



The Gesture of *Gassho*

By Rinban Don Castro

Have you seen the man on Rainier Avenue or 14th Avenue who stands on the corner or in the street with his arms stretched out and with his palms facing the sun? I've seen him from time to time on those streets for the past few years. I am guessing he is a Charismatic Christian; although, for all I know, he could be a sun worshipper. If you check the internet for "Charismatic Christian," you will see photos of the gesture I am talking about. This expression of prayer and worship was used by early Christians and the more common, modern gesture of *gassho* was only introduced by Saint Francis of Assisi. Possibly the most famous depiction of *gassho* in western art is a pen and ink drawing by Albrecht Durer done in 1508 and titled "Study of the Hands of an Apostle." Saint Francis (1181/1182-Oct. 3, 1226) learned the gesture of *gassho* in 1219 when he went to Egypt in an attempt to convert the Sultan and put an end to the conflict of the Crusades. I imagine *gassho* entered Islam when Muslims invaded India.

I have heard it said that, in the act of *gassho* to another person, we are bowing to the Buddha in that person. When we *gassho* to the Buddha in our *naijin* (either the Buddha image or the six character name-and-title), we are not bowing to something external but to a universal Truth beyond the distinctions of internal or external. The word "Amida" means "immeasurable," meaning it is true any time and any place. Amida Buddha is universal enlightenment. Returning to the gesture of *gassho* toward another person, it is a unifying gesture. It is affirming to the other person that we have a mutual identity in the universal Truth of the Buddha Dharma.



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Chairperson's Message

by Alan

Hoshino

The weather is getting hot as we make our way into the middle of summer and hopefully you're getting a chance to take a break and enjoy a summer vacation. I know our ministers and temple volunteers really need some down time after last month which was filled with activity beginning with four of our youth attending the week long BCA Youth Advocacy Committee (YAC) retreat at the Sacramento Betsuin and becoming Youth Minister's Assistants. Our new YMA's are Amanda H. Josh M, Alex S. and Marissa W. who now join the growing ranks of young people around the BCA who have partici-



pated in the past twelve years of the YAC program.

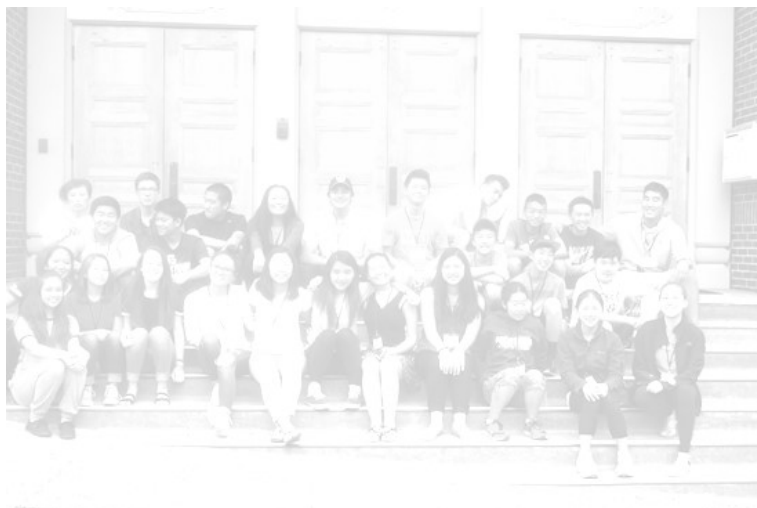
Congratulations to Betsuin members Matt & Rosalie May who received Tokudo at our mother temple, the Nishi Hongwanji, in Kyoto on July 15th. Tokudo is the initial level of ordination where the spiritual head of our sect, Gomonsu Kojun Ohtani, accepts as his disciples those who show they are prepared and dedicated and officially grants them permission to study Shinran Shonin's Kyogyoshinsho (The True Teaching, Practice and Realization of the Pure Land Way) and "enter into the gate". As novices they are not certified to teach and per BCA policy Matt & Rosalie will continue to be referred to as Minister's Assistants and will continue to study and work under the supervision of Reverends Castro and Sekiya.



Our biggest annual event, Bon Odori, was a huge success this year. Thank you to our dance instructors Gwen Florence, Crystal Inge, Seiko Miyahara, Tyler Moriguchi, Stacy Nakata, Hatsune Tokita, Nicole Shimizu, Gail Suzaka, Sara Umeda, Susanne Umeda and Marianne Wick who taught what I believe is a record 17 dances this year! The weather was perfect and thanks to our members and friends who staffed shifts and a few very special vendors who made substantial donations I'm excited to report that preliminary indications are that we set a record this year and financially this will be the best Bon Odori ever.

We finished the month hosting two more events. The Northwest Young Buddhist League's summer retreat had 28 youth spend a weekend at the temple that included workshops with Revs Kakihara and Sekiya, a couple all night discussions, going to Seattle Keiro and participating in White River's Bon Odori. While there were several adult members who helped with the logistics a special word of thanks goes to Marie Kosai-Luke, Howard Luke and Steph Ojima for spending the entire weekend with our YBA and sleeping overnight

at the temple. For the final event of the month we



arrival. Special thanks to core team members Andrea Mano, Cyrus Honmyo, Craig Nakashima & Gary Shibata for made it all happen.

Have a great summer!
In gassho, Alan

...Chairperson's Message continued.

hosted guest lecturer Dr. Toshikazu Arai, Professor Emeritus of Soai University, who presented three nights of English language lectures [Ed. Note: see p. 5] and will continue his visit through August 8 presenting seminars in Japanese during the first week of August. Dr. Arai is staying in our newly renovated small parsonage and a very special shout out to the Betsuin Maintenance team who finished the remodel just in time for Dr. Arai's



ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE...

We would like to “thank” the following regular members, for contributing their annual Ijikai dues (the basic dues toward the Temple maintenance/operations). This is the list of those paid members for the fiscal year of 2016.

Jim Akizuki, Doris Aoyama, Masatoshi Aoyama, Gene & Yuki Arinobu, Steve & Lori Chisholm, Irene Driscoll-Goto, Mary Furuta, Bill & Beverly Glasser, Setsuko Harada, Mickey & Yoshi Hiroo, Sharyl Kamihara, George Kodama, Chieko Kubota, Esther Kojima, Fumiye Masunaga, Yoshie Mikami, Yoshiko Miyauchi, Eric & Betty Nakashima, Tsukasa & Keiko Namekata, Tokuzo & Mari Okumura, Louise Sakuma, Gary & Deborah Shibata, Sato & Darlene Shimizu, Grace Tazuma, Jim & Rona Warwick, Steve & Valerie Yamasaki, Charlene Yoritsune, Fuyo Yoshida, Donna Zumoto

***AS A REMINDER:** The **minimum** for basic dues towards the Temple maintenance/operations, is \$250 for those over 70 years of age and \$300 for those under 70 years old. **Payments are due by September 30, 2016, for this fiscal year.** If you have any questions about your membership status, contact the Betsuin office: 206-329-0800 or office@seattlebetsuin.com. (compiled by HL, PS, JN, & SO)

Transportation Committee for the 2016 Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations (FBWA) Conference is seeking volunteer drivers

to shuttle attendees from SeaTac Airport to the Westin Bellevue on Thursday and Friday, October 6 and 7 and from the Westin back to the airport on Sunday, October 9. Please call Joan Nakano at the Betsuin office or send an e-mail to office@seattlebetsuin.com if you can volunteer to drive and please indicate your availability. A sign-up sheet is also posted on the bulletin board across from the Betsuin office.

SBBWA News by Nina Tomita-Kato

Happy summer to all our SBBWA members, just a few notes.



Thank you for your help at Bon Odori, preparing the food on Friday, Yakisoba booth, craft booth, and I saw many members helping other area. Your time and work are very much appreciated.

Please help us support the Northwest District in hosting the Federation BWA conference to be held on October 7, 8, 9. It promises to be a great event with English and Japanese speakers, workshops, and a time to reacquaint ourselves with old friends and a time to make new friends. If interested please contact the office or we have registration table on Sundays at temple. We can arrange transportation from Seattle Betsuin to Bellevue Westin.

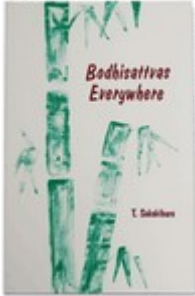


Musical Notes submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi



Special musical programming continues during summer services. The Atomic Bomb Victims Memorial service on August 7 will feature Steve Yamasaki (woodwinds) and David Yamasaki (guitar). Thank you to Kristy, Kayla and Alina for providing the music on July 24 for the YBL retreat Sunday morning service and to Mas Tamekuni for filling in on July 31 with ukulele. Any other youth or adult musicians who are willing to take a turn or have musical ideas in anticipation of the coming Dharma School year are welcome to contact Kemi Nakabayashi, through the temple office.

Religious Education Events

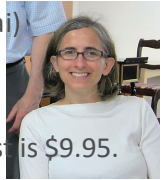


September Buddhist Study Group

The next meeting of the Buddhist Study Group will take place on September 10. The book for this month is *Bodhisattva's Everywhere* by Rev. Tokuso Sakakibara (translated by Rev. Arai)

<http://bcabookstore.mybigcommerce.com/bodhisattvas-everywhere/>

Please contact Rinban Castro if you are interested in doing a group purchase. The cost is \$9.95.



The meeting will take place in the Memorial Hall from 9:30-11:30am. There will be a brown bag lunch afterwards. There is no cost to attend.

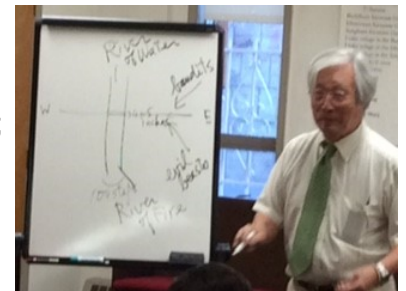
- submitted by Leonora Clarke

Dharma School News Thank you everyone for all of your help during Obon! So many of you worked numerous shifts, spanning over the four days. Special thank you to Obon chairperson extraordinaire, Ron, for leading the way. There were so many booth chairs and sub organizers who worked many hours beforehand, and all of you are greatly appreciated! 2016 Seattle Obon is in the books!

We hope everyone enjoyed the last day of Dharma school activities. It looked like the kids were having fun outside in the nice weather. We are now looking forward to next year. Save the date—the first day of Dharma school will be Sunday, September 11, 2016.

- submitted by Joyce Tsuji

Rev. Dr. Toshikazu Arai's lectures series was entitled "Buddha and Man". His English series was attended by 12-15 people where some points of discussion were: the meaning of "praising"; *genso eko*/returning to this *saha* world; the meaning of *bodhicitta* from Honen's view; buddha-nature; saying the Name (NamoAmidaButsu) without other sundry practices; saying the Nembutsu is hearing the nembutsu regardless of who is saying it; *shinjin*—slow or quick; Bodhisattvas and who they are. He tried to explain the four kinds of Buddha bodies—Dharma, Reward, Response, and Transformed. He interspersed his lecture with story, i.e. Kisagotami; River of Fire, River of Water; Shinjin is Like Catching a Cold (Shichiri, Gojun). Rev. Arai's just released book in Japanese is entitled, *Shinran Saiho Shinan Sho*, (*A Guide to the Westerly World*), "a collection of records of Honen's words and deeds sifted and edited by Shinran"; he also has a blog spot called dharmaechoes. - IHG



**2016 NW YBL
Summer
Retreat
July 22 - 24
at
Seattle
Buddhist
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Given by:

Mr. Matsui – 82 nd Year Memorial	\$ 500.00	T. Jack Matsui
Haruko Shimizu – 1 st Year Memorial	\$ 500.00	George Shimizu
Hajime Hirata – 3 rd Year Memorial	\$ 500.00	Michiko Hirata
Harumi “Marge” Fujioka – 1 st Year Memorial	\$ 300.00	Estate of Harumi Fujioka
Ben Hirano – Graveside Service	\$ 300.00	Lois Hirano
Joseph Wakazuru – Inurnment Service	\$ 300.00	Richard Wakazuru
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Albert Shintaku – 3 rd Year Memorial	\$ 300.00	Frances Shintaku
Haruko Shimizu	\$ 235.00	George & Reiko Beppu; Lily Shimizu & Family; George Shimizu; Roy & Kazumi Shimizu; Stan Shimizu; Richard & Angela Shimizu-Tse & Family
Fumiko Nakashima – Hatsubon	\$ 150.00	Akira Nakashima
Harumi “Marge” Fujioka - Hatsubon	\$ 100.00	Lorraine Blackler
Wesley Kosai – Hatsubon	\$ 50.00	June Kosai
Florence Tsuchida - Hatsubon Tsuchida	\$ 25.00	Ken Katayama & Shirlee

In Memory of:

Given by:

Sayeko Aoyama	Michiko Toyoshima
Harumi “Marge” Fujioka	Lorraine Blackler; Joanne Kitagawa; William & Aimee Lew; John Kitagawa; Allan & Ronalee Mizoguchi; Ellen Shigeno; June Shigeno; M/M Sam Shimizu; Sato & Darlene Shimizu; Fumiye Taniguchi; Merrily Taniguchi
James & Hiroko Hasegawa	Stephen Hasegawa
Wesley Kosai	Jim Akizuki & Louise Sakuma; Jeffrey & Tina Zumoto-Ko; T. Jack Matsui; Mabel Nishizaki; Frances Shintaku; Peggy Tanemura; Miyoko Tazuma
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Janet Hiroko Kosai	In Honor of Grandson's Graduation
Irene Goto-Driscoll	Appreciation for repair of 4 Onenju
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Robert & Mitsuko Akiyama	In Honor of Luke Akiyama's Eagle Scout Award

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Evelyn Chuang	General Donation & Donation for copy of Mukashi, Mukashi
Marilyn Suzuki	Donation for copy of Mukashi, Mukashi
Keiro Northwest	Appreciation for use of facilities
Keiro Northwest – Ayame-kai	Appreciation for use of facilities
Kids Summer Program (KSP)	Appreciation for use of facilities
Nikkei Heritage Assn of WA, dba Japanese Cultural & Community Center of WA	Appreciation for use of facility
Gordon Habu & Mae Yamasaki	Appreciation for use of facility
Kris & Keiko Kosugi	Appreciation in support of Boy Scout/Eagle Scout Program
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Kevin & Kari Ann Yokoyama	
Yukio & Karen Morikubo	
David & Editha Akiyama	
Tom & Beverly Sakamoto	

Monthly Meals Project for Homeless Youths Celebrates 7 years

Since 2009, we have been providing a hot meal on the third Friday of each month to homeless area youths at Youthcare's Orion Center. Thank you to so many of you that have supported this project by your volunteer efforts. But, the need for volunteers is ongoing. Volunteers are needed for the following upcoming dates in 2016: Aug 19, Oct 21, Dec 16 and all future months. Do you appreciate the comfort of you own bed, a hot shower or bath? Do you worry where your next meal will come from? Make a difference in our community. Won't you please volunteer at one of these meals?

Thank you to recent meal coordinators: Margaret Teramoto & Tina Ko for May, Nina Tomita-Kato & SBBWA for June, and Paul Mori & Family for July.

For more information or to volunteer for this project, please contact Mike Teramoto at mteramoto@yahoo.com or contact the temple office.



Seattle Betsuin gratefully acknowledges donations received for special services as follows.

If your name is not listed, the donation may have been received after the deadline for this newsletter and will be listed in the next edition. Please accept our apologies for any inadvertent misspelling of names: For Hatsubon / Obon, listings were from how envelope donations were received and identified. All donations have been listed in one grouping or another.

Hatsubon: Aoyama, George & Family; Beppu, George & Reiko; Blackler, Lorraine; Groves, Fumiko; Katayama, Ken & Shirlee Tsuchida; Kosai, June (Yoshie); Nakashima, Akira; Shimizu, George; Shimizu, Lilly & Family; Shimizu, Roy & Kazumi; Shimizu, Stan; Sumida, Leslie; Toyoshima, Michiko; Tse, Richard & Angela Shimizu - & Family;

Obon (Temple Service): Asaba, Marian; Baba, Janet; Beard, Clara; Deguchi, Mae; Desaki, Yasuko; Dodobara, Kenny & Yoshie; Driscoll, Irene Goto -; Fujinari, Suzanne; Fujishima, Tom & Ichiko; Fujita, Florence; Fukeda, Toshiko; Habu, Gordon & Mae Yamasaki -; Habu, Jack & Fumi; Hamakawa, Ron; Hamanaka, Yoko; Hamatani, Jane; Hanada, Miyuki; Hara, Reiko; Harada, Setsuko; Harano, Nelson; Hasegawa, Stephen; Hatai, Susan; Hikida, Mary; Hinds, Cynthia; Hirata, Michiko; Huh, Jamie; Ichikawa, Satoru & Grace; Ishii, Jean; Isomura, Toshiko; Jofuku, Scott; Kaku, Dale & Shizue; Kaneta, Miyoko; Kashiwa, Ann T.; Katayama, Mary K.; Kato, Kazue (Katie); Kato, Nina Tomita -; Kawahara, Ritsuko; Kido, Momoko; Kikuchi, Shizue; Kogita, Takako; Kojima, Esther; Kozai, Yoshiko; Kunihiro, Carolyn; Kuramoto, Daisy Toyoko; Kusachi, Sachiko; Kusakabe, Peter; Kuwahara, Kinue; Mano, George & Irene; Mano, Mariko; Masunaga, Fumiye; Matsui, Tsugio Jack; Miyata, Tetsuo & Linda; Miyauchi, Takiko; Miyauchi, Yoshiko; Mizoguchi, Allan & Ronalee; Mizumori, Sheri; Mori, Paul Bruce & Teresa; Nakabayashi, Kemi; Nakanishi, Kiyoko; Nakano, Craig & Joan; Nakano, Junko; Namekata, Tsukasa & Keiko; Nishimura, Hisashi & Sadako; Ohara, Mari; Ohtani, Michiye; Okada, Emiko; Oxrieder, Gregory & Catherine Ann; Oye, Sunako (Sunkie); Ozanich, Kiyomi Taketa -; Sako, Masako; Seko, Robert; Shibata, Dennis M.; Shigaya, Kenneth; Shigaya, Mary S.; Shigaya, Teruko (Terrie); Shimada, Shirley; Shimizu, Roy & Kazumi; Shimizu, Sato & Darlene; Shinoda, Franklin; Shintaku, Frances; Sordetto, Gayle; Sumida, Leslie; Sumida, Midori; Tahara, Masaru & Anna; Takamura, Kuniko; Takashima, Kiyoko; Takemura, Yoshiaki & Naomi; Taketa, Haruso & Sonoe; Tanemura, Kevin; Tanemura, Peggy; Taniguchi, Fumiye; Taniguchi, Martha (Masayo); Tanino, Katsumi & Terrie; Terada, Allan & Kayoko; Terada, Calvin J. & Yvette; Terada, Joe & Hideko; Teramoto, Stuart; Tokunaga, Toshio & Dolly; Toyoshima, Michiko; Uchida, Sam & Masako; Umeda, Susanne; Uyenishi, Tazuko; Vaart, Michiko Jean; Wada, Machiko; Watanabe, Henry; Wong, Leanne Nishi -; Yamada, Arlene; Yamasaki, Fujie; Yamashita, Dennis & Elaine Aoki -; Yee, Fukuyo; Yokota, Sumie; Yokoyama, Kevin & Kari Ann; Yoritsune, Charlene M.; Yoshida, Betty; Yoshida, Fuyo; Yoshimi, Crystal; Yutani, Nobuo; Zumoto, James & Tomiko;

Obon (Cemetery Service): Akira, Donald & Karen; Anonymous, ; Beck, Chris & Marcia Kajimura -; Enomoto, Sachiyo; Fujii, Minoru & Aiko; Fujino, Suteko (Sue); Furuta, Geraldine; Glasser, Bill & Beverly; Hanada, Peggy; Harada, Michiko; Kataoka, Kenny & Linda; Kishi, Allan & Rose; Kondo, Stan & Bonnie Duran; Kubo, Masako; Mamiya, Haruko; Mayeda, Duane & Ann; Mori, Paul Bruce & Teresa; Nagai, Ernest & Sanaye (Sunnie); Nakamura, Yoshio & Judith; Osaki, Marianne; Sakuma, Pauline; Shimbo, Ben & Etsu; Suzaka, Gail; Tanaka, Rikuko; Taniguchi, Theodore & Akiko; Tazuma, Miyoko; Teranishi, Asako; Watanabe, Keiko;

Bishop/Rinban Memorial: Ito, Yaeko; Miyauchi, Takiko; **All Sangha Memorial:** Goshu, Kazumi (Janice); Takashima, Kiyoko; **Gotan-Ye:** Beard, Clara; Yahata, Shizue;

Notes from Dharma Exchange

June 26 - Doug McLean MA presented Buddhism 103, dealing with the history of Jodo Shinshu up to the present. His handout covered the following topics, and a concise explanation to each question was included in his talk: What is Jodo Shinshu Buddhism? Who was the Founder? Who was the Restorer? But What is Pure Land Buddhism? Why Bother Going to the Pure Land? What are the Primary Sources for Pure Land Buddhism? Amida: The Buddha of Infinite Light, Wait, Two Buddhas? Amida's Name: the Nembutsu, Decline of the Dharma, Path of the Sages and the Pure Land Path, What are the Main Sources of Jodo Shinshu? What did Shinran Teach? The Seven Pure Land Masters, Amida Buddha as the Dharma-Body, No Working is True Working, Embraced by Amida's Compassion, Leaving No One Behind, So What Does One Do in Jodo shinshu? Additional Readings. [Ed note: Doug indicated copies of Buddhism 101, 102, and 103 will be available on request.]

July 3, 2016 - Rev. Jim Warrick asked if we noticed anything different about the service. He felt that quietness before the service begins gives us the opportunity to receive the Dharma, and that we are all together in the Nembutsu. Sensei posed the question, "Why sit and sing?" Kemi said there is a "How to" book from the Hongwanji, and it indicates we stand and sing. She passed a gatha book from her grand parents (Palo Alto Buddhist Temple). Kemi feels we should not change things simply for the sake of changing. Sensei told the story of a family who always chopped off the ends of a ham before roasting and did not know why when various family members were asked. Finally, the

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grandmother offered the explanation, "So it will fit in the pan." . . . Sensei said Jodo Shinshu is 800 years old and the Hongwanji sets the way services are to be conducted, and he further commented, "slowly." . . . A participant noted the Vandana Ti Sarana was not recited at today's service. Sensei said we recited the Three Treasures, the English translation, and that in the future we will do one or the other. . . . A participant asked, "How important is ritual in the larger scheme of things?" Sensei said no radical changes are foreseen; we are simply trying to refine the service. A participant asked what can we expect in the future? Sensei hoped for a better understanding of Jodo Shinshu. . . . He explained to the DX group that upon entering the Hondo we should step across the threshold and bow, thereby conveying the feeling of respect to Buddha. Before leaving the Hondo, we should turn and bow; then step across the threshold to the foyer. . . . Rev. Dr. Kenjitsu Nakagaki has been in New York for 20 years with the Buddhist Council of New York, whose mission it is to "foster dialogue, cooperation and unity within the Buddhist community in New York."

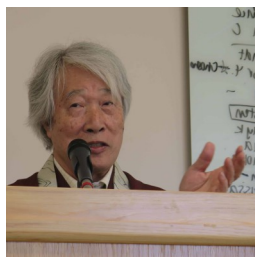
July 10 - Rinban Castro is inspired by the phrase, Mutual Co-arising" as it conveys both positive and negative events that occur in our lives. Birth Death are examples. Sensei's first grandson was born today. . . . We do not fully realize how important the present moment is in our life and that our life will end. . . . Bishop Ogui sees the Spokane Temple as a model temple in the BCA because it is growing, with 70-80 in attendance each Sunday -- that is 90% of the membership. A participant asked why this is happening. Sensei and a visitor from the Spokane Temple responded that many things occurred almost simultaneously to bring it about. The visitor said that visitors are immediately involved in temple activities, thereby connecting everyone. Also, the Ministerial Assistants program had just started, and it was unprecedented in the BCA having lay leaders perform the service. In the late 80s the last minister left and the Spokane Temple has a guest minister once a month, including our then two senseis. The temple also brought in well-known speakers including monks, and the costs were offset by donations. Paul Vielle, a retired psychologist is a dedicated leader in the temple's growth, and is making sure of a strong foundation. The Terao family originally started the temple, and they are again involved in its growth. Another important step was reinstating the monthly memorial services. The Sangha is a happy mixture of Asians, Caucasians, Blacks, Indians, Hispanics and more. There was no Obon dancing until 4-5 years ago according to the Spokane visitor, and she added that a non-

Japanese person is a member of the JACL. . . . The library cart full of books was brought to the DX for participants to check out.

In Gassho, Pat Bobrow

July 17 *No morning service was held due to Bon Odori festival; a short service was held prior to dancing.*

July 24 Rev. Castro introduced Guest Minister and Lecturer, Rev. Toshikazu Arai, professor emeritus of Soai University, Osaka, Japan. Arai Sensei gave us a short briefing on what his lectures of the next 2 weeks would be about; the title of his lecture series is "Buddha and Man". He will talk about topics of his new book, Shinran Saiho Shinan Sho, which will be coming out soon in Japanese, such as, What is Jodo Shinshu, and What is the Primal Vow. He said Saiho Shinan Sho is Shinran's writing about Honen's views and has not been readily embraced by either Nishi Hongwanji nor Higashi Honganji.



Rev. Castro next introduced newly ordained Tokudo recipients, Matt May and Rosalie May. MA Matt May talked about the Tokudo Ceremony in the Goeido with the Monshu officiating; the chanting of Shoshinge quickly; of his sense of being part of a very long tradition. MA Rosalie May talked about how moving tonsure was; she wished more women would experience it because the process of helping each other, for her, created a meaningful bond. Both answered a few questions from the participants – meaning of tonsure as abandoning individuality, giving up ego, a sign of crossing-over; there were 23 Japanese nationals and 9 U.S. recipients in their Tokudo Class. Matt concluded by expressing his gratitude to the BCA, Jodo Shinshu Center and Seattle Betsuin for the privilege and honor to achieve his Tokudo. Rosalie added her gratitude of being supported by everyone. Rev. Castro asked Rosalie how her condition of Multiple Sclerosis affected her training. She expressed her gratitude of the great care she received because of special consideration, attention and preparation Rev. Kuwahara and Rev. Gene Sekiya made for her; especially because of the summer heat—thermoses, gel paks/vest, special seating location were provided for her. - IHG



2016 Kids Summer Program (KSP)

The 19th Annual KSP summer camp was held June 26 - July 1, 2016. This year's theme was "Zodiac Fun." Camp concluded on Friday with displays of kids' works and demonstrations of singing and taiko.

In photo below parents watch as singing instructor Michiru Suzuki directs combined choir, grades 1 -7, accompanied by pianist Sage Suzerris in "Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes". Over 100 students and *sempai* participated in the program at Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple. Chair of the event is Leanne Nishi-Wong. She is



2016 Seattle Bon Odori July 16 July 17

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Betsuin Events for August 2016

SUNDAYS: 10:55am Meditation
(convenes in foyer)

August 7

FAMILY SERVICE

Adult: Dr. Toshikazu Arai
Japanese: Dr. Toshikazu Arai
DX: Rev. Castro
Meditation: MA

August 14

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Adult: Rimban Castro
Japanese: Rev. Sekiya
DX: Rimban Castro
Meditation: MA

August 21 FAMILY SERVICE

Adult: Rev. Sekiya
Japanese: Rev. Sekiya
DX: Rimban Castro
Meditation: MA

August 28

10:00 am FAMILY SERVICE

Adult: Rev. Sekiya
Japanese: Rev. Sekiya
DX: MA
Meditation: MA

11:45 am SBBWA Cabinet Meeting

MONDAYS:

August 1

Rimban Castro (Day off)
10 am - Noon Rev. Dr. Arai Japanese Lecture

August 8

Rimban Castro (Day off)
Rev. Sekiya (Day off - on call)

August 15 Rimban Castro and Rev. Sekiya to
Jodo Shinshu Center For BCA Ministers Retreat

August 22 Rimban Castro (Day off)

August 29 Rev. Sekiya in Spokane

TUESDAYS:

August 2

10 am - Noon Rev. Dr. Arai Japanese Lecture

August 9 Rimban Castro (Day off)

August 16 Shinran Shonin Monthly Memorial
Service: MA Irene Goto

Rimban Castro and Rev. Sekiya at JSC for BCA
Ministers Retreat

August 23 Rimban Castro (Day off)

10:30 am Keiro Service - Rev. Sekiya

August 30 Rimban Castro (Day off)

WEDNESDAYS:

August 3

1 pm - 3 pm Rev. Dr. Arai Japanese Lecture

August 10 Rimban Castro (Day off)

August 17 Rimban Castro and Rev. Sekiya at
JSC for BCA Ministers Retreat

7:00 pm Betsuin Cabinet Meeting

August 24

August 31

THURSDAYS:

August 4 1:30 MA Irene Goto Nikkei Manor

10 am - Noon Rev. Dr. Arai Japanese Lecture

August 11 Rev. Sekiya (Day off)

August 18 Rimban Castro and Rev. Sekiya at
JSC for BCA Ministers Retreat

1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service:
MA Irene Goto

August 25 Rev. Sekiya (Day off)

7:00 pm Betsuin Board Meeting

FRIDAYS:

August 5 Rev. Sekiya (Day off)

August 12 Rev. Sekiya (Day off)

August 19 Rimban Castro (Day off)

Rev. Sekiya (Day off - on call)

August 26 Rev. Sekiya (Day off)

SATURDAYS:

August 6 Rev. Sekiya (Day off)

August 13

August 20 Rimban Castro (Day off)
Rev. Sekiya (Day off - on call)

August 27

2016 SEPTEMBER

Major Events of Interest

September 5	Temple closed for Labor Day
September 11	First Day of Dharma School
September 18	Fall Ohigan Service
September 25	Esshinni-Ko & Kakushinni-Ko Memorial Service

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- August 1** Japanese lecture by Dr. Arai from 10 am - noon
August 2 Japanese lecture by Dr. Arai from 10 am - noon
August 3 Japanese lecture by Dr. Arai from 1:00 – 3:00 pm
August 4 Japanese lecture by Dr. Arai from 10 am - noon
August 7 Atomic Bomb Victims' Memorial Service 10am
August 16 – 18 BCA Ministers' Retreat and Meeting at
Jodo Shinshu Center

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