

The White Path

Living the Life of the Nembutsu

WHITE RIVER BUDDHIST TEMPLE

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Greetings from Reverend Koshin Ogui

Jinzi wo Tsukusi te Tenmei ni Ikiru — Do what is humanly possible and live along with a heavenly order.

This is one of my favorite expressions of wisdom. I often draw this in calligraphy and gift it to people. The words, “heavenly order” means the same as Karmic order in Buddhist terminology. I usually try my best and work to the best of my ability to go along with a stream of Karmic order. It seems that things have a way of going through its stream.

What are your thoughts?

In Gassho,
Reverend Ogui

Message from the Chairperson

Sangha Members:

Norma and I will be out of town for about two weeks so this report will be relatively brief and all good news.

I am happy to report that the first fifty (50) Campaign letters were mailed some two weeks ago and we have been fortunate to have already received ten (10) responses containing very generous donations to the Temple. The recipients of these campaign letters are not pledge members of the Temple. Rather they are good friends and supporters who have ties to White River Buddhist Temple. We are developing an additional list, which we hope to complete and send out around September. After that, the two lists will probably be combined for future mailings.

The Committee appointed by the Board has completed the policy statement covering the Eitaikyo Fund and the policy will be presented to the Board at the meeting on June 11th. Once approved, all pledge members will receive this letter. Just to touch a few changes/high points; Pledge paying Temple members will be registered in the Eitaikyo book for FREE. All Temple members who have passed previously will have their names placed in the book for FREE. Non-members who desire to have their names listed in the book may do so for a donation to the Eitaikyo Fund.

It is important to remember that any person who desires to be listed in the Eitaikyo Book must have a registration form completed for Sensei's records. These registration forms are available at the Temple and through Sensei.

As stated in previous reports, we are still determining the amount of donations that should be transferred to the Eitaikyo Fund. This is expected to be completed by the Board meeting in July.

There is also information on the Onaijin Fund, which you will find, of interest when you receive the letter signed by Sensei and myself.

In Gassho,
Bill Geenty

July Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service

July 6, 2014 at 11:00 AM

According to our Temple records, the following people passed away in the month of July. Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service on Sunday, July 6th at 11:00 am. If any names have inadvertently been omitted, please email office@wrbt.org or speak with Rev Ogui to correct our records.

Eizuchi Tsujikawa	1964	Mitzi Mitsuko Ibuki	1998
Tsuruichi Komoto	1974	George Tonojo Kawasaki	2002
Minoru Terada	1979	Tokio Toyoshima	2005
Kiyomi Mizoguchi	1980	Nancy Mikami	2005
Mike Arima	1987	Noriko Tanabe	2005
Isamu Suyematsu	1989	Yooko Watanabe	2010
Yoneko Terayama	1990	Stanley Doi	2010
George Takeshi Watanabe	1991	Sayoko Kawasaki	2011
Misue Komatsu	1995	Kazuko Watanabe	2013

1 year ~ 2013

3 year ~ 2012

7 year ~ 2008

13 year ~ 2002

17 year ~ 1998

25 year ~ 1990

DESIGNATED MEMORIAL SERVICE YEARS To schedule a family memorial service, please contact office@wrbt.org or speak with Rev Ogui.

Buddhist Education Committee

Sign-Up Board, Announcements, Service Flow - Mary will continue preparation of the lobby white board. Half of the board will feature sign-up lists like the Dharma School classes that need volunteer teachers. Half of the board will provide a place where people can post announcements.

It would be nice to utilize the lobby white board for announcements that have been made at the end of service up until now.

We're hoping to develop a workable solution to creating a mindful setting based on the Dharma message of the day throughout service from beginning to end.

EcoSangha - Rev. Ogui & Mary will present their ideas at the June board meeting. We already try to do most of these things at our temple.

BEC Movie - We plan to periodically show movies. We plan to show "99 Years" in 4 or 5 segments. The following is a link to an article about the movie, **99 Years of Love** <http://www.rafu.com/2011/04/northern-california-premiere-of-%E2%80%9999-years-of-love%E2%80%99/>

Dates - June 29, July 13, August 3 & 10 @ 12:15-2:45.

Brown baglunch. If needed, we will also show the last segment possibly on August 17th.

JSCC POSTER CONTEST

The Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course Office is accepting entries for original poster designs.

Deadline: August 10

For project details, please contact:

hongwanjioffice@bcahq.org

Selected designer to receive \$300.00

JSCC Office, 2140 Durant Ave.

Berkeley, CA 94704

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Major Service Notice

In this month's newsletter you will see the notice for the Obon service on July 13th. Also enclosed is an envelope for the service. For those people who receive their newsletter electronically, please make a note that your donation is for Obon or envelopes will be available at the temple.

In order to reduce the number of mailings the temple undertakes, notices for major services will be made in the newsletter. In the newsletter prior to the major service (Ho-onko - January, Hanamatsuri - April, Gotan-e - May, Obon - July, Eitaikyo - November) you will see a notice for the service. This will be conducted as a trial to see how well it works. Thank you.

Thank you X «

Justin Tannahill for removing the front hedge

