



OBT established 1903



Shinran and Eshinni: A Love Story! Rev. Tadao Koyama

Happy February everyone! Does it always get so cold this time of year? This year it sure seems that winter is coming a lot later than December. I remember our first February we had a few inches of snow on the temple grounds!

Valentine's day is celebrated in February. Many loving couples take this time to go out to dinner, and receive roses etc. When we think about Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, romance isn't really talked about all that much. However, one of the great love stories is about our own founder, Shinran Shonin and his wife Eshinni.

We actually have a lot to thank Eshinni for since she provided much insight in the life of Shinran and the times in Japan through her letters to her daughter Kakushinni. Shinran was ordained in the Tendai order. On the surface, the monks of Mt. Hiei were supposed to be celibate and free themselves of "earthly desires". This was never the case. Many of the monks had secret wives and children. That is where the euphemistic phrase "the back door of the temple" comes from. While the monks portrayed themselves to be these above reproach men in the front, they had secret families in the back.

Shinran could not resolve this desire, and it seems, could not stomach the hypocrisy of being told that he was to remain celibate when he probably was very aware of many of the monks had secret wives and families. It could be argued that Shinran was the first priest to openly be married.

It is not really known or confirmed if Shinran was married to Eshinni before or after he was banished from Kyoto. However, we do know that Shinran and Eshinni were raising their family in Echigo during Shinran's banishment. One of the reasons why this story is so inspiring is because Shinran and Eshinni were still able to do great work in spreading the Nembutsu teachings while still being married.

The Nembutsu teaching is not only meant for monks and clergy in the Buddhist world, but for everyone. Shinran himself was told supposed by Honen, "If being married makes you chant the Nembutsu, then get married. If it hinders you from saying Nembutsu, don't." Shinran definitely challenged the norms of his time by openly declaring to be married to Eshinni. Eshinni was also essential to the spreading of the Nembutsu teaching as she had access to capital and property to further assist in this endeavor.

This really helps me to appreciate my wife, Rev. Cyndi Yasaki. The partnership between us is something I will always cherish! Sorry, I think I am feeling a bit romantic myself!

Namo Amida Butsu.



Admiring Nature's Beauty Judy Hittle, OBT President

As I write this, it is closing in towards the end of January. Last night I went out to see the planetary conjunction of four planets - Venus, Saturn, Jupiter and Mars, which were to be visible to the naked eye. I wonder how many of you did the same. I didn't quite see all four, but three were clearly visible and glowing in the night sky. How beautiful they were amongst the stars. How often have we stopped to admire nature's beauty around us; did you know they exist even when we don't look for them or see them?

We have many opportunities available to us, just as nature's beauty, we just need to take the time to stop and see/hear them.

Have you ever stopped to think how fortunate we are to have our Oregon Buddhist Temple? Having our Temple, gives us a place to hear the Dharma and sometimes when we really listen, we learn. Well, the Temple does not magically exist. There are sangha members who initially had this temple built and others who now carry the load so our Temple can continue to exist. We also have volunteers who help us to hear the Dharma from various religious leaders, whether in person or by way of a video. Unfortunately, at this time, we do not have a resident minister, but we do have a supervising minister, Rev Koyama, who is physically with us at least once each month. For this, we are truly grateful.

As a Temple member we must stop and see/hear about all the good things that are going on within our Temple and appreciate them. Perhaps by doing so you may want to add your talents to our pool of volunteers to help our temple continue to be as healthy and active as possible.

On February 16, immediately following the service we will have our Annual General Meeting. You will hear about many of the great things that have been happening at the Oregon Buddhist Temple. It may inspire you to join the many volunteers.

Please take the time to stop and see/hear us. Everyone is welcome.

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

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February Shotsuki Hoyo

This is a monthly memorial service to honor and remember those loved ones who passed away during the month of February. The Shotsuki-Hoyo service will be held at the February 16 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 the temple at 503 481-0699 or at obtlanterns@gmail.com.

Denny Masaru Ando, 2/2/2004	Yoshizo Ito, 2/1/1995	Fusako Ouchida, 2/12/2023*
Sagoro Asai, 2/18/1969	George Kajiwara, 2/8/2016	Kayoko Parks, 2/23/1992
Masako Blackmun, 2/21/2018	Mary W Kasubuchi, 2/24/2010*	Sakiyo Sakurai, 2/17/1958
Bob Dorman, 2/1/2009	Mine Katsuro, 2/23/1955	Sayo Shiraishi, 2/23/1952
Sumie Ebihara, 2/1/1957*	Sakae Kobayashi, 2/7/1966	Seigo Sugihara, 2/24/2003
Kikuno Egashira, 2/7/1997	Shozo Maekawa, 2/17/1990	Sen Sunamoto, 2/4/1967*
Reisaku Egashira, 2/16/1978*	Ryoo Maekawa, 2/26/2005	Kazuko Sunamoto, 2/26/2017*
Hiroshi Hyde Fujii, 2/26/2005	Tamuro Miura, 2/13/1966	Mary Tadasumi, 2/23/1954
Yonezo Fred Fujii, 2/21/1973	Jimmy Miyoshi, 2/2/1984	May Takemoto, 2/28/2023*
Yoshino Fujii, 2/16/1963*	Orga Fusae Junie Morishita, 2/27/1997	George Takeo Takeda, 2/27/1992
George S Fujiwara, 2/6/2016	Bessie Shinobu Morita, 2/4/2012	Ishi Takeda, 2/6/1951*
Sachiko Hasuie, 2/14/2019	Dorothy Fujiko Nakagawa, 2/25/2016	Takichi Takemoto, 2/19/1954
Masako Hayashida, 2/3/2004	Kanesuki Nakamura, 2/22/1956	Thomas Takeuchi, 2/20/1990
Sachie Yuki Hearing, 2/2/1989	Saya Nakamura, 2/21/1987*	Tomi Tsujimura, 2/25/1983*
Shigeru Hironaka, 2/15/2005	Isao Niemi, 2/26/1962	Chise Uyetake, 2/7/1956*
Tom Hokama, 2/25/2020	Yasutaro Oguri, 2/1/1961	May Watari, 2/10/2023*
Ira Honma, 2/27/1988	George Okamoto, 2/1/2008	Kaye Yamaguchi, 2/13/2021
Sueo Buddy Ikata, 2/27/1992	Tatsu Okita, 2/23/1967*	Shizuo Yamaguchi, 2/21/1988*
Masaharu Ikeda, 2/21/1975	Haru Okubo, 2/7/2006	Nobuko Yoshida, 2/1973*
Nobuko Ishida, 2/11/1973*	Herbert Susumu Osaki, 2/10/2022	Shuichi Yoshihara, 2/7/1962
James Kentaro Ishii, 2/27/2010	Tome Osaki, 2/1974*	

* OBWA member

Self Esteem or Healthy Self: Does it Contradict the Buddhist Teaching of Non-Self?



A special seminar with renowned Jodo Shinshu scholar and author
Reverend Dr. Kenneth Tanaka

Oregon Buddhist Temple
Saturday February 8, 2025
2:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Please Join Us with Rev. Koyama :



Sunday, February 23, 2025 10am
 Sunday, March 9, 2025 10am
 Sunday, April 13, 2025 10am
Hanamatsuri (Shakyamuni Buddha's Birthday)



Oregon Buddhist Temple December 2024 Donations

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Tom Zenkyo Howard

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Anonymous

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Anonymous

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sjendecott@gmail.com***

Ed. Note: The article below by OBT board member Cheri Yoshida is intended to help make the board more accessible to temple members.

Welcome to the February Newsletter!

Cheri Yoshida | OBT Board Member



This is my first newsletter! =) I hope 2025 has been kind to you so far! February is a month when we celebrate Nirvana Day, which marks the end of the cycle of rebirth, suffering, and birth. It is a time to reflect on our future and the lives of loved ones who have passed away, including both our human companions and our furry friends.

The bond between humans and their pets is rooted in love, trust, and a form of communication that transcends words. Pets are perceptive and can sense human emotions through body language, tone of voice, and other subtle cues. Humans also learn to identify their pets' needs and feelings. Research has indicated that many animals develop emotional attachments to their owners. We create strong connections through shared experiences, social interactions, and positive reinforcement. Our pets show their attachment through behaviors such as following their owners everywhere, seeking physical closeness, and expressing joy upon their return.

As we begin a new year, let us strive to remember that every being understands the universal language of love and kindness. The person standing next to you in line, in front of you at the stoplight, or on the corner may be doing their best to get through that moment alone. A simple gesture, a deep breath, or even a pause before responding can make a significant difference and influence the ripple effect it may create. We can demonstrate that we care for and respect one another through simple gestures that don't cost a thing.

Dogs embrace and celebrate us for who we genuinely are, just like Amida Buddha does. This serves as a beautiful reminder of unconditional love and acceptance.

I will conclude by sharing a New Year-themed poem titled "Mochi Moon."

Dogs wearing jackets

Mountains wearing snow and ice

Full moon mochi cakes

Thank you!

Cheri Yoshida | cheriyoshida@gmail.com



Pictured: K9 (on left) Sony (aka: Sonichi, Suntaro!)
Feline (on right) - Mila (aka: Chi-Chi, La Huntress)



Oregon Buddhist Temple Board of Directors / Officers 2025 to 2027

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OBT Board Meeting Summary Jack Kostylo, OBT Secretary

The OBT Board meeting was held on January 8th at 6:30pm. We decided the General Meeting would be on February 16th. We were awarded a grant to promote Jodo Shinshu principles. We are looking for fundraiser chairs. We discussed a proposal to host a game night at the temple and will continue the

conversation at our next meeting. The meeting ended at 8:45pm.

Editor's Note: We are grateful to the OBT Board of Directors and Officers shown above for volunteering their time and effort. For those who are not on the Board, and are looking for a way to get involved at OBT, there are many ways to do so. One way is to contact the temple at obtwebmaster@gmail.com and someone will be happy to get you involved. Or you can talk with one of the friendly persons above at the temple as well.



OBWA News Amy Peterson

Our OBWA is growing and thriving. We are however looking for more people to help take leadership roles. Some of the roles are as easy as being a reporter for the newsletter. Hopefully we'll get enough offers to make it only a once a year obligation.

Another opportunity is to be a **service chair**. We have two OBWA sponsored services we chair (Thank you Robbi for stepping up), this year in February and June. It is an easy opening to chair a service as most of the work is done for you, you just need to be a guide through the service announcing the service outline.

We are planning on having a lot of fun at our **New Year's party at Super King Buffet at 11 am on Feb. 15th**. We only have a few RSVP's so far, but if you're interested, please let us know by emailing response to obtlanterns@gmail.com. Also contact Jayne Ichikawa if you would like to carpool. Be sure to gather up your white elephants gift too.

We are working with Rev. Koyama for a special speaker on LGBTQ information. **Rev. Amy Ko'e Umezu** is to speak on LGBTQ+ issues on June 8th. Please save the date as there are so many questions we have now that we didn't last year. I know this will be informative, compassionate, and helpful to so many.

We are still looking for someone to take the lead as our **Culinary Committee Chair**. The chair serves to identify a crew for any Otoki needed. They would also be the contact if the Board or BEC request our help. Currently I am filling this role but have other temple obligations so could use some help. This would also help us identify programs of interest. We do have an interest in some cooking classes and need input on what; sauces, items, presentation, etc. We also have willing presenters, we just need member input.

Jayne Ichikawa does a fantastic job with **Caring for Others**; arranging for visitations of home-bound members, visits by Rev. Koyama, etc. Jayne, Shinya, Jeff and Jeff's wife Junko visited Jean Matsumoto on New Year's Day with some ozoni and miso soup for freezing once approved by the staff. She also had Rev. Koyama visit with Eric Ackerson.

If you know of a member who needs to be added to the Caring for others list, please let Jayne know.

We'd like to extend our condolences to former member **Hannah Honma** at the passing of her husband Tom last year. We apologize as we are just being informed and don't have all the details for a celebration of life.

If you haven't seen **Janice Okamoto** lately, while visiting son Gary in Utah over the holidays they discovered some health issues so she'll have them taken care of in Utah, but means she won't be around the temple for a while and will miss the New Year Party. Janice, best wishes for a quick schedule for your situation and a speedy recovery.

Jeanette will be posting the **new zoom link** for our OBWA monthly meetings. Please watch for it at the end of the newsletter.

Please join us for the first 10-15 minutes as we have **Avery Hughes-Davis' Healthy Body Presentation** at the beginning of meetings starting in March. Movement as we age is so important and we'll never be able to keep up with our grandkids if we don't get some help. We know many of you appreciated the class he did for the Dharma school. We will start up again at the March meeting.

Our treasurer **Diane Harder** submitted our membership information early. Our membership numbers are based on the previous year. Since then, we have a new member and would like to welcome **Betty Hasuike Young**. Betty's parents were a fixture around the temple and they were very generous with produce from their farm. Betty and her husband Henry and brother Daniel toured with us in 2023 to Japan. She and her family are regular volunteers at Obon and fundraisers.

The Hawaii BWA is looking for early numbers for the **World Buddhist Women's Federation Conference Sept. 11-12, 2027**. Please check this link for more information <http://hawaiiibwa.org/2023/09/wbwc-hnl-sept-2027>. If you are interested and not a member yet, please contact Diane Harder or email obtlanterns@gmail.com. Membership is \$20 per year and there are many more benefits. So far, we have 3 people indicating they plan on attending. This allows you to meet and exchange with people from Japan, Brazil, Canada, Hawaii and all around the US.

Gassho,
Amy



Flower Toban and Nokotsudo Amy Peterson

Temple specialty cleaning is happening around the temple. Here are some things we're looking to do:

We continue to work with the Flower Toban to make their job a little easier by giving them more workspace and cleaning the closet.

They have reverted to using the conference room table so we'd appreciate keeping the table clear for vases and flowers as they are doing about a dozen arrangements each week. We admire their beautiful arrangements but don't always understand how much thought and effort go into them. They also have a cart and small table outside the Nokotsudo.

We are going to change the contact paper in the closet and remove excess vases.

We are also looking for a cabinet to clean up outside the Onajin while making it more functional with a rack for the audio equipment and a closet to store some annually used items and ministerial robes and things. This will give us space to move some items out of the back hallway.

If you're interested in some antique tables, please inquire through one of the minister's assistants for more information.

Nokotsudo: Many people regularly bring flowers to honor their loved ones. Temple Toban clean up these flowers and have been saving the vases. We will have a variety of vases on hand in the Flower Toban closet (and sink) that people are welcome to use. We will hold onto any vases with names on

them for family's future use. Generic vases will be recycled outside of the temple. They should be on the top shelf of the closet.

If you have questions or suggestions, please let Amy P, Susan E, Brenda F or Jeanette know.



Mottainai Craft Group Toyoko Oguri

Our first meeting of the new year brought several new members. With some instructions, one started making a happi for herself, cutting the fabric to her size and sewing some seams with one of the sewing machines we supply. Another new member, who is an experienced crafter brought many ideas to share, and she nabbed old jeans we had for her future bag making project. While socializing, we learned how to make yukata with extra panels for larger sizes and shared ideas on apron making, monpe pants and other apparel making.

We welcome requests of items to make for the temple, such as nenju case, aprons, and anesan kaburi (head coverings for food service). We can also make or teach you how to make custom size happi or yukata.

WHAT'S AHEAD: Saturday, February 22: Sashiko workshop for limited number of participants and simultaneous regular meeting for other participants. March meeting is closed. A regular meeting is planned for Wednesday, April 16.

FUTURE PLANS: We are planning another marbling workshop to refurbish stained obis and tabi foot coverings.

To participate in these craft events, craft request or questions, please contact the group at mottainaicraftgroup24@gmail.com.



Girl Scouts Amy Peterson

We have some new scouts in the troop and we'd like to thank the Sangha for making them feel welcome and supported. Thank you for your pre-orders of Girl Scout Cookies. They still have time to take orders for girl delivery if you have not gotten the opportunity. Mina is one of our Rock Stars, getting up really, really early to be on KGW morning news with enthusiasm and smiles. As new scouts they had a goal of 35 boxes, but due to your help and their efforts they continue to increase their goals so helping with their next year's registration, overnights and a GS outdoor program with other scouts their age to gain outdoor skills in hopes of maybe competing next year.

Cookies that have been pre-ordered will be available for pick up on Sunday Feb. 16th and later. They will be manning cookie booths from Feb. 21st to March 16th and but you can find the location of a booth near you at cookie locator www.girlscouts.org/en/cookies.html Cash, Checks made out to Girl Scouts GSOSW, or Square accepted for payment.

They just completed their cuisine badges and part of it was making miso soup! This fit for vegetarian, halal, gluten free and the rest.



OBT and Portland Taiko Carol Saiget

Portland Taiko (PT) has been entertaining audiences throughout the NW for the past 30 years, blending "the tradition of Japanese taiko drumming with a sense of Asian American identity, creativity, and empowerment."

Portland Taiko and the OBT have a mutually beneficial relationship. For the past 9 years, PT has rented space from the OBT for practices, classes, storage, in the basement & garage, and a room in the annex (PT office). PT and the OBT are separate, non-profit organizations.

PT's current contract allows them access to the temple basement Monday-Thursday evenings, and Thursday during the day. PT pays additional rent for any use of the temple basement outside of these times. If they are not using the space, OBT is allowed to use it upon request. This rental agreement benefits the temple by having visible usage of the temple in the evenings and regular rental income. While it isn't always perfect, both PT and the OBT have been able to work together to maintain a healthy, beneficial relationship.

PORTLAND TAIKO & Oregon Buddhist Temple



Did You Know?

Paid Members of OBT are eligible for a **FREE Taiko Class** from **PORTLAND TAIKO !!!**

Check out the Portland Taiko website portlandtaiko.org for more information, and contact classes@portlandtaiko.org to sign up

In addition, OBT members (in good standing) can take PT Taiko 101 workshops without charge and receive 25% off any classes. Classes fill up quickly, so if you are interested, check out the PT website portlandtaiko.org for more information, and email "classes@portlandtaiko.org" for sign up info.



SAVE THE DATE: May 10th Carol Saiget

Author, Dr. Satsuki Ina will be at the OBT to share her book, *The Poet and the Silk Girl: A Memoir of Love, Imprisonment, and Protest*. Her novel is a "compelling and prismatic love story" of her parent's "defiance in the face of injustices" during WWII and "how their story echoes across generations." As a licensed psychotherapist, specializing in community trauma, and an activist, Dr. Ina is uniquely qualified to share her family's story, while connecting it to modern-day mass incarceration and treatment of immigrants.

Copies of the book will be available for sale at the temple prior to the May event. The event will be co-hosted by the OBT and the Japanese American Museum of Oregon.

Note: Dr. Ina cofounded, Tsuru for Solidarity, a nonviolent, direct-action project of Japanese American social justice advocates working to end detention sites and support directly impacted immigrant and refugee communities that are being targeted by racist, inhumane immigration policies.



2025 Japanese American Community Graduation Banquet Elaine Yuzuriha

The Japanese American Community Scholarships and JACL scholarship applications are due on March 1st. The application for the scholarships can be found on the Portland JACL website:

www.pdxjacl.org/scholarships

Check out the eligibility requirements for the scholarship on the application. Students or their parents must be a member of one of 11 community organizations of which Oregon Buddhist Temple is one.



Representatives from the 11 Japanese American community organizations which sponsor the banquet: L to R: Elaine Yuzuriha (Oregon Buddhist Temple), Connie Masuoka (Portland JACL), Ron Iwasaki (Oregon Nisei Vets), Ann Shintani (OBT), Chip and Setsy Larouche (ONV, Japanese Ancestral Society, PDX JACL), Michie Uzunoe (Nikkei Fujinkai), Sally Fujimoto (Shokookai), Sharon Takahashi (Veleda Club), Marleen Wallingford (PDX JACL), Ida Sugahiro (Nichiren Buddhist Temple), David Batchelor (Henjyoji Shingon Buddhist Temple), Linda Guerber (Gresham Troutdale JACL), and Mae Hirata (Nichiren BT). Not pictured: Marilyn Sholian (Epworth United Methodist Church.)

The Japanese American Graduation Banquet will be Sunday, May 4, 2025 at 1 pm, located at the Riverside Golf and Country Club, 8105 NE 33rd Drive, Portland, OR. This annual event will honor the Class of 2025 high school graduates from the Portland Metro area and award the community scholarships. The keynote speaker will be Hanako Wakatsuki Chong, Executive Director of the Japanese American Museum of Oregon.

Please send the names of any Japanese American High School Graduate from the Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas counties in Oregon, and Clark County, Washington to the graduation committee so they can invite the graduate to the banquet to honor them. Contact Elaine Yuzuriha at elaine@minidokaswingband.com for information. See our Facebook page: Portland Japanese American Community Graduation.



Omiyage Donations Susan Leedham

We are beginning to collect donations for Omiyage to sell at Obon. We sold most of our inventory at our last Obon, so we really need your donations, and please ask your friends and relatives too! So as you're decluttering or going through a loved one's possessions, please think of donating to OBT to let someone else enjoy something new.

Most anything Japanese sells best, such as dishes, serving pieces and art. We are also interested in gently used decorative and kitchen items, although as is common with garage sales, it is surprising what sells! Toys and jewelry also sell, though other than T-shirts, most clothing does not.

I will put a box in the basement in the corner near the piano. If you need help or have any questions, my cell phone number is 503-803-1041, and my email address is leedhamreporting@comcast.net.

Thank you!

OMIYAGE Donations (for OBON) NEEDED!

Please put your **NEW** or **GENTLY USED** donations in the box in the NW corner of the basement (near the piano)

For more information, contact **Susan Leedham**
leedhamreporting@comcast.net





Caring for Our Temple

Marilyn Achterman

The temple is lovingly cared for by the sangha. The energy of our volunteers keeps the temple a warm and inviting space to perpetuate the dharma. For this, we are fortunate.

Among our many volunteers are the ingenuity, skill and willingness of Kats Amasuga, Ray Fukunaga, Richard Koyama, who over the years have added safety, efficiency and beauty to our building and grounds. The list is long. To name a few: a door to protect the onajin, hand railing, shelving, many kitchen features, including faucets, storage, freezer; concrete pads and asphalt patching, motion lights, securing Amida statue, rock garden, signage and other additions. Thank you to these three gentlemen and the sangha for keeping Oregon Buddhist Temple a wealth of tradition for generations past, present and future to treasure.



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OBT Events and Meetings

Links to and list of recurring events and meetings. Because most events are now live at OBT, this table will contain only those events/meetings with zoom links. Check the newsletter calendar for the dates of everything that is occurring at the temple. For questions: obon.oregonbuddhisttemple@gmail.com (goes to Chris).

Please check our website for any last minute updates (like weather, funerals, or cancellations).

OBT Regular Service

Every week – Sun 10 AM

Dharma Exchange (following the Regular Service) at 11 AM

Link below to website for the filmed services:

<https://www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com/>

This link is to zoom for the live Sunday Services and Dharma Exchange:

Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88441525686?pwd=EeovjfEdmbgAgQUoFXpEC1RAQrzPP1.1>

Meeting ID: 884 4152 5686

Passcode: 804117

OBWA

3rd Sat, mid-month, each month – 10 AM (specific date on calendar)

Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/96237030266?pwd=QjYxMjl5dDM3cnFVLzR5YmEvUU94UT09>

Meeting ID: 962 3703 0266

Passcode: 574232

Sunday Bon Odori

last Sunday of the month (see below – specific date on calendar)

Bon odori is generally the last Sunday of the month at 1 PM in the basement. July/August are exceptions because of Obon and dancing at the Japanese Garden. And, on occasion there are OBT events on the last Sunday so see the newsletter or calendar for specific dates. This is for fun, exercise, learning new dances, re-learning old dances, and seeing your dance buddies.

See Chris for details or to be added to our Japanese Stuff list that we use to notify dancers ---

obon.oregonbuddhisttemple@gmail.com (email comes to Chris and I can answer questions or add you to the list)

Zoom link if you can't make it in person.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81054749182?pwd=aHBjNXhERzNyT3hUU0E5Wmw2cUliZz09>

Meeting ID: 810 5474 9182

Passcode: 113529

BEC (Buddhist Education Committee)

3rd Wednesday evening of month (see calendar)

This is the group who figures out the educational activities for the temple like the Sunday Services, Dharma Exchange, the Library, the videos and Sunday slide show presentations, and other tasks. We are always busy especially since we are currently without a resident minister. You are welcome to visit and listen in on the decisions or volunteer 😊

Meetings are the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM with a couple exceptions.

Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/97807303590?pwd=MU90SkZHUnpJUXVxd0EvVGZDYUo4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 978 0730 3590

Passcode: 790943

Rev. Koyama has invited us to participate in his Buddhist Education Class.

Jodo Shinshu 101 Class

Rev. Koyama leads this class the 2nd Wednesday every month, 6pm-7pm. Signup link to info and form is on the main page of Tacoma's website, about 2/3 of the way down the page – (signup link takes you to google form).

<https://www.tacomabt.org/>

Once you are signed up, you will receive an email each month with the class info and zoom link.



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