



# Tacoma Buddhist Temple

(Jodo Shinshu)

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## MYOKYO 明鏡

(MYOKYO, the Bright Mirror of Buddha Dharma always illuminates our LIFE)

### July 2024

**Temple Mission Statement** *"To offer those in the Pacific Northwest an enduring community that values inclusiveness and acceptance in seeking enlightenment through Japanese Shin Buddhist teachings."*

### Sensei's Message



**To Never Abandon**

**Rev. Tadao Koyama**

Happy July everyone! July for many people marks the middle of the Summertime. The weather is hot, we have the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks to look at, BBQs, and for many temples, Obon! As we enter Obon season, we begin to take out our yukata, various fans, and kachi-kachi in preparation for all of the dancing and fun!

Obon is still one of my favorite times of year, as it marks a time I am able to meet many friends, eat good food, and dance my heart out to fun songs like "Eijyanaika", "Tanko Bushi", and "Soran Bushi". The spiritual meaning behind this time has also become more apparent to me since becoming a priest.

One of my responsibilities is to visit the cemeteries during Obon season to chant sutras for those who wish to observe the passing of their ancestors. This is also an especially busy time for the priests in Japan, as they have to visit all of their members' houses to chant in front of their obutsudan. When I chant Amida Kyo during the cemetery visitations, I am reminded of the wasan or hymn that our founder Shinran Shonin wrote on the Amida Sutra:

*"Seeing the sentient beings of the Nembutsu  
Throughout the worlds, countless as particles, in the ten quarters,  
The Buddha grasps and never abandons them,  
And therefore, is named "Amida"."*

This wasan perfectly describes the feeling of appreciation and awareness that we can feel during this time. While dancing, drinking beer, and making new friends is always fun, this season provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the teachings that our ancestors helped to impart on us from generations ago. When we think about it, the number of ancestors related to us are as countless as particles within the ten quarters of existence. Yet, Amida Buddha still embraces them all equally without fail.

The name “Amida” can also imply the concept of “im-measurable” or beyond our concept of space and time. This is because the amount of wisdom and compassion that Amida gives to us, gave to our past ancestors, and will give to our descendants for the future is truly without measure. With this in mind, we can dance with a great sense of joy and wonder of the innumerable causes and conditions that led us to the nembutsu path and to our encounter with Amida Buddha.

The temple has been the home and the center for many Obon seasons of the past in the United States and from ancient Japan. So many of our ancestors have taken part in this festival and have passed on the love of dance and the temple onto us. When we dance, let us remember them with a deep sense of gratitude and love.

## **President’s Message**



It seems that summer has finally taken hold in the Northwest.

Yes, the weather is warmer and there have been sunnier days these last few weeks, but at the temple, this change of season is marked in other, more subtle ways.

First sign of summer is our temple clean up, where members bring their gardening sheers, clippers and rakes to clean the grounds of our temple and parsonage (with a welcome lunch hosted by our BWA). The following weekend is our temple picnic, where this year the temple enjoyed its annual picnic at a nearby Five Mile Lake Park - in addition to a terrific potluck, the day included rousing games of kickball, badminton and of course, bingo.

Next sign of the seasonal change comes with the end of Dharma school. Coinciding with area schools & colleges concluding their school year, the result is a decrease in the number of students of all ages attending Sunday service and a disarming quietness that takes hold in the Hondo for the summer months.

Now the season is in full swing, where later this month we will have a booth at the Tacoma Pride Festival (July 13<sup>th</sup>), followed by the temple’s featured summer event, Bon Odori (August 3<sup>rd</sup>). As a reminder, you can prepare for Obon by attending dance practices at the temple on July 16<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> (7 PM).

Hope you have a great summer!  
Gassho,  
John

## **Buddhist Women’s Association News**



**Thank you for supporting BWA’s Annual Bento Sale!**

On June 2<sup>nd</sup> BWA held our annual Bento Sale. This year’s bento featured tempura shrimp and vegetables, teriyaki beef and broccoli stir fry, rice, an octopus hotdog, a red bean mochi bar and fresh orange slices. Special thanks to David and Nate for preparing our bento rice this year and to all our BWA members that worked so hard for two days to make over 100 delicious bento! If you missed out this year, you have about 335 days until our 2025 Bento sale!



## Upcoming events:

**July 7** – BWA General meeting following service, July/Aug/Sept BWA toban to host lunch

**July 27** – Daifuku Mochi making for Obon sale, **9 AM**

**August 3** – Prepare Strawberry Mochi for Obon sale, **10 AM**

**September 13-15, 2024** –NW District Buddhist Convention, hosted by White River Buddhist Temple

**October 4-6, 2024**- Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations (FBWA) Conference in San Jose, CA  
In Gassho,

Denise Cline, Tacoma BWA President

## Dharma School News



Congratulations to students who made the excellent attendance list this year!

Great Job students: **Enzo (13th year), Nao (9th), Tamsin (6th), Briony (6th), Aislin (6th) and Jasper (2nd).**



Our Dharma School (DS) students joined Seattle Betsuin's DS at their property in North Bend on Sunday, June 2nd. We thank Seattle DS for their gracious invitation and our students enjoyed interacting with their students and eating great BBQ! Thank you to our chaperones: **Alex Theisen** and **Kenji Shipp** for ensuring our students made it to this event and enjoyed their interaction.

We had fun at the Temple picnic on June 9th playing games and eating great potluck. It's always a great feast commemorating the end of the school year and welcoming in an enjoyable summer. Thank you, **Nate Foote** and **Jet Yotsuuye**, for leading the kickball games!

Our annual **Obon** is on Saturday, August 3rd (4 PM-8 PM) and our Young Buddhist Association (YBA) is planning to host the kori (shaved ice) station like last year as well as selling other items like t-shirts and water. If you would like to help out, please contact our YBA president, Nao Wainer ([skatenao@yahoo.com](mailto:skatenao@yahoo.com)). DS class will be out of session until the end of August. In the meantime, we are always looking for DS teachers among our temple members so please don't hesitate to volunteer. It's very rewarding and our students are well behaved. We have multiple teachers for each class and only ask for you to teach **once a month** at the most. Please contact Junko ([jyotsuuye@outlook.com](mailto:jyotsuuye@outlook.com)) or Coco ([coco\\_i@yahoo.com](mailto:coco_i@yahoo.com)) if you are interested.

Have a great summer and we see you at Obon on Saturday, August 3rd!

In Gassho,

Junko & Coco

## Young Buddhist Association News



Hello all!

Man am I enjoying the change in weather recently, I hope you all are too!

Anyway, very exciting things going on with the YBA! Firstly, we have just elected the 2024-2025 officers! I would like to congratulate **Tai as Treasurer, Tamsin as Secretary, Minara as Vice President, and Enzo as President!** I would also like to thank this year's officers for all the hard work they have done throughout this year!



Moving on, earlier last month on the second of June, some YBA members went up to North Bend and spent the day with the Seattle Betsuin YBA members. It was a success, and everyone had such a great time, it was a great bonding experience and a great chance to make more relationships with YBA members outside of the Tacoma Buddhist Temple (not that our own YBA members can't have great relationships, because we

definitely can and have!). Also, the week after that, YBA had a great time at the annual temple picnic, as usual the food was AMAZING and the games were just as great, we can't wait to participate again next year! Next, our annual Bon Odori T-Shirt Fundraiser is coming up! This year we have the pleasure of Tai Alexander designing the shirts! Once the design is ready and finalized, we will be hand silk screening the shirts ourselves in preparation for Bon Odori. We will be making an announcement after service about orders soon, I'll also give some information on how to order it here in next Myokyo as well, so don't fret, you will get a chance to support us and get a very cool and bodacious shirt as well! Everyone wearing one will be very stylish, trust me:)

Okay, I promise this is the last thing I will mention because this article is getting to be very long. YBA expects to sell shaved ice, T-shirts, and various other items at our booth this year at Obon. So, don't forget to stop by and cool yourself off with some chill, freshly shaved ice this year, we would love your support! Alright that's it for now, I'll be sure to inform you all on some more next month so stay tuned!

Gassho,  
Nao:)

## **Buddhist Education Committee News**



With the arrival of summer comes the anticipation of Obon season, with festive outdoor celebrations of street dancing, hanging lanterns and delicious food. At our Northwest Obon festivals, one usually "works" at their temple Obon but can enjoy Obon festivals at nearby sister temples.



The meaningful part of Obon of course is to reflect on all those who came before us, to remember their lives and contributions that have gratefully brought us to this present day.

One important Obon cemetery visitation that has been done as long as I can remember, is the visit to the Eatonville cemetery. This grave site needs some loving care and for many years has been tended to by our temple members who arrive with rakes, garden tools and work gloves to clean up the many plots of former Japanese who worked in the timber industry in the early 1900s.

Many years ago, my husband and I would go, bringing our son to help with cleaning, alongside Rev. Yukawa, son Gensho and others. Some of the deceased were young men, but sadly there were babies and young children too. It must have been a difficult time laboring to make a meager living in a foreign country for those who immigrated from Japan.

For anyone who would like to offer help at the Eatonville cemetery, mark your calendar for July 17th at 11 am and take in a little bit of history. After the cleanup a short service will be conducted.

Also, for those gearing up for Obon dancing, check out the BCA Music website for "Lantern Song" created in celebration of the BCA 125th anniversary. You can get a taste of the music with videos, audio track and a tutorial on the corresponding dance. It is a beautiful song written by Bonbu Stories, connecting with the past by joining together in dance. Come dance "Lantern Song" at our NW Obon festivals!

*"So we dance, we sing, we'll enjoy tonight and the loving company.  
So we dance, we sing, we'll enjoy tonight and cherish the memories."*

Gassho,  
Donna Sasaki

## **Facility Committee Update**



Those superstitious Gremlins now have a new set of numbers considered taboo. 1717 instills dread and dark predictions of flawless execution of facility projects.



They don't understand it's not some bad numerological juju, but "magic" courtesy of David Yotsuuye, Robert Yotsuuye, Tom Hubbell, Tony Gregg, Rick Tanabe, and Del Sasaki. Those troublemakers are playing a bad game of checkers against Facilities' 3-D chess. So, expect some long Gremlin faces as Facilities pulls off a successful project to stain the parsonage deck. We don't need a crystal ball for that.

Lynrae Hubbell keeps at it with her vigilant efforts to maintain our stretch of Fawcett Avenue and Court D Street free of litter. Rick Tanabe, Delbert Sasaki, and Michael Shiogi are keeping the temple lawn, adjacent lot, and the wisteria in excellent condition.

~Dave

## Toban News



**July 7** Sunday service, BWA General Mtg. after service  
**July 14** Sunday service, Coffee Hour after service  
**July 17** Eatonville/Orting Cemetery Visit/Cleanup – **11 AM**  
**July 21** Sunday service, Obon Cemetery Visits, Board Mtg.  
**July 27** BWA Mochi Making – **9 AM**

**July 28** Hatsubon/Urabon-e service  
**August 3** Obon Festival **4 – 8 PM**  
**August 4** **No service**  
**August 11** Sunday service, Coffee Hour after service  
**August 18** Sunday service, Board Mtg.  
**September 8** First Day of. Dharma School  
**September 13 – 15** NW Buddhist Convention, White River Hosting; **NO SERVICE** at temple  
**September 22** Board Mtg., Emergency Prep Review Meeting, Coffee Hour

**COFFEE HOUR UPDATES:** Toban Chairs - **July 14** (Kenji Shipp), **August 11** (Emma & Kate Inge), **September 22** (Kim & Cindy Nakamura)

**Coffee Hour:** All coffee hours will be held in the social hall for now. Set up tables and chairs (take down after it's over). Provide coffee, tea, etc. Snacks can be made or store bought.

- \*\* **OTHER JUNE TOBAN DUTIES:** Work with July Toban to prep, set up, and serve somen for Hatsubon (July 28), and lunch on Saturday, August 3 (Obon).
- \*\* **OTHER JULY TOBAN DUTIES:** Work with June Toban for Hatsubon Somen prep & Serve (July 28). Provide Obon lunch (simple & quick). **CLEAN UP DUTIES:** Set up times with August Toban to clean the temple.
- \*\* **OTHER AUGUST TOBAN DUTIES:** Provide, set up, and replenish snacks & water for workers during the Obon event (located outside the kitchen door). **CLEAN UP DUTIES:** Set up time with July Toban to clean the Temple.
- \*\* **OTHER SEPTEMBER TOBAN:** Provide small snack for Bazaar set up the week before the event. (PENDING). **CLEAN UP DUTIES:** Set up time with October Toban to clean the Temple.

**All Toban Chairs:** Please email or call your Toban Groups to let them know of the above activities, especially for the set-up and clean-up of temple events occurring during your Toban months. Also arrange times for the monthly clean-up of the temple. Clean-up duties and supply list are posted in the kitchen ONLY. **NEW PORTABLE VACUUM CLEANERS ARE LOCATED IN THE CLOSET BEHIND THE ALTAR.**

**Event Reminder:** **July 17** - Obon Cemetery Clean up Eatonville/Orting. **July 21** - Obon Cemetery visits. **July 28** - Hatsubon & Urabon-e Service. **August 3** - Obon Festival.

**A NEW RESPONSIBILITY WAS ADDED TO THE MONTHLY CLEAN-UP FOR TOBANS:** In the Rev. Pratt Room kitchen, please clean out the refrigerator of outdated food and wipe out the shelves. A CONTENT SIGN-IN SHEET will be posted on the refrigerator. It will also be posted on the Temple Clean Up List as one for the jobs. Thanks for your support on this issue.

Questions/concerns, please contact Michael Shiogi (253) 226-5812, [mshiogi@comcast.net](mailto:mshiogi@comcast.net) or Tracy Ling (253) 370-0933, [tling12005@gmail.com](mailto:tling12005@gmail.com)

**JULY TOBAN**

Kenji Shipp  
David & Kathy Yotsuuye  
Bobby & Junko Yotsuuye  
Michael Shiogi  
Leroy & Penny Kawaguchi  
Chizuko Yotsuuye  
Yoshie Yotsuuye

**AUGUST TOBAN**

Kate & Emma Inge  
Rick Tanabe  
Carrie Mori  
John & Crystal Inge  
Edward & Yoshie Mayeda  
Asako Arima

**SEPTEMBER TOBAN**

Kim & Cindy Nakamura  
Todd & Marcia Nakamura  
Vicki Yoshioka  
Alex Theisen  
Don Arima & Susan Bogni  
Danny Otsuka

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND HELP WITH OUR TEMPLE.

Tracy Ling/Michael Shiogi

**Library News**

Do you know you can check out copies of the *Collective Works of Shinran?* Rev. Koyama says to start with volume 2.



**New books:**

*The Book of Joy* - A discussion between the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu. Two of the great religious leaders.

**A Book Club** book, *Standing at the Edge Finding Freedom Where Fear and Courage Meet* by Joan Halifax. Halifax identified five psychological territories she calls Edge States: altruism, empathy, integrity, respect and engagement. Only when we stand at these edges that we become open to the full range of human experience and discover who we really are.

Thank you, Fred, Lynrae, and Erik for using the library!

Jane

**Greeter's List**

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|-------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>July</b> | <b>7</b>  | Mayumi/Kevin Ikeda                   |
|             | <b>14</b> | Lynn Blick/Jim Doyle                 |
|             | <b>21</b> | Tracy Ling/David Campbell            |
|             | <b>28</b> | Bobby Yotsuuye/Joel Robison          |
| <b>Aug</b>  | <b>4</b>  | <b>NO SERVICE</b>                    |
|             | <b>11</b> | Chiko Faria/David Yotsuuye           |
|             | <b>18</b> | Inge Family                          |
|             | <b>25</b> | Inge Family                          |
| <b>Sept</b> | <b>1</b>  | Brian/Etsuko Willis                  |
| <b>Sept</b> | <b>8</b>  | Claire Silver/Tom Hubbell            |
| <b>Sept</b> | <b>15</b> | NWD Convention; no service at temple |
| <b>Sept</b> | <b>22</b> | Gavin Morgan/Jane Burster            |
| <b>Sept</b> | <b>29</b> | Del Sasaki/Patti Wong                |



## Greeter's Notes

### BEFORE GUESTS ARRIVE

- Put out the carpet in front of entrance door.
- Put the "Please knock" sign on front door.

### AFTER THE SERVICE

- Bring the carpet back into foyer.
- Bring the "Please knock" sign in.

Please have new visitors sign the visitor sign-in sheet in the binder and give them the following:

- Temple Information Booklet (pale green cover)
- TBT Information Sheet with temple info and recommended books
- Spirit, Mind and Body information flyer

Extra supplies are in the office supply room off the Rev Pratt room in the file drawer labeled Membership. Please do a headcount, including downstairs and balcony, and enter it into the Visitor Sign-In sheet. If you are not available, please find your replacement. More detailed greeter instructions are in the Visitor Binder in the foyer.

## Yearly Memorial Service

### Memorial Service Years for 2024

1<sup>st</sup> Year - 2023  
3<sup>rd</sup> Year - 2022  
7<sup>th</sup> Year - 2018  
13<sup>th</sup> Year - 2012

17<sup>th</sup> Year - 2008  
25<sup>th</sup> Year - 2000  
33<sup>rd</sup> Year - 1992  
50<sup>th</sup> Year - 1975



### July 2024

1<sup>st</sup> year Frank Mitsuo Shigio

July 03, 2023

### August 2024

13<sup>th</sup> Year Kenichi Nakano

August 8, 2012

17<sup>th</sup> Year Yoshiye Marie Nakashima

August 14, 2008

25<sup>th</sup> Year Setsuko Cooney

August 1, 2000

33<sup>rd</sup> Year Yoshihiko Tanabe

August 9, 1992

### September 2024

1<sup>st</sup> Year Tada Yotsuuye

September 19, 2023

7<sup>th</sup> Year John Hiroshi Nakagawara

September 4, 2018

17<sup>th</sup> Year Motoshi Yamasaki

September 28, 2008

25<sup>th</sup> Year Susumu Sato

September 14, 2000

50<sup>th</sup> Year Masao Okada

September 15, 1975

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# Welcome New Member!!



## Nick Greenaway

We welcome our newest member, Nick Greenaway.

Nick was born in Okinawa and grew up in Renton and Puyallup. After being in the Army for seventeen years and moving around quite a bit, he settled in Browns Point in Northeast Tacoma.

His family visited Tacoma Buddhist Temple's Obon in the early to mid-80s, and after he became interested in Buddhism a year ago, joining the temple seemed like a natural choice.

Nick is an electrical worker who repairs industrial machinery. Also, he states, "I've worked enough plumbing to be glad I never became a plumber!" He would like to help with the temple's maintenance crew, if they need help.

Nick has a wife, Olga (who is not a Buddhist), two dogs, a cat, and two aquariums full of fish. "It's quite a zoo!" He and Olga are learning Japanese and would be grateful for a tutor.

**Volunteers Needed for Tacoma Buddhist Temple Table  
at Tacoma Pride 2024**

**Saturday, July 13, 2024 -- 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
at 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Pacific Avenue**

We need people who can help us share Jodo Shinshu at Tacoma Pride.  
If you can fold origami, that's even better!

Shifts are: 9:00 - 12:30  
12:30 - 4:00  
4:00 - 6:00 (dismantle & load)

Parking is not provided.

Please contact Gavin with questions or to sign up at (206) 650-2475  
or [gavinschmavin@gmail.com](mailto:gavinschmavin@gmail.com)

In gratitude,  
Gavin

**BOOK CLUB  
KING'S BOOKS  
JULY 11 @ 7 PM**

**Little Book of Zen Healing:  
Japanese Rituals for Beauty,  
Harmony and Love  
Paula Arai**

**BOOK CLUB  
KING'S BOOKS  
AUGUST 8 @ 7 PM**

**The World We Have: A Buddhist  
Approach to Peace and Ecology  
Thich Nhat Hanh**

# 2024 Obon Memorial Candle Observance

Candle order deadline: Sunday, July 14

Memorial Candle Observance has been a special gathering to end an evening of festivities. We experience and observe the spiritual meaning of Bon Odori – remembrance and gratitude to the many people who are represented by the several hundred glowing candles around the garden and pond.

People of many different faiths along with us Buddhists participate in the observance. The feeling of grateful remembrance for ancestors and those who have died transcends religion, country and ethnicity.

**ORDER DEADLINE IS EARLIER THIS YEAR – SUNDAY JULY 14.**

**There are several ways to place an ORDER:** If it helps you to know what your previous order was, we have your previous order will be available when ordering at services, or contact Lynrae Hubbell (contact info below) or Wendy Hamai, wfhamai@rainierconnect.com

- **Complete the order form below and mail to the temple.**
- **Email your order to Lynrae Hubbell, [lynrae@harbornet.com](mailto:lynrae@harbornet.com)**
- **Place your order before or after Sunday services.** We will take orders on most Sundays, starting on Sunday, June 11 and until the order deadline of Sunday, July 14.

**The cost is \$10 per candle.** Charge, check, cash accepted.

**Thank you ALL** for your continued support of this meaningful observance since 2008.

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**2024 Memorial Candle Order FORM (\$10 per candle)**

DEADLINE: SUNDAY, JULY 14

**Ordered by:** \_\_\_\_\_

phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Names for candles: one name or couple per candle. PRINT CLEARLY, please!** Use back of form if needed. **Buddhist name flag** will also be included if, 1) We already have one on file, or 2) You have a copy of the Buddhist name in Kanji and include a copy with your order.

Buddhist name on file?

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_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Checks should be made out and mailed to: Tacoma Buddhist Temple, Attn: Candle Observance,  
1717 South Fawcett, Tacoma, WA 98402-1706



# Bon Odori Lessons Everyone is Welcome!

July 16-18, 7PM - 8:30PM

If it's your first time or 100<sup>th</sup>, we encourage everyone to come dance. Listen to the music, learn the steps and enjoy the community. Lessons are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday – July 16-18<sup>th</sup> from 7:00pm to 8:30pm.

Enter the temple social hall, bring your fans, uchiwa, castas or just come as you are and begin your Bon Odori remembrance of those that have given so much to us.

We look forward to seeing each of you and as many ministers have said – “You’re a fool if you dance, you’re a fool if you don’t dance. So – let’s dance!”

Questions, please contact [crystal.inge@gmail.com](mailto:crystal.inge@gmail.com) or follow us on Facebook and Twitter for updates. Thank you!



## CALLING FOR JAPANESE ITEMS!

At our Obon, we hope to sell kimonos, yukatas, getas, fans, etc. And if you have other items, please drop off on the stage in the social hall. Thank you for your Japanese treasures and we will take care to find a good second home them. Accepting the below:

**Japanese Art and Ornaments:** Scrolls, ukiyo-e prints, paintings, drawings, calligraphy, screens, posters, kokeshi dolls (small wooden).

**Japanese Books:** Cookbooks only.



**Japanese Clothing and Dance Accessories:** Happi coat, kimono, obi, kanzashi, geta, zori, haori, hakama, yukata, Japanese handbags, tabi, kimono under garments, ties and sashes. Uchiwa, tenegui, sensu (folding fan), castanets, casa (Japanese umbrella).

**Japanese Kitchen & Cooking Items:** Rice cookers (syamoji), mochi machines, donabe (hot pot), sushi molds.

**Japanese Musical Instruments:** haku-hachi, koto, taiko drums.

**Obutsudan and accessories:** Family owned, small to mid-sized that is easily transportable.

**Japanese Tableware:** chawan, teapots, tea sets, sake sets, Japanese dishes, ceramics, miso bowls, dishes, lacquerware, plates and platters

**Japanese Textiles:** kimono material, furoshiki and other Japanese made fabrics, tablecloths and placemats.

**Japanese Toys:** kendama, tako, hagoita, koma (tops), syogi, Go, hanafuda (card game).

Thank You!

*White River Buddhist Temple, Seattle Betsuin, and Tacoma Buddhist Temple Present:*

# 2024 TRI-TEMPLE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

## August 10, 2024

Brannan Park, Field 1 | Auburn, WA



White River Buddhist Temple Presents

# CONNECTIONS

BUILDING FOR TOMORROW



## 77th Annual NW District Buddhist Convention



September 13-15, 2024  
Muckleshoot Casino Resort  
Auburn, WA

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Candice Shibata

**[NWDconvention.org](http://NWDconvention.org)**

Hotel Reservations 1-800-804-4944 Reference the "2024 Buddhist Conference"  
Pricing is \$159 for a Deluxe room and \$169 for a Luxury room (Mt. Rainier view)



## Sign up for Kieshiki to celebrate BCA's 125th Anniversary during the 2024 Northwest Convention!!!

### What is a Kieshiki?

A Kieshiki is where a follower of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism states they will uphold and follow the Jodo Shinshu path and then receive a Homyo or Buddhist Name from the Bishop. Anyone from any BCA Affiliated Temple or Sangha can apply.

### What is a Buddhist Name?

In Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, you are allowed to get a Buddhist Name when you are still living and even if you do not plan to become a priest. All Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Names are given the character 釈 (Shaku) to mean "Disciple of Shakyamuni Buddha" along with two other Chinese characters. When you apply for Kieshiki, you can choose one of these characters. These characters are taken from various Jodo Shinshu scriptures to create your Buddhist Name.

If you are interested in signing up for Kieshiki, please visit: [nwdconvention.org/programming](http://nwdconvention.org/programming)  
**Kieshiki Application deadline is Sunday, July 14, 2024.** If you have any further questions about Kieshiki or Homyo, please email Rev. Cyndi Yasaki at [rev.jikaku.yasaki@wrbt.org](mailto:rev.jikaku.yasaki@wrbt.org)



**Issho Open Taiko (IOT)** is an opportunity to learn beginning level taiko, have fun and play together.

Known for 12 years as "**Open Taiko**", "**Issho**" has been added to capture the spirit of these sessions.

Sessions occur monthly. Periodically, there are 3-4 session weekly workshops to focus on learning more taiko skills and longer songs for those interested.

Participants (public and TBT members) have ranged in age from teens to 80. IOT is an informal taiko education and "hands on" program without a requirement for regular attendance.

For more information and to register for a session, contact *Wendy Hamai* at (253) 678-2891 or [wfhamai@rainierconnect.com](mailto:wfhamai@rainierconnect.com)

Donations gratefully accepted by Tacoma Buddhist Temple for sponsorship of this program.





## \*July 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Sunday service 10 AM BWA General Meeting to follow	8	9	10 Study Class Via Zoom 6 PM	11 Book Club King's Books 7:00 PM	12	13
14 Sunday service 10 AM Coffee Hour after service	15	16 <i>Obon Dance</i> Practice 7 PM Social hall	17 Eatonville/Orting Cemetery cleaning Obon Dance Practice 7 PM	18 <i>Obon Dance</i> Practice 7 PM Social hall	19	20
21 Board Meeting 8:30 AM Sunday Service 10 AM Obon Cemetery Visitations	22 Myokyo Deadline	23	24	25	26	27 BWA Daifuku Mochi making 9 AM
28 Hatsubon/Urabon-e Service 10 AM	29	30	31			

## \*August 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 BWA Fresh Strawberry Mochi making 10 AM Tacoma Obon Matsuri 4 PM - 8 PM
4 No Sunday Service	5	6	7	8 Book Club King's Books 7:00 PM	9	10 Tri-Temple Softball Tournament 8 AM - 1 PM
11 Sunday service 10 AM Coffee Hour after service	12	13	14 No Study Class Summer Break	15	16	17
18 Board Meeting 8:30 AM Sunday Service 10 AM	19 Myokyo Deadline	20	21	22	23	24
25 Sunday Service 10 AM	26	27	28	29	30	31