

The White Path

Living the Life of the Nembutsu

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Greetings from Reverend Koshin Ogui

Since Mayumi and I moved here four years ago, it has been our joy to observe the Sangha's positive outlook, laughing voices, enjoyment of listening to the Dharma Talks, and volunteering their service to other people.

We are very honored to be accepted by your friendliness. At the beginning, it was quite challenging for us because of difference of conditions, environment, and weather.

Mayumi and I are ready to work together with you, the Sangha members, in a spirit of making our inherited tradition meaningful and welcoming to any people who seek the answer from Buddha Dharma. Our vision is to make Shin Buddhism a light of living for everyone.

We are very optimistic to start our 5th year here at White River Buddhist Temple and would like to hear more cheerful and laughing voices.

Gassho,
Reverend Ogui



Message from the Chairperson

This past month, the Temple dedicated the Dorothy Yaguchi memorial garden. On behalf of the Temple, I want to thank the Yamamoto family for their donation to make this possible as well as the White River Buddhist Women's Association and Mary Cogger for coordinating this effort. To me, the garden represents the history of the down to earth people of White River Buddhist Temple, and specifically the hard work and generosity of Bill and Dorothy, and all members. The beautiful plantings remind me of the bright, positive outlook of Dorothy and I hope that we continue to remember Bill and Dorothy, as well as other members who have gone before us, by maintaining this positive outlook for our future.

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Speaking of hard working people, we are always asking you to volunteer, offer a donation, and give your time in support of our Temple. Therefore, in an effort to show my appreciation and to promote community, I will be hosting a once a month gathering for coffee and pastries before service. I have listed it on the June calendar as "Pastries with the President" on Sunday June 19th at 10:30 – 11:00. No catch, no donations, no bait and switch, no agenda. My intention is simply to give back to the all of you who continue to give so much to the Temple. Be sure to watch your monthly calendar for the date that it will be held. I hope that you will join us each month, meet someone new, and have some great conversations!

Sharon Kosai

Temple Picnic

Sunday, June 12th 12:00 - 4:00 pm

SAVE THE DATE: The ABA sponsored Temple picnic will be on Sunday, June 12, 2016 after service on the temple grounds, rain or shine (indoors if rain). The picnic is a potluck lunch with games and prizes.

Everyone is invited - families, parents, grandparents, grandchildren, and friends - there will be fun for all!

Suggested dishes for the potluck lunch is as follows.

A—J: Salad

K—R: Main Dish

S—Z: Dessert or Fruits

Questions? Contact office@wrbt.org.

June Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service June 5, 2016 at 11:00 AM

According to our Temple records, the following people passed away in the month of June. Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service on Sunday, June 5th 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.

Takeyo Hiranaka	1970	Naomi Shima Martin	1992
Shina Iwai	1973	Rose Fusaye Teraoka	1998
Shizuko Natsuhara	1979	Ben Tsutomu Nishimoto	1998
Kitaro Tsuji	1979	Shizuka Nishimoto	2001
Darlene Jan Ibuki	1980	Aiko Horiuchi	2005
Harry Ikuma Shimomura	1984	James Garcia	2010
Gary Watanabe	1990	Yuki Kitagawa	2011

1 year ~ 2015

3 year ~ 2014

7 year ~ 2010

13 year ~ 2004

17 year ~ 2000

25 year ~ 1992

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

Buddhist Education Committee

If you have a couple of hours a month, please consider joining the Buddhist Education Committee. The Buddhist Education Committee plans for guest speakers for services, seminars, and workshops for the year. If you have ideas or thoughts about speakers that you would like to see at White River Buddhist Temple, you need to make yourself heard and join the committee! If you are interested or have questions about the committee or what else they do, please contact Rev. Ogui for further information.

Dharma School News

Teacher Appreciation Day at the Temple is on June 5th. Seven Dharma school students will earn their yearly pins and certificates! Congratulations to Tyler, Lucas, Nathan, Kristopher, Tristan, Hudson, and Rexford!

Our end-of-the-year field trip is coming up soon; Mary and I will notify students of the details as soon as we make the final arrangements.

TIMELESS FAVORITES COOKING CLASS

The next session will be held on Saturday, June 4th at 10:00 am. Ikuko Dodobara will be teaching us how to make Nishime (Japanese simmered, flavored vegetables) and a rice dish.

The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the back hallway or contact office@wrbt.org.

BON ODORI FESTIVAL

With the very successful Teriyaki Chicken Fundraiser behind us, we must now turn our attention to our most popular and most challenging event of the year. The White River Bon Odori Festival will be held on Saturday, July 23, 2016. Similar to our spring fundraiser, tobans will not be used to assign workloads. Instead, individual committee chairman will be appointed and they will initially recruit their needed workers. However, because Bon Odori needs more participants than any of our other fundraisers, some members may be asked to help out on one or more committees. Once the initial recruitment process is over, we will open it up to a voluntary sign up system to fill out anticipated vacant spots. If you have friends or relatives that would like to help, please let me know their names and phone numbers and/or e-mail addresses. If you have any questions, please contact Bon Odori Chairman, Randy Okimoto at 253 859 2605 or reokimoto@comcast.net. The first Bon Odori planning meeting is scheduled at the Temple for Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 7 pm. Please see our Bon Odori Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/WRBTBonOdori/>

Newsletter Editor

We are looking for a volunteer to collect monthly newsletter articles and put them into a newsletter format. Working knowledge of Microsoft Word or Publisher very helpful. This can be done remotely and only takes a few hours a month, depending on skill level.

If interested, please contact newsletter@wrbt.org

BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Year Round Donations

April - May - June

Non-Perishable Foods & Toiletries (canned & dried foods, peanut butter, toothbrush/
toothbrush/toothpaste, shampoo, etc)

We will continue to disperse donations to various non-profits in Auburn and Kent.

The 2016 BWA Cabinet:	President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Auditor	Norma Geenty Darlene Yamada Vacant Pat Kawabata Gayle Takemura
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Green Box Year-Round Collections. Thank you for your outstanding support! 39.6 pounds of food, clothing, baby supplies, toiletries, detergent, and other miscellaneous items were donated to the Auburn Food Bank on May 2. Please keep those year-round donations coming – toiletries and food are in demand for children during the summer.

Gift Card Fundraiser. Thank you for your great support! You purchased 82 gift cards for \$2,340, and BWA gets to keep \$135! Gift cards were distributed May 15. Next gift card fundraiser will be in November.

Dorothy Yaguchi Memorial and Dedication. Immediately following regular Sunday service, Reverend Ogui conducted a dedication ceremony in the garden. The weather was perfect, sunny with a slight breeze, and it was particularly special to have the Yamamoto's (Mas and Kathy, and daughter Stacy) in attendance for the dedication in remembrance of Dorothy and Bill. With their generous donation, a stone lantern, bench and water feature was added to the garden. Following chanting and offering of incense, light refreshments was served. Thank you to all who worked tirelessly in the garden for months and to those who helped with the refreshments. BWA is grateful that the Yamamoto family were able to attend the dedication, and we express gratitude to them for their generous donation to BWA for future use.



NW District BWA Representatives' Meeting. On May 14, Norma Geenty, Pat Kawabata, Karen Murakami, and Darlene Yamada traveled to Yakima Buddhist Temple. We will be requesting assistance from BWA members to support the 44th Federation Buddhist Women's Associations Conference, October 7-9, 2016, Bellevue, Washington. (See additional information below.)

May 16, Mon, 3:15-7:00 p.m. - VA Puget Sound Fisher House – A sign-up sheet is posted. If you have not had a chance to help prepare a meal for veterans and active duty military and their family members, it is a very rewarding experience. Our home-cooked meals are always appreciated by the families, many who have not been home in weeks.

May 22, Sun, 12 noon – “Brown Bag” BWA general meeting. Please pack a lunch and join us at our next general meeting following Sunday service.

Oct 7-9, Fri-Sun – 44th Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations Conference: “Linked in the Nembutsu, Tsunagatte,” Westin Hotel – Bellevue. Show your support for the conference, and become a Booster. Donation forms are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway, and the deadline for submission is August 31. Also, we are seeking volunteers to help with Registration. Karen Murakami will distribute information on this in the near future.

Year Round Collections

Coins for diapers (collection jar in lobby)
Recycle lightbulbs (collection box in lobby)
Newspaper and towels for needy animals (give to Darlene Yamada)

Newspaper and Towels. On May 9, 7 bags of newspapers and 1 bag of towels were delivered to Inca's Secret (parrot rescue) and a bag of towels was taken to the Regional Animal Services of King County. Thank you for your continued support.

If BWA members wish to submit items for the newsletter, please email them to Darlene Yamada at: dzy2012@yahoo.com.

Gassho,
Norma Geenty, BWA President

Donations and April Fundraisers

It was a very busy month since our last newsletter. Thank you to the many people who supported us by generating fundraising ideas, helping as volunteers, and donating goods and monetary contributions toward the April fundraisers, including the teriyaki chicken dinner sales, bake sale and plant sale, 50/50 raffle, and gold fundraiser. Our appreciation also to the supporters who provided pledge donations along with the major service, memorial and general donations shown below. We operate off of a deficit budget but the extra effort being put in is helping to reduce that deficit so we can continue to share the Jodo Shinshu tradition in our community.

There have been comments about using our restricted funds, in particular the Ikuta Fund, for our general operations. However, use of the Ikuta Fund, along with other restricted funds, is limited by the bounds set by donors. We not only have an ethical responsibility but a legal responsibility to comply with those restrictions. Thus we are not generally allowed to use restricted funds to meet our general operating expenses. The Temple gratefully acknowledges the following donations received and recorded from April 18th through May 15th. Please contact Ron Murakami, Treasurer, regarding omissions or corrections by phone (253) 845-3062, or by email to ron.murakami@comcast.net. **Internet Publishing, donations amount are not specified.**

Spring Fundraiser Donations

Anonymous	In-kind donation to Acme chicken for Spring Fundraiser on behalf of Mayumi
Ms Sue Fujikado	Spring Fundraiser donation
M/M Bill & Norma Geenty	For purchase of berries
Mr John Kitagawa	For supplies
Mrs Sally Mizuki	In-kind donation of ice and snacks
Ross Yanagawa	Spring Fundraiser donation

Gotan-e Service

Anonymous	Mr Randy Okimoto
M/M Dennis & Lillian Asato	Mrs Joan Rodgers
M/M Jim & Ikuko Dodobara	M/M Itsuo & Yuri Shiotani
Mrs Amy Kato	Mrs Gayle Takemura
Mrs Lilly Kato	Mrs Tomeko Lloyd Taketa
Ms LuAnn Kato	Mrs Betty Tanaka
M/M Shiyoji & Pat Kawabata	Ms Laurie Tanaka
Mr John Kitagawa	Toyoshima Family
Mrs Sharon Kosai	M/M Stan & Mary Tsujikawa
Ms Genie Lau	Mr Joe Watanabe
M/M Ron & Karen Murakami	Ms Darlene Yamada
Mr Charles Natsuhara	Mrs Yoshiko Yamada
Ms Kathryn Natsuhara	

Monthly (Shotsuki) Memorials and Other Memorial Donations

Mrs Amy Kato	May Shotsuki Hoyo
Mrs Rosie Kato	In memory of Tokuyo Komoto
M/M Shiyoji & Pat Kawabata	In memory of Risako Kawasaki
Mrs Katie Komoto	May Shotsuki Hoyo
Mrs Joan Rodgers	In memory of Mas Kato
Mrs Joan Rodgers	In memory of Frank Fujimura
Mrs Himeko Suyematsu	In memory of Risa Kawasaki
Yamada Family	In memory of Risako Kawasaki

Other Donations

Anonymous	In-kind donation of "Public Welcome" additions to fence
Rev Cris Taikan Cyders	General donation
M/M Bill & Norma Geenty	In loving memory of Suwako Murashige
Sherry Hansen	Donation toward Gold & Silver Fundraiser
Sharon Natsuhara Ito	In memory of Katsumi Ito
M/M Eileen & Malcolm Kanemoto	In honor of Chiho Pewitt

2016 Pledge Totals

April 2016

Thank you for your support in 2016!

Date	PLEDGES DECLARED			DOLLARS COLLECTED	
	Additional	Total	Contributors	Additional	Total
05/02/16	\$1,280	\$24,210	45	\$1,510	\$14,015

Amount Not Specified for Internet Publishing

Ruth Terry	Anonymous ¹⁷	Matthew Chase Zyskowski
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DHARMA BODY IN MAHAYANA BUDDHISM

By Elwyn Lapoint

Shin Buddhism evolved out of Mahayana Buddhism, the Buddhism of the great vehicle. Mahayana Buddhism, in turn, emerged in India several centuries after the birth of Buddhism in the sixth century BCE. From there it spread to East Asia, Central Asia, and even certain regions of Southeast Asia. Mahayana Buddhism became the state religion of the Khmer Empire in Cambodia during the reign of Jayavarman VII at the turn of the 13th century CE.

Central to Mahayana Buddhist philosophy, wherever it is encountered, is the theory of the three Buddha bodies. According to this theoretic construct, each member of this metaphysical triad (Sanskrit *trikaya*) has a distinct role to play in the ordering of the cosmos. The Transformational body (Skt *Nirmanakaya*) appears in the material world to guide living beings to enlightenment. Shakyamuni Buddha would be a historical example. The Enjoyment body (Skt *Sambhogakaya*) manifests itself before enlightened beings – Buddhas and Bodhisattvas – rewarding them with bliss to which their spiritual accomplishments have entitled them.

Both of the aforementioned figures are supported by the Dharma body (Skt *Dharmakaya*). Adumbrated in the *Prajnaparamitra Sutras* (Conze 1973), the Dharma body is variously interpreted by the diverse Mahayana schools of thought. Of these interpretations, that of the Yogacara school appears the most intricate and sophisticated. Ever noteworthy, this analysis has for me become more consistent and compelling over time. This is born out in the writings of the school's two founders, the fourth-century Bodhisattva brothers Asanga and Vasubandhu. My description of the Yogacara position will be based on their work.

The Yogacara paradigm is that of philosophical idealism, bearing comparison to the thought of the German philosopher Hegel (2003).

For Asanga the Dharma body is the essential, transcendental nature of the Buddha. Eternal, it is considered to be the metaphysical aspect of pure consciousness. According to Asanga's *Mahayanasutralankara* (1989), Dharma body is the "ultimate universal personality..., identified with the Absolute" (Shastri 1989:69). It is equated with "ultimate reality" (ibid). This characterization is reflected in Asanga's masterpiece, *The Summary of the Great Vehicle* (Skt *Mahayanasamgraha*) (2003). This treatise asserts that the Dharma body expresses itself in nonduality and mastery of the dharmic teachings.

Vasubandhu states that "The situation of attaining enlightenment is the dharma-body of the Buddhas" (Anacker 2008:253). Vasubandhu's conceptualization reflects the idealistic orientation of Yogacara thought.

The major counterpart of Yogacara is the Madhyamaka tradition, the school of the Middle Way, as represented by Bhavaviveka, a sixth century thinker. Bhavaviveka conceives the Dharma body in epistemological or cognitive terms. In his view the Dharma body is "identical to the knowledge of a perfectly enlightened Buddha" (Eckel 1992:191). Here again we can discern an idealistic strain in Bhavaviveka's thought.

This trend has been maintained in Buddhist philosophy into modern times. According to the late Tibetan lineage holder Traleg Kyabgon Rinpoche, the Dharma body may be equated with the root consciousness in which the beads of all thought are stored (Kyabgon 1983:16).

The Dharma body cannot be identified with an individual animate self. Rather it should be viewed as one universal being which constitutes the spiritual reality of the universe. Gassho.

GLOSSARY

<i>Dharma</i>	The teachings of the Buddha
<i>Dharmakaya</i>	Dharma Body
<i>Kaya</i>	Body
<i>Madhyamaka</i>	Mahayana School of the Middle Way
<i>Mahayana</i>	Buddhist Tradition of the Great Vehicle
<i>Nirmanakaya</i>	Transformation Body
<i>Sambhogakaya</i>	Enjoyment Body, Body of Bliss
<i>Trikaya</i>	Three (Buddha) Bodies
<i>Yogacara</i>	Mahayana Yoga Practice School

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KUMAMOTO EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FUND

Kumamoto Prefecture in Japan has been struck by two devastating 7+ magnitude earthquakes and numerous aftershocks since April 14, 2016. The Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) extends our thoughts of concern and sincere condolences to those whose lives have been affected by this tragedy.

Immediately following the initial earthquake, the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha in Kyoto initiated relief efforts, started a relief fund, and dispatch relief assistance to the affected areas. A Kumamoto Earthquake Emergency Headquarters at the Hongwanji headquarters in Kyoto, as well as an on-site disaster management office at the Hongwanji's Kumamoto district office have been established to grasp a better understanding of the situation in the area so that we may be able to provide those affected with the appropriate support both physically and emotionally.

The BCA would like to assist the Hongwanji-ha in their relief efforts for this disaster. As members of the BCA, you can help victims of this earthquake by giving to the BCA Endowment Foundation with a special contribution. All funds collected will be sent to the Hongwanji in Kyoto, Japan to aid in this relief effort.

Your gift, big or small, will make a lasting impact on those who need it most. You can send donations in the following ways:

Give directly to the Buddhist Churches of America by mail.

Send a check payable to the *Buddhist Churches of America Endowment Foundation

Please note **KUMAMOTO EARTHQUAKE RELIEF** in the memo section of your check.

BUDDHIST CHURCHES OF AMERICA ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION
1710 OCTAVIA STREET
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94109

Give through the BCA website: Visit <http://buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/disaster-relief/> and use your credit card or debit card account to send a secure donation.

Give through your local BCA temple or church (CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO YOUR LOCAL TEMPLE OR CHURCH). The local church or temple should in turn write one check to the BCA Endowment Foundation.

Please send in your donations by **JUNE 1, 2016**. We thank you in advance for your support and Dana.

With palms together in Gassho,

Rev. Kodo Umezu, Bishop
Buddhist Churches of America

Ken Tanimoto, President
Buddhist Churches of America

Yakima Buddhist Temple Roofing Project

Yakima Buddhist Temple is re-roofing their Bussei Kaikan, the building where they hold their Annual Suki-yaki Dinner which is the major fundraiser for the temple. The project will cost over \$23,000 to recover the flat portion of the roof that has begun to leak. It was built in 1939 and housed many families who returned after the evacuation. Since many have roots in the Yakima Valley, we are including it in White River's Newsletter. If you would like to send a donation towards this re-roofing project, please send it to:

Yakima Buddhist Temple
212 W 2nd St
Wapato, WA 98951

Please direct questions to office@wrbt.org and they will be forwarded to Lon Inaba, President of Yakima Buddhist Temple.

Newsletter by Email

If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, please contact newsletter@wrbt.org



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Reverend Ogui's Formal Temple Office Hours

Wed - Sat 10:00 am - 12:00 noon
Sunday 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

Religious or other consultations and home visitations are encouraged to be made by appointment Wednesday through Sunday. However, Reverend Ogui is on-call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

If you have a **non-emergency** need for minister assistance, please call the Temple phone (253) 833-1442. If your call is not answered immediately, please leave a message and Rev Ogui will return your call as soon as possible.

If you have an **emergency** need for minister assistance, call Rev. Ogui's cell phone.

During Rev. Ogui's absence between May 15 - 29, please contact office@wrbt.org. If it is an emergency, please contact President Sharon Kosai.

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