

PureLand Path

OBT established 1903

The Oregon Buddhist Temple Monthly Newsletter

June 2019

Embodiment of the Buddha Reverend Yuki Sugahara

“It is taught, concerning Namu-amida-butsum,
That its virtue is like the vast waters of the ocean;
Having myself received that pure good,
I direct it equally to all sentient beings.”
- *Hymns of the Pure Land Masters*, CWS p. 393

Last November was our 115th Anniversary. On November 29, 1903, OBT was officially founded with Rev. Shozui Wakabayashi. Then in 1966, the temple moved to this location. I heard stories about building the new temple from Mr. Tamaki when I visited Tacoma about six months ago. Then I began to think about how happy the members of our temple would have been when they first built the old temple in 1903 and the new temple in 1966.

I can imagine many people smiling and perhaps some people even crying in happiness when they were first able to open the door of this Buddhist Temple. They were happy to have a center devoted to the teaching of this foundational guidance in their lives and many people were supported by the teaching of Nembutsu... and this center for the teachings was not only for themselves, but also for those who would visit this place in the future. Now, we are able to encounter the teaching of Nembutsu here in Portland because of the efforts of our ancestors and Shinran Shonin.

The Wasan* poem above is part of the conclusion of *Hymns of the Pure Land Masters*, written by Shinran Shonin. Actually, *Hymns of the Pure Land Masters* is concluded by the words “here ends the *Hymns of the Pure Land Masters 117 Hymns*” (CWS, p391). Then Shinran Shonin lists the names of the Seven Masters, the names of the countries where they lived, and the name of Prince Shotoku and his birthday prior to the Wasan poem above. Why did Shinran Shonin list their names? Because Shinran Shonin understood them to be the embodiments of Amida Buddha, Buddha of Immeasurable Wisdom and Compassion.

The Seven Masters and Prince Shotoku were important people for Shinran Shonin because of their role in sharing and spreading the teaching of Nembutsu... Immeasurable Wisdom and Compassion took human form to lead Shinran Shonin, and now us, to awareness of our “self-centeredness” (considered a “delusion” in Buddhism).

So, for me, our great Isseis and Niseis are the embodiments of the Buddha. They made great efforts to establish the

teaching of Nembutsu here in Portland. I have a chance to share the teaching of Nembutsu with you as a minister because of their great efforts. So, I am really grateful to them... but, when we think about the origins of this Nembutsu teaching, we can trace it back to the Vow of Amida Buddha to save all sentient beings through Nembutsu, then to Shakyamuni Buddha’s sermon called “the Larger Sutra,” then to the Seven Masters’ commentaries, then to Prince Shotoku’s efforts to establish Buddhism in Japan and finally to Shinran Shonin’s efforts to share the teaching of Nembutsu among the people.

When we accept these people as embodiments of the Buddha’s desire to make us aware of our self-centeredness... to awaken us from delusion and enable us to live a real life, then we begin to feel gratitude to the Buddhas, venerable masters, and people around us. The person of the nembutsu becomes more aware of (mindful of) their surroundings and of the nature of the self.

Anyway, thank you everyone for helping this sangha to grow and for giving me opportunities to share the teaching of Nembutsu here in Portland.

Gassho.

(*Wasan: poem in Japanese to praise the virtues of the Buddhas and venerable masters. Since “hymns” contains Christian feelings of “praising God,” I prefer to use the word “Wasan poem.”)

2019 Memorial Services

Year	Year	Year	Year
Of Passing	Memorial	Of Passing	Memorial
2018	1 Year	2003	17 Year
2017	3 Year	1995	25 Year
2012	7 Year	1987	33 Year
2007	13 Year	1970	50 Year

If you would like to schedule a memorial service for loved ones or ancestors, please make arrangements with Rev. Sugahara at 916-834-7350 or ysobtportland06012017@oregonbuddhisttempl.com

Home Visits

Rev. Yuki has been visiting members who are unable to or have difficulty coming to the temple. If you or a family member would like Reverend Yuki to visit you, please contact him at 916-834-7350.

“OBT welcomes all people regardless of ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identification, and political or religious affiliation.”

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e-mail: info@oregonbuddhisttemple.com website: <http://www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com>

Please contact the temple with any comments, questions or concerns, or if you wish to report a change of address.

June Shotsuki Hoyo

This is a monthly memorial service to honor and remember those loved ones who passed away during the month of June. The Shotsuki-Hoyo service will be held at the June 9th Sunday service at 10 am. Please join us and offer incense in memory of your relative(s) or friends.

Listed below are the names of those who passed away starting from 1950. Oregon Buddhist Temple has records from 1904. Names of deceased prior to 1950 are added if requested. If a name is missing or incorrect, please notify Jean Matsumoto, Etsu Osaki, or the temple.

Akiyama, Uhichi 6/12/1967	King, Hugh Ryunyo Gerald 6/28/2014	Okamoto, Misuyo 6/4/1997 *
Asai, Matsu 6/12/1967	Kinoshita, Kise 6/7/1989 *	Okawa, Misu 6/18/1978 *
Asawu, Benosuke 6/25/1963	Kinoshita, Teddy 6/6 /1956	Onishi, Shiz 6/2/2006 *
Aso, Benzo 6/25/1963	Matsubu, Yone 6/5/1964 *	Ota, Hajime 6/24/1987
Fujii, Mary Nakata 6/30/2017	Matsuda, Denishiro 6/5/1956	Sato, Yoshio Joe 6/12/1975
Fujii, Seiichi 6/25/1963	Mayeda, Soichi 6/26/1973	Shido, Mary Miyeko 6/15/2000
Gekko, Harry 6/12/2004	Mishima, Aster 6/7/1983 *	Shiiki, Asa 6/4/1991
Hamada, Tokuichi 6/1/1972	Mishima, Charlotte Ann 6/17/1961	Shinoka, Kiyokichi 6/3/1959
Hanning, Adolph 6/1/1953	Mishima, John 6/23/2010	Shiogi, Chiyo 6/9/1999 *
Harada, Kimie 6/16/2005 *	Miyoshi, Toku 6/9/1987 *	Sumino, George Yoshio 6/27/1996
Hasegawa, Tsune 6/13/1953*	Muramatsu, Henry 6/15/2016	Suzuki, Kagi 6/8/1984
Hasuike, Torazo 6/30/1967	Naganuma, Frank Y 6/17/1997	Takao, Hachiro 6/26/1962
Hondo, Mas 6/26/2004	Niiyama, Tanezo 6/7/1984	Takeuchi, "Tad" Tadashi 6/25/1997
Honma, Ed 6/6/1996	Ninomura, Yukiyo 6/16/1972 *	Tamiyasu, Eric M. 6/30/2001
Ikata, Yone 6/5/1964 *	Nishikawa, Kiyoshi 6/10/1979	Uyeda, Mariko 6 /28/1955
Kaga, Mura 6/24/1955 *	Nitta, Kiiyokichi 6/3/1959	Yada, Yoneko 6/10/2006
Kagawa, John Masaaki 6/13/2001	Oguri, Kuni 6/29/1959*	Yamaguchi, Mary 6/20/2017
Kanno, Makoto 6/7/1993		Yasui, Shizue 6/29/2013 *
Kawasaki, Corky Tokuyoshi 6/7/2001		

*OBWA member

Presidents Corner Ken Garner, OBT President

"In the beginner's mind there are many possibilities, but in the expert's, there are few," so begins Shunryu Suzuki, the founder of the San Francisco Zen Center, in his book Zen Mind, Beginner's Mind. When Maho and I first moved to Oregon, our neighborhood and the surrounding area seemed spread out and confusing. We'd be driving around exploring all the new places and all of a sudden, a familiar landmark would appear. There were endless ways to get to anywhere. As we learned our way around, however, the seemingly endless routes became fewer and Beaverton became very small.

We experienced much the same when we joined the Oregon Buddhist Temple. Things were new and exciting to us. We had the classic beginner's mind. We would catch glimpses of the Dharma's bounty, hinting at endless possibilities. We were accepted into the Sangha and into the OBT community and we had visions of what could be and wanted to be a part of that.

Fast forward many years, and while I am no expert, I sometimes sense a narrowing of my view. Maybe it is the result of budget discussions, security concerns, searching for event chairs or maybe it is just the natural order of things but the wonder inherent to the beginner's mind becomes elusive.

But then we all know that change is the one constant of reality. At Gotan-e this year we recognized Hatsumairi for 20 people – 6 children and 14 adults. This is a large class of new members and bodes well for the future of our temple. A majority of those recognized were able to attend the service, which has not always been the case in the past. This year's class demonstrates true and actual growth in our Sangha. I see the children, our future, receiving a foundation based on the Dharma that will serve them and society throughout their lives. As for the adults, they found something in our community and our teachings that resonates with them. We are all interconnected and OBT truly is the sum of all its parts. They bring with them their energy and beginner's mind which in turn spurs my beginner's mind out of its doldrums and reminds me of how I felt when I joined and why I stay.

I believe that I gained a better understanding of the Dharma when I began to feel that OBT was my temple. To all people new to OBT I offer encouragement in your development as an OBT member and pledge to

you my support. We need and welcome your energy and enthusiasm – of course to the level that you are comfortable and willing. I invite you to ask questions and to get involved in your efforts to become part of the community. It is worth the effort. To all long-time members, I encourage you to continue being welcoming and to include the new members in the life of the temple.

In Gassho



Hatsumairi Participants

From left to right: Miyoko Maeda, Pat Lindemaier, Sunita Kumar with children Anya and Akash, Cheryl Akeman, Erik Ackerson, Rev. Yuki, Felicia Teba, Heidi Hanson with daughter Claire and son Shane, Kristen Wong with son Davis, Corrine Klykov with son Ari. Not in photo: Ian Whaley and Kristen Kanan, Laura Maeda, Yuki Sasao, Steven Wong and daughter Olivia

May Board Meeting Summary **Traci Kiyama, OBT Secretary**

The Board met on Friday, May 10. There was not a quorum, so no voting took place.

Reports were submitted by the OBWA, BEC, and Rev. Sugahara. Marilyn Achterman announce an increase rental of our facility. Traci Kiyama reported the Spring Bazaar was generally successful this year and suggested changes to consider for next year. Charley Reneau has applied for a street closure for Obon this year so we can expand the event. We need to determine how best to use this new space.

Hiroya Tsukamoto will present a concert again at OBT this year on Sunday, May 19. The Craft Fair was originally scheduled for the last weekend in November, but this is the same weekend as Thanksgiving, so it will be moved to December. The hedge at the front has been removed to increase lot visibility. Other security measures continue to be pursued. For OBT's outreach efforts, volunteering with the Oregon Food Bank seems to be a popular choice. The next volunteering opportunity there is scheduled for Jun 29.

The next Board meeting will be on Friday, June 14 at 7pm.



Attention: All OBT Key Holders

In July we will be changing all the locks in the temple and annex. If you are a key holder please contact Cathy Yarne who will be coordinating the transition, the issuing of the

new keys and new keypad codes.

It is very important that she communicate with all key holders before June 30th because once the locks are changed, all old keys and key codes will not be usable. Thank you.

Email yarnefamily@gmail.com or call 503 319 7071.

OBT Pledge - Summertime **Al Ono, Pledge Chairperson**

About one month from the publication of this article, summer will officially start, and the first half of 2019 will be over. As has been said in Buddhist thinking, enjoy the summer now and do not get caught up in regret about the past first half of 2019 or get stressed about what you anticipate for the second half of 2019. Enjoy the beautiful months that make summer in Oregon great and for which Oregon is well known. However, here at OBT we do not just lay back for the summer months. Obon is coming in August - our best fundraiser. A lot of effort by many people makes this event a success. I probably will be prepping and cooking yakisoba (I will be ready Kim Kono)

However, unlike some other temples that find that Obon raises a large part of their financial needs, here at OBT, Obon contributes just a part of the funds needed for the year to keep OBT functioning.

Consequently, each one of you can add to the OBT funds, with less sweat, by making a pledge to OBT. Over 68 people have already pledged for 2019 so you too can add your name and your pledge to this list for 2019. Now you may be planning your vacation for this summer, but after you return, take some of the money you have left over and pledge it to OBT. Making a pledge is just writing a check, which is easier, less time consuming and certainly less tiring than chopping veggies or cooking Yakisoba.

For you who have pledged or planning to pledge, we say thank you. For others, please give consideration to making a pledge for 2019.

I hope to see you all helping and attending our Obon.

Gassho



Join Us **Robbi Ando**

The Oregon Buddhist Temple sangha and the Oregon Buddhist Women's Association are sponsoring a return to the Oregon Food Bank to help package food for hungry families.

WHERE, WHEN, AND WHO:

Oregon Food Bank Headquarters
7900 NE 33rd Drive (off of Columbia Blvd.)
Portland, OR 97211

Saturday, June 29 at 9:00 to 11:30 am

Those ages **6 and up** are welcome, but adults must accompany volunteers under 16. Every volunteer, regardless of age, needs to register no later than Tuesday, June 25th. To secure a spot please use this web address to get to our allocation of slots.

bit.ly/2019OFB

If you need assistance registering, please contact Robbi Ando at rchando@comcast.net or 503.329.6682 or Julia Yoshimoto at juliyoshimoto@gmail.com

If you would like to participate in a carpool or join us for lunch at McMenamin's Kennedy School, please touch base with

Jayne Ichikawa at jayneichi@gmail.com or 503.639.0067 no later than Tuesday, June 25th.

Hope to see you at the Food Bank and at lunch after!

Our life is filled with warmth in sharing life with others. In personal life, it means to act by placing ourselves in the position of another, and in community life, it means to give service with joy and gratitude for the betterment of all. The practice of making others happy is based upon the clear understanding of life that is Oneness. In deep gratitude, let us realize this Oneness of all life, the heart of which is Compassion. – Rennyō Shonin

Oregon Buddhist Women's Association (OBWA) Katie Tamiyasu

April certainly was a very busy month for OBWA, with four food prep days plus working the Spring Bazaar. We look forward to a quieter May through July, allowing us to enjoy a less stressful schedule until Obon, which we are already preparing for. The Obon chair, Charley Reneau attended our May OBWA meeting to discuss proposed plans for this year's event.

Our thanks go to Robbi Ando, Diane Harder, Kiyomi Dickinson and Atsuko Richards, who manned the OBWA booth at the Richmond Elementary School Spring Festival again this year. They "sold out" of dorayaki, daifuku (mochi filled with anko), plain mochi and chi chi dango. The weather was perfect that day, and they enjoyed interacting with the children making origami boxes with Japanese candies and post-it stickers.

The annual OBWA Birthday Lunch will follow the June 15th meeting at the Super King Restaurant at 12pm. Please contact Pat Hokama phokama@aol.com if you wish to join us.

Robbi Ando has arranged for OBT and OBWA members to help package food for hungry families at the Oregon Food Bank on Saturday, June 29th from 9am to 11:30am. Look for Robbi's article in this newsletter for registration procedures. All the members who participated in the last community service day at the food bank, found it fun and gratifying knowing that we were helping so many others less fortunate.

Nancy Kajitsu will be the next OBWA reporter.
Gassho

Dharma School Ann Shintani

Happy June! It is the end of another school year. Dharma School will have our last day on June 9th and after service we will have a field trip to the **World of Speed – Motorsports Museum** in Wilsonville. If you would like to join us, admission is \$9/adults and \$4/youth 6-12 years (Dharma School students' admission will be covered by Dharma School).

High School Seniors: We wish to recognize our high school seniors at Sunday Service on June 16. Please join us as we wish them all well. A fundamental truth of Buddhism is change, even when it is bittersweet.

Student art display: Please enjoy our art portraits, depicting students' renditions of the people of Jodo Shinshu, such as

Nagarjuna, Prince Shotoku, Eshinni, Kakushinni, Honen Shonin, Lady Takeko Kujo and others. We have displayed the portraits in the dining room for a short period of time.

FDSTL: Maho Garner and I were away with the Federation of Dharma School Teachers' League (FDSTL), the Sunday School teachers volunteer group affiliated with BCA. We were fortunate to have participated in their annual teacher's conference, which was held in San Jose. The theme was "Heal Ourselves, Heal the World", focusing on Naikan therapy. Naikan is an approach to be more reflective



At the FDSL in San Jose with Jill Yuzuriha Fajardo, April 28

and to cultivate gratitude. We were told that this was originally developed in Japan by practitioners of Jodo Shinshu in Japan. In addition to workshops that explored this topic, we also learned about the efforts of volunteers: sharing lesson plans on-line, determining worthy projects that we can fund together, and how important it is to encourage and support each other. We were able to speak to ministers, such as Rev. Bishop Umezu and Mrs. Janet Umezu. We thank OBT and OBT's Hishinuma Fund for sponsoring most of our costs.

Last of all but not least, thank you to all the donors and volunteers for making the Dharma School dessert bar at the Spring Bazaar fun and successful!

Spring Bazaar Thank You Traci Kiyama and Jenna Yokoyama



The 'OBT Fry Boys'
Steve Pawlowski, Jerry Sumoge and Reynold Lee

Thank you to the many volunteers who made the Spring Bazaar a success this year! It would not have been possible without all of your hard work, your time, and your care. So much curry was eaten! And the inari sushi sold out! The mabo tofu was a hit, too. And, of course, the star of the show was

the Mar Far chicken.

It took more than a hundred hands to chop vegetables, stuff sushi, stir sauces, go shopping for ingredients, plan recipes, wash dishes, serve hungry customers, clean up, make tasty desserts, bake manju, organize omiyage, and sell tickets.

The queen of the event was Robbi Ando. The event would not be so tasty without you, Robbi! It was a great success because we came together as a community and created deliciousness for the community. A good time was had by all. Thank you, everyone! It truly would not be possible without everyone's collective hard work. お疲れ様でした。

Gassho

The article below is the fifth in a series of articles written this year by an OBT board member to help make the board more accessible to temple members.

Meet the Board Members

Marilyn Achterman

- Sensei’s dharma messages are meaningful and relevant, in other words, right on.
- Being surrounded with familiar faces provides comfort and security.
- Encountering new faces adds new perspectives and insights, otherwise unexplored.
- The udon is delicious with each topping delicately sliced with care.
- It provides a clear foundation when enduring loss both personal and world-wide.
- Everyone and everything matters.
- The chanting and the dharma resonates throughout the Hondo. I sit in awe and wonder how the teachings fell upon me.

Lotus Circle – June

Jean Matsumoto

OBT is so grateful to have our loyal Lotus Circle members who year after year donate \$35 so that altar flowers can be arranged in memory of their loved ones on the closest Sunday to their day of passing. For the month of June, we thank the following generous donors:

- June 9 – Anonymous in memory of (imo) Tanezo Niiyama; Anonymous imo past temple president Corky Kawasaki and his wife Yuriko; Joann Ng imo her parents Harry & Elaine Gekko
- June 16 – Julie Yoshie Kagawa imo of husband John and his parents Tsuneki & Kinu; Matt, Randy and Julie Muramatsu imo their parents Henry (Hank) & Phyllis
- June 23 – Anonymous imo Mary Yamaguchi
- June 30 – Thomas Fujii imo wife Mary

If you are interested in joining the Lotus Circle, please feel free to contact me at 503-280-2463, or e-mail jamatsumoto@gmail.com. Also, check out the webpage created by Temple President Ken Garner (webmaster@oregonbuddhisttemple.com) for sharing information about loved ones.

June Toban

Pat Hokama	Matt Langer
Chip Larouche	Setsy Larouche
Susan Leedham	Al Ono
Cathy Shikatani	Willem Stoeller
Bill Tanaka	Linda Tanaka
Felicia Teba	Craig Yanase
Lisa Yanase	Elaine Yuzuriha
Todd Yuzuriha	Judy Hittle

OBT Readers' Club

Sunday May 19, 2019 Dharma Exchange

Enlightenment Town: Finding Spiritual Awakening In A Most Improbable Place by Jeffery Paine

The next Readers' Club meeting is scheduled for the Dharma Exchange on June 2, 2019. This is directly after the Sunday Service. We will be discussing the book mentioned above. All readers must secure their own copy of the book.

Why has a tiny old mining town straight out of *Gunslinger* or *Deadwood* — Crestone, Colorado — become home to twenty-five spiritual centers representing nearly all the brand-name faiths of the world? With the keen eye of a storyteller, the insights of a scholar, and the heart of a seeker, Jeffery Paine narrates a truly unique adventure. He explores Crestone’s wintry, oxygen-thin mountain geography and introduces a cast of spiritual mavericks and unlikely visionaries. Paine finds in Crestone a remarkable dedication to coexistence. Paradoxically, the town’s amazing spiritual diversity highlights fundamental commonalities in a way that will strike and even inspire believers, agnostics, and searchers of every stripe.

The conversations we have at the Book Club Dharma Exchanges are always good – and are even better if you have had an opportunity to read all or part of the book! Please join in the conversation June 2.

OBT Readers' Club

Wednesday June 19, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Shoe Box Plays By Hiroshi Kashiwagi

PSU Taiko and Japanese Theater Students

Wynn Kiyama

“Drama Dance Drums” is an annual production led by Professors Larry Kominz and Wynn Kiyama, featuring PSU students in Japanese kyogen plays and taiko pieces. Five comic plays will be presented, including an original work by a PSU student and a special guest performer from Japan, Shigeyama Ipei. The taiko ensemble will present traditional and new works, the lion dance, and a new piece written by a PSU student.

The performance takes place on Tuesday, June 4 at 7:00 p.m. in Lincoln Performance Hall. Tickets are available online at <https://portlandstate.universitytickets.com> and search for “drums” or call (503) 725-3307.

Donate your old car, truck, motorcycle, RV, or boat to the temple! OBT is partnering with CARS to collect your used vehicle and turn it into cash. Fill out the form at <https://careasy.org/nonprofit/oregon-buddhist-temple>. You can also call 855-500-RIDE. CARS will pick up your vehicle for free, usually within 24-72 hours of your request. They will provide you with a receipt for your donation, and OBT receives cash!

Graduation Banquet - OBT was very well-represented at the recent 72nd Japanese American Graduation Banquet held on Sunday, May 5th at the Monarch Hotel and Conference Center.



Skyview HS graduate Yukaiya Nomoto with mother Enshane and friend Thupten Tsering



Head Table: Chairperson Setsy Larouche, Keynote Speaker Wynn Kiyama, Emcee Chip Larouche, Tracy Kiyama



St. Marys HS graduate Lauren Yanase with parents Craig and Lisa and brother Bryan



OBT Contingent

**Oregon Buddhist Temple
April 2019 Donations**

In memory of Sachi Hasuike

Furukawa Family
Christine Iwai *on behalf of*
James & Masako Iwai

In memory of Karen Fusae Lazzeroni

Sarah & Amanda Lazzeroni

SHOTSUKI HOYO

In memory of Sally M L Nakamura
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In memory of Sauda Kinoshita

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Thank you for your continued support

OREGON BUDDHIST TEMPLE

OBON MEMORIAL LANTERN ORDER FORM TO CELEBRATE OBONFEST 2019

WHITE Lanterns

Commemorate the life of a loved one, remembering relatives, friends or even pets.



RED Lanterns

Honor a living person, organization or business.

RE-HANG a previously purchased lantern to continue this joyful remembrance.

Please use one form for each new lantern. This order form is also available on the OBT website.

WHITE COMMEMORATIVE LANTERN (\$25) Deadline to order by: **Monday, July 29, 2019.**

Deceased's First Name (English) _____ Last name _____

Japanese Version/ Buddhist name (Kanji/Katakana) will be on Lantern _____

Date of Passing (if known): _____

RED COMMEMORATIVE LANTERN (\$25) Deadline to order by: **Monday, July 29, 2019.**

First name/business/ organization in English _____ LastName _____

Japanese Version (Kanji/Katakana) on lantern _____

RE-HANGING Previously Purchased Lantern: **\$15 for the 1st order, \$10 Each additional lantern**

Deadline to order by: **Thursday, August 1, 2019**

Name (English) _____

Name (English) _____

Name (English) _____

Name (English) _____

Just in case we have a question about the lantern:

PURCHASER'S NAME _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Checks Payable to: **Oregon Buddhist Temple**

3720 SE 34th Avenue, Portland, OR 97202

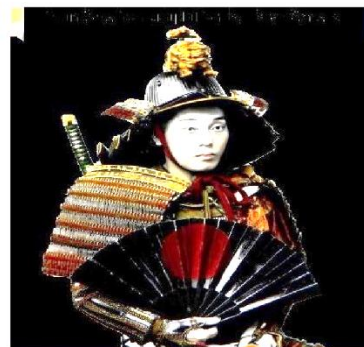
Lanterns to be re-hung in 2020 can be stored at the temple OR purchased lanterns can be picked up Sunday following the ObonFest. Lanterns inactive for two years will be discarded.

Thank you very much!

Lanterns OBT Phone contact: 503-234-9456

"You Are Not My Enemy"
an American adaptation
of the Japanese Noh drama "Atsumori"
June 22 — 30, 2019

Portland, OR (May 10, 2019) – Portland writer, actor, and producer Peter Armetta has written and is producing an actor-centered, American adaptation of a Noh drama about finding release from the effects of old karma. The show, "**You Are Not My Enemy**," features live music from Joe Sorce and runs just five performances: **June 22 and 23, and June 28, 29, and 30**, hosted by Rev. Yuki Sugahara and the Oregon Buddhist Temple, 3720 SE 34th Ave, Portland. Tickets (\$15) can be purchased by visiting Wannago at <https://tinyurl.com/yyoyxnze> or at the door (as available).



June 22, 23, 28, 29, 30 at 7:30 PM
Oregon Buddhist Temple 3720 SE 34th PDX 97202
<http://www.dreamslanding.org>
SIS at the door or Wannago tickets online
<https://tinyurl.com/yyoyxnze>



The Northwest District Council of Buddhist Churches of America

SHIN BUDDHIST GRANT, NORTHWEST DISTRICT

Have you heard of the Shin Buddhist Grant that is administered by the Northwest District Council? If not, it's really not a surprise. This program has been in existence for many years. Its intent is to provide grants to ministerial aspirants seeking Kaikyoshi with an intent to serve temples in the BCA. A secondary purpose is to support certified minister assistants in the Northwest District who seek to further their education and continue their service to their temple. This includes those seeking Tokudo and Kyoshi.

As time has gone on, the presence of more and more qualified applicants has created a challenge in having funds available to support them in the manner we are accustomed. Many years ago, we'd have only one or two applicants each year. Some years there were none. However, in 2018 we had five applicants and in 2019 there were seven! This year there were actually 13 candidates who were qualified (not all applied).

We have historically been funded by the Northwest District Council and the Northwest BWA. Additional donations have come from two Northwest District temples.

The Shin Buddhist Grant of the Northwest District Council has become a gesture of support and encouragement to those who apply. We're grateful for their efforts and welcome their likely addition to the corps of qualified kaikyoshi ministers serving the BCA.

Today, we are making this effort to make our presence more known. The increase in qualified applicants, particularly in the last two years, has nearly depleted our fund. Bishop Kodo Umezu, Rev. Marvin Harada and Rev. Jerry Hirano have all expressed their support. So, we are reaching out to all of the BCA to request your consideration to donate. Donations from temples, affiliated organizations, individuals and others are most welcome. It is our hope to be able to continue this program, but it will be very difficult without your help. After all, these ministers in training benefit us ALL.

You may find a number of ministers you know in this list of previous grant recipients:

Rev. Harry Bridge	Rev. Anne Spencer	Jennifer Akiko Rogers
Rev. Bryan Siebuhr	Rev. Paul Vielle	Tadao Koyama
Rev. William Briones	Rev. Christine Marr	CJ Dunford
Rev. Curt Rye	Rev. Mutsumi Wondra	Laverne Imori
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Rev. Henry Adams	Rev. Matthew Hamasaki	David Black
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		Melissa Opel

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Thank you very much!