



“Is Amida Buddha a man or a woman?”

Rev. Katsu's Reminiscence of Zimbabwe
by Rimban Katsuya Kusunoki

I was asked this interesting question. What do you think? Is Amida Buddha a man or woman? It looks like a man when I view the statue of Amida Buddha, but I was not sure when I was asked this question. I kept silent and didn't answer anything. My uncle broke the silence.

“Amida Buddha can be either a man or a woman, and Amida Buddha can be neither a man nor a woman. Buddha is Buddha. Buddha doesn't stay in the gender framework which we think.”

Wow! Buddha is neither a man nor a woman. Buddha is Buddha! I like this answer. This answer satisfies me.

When I was still in Lodi, CA, I showed the Lodi's members some pictures, which I took in Zimbabwe. I applied for the Japanese Overseas Cooperation Volunteers and was sent to Zimbabwe, Africa from 1999 to 2002 as Baseball and Softball coach. I had not seen these pictures for a long time. When I compared myself in the picture and myself today, I felt that my face had become round, which meant I had gained weight, and I had lost my hair. I felt sad....

I continued looking at these pictures. One picture caught my eyes. The picture was a group picture of the Zimbabwe National Softball team. I was there as a softball coach. Most of the players were teenagers. Everybody wore the team uniform. I asked one lady. “Can you tell if these players were men or women?” She carefully looked at the picture, but she couldn't tell if they were men or women. I told her, “The players were all women.” She looked very surprised. She might have thought they were all men. I also could not tell a Zimbabwean's sex in the beginning. I could see that everybody looked the same. But, after a while, I was able to distinguish a man from a woman. Moreover, I was able to discern if the restaurant's waitress

was cute, or if the man in the bus was a handsome man! Once I was able to do that, my life in Zimbabwe became more enjoyable.

We are all able to distinguish various things in our everyday life. One of them is to distinguish a man from a woman. Whenever I see a person, I naturally am able to tell a man or a woman. I thought I had the right sense to distinguish a man from a woman. However, my sense to perceive gender did not work properly in Zimbabwe. I learned that my sense for gender could be fooled. My sense works properly only under certain conditions.

In ancient India and Japan, there was a custom that women could not be born into the Pure Land and become Buddha. Because there was such a custom as this, Shinran Shonin said in his hymn/Wasan,

For all people – men and women, of high station and low – Saying the Name of Amida Buddha is such That whether one is walking, standing, sitting, or reclining is of no concern, And time, place, and condition are not restricted.

[CWS p. 385, Hymns of the Pure Land Masters, Master Genshin]

Whoever we are, wherever we are, whatever we do, Amida Buddha reaches us and sends us *Namoamidabutsu*, which is the only cause of birth in the Pure Land. It doesn't matter for Amida Buddha whether we are a good person or a bad person, which we distinguish; whether we are a high rank person or a low rank person, which we categorize. Amida Buddha's wisdom and compassion breaks through our fixed ideas and he sends his great wisdom and compassion to each of us one by one.

I hope *Namoamidabutsu* also reaches Zimbabwe!

Gassho,
Rev. Katsu





Special Message

With deep sorrow, I would like to express my deepest sympathy to the victims, including families and friends, of the latest mass shootings that occurred over the past week in California, Texas and Ohio.

These events have reminded me of the words of Shakyamuni Buddha that describe the condition that we are all living in. He said, "Imagine a country lying in absolute darkness with many living beings blindly rushing around. Naturally they will be frightened and lonely as they run about without recognizing one another." Just as he described, we are living our lives without knowing the true world because of our lack of wisdom. Out of fear and mistrust caused by the spiritual darkness that we live in, we act foolishly and harm each other.

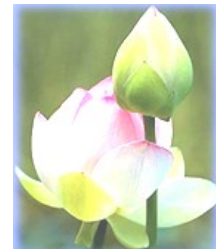
Shakyamuni Buddha also taught us about Amida Buddha, the manifestation of Absolute Wisdom and Compassion, who is calling to us from the True and Real world, working to help us realize that we are all constantly living in this dark state. Namo Amida Butsu is the Amida Buddha's compassionate calling that is urging us to redirect ourselves towards the guidance of the Light of the True and Real world, instead of solely relying on ourselves who reside in darkness. By encountering this caring and loving heart from the realm of Nirvana, we are able to overcome our inner fear and anxiety, and realize that we are not alone.

Let us pause and reflect on our activities under the light of Absolute Compassionate Wisdom known as Amida Buddha and wish for the world peace and harmony.

Namo Amida Butsu with Gassho,

Kodo Umezu

Bishop, Buddhist Churches of America



Notes on Dharma Exchange

Dharma Exchange is a mix of discussion and educational programming that takes place in the dining-room downstairs. Join us — we enjoy coffee and donuts almost every Sunday after service until 12Noon.

July 28, 2019 - Irene Sensei discussed how to adopt an obutsudan. There is large number of them stored at the temple and members are allowed to view them. . . A participant is confused about the intent of saying the Nembutsu. Sensei explained we say it in gratitude. Another participant mentioned a calming effect that becomes more meaningful while we become more thankful. . . Richland High School has "Bombers" as their motto. A discussion ensued as to why that word became the motto in the face of catastrophic results in Nagasaki and Hiroshi-

ma. The mushroom cloud is composed of people who had been incinerated. . . Irene Sensei would like more reporters to submit articles for the newsletter. . . The Betsuin will offer a series of study groups commencing October 23 with Rev. Takashi Miyaji who will be the first guest. . . Karma refers to action either good or bad. Some call it cause and effect. For every action there is a reaction. It is important for us to try to recognize why we act a certain way. A participant offered that interdependent arising encompasses Karma (cause and effect.) . . . A participant noted that the Yakima Temple provided veggies to the temple from Inaba Farm. Janie and crew cut up the watermelon.

In Gassho,

Pat Bobrow



SBBWA Seattle Betsuin

Buddhist Women's Association

submitted by Nina Tomita-Kato

A huge thank you to all that participated in each and everyday for the 2019 Bon Odori. The Yaki Soba booth sold out by Sunday 6:30 PM and the Craft Booth was busy busy busy. Some of us are able to provide physical support, some emotional support, what ever support given towards the Bon Odori festival is appreciated. Huge thanks to Dennis Shibata and Sensei Kusunoki for all the cooking and preparation support given to SBBWA.



Dr. Sheri Mizumori delivered words of information and wisdom. Her message was informative and hopeful. Thank you Sheri!

Hiroshima to Hope was well attended by the public and supported by the SBBWA. What a great way to share the mission of peace.

The Gomunsho will be visiting in September and having a meal with us. We have hope that many of our members will be able to attend this special event.

The SBBWA outing to Seiki Gardens and Muckleshoot Casino for lunch and/or visit to the nearby shopping mall is scheduled for Sept. 11, 2019. Our activities committee has been working hard on making this a wonderful outing for all of us. There will be a bus that will be available for this event. SBBWA will be offering a subsidy for those that attend. Sign up on the bulletin board or let Janet Baba/Suzanne Fujinari if you are interested in attending.



Such a sedate group of ladies! Hard workers at St. Mary's food bank on July 27, 2019.

photo by Fran Shintaku

Dharma School News

submitted by Joyce Tsuji

We hope everyone had a great summer vacation!!

We are looking forward to seeing all of the new and returning Dharma School students and their families on September 8, 2019. We will be having student registration in the Memorial Hall on the first two Sundays during class time. Come by and take this opportunity to catch up with each other over coffee and snacks. Also a reminder, Dharma School will take place from 10:50-11:30 AM this year.

Again we would like to express lots of gratitude to all who helped out to make Obon such a successful event. It is the major fundraiser for the church so we really appreciate all your efforts.

Hatsumairi, or a child's first visit to the temple will be observed on October 20, 2019. In this special service children are presented to the sangha and parents pledge to raise them with the dharma. If you are or know of a family with an infant/child who you would like to participate in this event please fill out a registration form and return it to the temple by October 13, 2019. There is a form in this newsletter and additional copies will be available in the foyer.

Buddhist Book Study

will take place Saturday, September 7, 2019 in Memorial Hall Chapel from 9:30 to 11:30AM.

The discussion will continue on American Sutra: A Story of Faith and Freedom in the Second World War by Duncan Ryūken Williams. Come for the discussion; no need to have read the book.

- IHG

Children's Playgroup! at Seattle Betsuin 0 - 4 years old

next play sessions are:

Sept.18 Wednesday 11:00 - 2:00
Oct.16 Wednesday 11:00 - 2:00

9月【ジンバブエ回想記】

「阿弥陀仏は男でしょうか、女でしょうか」
ずいぶん前にこんな質問を受けたことがあります。
その時は、仏像の感じからして、男かなという気も
しましたが、何と答えていいかわからず黙っていま
した。すると、親戚のおじさんが教えてくれまし
た。

「阿弥陀仏は男でもあり、女でもある。また、男で
もなければ、女でもない。仏は仏。仏さまは、私た
ちが考える性別の枠組みには収まらない。」
なるほど、阿弥陀仏は男でもなければ女でもなく、
仏である。いい答えだなと思いました。

今から20年以上前、私は日本で青年海外協力
隊というボランティアプログラムに参加しました。
1999年から2002年まで、アフリカのジンバブエに派
遣され、野球ソフトボールコーチとして活動しまし
た。私がまだ、前のお寺、ローダイ仏教会にいるこ
ろ、ジンバブエで撮った写真をみんなに見せまし
た。改めて写真を見て、「あ〜歳を取ったな。あの
頃はもう少し痩せていて、髪の毛ももう少しあった
な。」と感じ、なんとも切ない感じになってしま
いました。そのままばらばらと写真をめくっている
と、一枚の写真が目にとまりました。ジンバブエの
ソフトボールのナショナルチームの集合写真でし
た。二十人くらいの選手がみんなお揃いのユニ
フォームを着て写っていました。私もコーチとして
そこに写っていました。そこで、近くにいた女性に

聞いてみました。

「ここに写っている選手は、男性か女性かわかりま
すか。」

彼女はじつくりとその写真を見ていましたが、どち
らかわからない様子でした。

「そこに写っている選手は、みんな若い女の子です
よ。」

そういうと、とても驚いた様子でした。彼女にはそ
こに写っていた選手が男の子に見えたのかもしれま
せん。ジンバブエに赴任した当初、正直に言うと、
私も、会う人みんな同じ顔に見えて、男性女性の区
別をつけるのが難しかったのを覚えています。しか
し、しばらく経つと男性女性の区別ができるようにな
り、さらに、あのレストランで働いている女性は
きれいだなとか、バスで会ったあの男性はかっこよ
かったなと思うようになっていきました。そうなっ
てくると、日々の生活がより楽しくなっていったよ
うにも思います。

私たちは、日ごろ、物事を識別しながら生き
ています。男性女性の識別もその一つです。人に会
うと、私は自然に男性女性の識別をしています。で
すが、ジンバブエに着いた当初は、男性女性に関す
る私の識別は通用しませんでした。私が持っている
意識、観念は、いつでも、どこでも通用するもので
はないようです。

昔のインドや日本では、女性は仏になれな
い、悟りを開くことができないといった風習があっ

Seattle Betsuin Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations July - August 2019

Funeral / Memorial / Nokotsudo:

Given by:

Sue Ninomura – Funeral Service	\$ 1,600.00	Paul Ninomura
Nobuko Matsumoto – Funeral Service	\$ 1,200.00	Robert & Janet Kramer
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Aiko Shimizu – Burial Service	\$ 400.00	Sally Nakata
Miyoko Ishii – Funeral Service & Pillow Service	\$ 900.00	Joanne Ishii
In Memory of Miyoko Ishii	\$ 200.00	Kazue Maesaki

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Given by:

Ron Mamiya	Thomas & Beverly Ikeda; Art & Lori Kozai; Wayne Kuramoto; Terry Nakano; Tom & Robin Nakashima; Stephanie Ojima; Nori Suguro; Louise Takisaki; Dennis Yamashita & Elaine Aoki-
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Donor:

For:

Japanese Queen Scholarship Org. of Washington	Appreciation for hosting the Japanese Court over the years
Wayne Kuramoto	Appreciation to Toku & Norikane Fukutaro for making Homyo Cards for relatives
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Lisa Butler	Appreciation for use of facilities
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Masaru & Anna Tahara	In honor of Eddie Horikawa for his 99 th birthday
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Gail Kaminishi	General Donation (50% of donation to BCA Dana Program)
Tami Arinobu (2 gifts)	General Donation from Costco Employee's United Way Campaign
Judith & Yoshio Nakamura	In honor of Alaina and Kayla Butler Graduation

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SBSC presents its first lecture
Wednesday, October 23, 7:00 - 8:30PM
"Shin Buddhist Ethics: Engagement with the Self"

by Reverend Takashi Miyaji

Seattle Buddhist Study Center

2019-2020

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCT 23 Rev. Takashi Miyaji

Minister, Tacoma Buddhist Temple



"Shin Buddhist Ethics: Engagement with the Self"

Seattle Buddhist Temple; 7 pm - 8:30 pm

DEC 15 Rev. Dr. Jason Wirth

Professor of philosophy at Seattle University
and Soto Zen priest



"Zen Master Dogen and the Ecological Crisis"

Seattle Buddhist Temple; 10:30 am - 11:30 am

FEB 2 "Zen Master Dogen's "Mountains and Waters Sutra"

Seattle Buddhist Temple; 10:30 am - 11:30 am

MAR 29 "Reading Dogen and Shinran Together During the Ecological Crisis"

Seattle Buddhist Temple; 10:30 am - 11:30 am

JAN 25 Dr. Sharon Suh

Professor of Buddhism at Seattle University
and certified Mindful Eating-Conscious Living
facilitator



"Mindful Eating - Compassionate Living"

Half day retreat • Seattle Buddhist Temple
9 am - 1 pm

FEB 22 Dr. James Dobbins

Professor Emeritus of Religion and East Asian
Studies at Oberlin College in Ohio
Lecture title tbd



Northwest Buddhist Convention
10:45 am - 12 noon

Hyatt Regency Lake Washington at Seattle Southport, Renton

MAR 3 Rev. Yuki Sugahara

Minister, Oregon Buddhist Temple



"Thirty Verses on Representation Only by Vasubandhu"

Seattle Buddhist Temple; Afternoon, time tbd

MAY 31 Dr. Prem Pahlajrai

Senior Lecturer, Hindi and Indian Philosophy,
University of Washington

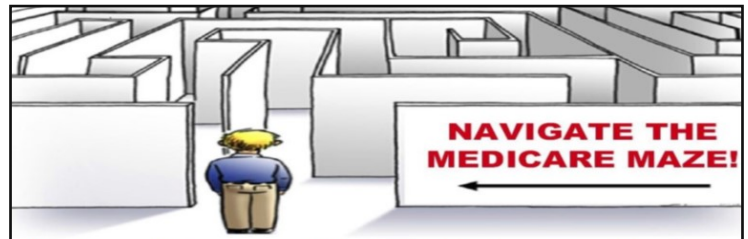


"Early Hindu Philosophy & Buddhism"

Seattle Buddhist Temple; 10:30 am - 11:30 am

www.seattlebetsuin.org/sbse

Inquire at Betsuin Office 206.329.4800



The Annual Enrollment Period is fast approaching!

FREE WORKSHOP

Get your Medicare questions answered by

**Kara Mayeda,
Health Insurance Specialist**

Sunday, October 6, 2019

Noon - 2:00 pm

Seattle Betsuin Memorial Hall classroom

**Please call the Betsuin office (206) 329-0800 to
reserve your seat.**

- JN

たようです。そんな風習に対して、宗祖親鸞聖人は、ご
和讃でこのように述べられています。

“男女貴賤ことごとく 弥陀の名号称するに 行住坐臥
もえらばれず 時処機縁もさはりなし”

男性であろうと女性であろうと社会的地位がどのような
ものでであろうと、歩いていようと、止まっていいよう
と、座っていようと、寝ていようと、いつでもどこで
も南無阿弥陀仏のお念仏は私に届いてくださる。私たち
の社会の中にある地位や名誉、善悪、固定観念はものと
もせず、お念仏は私たち一人ひとりに届いてくださり、
みなともに浄土に生まれ、悟りを開き、仏にならせてい
ただけるのです。きっとジンバブエにも届いてくださっ
ているでしょうね。

合掌

楠 活也

ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE...

We would like to “thank” the following regular members, for contributing their minimum annual Sustaining Membership dues (the basic dues toward the Temple maintenance/operations). These are the most recently paid members for the fiscal year of **2019**.

Lauren Asaba, Marian Asaba, Eric Ashihara, Janet Baba, Lance & Lisa Barr, Jenni Chinn, Steve & Lori Chisholm, Jean Deguchi, Gwen Florence, Kazumi Janice Gosho, Irene Goto, Chris Grabowski, Gordon Habu & Mae Yamasaki, John & Lynda Hamakami, Jane Hamatani, Peggy Hanada, Paul & Michelle Nishina-Harada, Kathy Hasegawa, Sue Hatai, Mary Hikida, Steven & Cathleen Hokoda, Jamie Huh, Jean Ishii, Yaeko Ito, Malcolm & Eileen Kanemoto, Jeff Ko & Tina Zumoto-Ko, Tom Kodama, Takako Kogita, Esther Kojima, Yoshiko Kozai, Janet Kubota, Patricia Kubota, Carolyn Kunihiro, Shogo & Fusako Kusumi, George & Irene Mano, Mariko Mano, Sibyl Mar, Tetsuo & Linda Miyata, Sheri Mizumori, Ruby Nakamura, Curtis & Charlene Nakayama, Janie Okawa, Nancy Okawa, Sunkie Oye, Irene Saito, Thomas & Beverly Sakamoto, Masako Sako, Terry Shigaya, Shirley Shimada, Aaron Spencer & Midori Takagi, George Suetsugu Jr., Aiko Suganuma, Rikuko Tanaka, Jay Taylor, Calvin & Yvette Terada, Hideko Terada, Michael & Gayle Teramoto, Shizue Yahata, Norio & Miyoko Yamazaki, Ken Yocom & Anna Tamura, Sadie Yamasaki, Mary Yoshida, Nobuo Yutani, Jeremy Zimmerman, Donna Zumoto, James & Tomiko Zumoto

We'd like to 'WELCOME'

Chris Grabowski, Paul & Michelle Nishina- Harada

as new members of our Sangha

compiled by Howard, Joan, Pauline & Steph)

HATSUMAIRI CEREMONY SERVICE

Sunday, October 20, 2019, 10:00AM

Hatsumairi or “First Visit” is a Jodo Shinshu tradition that acknowledges the child’s first visit to the temple. Parents present their children before the image of Amida Buddha and members of the Sangha as an expression of their gratitude and desire to expose them to the teachings of the Buddha.

Children of all ages are welcome to participate in the Hatsumairi ceremony to be held during the 10:00AM Sunday Service on October 20, 2019. If you would like to present your child(ren) at this joyous occasion, please complete the registration form below and return it to the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple, 1427 S Main St, Seattle, WA 98144 or contact the temple office by October 13, 2019. A Dharma School representative will contact you with details. If you have any questions, please direct them to the temple office at (206) 329-0800 between the hours of 9:00AM and 4:00PM.

2019 Hatsumairi Registration

Child's Name Male / Female Month/Day/Year of Birth

Parent's Name(s) _____

Mailing Address _____

City State Zip Code

Phone _____ E-mail _____

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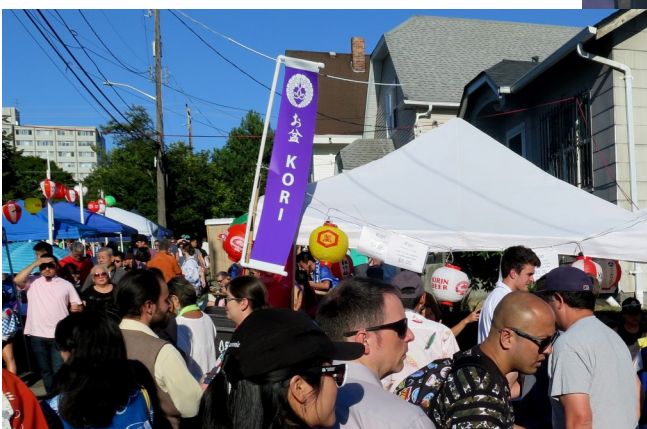
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Musical Notes submitted by Kemi Nakabayashi

Thank you to the Seattle Betsuin Ukulele Band for providing service music on August 4. For another opportunity to enjoy the ukulele musical accompaniment, please attend or tune-in online to the Sunday morning service on September 1.

Shinji Eshima, the composer of the gatha *In a Quiet Valley*, will return to Seattle for the world premiere of his latest composition *Veritas* on Sunday afternoon, November 3, at the Benaroya Recital Hall. This composition is described on the Music of Remembrance website as “a soulful statement against religious intolerance”. Shinji invites us to attend. Three-concert series subscriptions are available now. Single tickets for this concert become available on September 16. Please contact Kemi Nakabayashi for more information.

REMEMBERING BON ODORI 2019 photos by Tomi Zumoto



Ritsuku Kuwahara and Aiko Fujii



Reverend Kusunoki and Etsu Shimbo

BON ODORI FESTIVAL OVER FOR ANOTHER YEAR posted by Ann

It's all over but the great memories.

To those who attended our 87th Bon Odori Festival, danced until dark, enjoyed delicious food and spent time appreciating Japanese culture from judo to ikebana to a bit of World War II history, we thank you.

To hundreds of volunteers — temple members past and present and their families and friends, and friends of friends — another thank you. You planned for months ahead of the event, helped with set up, cooking, procuring food and equipment, leading dances, taiko, selling merchandise, AV, security, accounting, emceeing, sharing information with guests about the temple and Buddhism, the many displays, and, lastly, clean up. All your efforts led to the best Bon Odori ever.

Gassho,

Rev. Kusunoki and Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple



SEPTEMBER 2019 SEATTLE BETSUIN SCHEDULE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 World Buddhist Women's Convention - San Francisco 9:00 am Meditation (TBD) 10 am SUNDAY SERVICE (MA Leonora Clarke) 10:50 am After service programs CANCELED Temple Tour (MA Leonora Clarke)	2 Rinban's day off	3 Gomonsu's visit 5:30 pm Kikyoshiki svc 6:30p Banquet	4 10 am Morning Svc CANCELED	5 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service	6 12 noon Gojikai Svc & lunch mtng	7 9:30 am Book Study Group "American Sutra"
8 First Day of Dharma School 9:00 am Meditation (TBD) 10 am SUNDAY SERVICE (Rinban Kusunoki) 10:50 am DX "Tannisho" (Rev Castro) Japanese (Rinban Kusunoki); DS registration 11:45 am SBBWA Board meeting 1:30 pm Sangha Award class	9 Rinban's day off	10	11 10 am Morning Service	12 10 am White River Japanese service	13 11 am Japanese Play Group	14 10:30 am Gagaku Practice 11 am Buddhist Global Relief Walk
15 9:00 am Meditation (TBD) 10:00 am SUNDAY SERVICE (Rinban Kusunoki) 10:50 am DX (Rinban Kusunoki) DSDX (MA Rev Irene Goto); Japanese Video 11:45 am Religious Department meeting 1:30 pm Sangha Award class	16 Rinban's day off 10 am Shinran Shonin Monthly Memorial Svc 8 pm Newsletter deadline	17	18 10 am Morning Service 11 am English Play Group	19 1:30 pm Nikkei Manor Service 7 pm Betsuin Cabinet meeting	20	21
22 9:00 am Meditation (TBD) 9:15 am Gagaku Rehearsal 10:00 am FALL OHIGAN SVC (Rev Kazuaki Nakata, Fresno) 10:50 am DX (MA Rev Irene Goto) DSDX (Rev Castro); Japanese (Rev Nakata) 11:45 am Dharma School teachers' workshop w/Rev Nakata	23 Rinban's day off	24 10:30 am Keiro Service 11 am Jpns Play Group	25 10 am Morning Service	26 11:00 am Merrill Garden Renton visit (Rev Castro) 7 pm Betsuin BoD meeting	27	28
29 9:00 am Dharma School Teachers' meeting 9:00 am Meditation (TBD) 10:00 am ESHINNI-KO/KAKUSHINNI-KO SERVICE (Rinban) 10:50 am Combined DX & Japanese Program " Chanting & Music" with Rinban & Kemi DSDX (MA Rev Rosalie May) 11:45 am SBBWA Cabinet meeting 1:30 pm Sangha Award class	30 Rinban's day off			October 2019: Major Events Oct 18-19 Fall Seminar w/Rev Kiyonobu Kuwahara Oct 20 Hatsumairi Ceremony service Oct 23 Special lecture by Rev Takashi Miyaji Oct 26 Betsuin College Night Oct 27 SBBWA Memorial service		

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September 2019
Wheel of the Sangha
**A Monthly Newsletter of
Seattle Buddhist Church**

GoMonshu Visits

Seattle Buddhist Temple

Tuesday

September 3, 2019 Kikyoshiki
Affirmation Service takes place
5:30PM in the Main Hall

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FOR NEWSLETTER**

“Peace and Harmony” when we encounter the Dharma

Sundays... Please confirm at www.SeattleBetsuin.org “coming events” or
call the temple office 206.329.0800

9:00 am - 9:40 MEDITATION in Memorial Hall Chapel east wing

10:00 am - 10:35 SERVICE - in *hondo* (main hall)

10:35 am - 10:45 SANGHA GATHERING - offer incense, “meet and greet”

10:50 am - 11:30

CHILDREN’S DHARMA SCHOOL classes during the public school year
JAPANESE PROGRAM in hondo (main hall) with a message in Japanese
DHARMA EXCHANGE – a mix of discussion and educational programing;
downstairs dining room

PARENTS’ DHARMA EXCHANGE in Memorial Hall Chapel - discussion
among young adults and parents while children are in class.

TEMPLE TOUR

11:30 - 12:00 REFRESHMENTS and Social in dining room downstairs

Wheel of the Sangha Editors
Irene Goto, English: newsletter@seattlebetsuin.com

Deadline is the third Monday each month at 8PM

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Dharma School resumes September 8. Service: 10:00AM; DS:10:50 - 11:30AM (infants - HS) Start at the beginning!