our members to the temple last month for in-person services. To ensure that we are providing a safe environment for our members, we have implemented the following protocols:

Masks - All attendees are required to wear a mask, even if fully vaccinated. Masks must fit snugly over the nose and mouth. Face shields are not an acceptable alternative to masks.

Vaccinations - Vaccine verification may be conducted for all who are eligible. Please bring your CDC card, vaccine passport, or other proof of vaccination which may be checked upon entry.

Contact Tracing - While registration is no longer required, the Temple asks that attendees provide their name and contact information upon entry.

Food & Drink - Consumption of food or drink will be not allowed inside the Temple.

For our members who may be more comfortable watching from home, we will continue to live-stream service at www.wrbt.org/service

Temple Calendar

While we have currently returned to in-person services, please check the online calendar or email office@wrbt.org for the most current information. If it is necessary to change the schedule, changes will be reflected on the calendar first.

May 1 (10:30am) - Shotsuki Hoyo Family Service

May 8 (10:30am) - Family Service

May 15 (10:30am) - Gotane Family Service

May 22 (10:30am) - Memorial Service for those who passed away during the Pandemic

May 29 - No Services

May 30 - Cemetery Services

(9:30am) - Mountain View Cemetery

(10:15am) - Pioneer Cemetery

(11:00am) - Hillcrest Cemetery

(12:00noon) - Washington Memorial - Seatac

ABA

The ABA met via ZOOM on April 11, 2022. The ABA’s spring field trip and tour of Kubota Gardens is now scheduled for Thursday, afternoon on June 2, 2022. Because of Covid 19 protocols, there is a hard cap of 20 visitors. The guided tour lasts from 90 to 120 minutes and will involve some walking on flat ground. Our annual ABA picnic has been replaced by a retirement celebration for Rev. and Rona Warrick on June 5th. A fall field trip to the Seattle Asian Art Museum in Volunteer Park is also being discussed. The next virtual ABA meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 9, 2022, at 1 pm.

2022 Spring Plant Sale

April 30, Saturday sale from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.



We're doing well on volunteer workers. We probably can use more if you want to help, you can just show up at this point. Char is handling snacks if you want to donate to that, please let her know.

Donations will be accepted Wednesday and Thursday April 27th & 28th from 11-1. Please bring vegetable and fruit starts, perennials and annuals, houseplants, and garden accessories. It helps us greatly to get donations early so they can be priced and ready to go on the day of the sale.



Empty pots for your potting needs are available on the steps outside the cafeteria space.



Contact Mary Cogger or Alva Nishimura for more information.

Rummage Sale

Saturday, June 11th

9am - 2 pm

Are you spring cleaning? We will gladly accept your donated items for our Rummage Sale! You can start bringing your items to the Temple on Sundays when we have service (please hold on to larger items until the week before the sale).

- Textiles – clean, in new or gently used condition. (No holes, rips, stains). We can accept adult and children's clothing and shoes, towels, bedding, tablecloths, etc.
- Furniture – clean, smaller pieces of furniture. No large upholstered or heavy furniture pieces
- Electronics and Small Kitchen Appliances – clean and in working condition. No consoles or heavy TVs, no large microwaves, no computers
- Garden Supplies and Shop Tools - No used auto parts, tires or rims
- Pet Supplies – crates, collars, leashes in good condition
- Books/Media and Office Supplies
- Toys, Games, Musical Instruments, and Sports Equipment – clean, unbroken condition with all parts included. No pianos or organs. No treadmills, old exercise machines, or other large heavy pieces of equipment
- Housewares – clean, in new or gently used condition
- Seasonal and Home Decor
- Jewelry and Accessories
- Purses and Bags – clean, in new or gently used condition with all working parts
- Collectibles

While you're spring cleaning, if you come across styrofoam, used alkaline batteries, old lightbulbs (sorry, no fluorescent tubes), or unusable textiles (we are NOT able to accept wet, mildewed, or contaminated textiles), bring them to the Temple. We'll bring them to recycling locations and keep them out of the landfill!

If you have any questions, please contact Valerie at valerie.yumi@gmail.com, Sharon at 206-947-2461, or office@wrbt.org.



Retirement Picnic for Rev. Jim and Rona Warrick
Sunday June 5th, 12 noon - 2 pm

Join us as we say thank you to Rev. Warrick and Rona! White River Buddhist Temple will be providing the food so please RSVP by Sunday, May 22nd.

Register at www.wrbt.org/goodbyerevjim or call Char 253-229-7340. You may email office@wrbt.org with questions.

Rev. Jim & Rona Warrick's
Retirement Picnic

On Sunday June 5, 2022 from 12 to 2 pm



Please join us celebrating Rev. Jim & Rona Warrick's Retirement!

White River Buddhist Temple
3625 Auburn Way North
Auburn, WA 98002

RSVP by May 22, 2022
www.wrbt.org/goodbyerevjim
Charlene Grinolds: 253-229-7340

Rev. Dr. Nobuo Haneda from Maida Center of Buddhism, Berkeley

(毎田仏教センター 主任 羽田信生師)

English Seminar “Why Does It Have to Be Amida Buddha’s Pure Land?”

Date: Saturday, April 30th, 10am-12pm

No registration fees. Donations are appreciated.

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwodeuprD8iGNF-UrZloBgZIWT5rgYivB_o

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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Contact cbe@bcahq.org or

510-809-1460 for more information



Newsletter Reminder

June 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

BCA Center for Buddhist Education
Living The Dharma (formerly Every Day Buddhism) Committee Presents:



**FINDING THE ANTIDOTE TO ANGER,
THE SECOND OF THE THREE POISONS**

PART 1

Saturday, May 14, 2022

11:00 am – 1:00 pm (PT)

Guest Speaker: Dr. Larry Ward

Dr. Ward’s presentation will focus on Thich Nhat Hanh’s book
Anger: Wisdom for Cooling the Flames



Larry Ward is a senior teacher in Buddhist Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh’s Plum Village tradition, the author of the book *America’s Racial Karma*, and co-author with his wife, Peggy, of *Love’s Garden: A Guide To Mindful Relationships*. Dr. Ward brings twenty-five years of international experience in organizational change and local community renewal to his work as director of the Lotus Institute and as an advisor to the Executive Mind Leadership Institute at the Drucker School of Management. He holds a PhD in Religious Studies with an emphasis on Buddhism and the neuroscience of meditation, and has trained at the Trauma Resource Institute. As a teacher, Dr. Ward interweaves insights with personal stories and resounding clarity that express his Dharma name, “True Great Sound.”

Moderator: Rev. Marvin Harada

Registration

<https://forms.gle/SiKcgPv9RfmbfqZ4A>

Part 2 Continued on July 16, 2022 Guest Speaker: Rev. T. Miyaji

Donations gratefully accepted

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(Donations are processed by BCA Endowment Foundation)

Visit buddhistchurchesofamerica.org email: cbe@bcahq.org or phone: 510.809.1460

Buddhist Women's Association

BWA@wrbt.org

BWA Spring General Meeting was held as a hybrid Zoom and in-person event on Sunday, April 24. Please contact Georgette if you have questions. 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.

Fresh Flower Sale

Order by May 21st | Pick up on Saturday, May 28th

In partnership with Fresh Flower Farms, White River will once again be selling flower bouquets for \$25! Pick up will take place at all White River, Seattle Betsuin, and Tacoma Buddhist Temple on May 28th from 11 am – 12 pm. Profits go directly toward supporting the Temple. Order now at www.wrbt.org/flowers or by mailing in the enclosed order form. We appreciate your support!

Donations

The Temple gratefully acknowledges the following donations received and recorded from March 16th through April 17th. 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 - \$ 2360

Shotsuki (Monthly) Memorials

M/M Sharon & Mark Kosai	April Shotsuki
Mrs. Katie Komoto	March Shotsuki
Mrs. Charlene Grinolds	In memory of Barbara Tsuji
Tanaka Family	In memory of Dennis Tanaka
Ms. Kathryn Natsuhara	In memory of Frank Natsuhara
Mr. Charles Natsuhara	In memory of Frank Natsuhara
Mr. Dennis Yamashita	In memory of Haru Miyoshi
Mrs. Katie Komoto	In memory of George Taketa
Ms. Susie Taketa	In memory of George Taketa

Memorials

M/M Bob & Mitzi Akiyama	In memory of past members
Ms. Darlene Yamada	In memory of Carolyn Yamada
Mrs. Connie Toda	In memory of Carolyn Yamada
Ms. Tanya Cooper	In memory of Carolyn Yamada
Ms. Betty Tsoukalas	Memorial Service for Helen Mitchell

Hanamatsuri

M/M Sharon & Mark Kosai	Mrs. Alice Nishimoto	Mrs. Mary Cogger
Mrs. Kiyomi Taketa-Ozanich	Mrs. Gayle Takemura	Mrs. Barbara Areggar
M/M Alva & Dennis Nishimura	Mrs. Katie Komoto	Ms. Darlene Yamada
Mrs. Charlene Grinolds	Mr. Randy Okimoto	Mrs. Connie Toda
Ms. Kathryn Natsuhara	Mr. Charles Natsuhara	Mrs. Lilly Kato
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Mrs. Tomeko Taketa	Anonymous (2)	

General Donations

M/M Mitsuko & Alvin Terada	In appreciation
Ms. Georgette Magnin	In appreciation
Mr. Charles Natsuhara	Ohigan
Mrs. Charlene Grinolds	BCA Dana Program

2022 Pledge Totals

March 1 - 31, 2022

Thank you for your support in 2022!

Date	PLEDGES DECLARED			DOLLARS COLLECTED	
	Additional	Total	Contributors	Additional	Total
Apr 4, 2022	\$4,440	\$29,940	36	\$1,845	\$22,595
<u>For Comparison</u>					
Apr 5, 2021	\$2,750	\$30,850	37	\$2,175	\$25,675

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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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