

# The White Path

Living the Life of the Nembutsu

WHITE RIVER BUDDHIST TEMPLE

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## Minister's Greetings

Fall is upon us and I am already missing the beauty of the flowers. But, I am always in awe at the majesty of the colors of the leaves.

Coming from Southern California, I did not grow up surrounded by such beauty in the fall. So now, whenever the seasons turn, it feels so nice to see the falling leaves land in the yard. Just seeing this scenery always makes me feel that I should start drinking some hot cocoa and eat some soup while under a blanket watching some new shows or re-watching old shows. While fall reminds me of the comforts of the season, it also reminds me of the truth about the death of all things.

One of the truths of Buddhism is that everything is impermanent. That all things change and there is no way to stop it. This truth is something even I do not like to acknowledge too often because if my mind is constantly on the next possible impermanent moment in my life, my anxiety will grow and become unmanageable.

But we, sentient beings, have the inability to control impermanence. Thus, it is a truth that we all have to live with and does not sit well with people like me who like to be in charge of situations. It is when we are able to let go of trying to control situations, we realize that life is more than just impermanence. Life is about embracing the changes so that life can be beautiful, like the changing colors of the leaves.

This year, I will enjoy the changing of the seasons and look forward to the winter which will accompany my above fall comforts with Japanese cream stew and peppermint drinks all while putting my hands together in gassho to Amida Buddha who reminds me about impermanence.

Gassho,  
Rev. Cyndi Yasaki



## Greetings from the President

As I reflect on the last few months of my term as Temple President, I am very thankful for everyone's support. It has been a time of great transition at the Temple - including holding virtual services to starting in-person gatherings again. We've tried many new things and are finding more creative ways to engage our communities. As a few of us will be cycling off the Board at the end of the year, we're looking for energetic candidates to step forward and join the board. If you are interested, please reach out to me at [president@wrbt.org](mailto:president@wrbt.org) to talk!

Last month, Tacoma Buddhist Temple hosted the Northwest District Buddhist Convention. Hundreds came out for their guest speaker Rev. Dean Koyama. What an amazing opportunity to connect with old friends and make a few new ones! Congratulations to Tacoma for hosting a great event! Next year, White River will host at the Muckleshoot Resort & Casino. We hope that you will get involved and attend the event!

Finally, as we enter the Fall and Winter months, I hope you will find the opportunity to get both your COVID and Flu shots. The CDC has recommended that anyone over 6 months old get their vaccinations. Protecting our Sangha is a top priority - please be considerate by protecting yourself and others. The Temple will continue to monitor health trends and will consider bringing back masks if necessary. If you have any symptoms, please don't attend service and watch our live-stream online instead.

Always feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Gassho,  
Kendall

**October Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service**

**IN PERSON (and Streamed Live) Service**

**October 1st 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 October. 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)

Naka Kiyohara	1975	Urano Kato	1997
Sen Natsuhara	1979	Fumiko Nishimura	1997
Yohei Hikida	1981	Tad Kato	2012
Henry Ichiro Komatsu	1989	Shigeru Toyoshima	2013
Matsumi Matt Mikami	1993	Mitsuko Hamakami	2014
Masue Mosi Miyoshi	1993	Jean Masae Sakagami	2020

**1 year ~ 2022      3 year ~ 2021      7 year ~ 2017      13 year ~ 2011**  
**17 year ~ 2007      25 year ~ 1999      33 year ~ 1991      50 year ~ 1974**

**MEMORIAL SERVICES** To remember those that we have lost, Jodo Shinshu has the tradition of holding memorial services in certain years after their passing. If you would like to schedule a service for your loved one who passed in the following years, please contact Rev. Cyndi via email at [rev.jikaku.yasaki@wrbt.org](mailto:rev.jikaku.yasaki@wrbt.org).

**Buddhism Discussion**

We will resuming our Buddhism Discussion session in October with all new topics. We will be discussing Buddhism's Three Legged Stool on October 15th right after service. Everyone is welcome to attend these sessions so if you're curious, come check it out! Contact [office@wrbt.org](mailto:office@wrbt.org) for more information.

**Buddhist Women's Association**

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

**Eshinni Kakushinni Memorial Service** on October 15, 2023. Please attend this special service honoring two women important in establishing and propagating our Jodo Shinshu faith.

**Crafts and Coffee is back.** Thursday, October 26, from 10:30am to 12:30pm. Bring a craft or activity to show or work on. Optional no-host lunch follows. All are welcome; you do not need to be a Temple or BWA member.

Nominations for BWA officers are open. Please contact Georgette for more info. Elections will be held at the **WR BWA Fall general meeting**, in person, on Sunday, November 19, after service. Please send question or concerns to Georgette at [BWA@wrbt.org](mailto:BWA@wrbt.org)

**Candy fundraiser** featuring a selection of See's Candy treats ends on November 19, the Sunday before Thanksgiving. You do not need to be a Temple or BWA member to order. Proceeds support BWA educational and community outreach programs. Georgette will have order forms at Sunday services. Please make checks payable to WRBT with memo "BWA fundraiser". Cash is also accepted. Pick up candy at Temple December 3 and 10.

**Book Club**

October 15th at 7pm

The October Book Club book is *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith. Please sign up at [wrbt.org/bookclub](http://wrbt.org/bookclub)

**ABA**

The ABA field trip to the Seattle Mariner vs. LA Angels game on September 13, 2013, was a resounding success. Although injuries prevented Shohei Otani from playing, the fans were not disappointed in the game. Eight enthusiastic Mariner fans were treated to a tight and exciting 3-2 Mariner victory. To celebrate, the group went to the International District and enjoyed a delicious and very affordable meal at the Kau Kau BBQ restaurant. A fun time was enjoyed by all.

During the September 11, 2023, ABA meeting it was decided to postpone a planned field trip to the Seattle Asian Art Museum until next spring. Thank you's were also expressed to Valerie, Kelsey, Darlene, Kendall, and Eva for their help with the June ABA picnic. Our next scheduled ZOOM meeting has been changed to Monday, November 13, 2023, at 1 pm.

**Service Volunteer Sign Up**

Sign up to help with weekly services.

- ◆ Chair service
- ◆ Bring and arrange flowers for the onajin - we can help arrange if you wish.
- ◆ Bring fruit for the onajin
- ◆ Ring Kansho before service



Sign Up at [bit.ly/WRBTservice](https://bit.ly/WRBTservice) (case sensitive) or contact [office@wrbt.org](mailto:office@wrbt.org).

**Donations**

The Temple gratefully acknowledges the following donations received and recorded from August 18<sup>th</sup> through September 19<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 - \$ 1535**

**Shotsuki (Monthly) Memorials**

M/M Alan & Janis Yamada	In memory of Jackie Kawasaki Wills and Rikuye Kawasaki
Shirley Kanda & Roger Fukai	In memory of John Hamakami Sr.
M/M Karen and Robert Nishimoto	In memory of John Hamakami Sr.
M/M Sharon & Mark Kosai	September Shotsuki
Mrs. Norma Geenty	In memory of Bill Geenty and August Shotsuki
Tanaka Family	In memory of Ed Tanaka & May Kajikami
Mrs. Gayle Takemura	In memory of Ed Tanaka & May Kajikami
M/M Alva & Dennis Nishimura	In memory of Susumu Hayashi

**50 year Memorial for Sue Arima**

Ms. Susan Kometani-Dittman	Mr. Brian Matsuyama	Dr. Donald Arima
Ms. Asako Arima	Ms. Janet Arima	Mr. Mark Arima
Mr. & Mrs. Stanley & Susan Nakamura	Mr. Thomas Kometani	Mr. John Arima

**General Donations**

M/M Marilyn & Lyman Morikawa	In appreciation
Mrs. Lilly Kato	Flower Fund
Kroger Community Give Back	

<b>2023 Pledge Totals</b>					
<b>August 1 - 31, 2023</b>					
<b>Thank you for your support in 2023!</b>					
<b>PLEDGES DECLARED</b>			<b>DOLLARS COLLECTED</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Additional</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Contributors</b>	<b>Additional</b>	<b>Total</b>
September 8, 2023	\$300	\$35,040	42	\$910	\$30,540
<b><u>For Comparison</u></b>					
September 3, 2022	\$2,500	\$34,440	40	\$2,725	\$31,065
<b>Name and Amount Not Specified for Publishing:</b>					
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<b>Under \$500:</b> Rebecca Remle      Cante Remle					

**\*\*\*\*\* FALL BAZAAR October 22 \*\*\*\*\***

Fall Bazaar will be held on Sunday October 22, from Noon to 3 PM. The event is take-out only with pre-order for the food items. Order forms can be found at [wrbt.org/bazaar](http://wrbt.org/bazaar) with an order deadline of October 13.

Menu Items -Chicken Teriyaki Dinner, Vegetarian Bowl, Maki and Inari Sushi, Mochi, Manju and Pies!

We will also have produce and Gifts/Handicrafts for sale on the day of Bazaar

**BAZAAR DISCOVERY SALE** – We are accepting donations of handicrafts, new and gently used giftware and collectibles (especially Japanese items) for our sale. Please bring items to the back classroom on October 1, 8 and 15. Other drop off dates/times by appointment, [office@wrbt.org](mailto:office@wrbt.org)

Opportunities to sign-up to help will be posted soon. For more information and/or questions, contact Chairperson Charles Natsuhara or [office@wrbt.org](mailto:office@wrbt.org)

**Newsletter Reminder**

November newsletter articles are due **Sunday, October 15th**. Please send articles to [newsletter@wrbt.org](mailto:newsletter@wrbt.org). We encourage you to sign up for our newsletter by email if this is an option for you. **Contact newsletter@wrbt.org or call 253-833-1442 to opt out of the hard copy newsletter.**

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### **Formal Temple Office Hours by Appointment Only**

For ALL ministerial needs (including emergencies), please call Rev. Cyndi Yasaki's cell phone. If your call is not answered immediately, please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

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