

The White Path

Living the Life of the Nembutsu

WHITE RIVER BUDDHIST TEMPLE

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Greetings from the President

Six months into my term, I want to remind the Sangha that my top priority is to have the Temple be a welcoming place for all. Whether it's respecting our different backgrounds (race, religion, etc.), recognizing the proper use of gender pronouns, or building stronger bonds with our community - we must ensure that we're embracing our mantra "You Are Welcome Here". Let's continue to greet our visitors and community with compassion and understanding without judgement - to me, anything less is unacceptable at White River. Let us continue to live the Dharma and lift each other up.

Now for the updates - over the last two months of in-person services, we have seen a steady increase in attendance each week - some even visiting for the first time. We are dedicated to continuing to ensure a safe and welcoming environment for all - that's why we've invested in live streaming services every Sunday (www.wrbt.org/service). We hope you'll take the time to join us in-person or virtually!

Finally, following the well-deserved retirement of Rev. Warrick and Rona, we are hard at work on the future plans for the Temple. A letter will be going out to the General Membership soon with updates on the options but in the meantime, I want to thank Ruth, Sara, Kelsey, Tessa, and Valerie for stepping up to help fill in during the interim. Join us on June 5th for Rev. Warrick and Rona's retirement picnic to say good bye! RSVP is requested at www.wrbt.org/goodbyerevjim or by calling Char.

Questions? Concerns? Feel free to always reach out at 206-947-1235.

Gassho,

Kendall

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.



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

June Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service

IN PERSON Service

June 5th 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 June. If any names have inadvertently been omitted or if you have any questions about Shotsuki services, please contact office@wrbt.org

Shina Iwai	1973	Ben Tsutomu Nishimoto	1998
Shizuko Natsuhara	1979	Shizuka Nishimoto	2001
Kitaro Tsuji	1979	Aiko Horiuchi	2005
Darlene Jan Ibuki	1980	James Garcia	2010
Harry Ikuma Shimomura	1984	Yuki Kitagawa	2011
Gary Watanabe	1990	Barbara Jean Blanchard Ferrell	2016
Naomi Shima Martin	1992	Lillian Asato	2017
Rose Fusaye Teraoka	1998		

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

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 30: Cemetery Services (ALL are welcome - masks required, Covid-19 self screening and social distancing guidelines in place.

- (9:30am) - Mountain View Cemetery
- (10:15am) - Pioneer Cemetery
- (11:00am) - Hillcrest Cemetery
- (12:00noon) - Washington Memorial - Seatac

June 5 (10:30am): Shotsuki Family Service
 (12:00pm): Rev. Warrick’s Retirement Picnic (RSVP)

June 11 (9am - 2pm): Rummage Sale - For donation drop off: office@wrbt.org or Sharon 206-947-2461

June 12 (10:30am): Family Service

June 19 (10:30am): Family Service

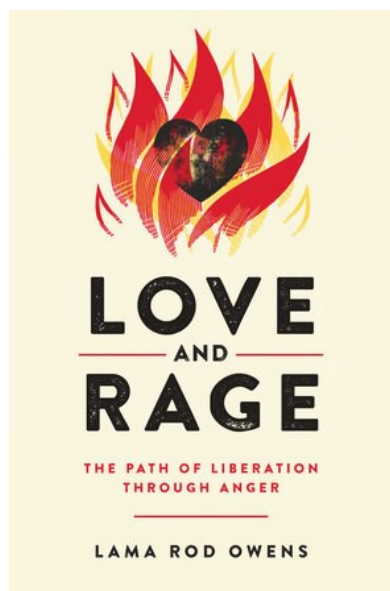
June 26 (10:30am): Family Service

White River Buddhist Temple Virtual Book Club

Love and Rage by Lama Rod Owens

June 5th at 7pm

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



In the face of systemic racism and state-sanctioned violence, how can we use our anger into a force for liberation? *In Love and Rage*, Lama Rod Owens shows how anger from historic white supremacy needs to be acknowledged, explored and respected, to heal from heartbreak and walk the path of liberation. This book offers a vision of how anger, can be used as a vehicle for radical social change and enduring spiritual transformation. Love and Rage weaves the inimitable wisdom and lived experience of Lama Rod Owens with Buddhist philosophy, practical meditation exercises, mindfulness, tantra, pranayama, ancestor practices, energy work, and classical yoga. The result is a book that serves as both a balm and a blueprint for those seeking justice who can feel overwhelmed with anger--and yet who refuse to relent. It is a necessary text for these times.

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.



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Thanks Carpinito Bros.

This year, as in past years, Carpinito’s generously donated vegetable starts to our plant sale as well as giving us a discount on flower starts.

They have been a strong community advocate and WRBT friend for many years.

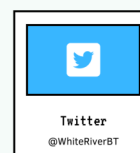
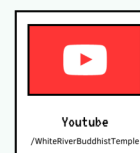
Please support them by shopping at their store for many items. Flower and vegetable starts in the spring. Pumpkins and Christmas items at appropriate times. Produce, sand & gravel, topsoil and bark year around. www.carpinito.com

Newsletter Reminder

July newsletter articles are due **Thursday, June 16th**. Please send articles to newsletter@wrbt.org. Save a tree and a stamp - receive your newsletter via email! Contact newsletter@wrbt.org

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Buddhist Women's Association

BWA@wrbt.org

Spring General Meeting was held as a hybrid Zoom and in-person event on Sunday, April 24. Three attended via Zoom; nine in person. Preliminary meeting minutes were emailed to the BWA mailing list on April 26. Our next meeting is on Sunday, November 20. Please contact Georgette if you have questions. My email is: oz.georgette@gmail.com or mobile: 206-854-7913

FBWA Virtual Convention, Oct 14-16, 2022: An informational email was sent in early May to the BWA mailing list. Registration fee is \$30. Please contact Georgette if you want to attend or have questions. Deadline is July 15, 2022 for me to get your details and payment in order to forward them to the Convention in time.

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 the generous donation from Darlene Yamada, Karen Yamada and Kris Rehon for the one year memorial for Yoshiko Yamada.

ABA

The ABA had a ZOOM meeting on Monday, May 9, 2022. The ABA's spring field trip to Kubota Gardens is scheduled for Thursday, June 2, 2022, at 1:30 pm. This highly informative docent-guided tour of the 20-acre Japanese gardens located south of Rainer Beach. The tour takes ninety -120 minutes over relatively flat terrain. We are fortunate to have two experienced and very knowledgeable docents, local sansei Barbara Yasui and Seattle University Professor, Jason Wirth. The tour is open to all White River members and their guests. There is no entry fee, but donations are appreciated. There is a hard limit of twenty persons, so please sign up by May 27th. Currently, we have nine persons signed up. If interested in participating, please e-mail me at reokimoto@comcast.net.

A fall field trip to the Seattle Asian Art Museum is being planned. A field trip next spring to the Bonsai Gardens in Federal Way is also being considered.

Facilities Committee

Kitchen Freezer Breakdown: The kitchen freezer quit working in April. Key Mechanical sent a technician out to fix it. Although it is now running, it is very noisy and continues to leak oil. It would be very expensive to repair the 20-year-old freezer. The Board is evaluating its options.

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.

Salal Pruning on north side: The owners of the cut-flower company have pruned and trimmed a one-foot border along the temple's north wall. They had offered to do the pruning in exchange for being allowed to keep the salal cuttings.

Updating our Temple Insurance Policy to specifically include scrolls and statues and other religious objects around the Onaijin and Hon-do: The list of separately identified religious artifacts and artwork has been submitted to Liberty Mutual for a cost estimate.

Auburn Way Bus stop Improvement: This project is moving along.

Parking lot Potholes: JR is ordering a load of gravel to fill in the potholes.



JODO SHINSHU

AT THE MOVIES

PART 2

06/11/2022 | 11:00 AM (PT)
REVEREND JAY SHINSEKI
CBE ONLINE EVENT



Register: <https://tinyurl.com/mr3yacyb>



**Buddhist Churches of America
Center for Buddhist Education
Offering**

Contact cbe@bcahq.org or

510-809-1460 for more information



Donations

The Temple gratefully acknowledges the following donations received and recorded from April 17th through May 12th. 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 - \$3275

Shotsuki (Monthly) Memorials

M/M Sharon & Mark Kosai	May Shotsuki
Mrs. Katie Komoto	May Shotsuki
Tanaka Family	In memory of Betty Tanaka
Mrs. Gayle Takemura	In memory of Betty Tanaka
Ms. Shirley Nishimura	In memory of Yoshiko Yamada
Ms. Darlene Yamada	In memory of Yoshiko Yamada
M/M Sally & Wayne Mizuki	May Shotsuki
M/M Janis & Alan Yamada	In memory of Risako Kawasaki and Maki Yamada
Mrs. Joan Rodgers	In memory of Frank Fujimura and Mas Kato
Mrs. Sharon Ito	In memory of Katsumi Ito
Anonymous	In memory of Yoshiko Yamada
Ms. Susan Taketa	In memory of Masaru Kato

Memorials

M/M Curtis & Charlene Nakayama	In memory of Carolyn Yamada
Mrs. Mitzi Yamamoto	3 year memorial for Toshi Yamamoto
Ms. Darlene Yamada, Ms. Karen Yamada,	1 year memorial for Yoshiko Yamada
Ms. Kris Rehon	

Hanamatsuri

Mrs. Norma Geenty

Gotane

M/M Sharon & Mark Kosai	M/M Randy & Eva Chun	Mrs. Joan Rodgers
M/M Wayne & Sally Mizuki	M/M Bob & Mitzi Akiyama	Ms. Kathryn Natsuhara
M/M Mitsuko & Alvin Terada	M/M James & Ikuko Dodobara	Tamio & Takako Uchida
M/M Yuri & Itsuo Shiotani	Mrs. Norma Geenty	Mrs. Yuki Iwai

General Donations

M/M Alva & Dennis Nishimura	In appreciation
M/M Yuri & Itsuo Shiotani	In appreciation
Ms. Georgette Magnin	Rev. Warrick's retirement party
Yakima Buddhist Temple	In appreciation
Mrs. Norma Geenty	Spring Plant & Flower Sale donation
Mrs. Tomeko Taketa	Flower Sale donation
Mrs. Katie Komoto	Flower Sale donation

2022 Pledge Totals

April 1 - 30, 2022

Thank you for your support in 2022!

Date	PLEDGES DECLARED		Contributors	DOLLARS COLLECTED	
	Additional	Total		Additional	Total
May 6, 2022	\$300	\$32,240	37	\$775	\$23,370
<u>For Comparison</u>					
May 5, 2021	\$400	\$31,250	39	\$1,475	\$27,150

Name and Amount Not Specified for Publishing: Kathryn Komoto

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\$500- \$999:

\$1,000 - 4,999:

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Temple Office Hours (SUSPENDED)

For non-emergencies, please call the Temple phone [\(253\) 833-1442](tel:(253)833-1442) and leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as possible. For urgent ministerial needs, please contact Rev. Kusunoki (Seattle Betsuin) directly at 206-939-1196.

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