

# The White Path

Living the Life of the Nembutsu

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## Greetings from the President

Coming hot off the heels of our Bon Odori, I feel re-energized to be a part of the Temple. It was truly an enjoyable event that was more intimate and provided the opportunity for our members, their family, and friends to enjoy each other once again. This year's Bon Odori would not have been possible without the amazing support of our temple members and board who really stepped up to create a fun and relaxing environment for our family and friends. We were successful in giving our members an opportunity to enjoy the event, raising funds, and trying new foods - all while staying safe! A special thank you to our dance sponsors: Georgette Magnin, Mike and Louise Kato, the Natsuhara Family, the Okimoto Family, and the Toyoshima Family for their generous support.

As we head into August which is a quieter month for the temple, we'll be taking some time to improve the temple facility and upgrading our internet for a more stable service stream.

Finally, I want to encourage our members to attend the Idaho-Oregon Buddhist Temple's Northwest District Convention this year - September 16-18 both in-person as well as virtually. It is important we show our support for our other temples and this is one of the best way to do so! Registration will become available online on their website ([www.iobt.org](http://www.iobt.org)) soon and you can begin making reservations at their designated hotel. More information in this newsletter.

As always, please feel free to reach out with questions, comments, or concerns! I'm all ears!

Kendall

## Reflecting On The Past Looking To The Future

**75th NW District Convention  
&  
75th Anniversary of IOBT**

**Save the Dates  
Sept 16-18, 2022**

**Hosted by  
Idaho-Oregon  
Buddhist Temple**



The NW District Convention will take place at Four Rivers Cultural Center, 676 SW 5th Ave, Ontario with in-person and virtual options. Bishop Harada will be the keynote speaker and guest, Stu Hirai will speak at one of the sessions. Stu is a native of Nyssa, Oregon who grew up at IOBT and he is extremely well versed with the 442nd/100th. His session will involve "looking to the past" in keeping with part of the convention theme.

Registration materials are expected to be available online soon. The contracted hotel is the Holiday Inn Express. Reservations may be made by calling them directly at 541 889-7100, referencing the group rate under NW Buddhist Convention.

**August Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service**

**IN PERSON Service**  
**August 7th at 10:30am**  
[www.wrbt.org/service](http://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 August. 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)

Tomi Tsuji	1974	Zentaro Tom Maekawa	1994
Shizue Hirose	1975	Mikio Mori	1995
Hikoza Kawasaki	1976	George Shikao Uchida	2004
Harumi Karel Ikuta	1978	Susumu Clifford Hayashi	2004
Tsuki Tanaka	1979	Alice Kazuko Arita	2004
Haru Ikuta	1981	Lorraine K. Mikami	2006
Morito Nishimoto	1981	Masami Arima	2006
Misuno Nishimoto	1985	James Komoto	2013
Shiro Murashige	1989	Ben Teraoka	2015
Oshie Kiyota	1991		

**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)

**2022 Pledge Totals**  
**June 1 - 30, 2022**

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

Date	PLEDGES DECLARED			DOLLARS COLLECTED	
	Additional	Total	Contributors	Additional	Total
July 8, 2022	\$0	\$30,440	38	\$2,275	\$26,245
<b><u>For Comparison</u></b>					
July 2, 2021	\$500	\$32,730	43	\$1,325	\$29,450

**White River Virtual Book Club**

We are not meeting for the summer. Next meeting is Sept. 11, 2022 and the book is *A Tale for the Time Being* by Ruth Ozeki.



In Tokyo, sixteen-year-old Nao has decided there's only one escape from her aching loneliness and her classmates' bullying. But before she ends it all, Nao first plans to document the life of her great grandmother, a Buddhist nun who's lived more than a century. A diary is Nao's only solace—and will touch lives in ways she can scarcely imagine.

Across the Pacific, we meet Ruth, a novelist living on a remote island who discovers a collection of artifacts washed ashore in a Hello Kitty lunchbox—possibly debris from the devastating 2011 tsunami. As the mystery of its contents unfolds, Ruth is pulled into the past, into Nao's drama and her unknown fate, and forward into her own future. Full of Ozeki's signature humor and deeply engaged with the relationship between writer and reader, past and present, fact and fiction, quantum physics, history, and myth, *A Tale for the Time Being* is a brilliantly inventive, beguiling story of our shared humanity and the search for home.

2013 [Man Booker Prize](#) shortlist. Ozeki was the first practicing Zen Buddhist priest to be shortlisted for the Man Booker

## Donations

The Temple gratefully acknowledges the following donations received and recorded from June 19<sup>th</sup> through July 25<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. Special thank you for the donations, memory lantern requests, and dance sponsorships for this year's Bon Odori. 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 - \$12,851

#### Shotsuki (Monthly) Memorials

M/M James & Ikuko Dodobara	In memory of Yoshiko Yamada
M/M James & Ikuko Dodobara	In memory of Tazo & Oshie Kiyota
Ms. Lorraine Blackler	In memory of Kiyomi Mizoguchi
Mrs. Katie Komoto	July Shotsuki
M/M Sharon & Mark Kosai	July Shotsuki
Ms. Darlene Yamada	In memory of Ben Yamada
Mr. Randy Okimoto	In memory of Tokio Toyoshima
Mr. Joe Watanabe	In memory of Yoko Watanabe
Mrs. Pat Kawabata	In memory of Shiyoji Kawabata, George Kawasaki & Isamu Suyematsu
Mrs. Hime Suyematsu	In memory of Isamu Suyematsu
Mrs. Joan Rodgers	In memory of Amy Kato
Ms. Marcia Kato	In memory of Amy Kato
Shirley Kanda & Roger Fukai	In memory of Mitsuko & John Hamakami
Yamada Cousins-in-law	In memory of Carolyn Yamada

#### Bon Odori (Donations, Memory Lanterns, Dance Sponsorships)

Ms. Georgette Magnin	Mrs. Kathleen Taketa-Ozanich	Ms. Bev Glasser
M/M James & Ikuko Dodobara	Mrs. Katie Komoto	Mrs. Gayle Takemura
M/M Wayne & Sally Mizuki	Ms. Jeri Jarvie	Mr. Randy Okimoto
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Mr. Charles Natsuhara	Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki	Mr. Jeff Shibuya
Mrs. Patricia Kawabata	Shirley Kanda & Roger Fukai	Anonymous

#### Obon and Hatsubon

M/M Eva & Randy Chun	M/M Sharon & Mark Kosai	Mrs. Connie Toda
M/M Wayne & Sally Mizuki	Mrs. Kiyomi Taketa-Ozanich	Mrs. Katie Komto
M/M Mitsuko & Alvin Terada	Mrs. Charlene Grinolds	Ms. Irene Goto
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Mrs. Norma Geenty	Ms. Kathryn Natsuhara	Mr. Charles Natsuhara
Ms. Karen Yamada		

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**General Donations**

Kiwanis Club of Kent AM	Facilities use
Mrs. Charlene Grinolds	BCA Endowment
Malcolm & Eileen Kanemoto	Honor of Rev, Jim & Rona Warrick
M/M Eva & Randy Chun	Rev. Warrick Retirement & Flowers
Mr. Charles Natsuhara	Rev. Warrick Retirement
Anonymous	In appreciation

**Buddhist Women's Association**

BWA@wrbt.org

The WR BWA received a note from Rev. Warrick and Rona graciously thanking us for our retirement gift. They plan to use it for their travels.

**Flower and Fruit Offerings:** Now that in-person services have resumed, there is an opportunity for you to bring flowers or fruit offerings to decorate our altar. There is a signup sheet with further information in the hallway by the temple library.

**Connections:** Even though the weekly Connections email has been discontinued, if you have something you'd like to share with BWA members via email, please contact Georgette at oz.georgette@gmail.com or 206 854 7913. Many thanks to Karen Murakami for her efforts to brightens our spirits. Her e-mail is: [wrlink4goldenchain@comcast.net](mailto:wrlink4goldenchain@comcast.net)

WR BWA gratefully acknowledges receipt of a generous donation from Karen Murakami.

**ABA**

The ABA is now on summer break and our next ZOOM meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm.

**Facilities Committee**

**Walk-In Cooler Fixed:** We had some problems with the walk-in cooler and it has already been fixed.



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July newsletter articles are due **Sunday, August 21st**. Please send articles to newsletter@wrbt.org.

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SUMMER PACIFIC SEMINAR

# REFLECTIONS ON THE PURELAND

AUGUST 5-6, 2022

IN PERSON & VIRTUAL

Jodo Shinshu Center, 2140 Durant Ave, Berkeley 94704



**DR. AARON PROFFITT**

Dr. Proffitt received his PhD in Buddhist Studies from the University of Michigan, and works as an Assistant Professor of Japanese Studies at the University at Albany-SUNY. Dr. Proffitt has published in English and Japanese on East Asian Buddhism, Pure Land Buddhism, Esoteric Buddhism, and the Lotus Sutra.



**DR. MELISSA CURLEY**

Dr. Curley is associate professor in the Department of the Comparative Studies at Ohio State University and the author of Pure Land, Real World: Modern Buddhism, Japanese Leftists, and the Utopian Imagination. Her current research focuses on the body in twentieth-century Japanese Buddhism.

**Moderated by Reverend Dr. Takashi Miyaji**  
Institute of Buddhist Studies/Southern Alameda County Buddhist Temple

REGISTRATION & INFO: <https://tinyurl.com/PacificSeminar>

BCA: Center For Buddhist Education Presents

# WOMEN

in Jodo Shinshu



REVEREND DR. MUTSUMI WONDRA

AUG 20, 2022 @ 11am (PT)



MORE INFO & REGISTRATION:  
<https://tinyurl.com/CBEWomen>

### Temple Calendar

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

Aug 7 (10:30am): Shotsuki Family Service

Aug 14, 21 and 28: No Services

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**Temple Office Hours (SUSPENDED)**

For non-emergencies, please call the Temple phone (253) 833-1442 and leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as possible. For urgent ministerial needs, please contact Kendall at 206-947-1235 and he will contact the on-call minister.

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