

Dharma Family Service Announcements 2/14/21

Upcoming BCA Center of Buddhist Education Online Events:

(Registration info is all on the Buddhist Churches of America Website)

3/6 & 3/13 Zen & Shin Buddhism

Part 1: 3/6/21 11am-1pm:

Letting Go: A Zen and Shin Approach to Liberation

With Dr. Duncan Ryuken Williams, University of Southern California and Author of American Sutra: A Story of Faith and Freedom in the Second World War

Part 2: 3/13/21 11am-1pm:

Zen Practice: Timeless Calling, Timely Response

With Tenkei Coppens Roshi, Abbot Zen River Temple, The Netherlands, Author of Timeless Calling, Timely Response: A Guide for Zen Buddhist Practice

Other Upcoming Events:

2/19 - 2/28

BCA National Council Meeting

Various events open to the public. I encourage you all to log onto the website (<https://www.bcancm.org/schedule>) and explore

Saturday, February 20		
10:30 am PST	BCA Town Hall Meeting	Rev. Marvin Harada, Bishop & Dr. Kent Matsuda, BCA President, and members of the BCA Exec. Comm. will continue the discussion on increasing temple membership from the Nov. BCA webinar. Ideas from the town hall attendees are welcome during the session and temple reps. will talk about their new member initiatives. BCO members interested in hearing about lessons-learned from other temples on growing temple membership are encouraged to attend.
2:45 pm – 3:45 pm PST	Providing a Needed Service to the Community: Pre-School and Adult Senior Day Care Programs	Clare Tamamoto, Aiea Hongwanji Mission, Oahu, HI, will talk about how the temple was able to provide a pre-school, kindergarten, adult senior day care program, and meeting place for the community.
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm PST	BCA Endowment Foundation	Koichi Sayano, Endowment Foundation Board & Anna McGibbons, Angeles Investments will present current investment and market conditions, management approach, and governance processes for the investment portfolios that many temples, including BCO, have with the Endowment. BCO members interested in learning more about how BCO monies are invested are encouraged to attend.
5:15 pm – 6:15 pm PST	Young Buddhist Editorial (YBE)	Devon Matsumoto and YBE members will discuss their motivation for creating a platform and space for young Buddhists, including topics such as young adult retention, importance of understanding cultural Buddhism, Shin Buddhist perspectives on social issues, and what it means to be the next generation leading young people today. YBE is seeking Affiliate Group status within BCA, similar to FDSTL and FBWA, and will replace YABA as the youth and young Buddhists affiliate group. BCO members interested in this youth movement of relevancy to our temples are encouraged to attend.
Saturday, February 27		
3:30 pm PST	Experience the Nembutsu: Dharmathon and Recognition of Retiring Ministers	Reverends Ronald Kobata, Fumiaki Usuki, Yukiko Motoyoshi, and Patricia Usuki, all retiring BCA ministers, will offer Dharma messages reflecting their perspective on Jodo Shinshu Buddhism as their farewell message to BCA members.
Sunday, February 28		
10:00 am PST	Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Service	This very special service is held in appreciation and respect for all those departed members who supported and assisted our temples and who wished to ensure we could continue to hear the teachings of Shinran Shonin. The guest speaker will be Rev. Kodo Umezu.
1:30 pm PST	BCA NCM Closing Program	This program is the culmination of the 2021 NCM. The career of Rev. Kodo Umezu, recently retired minister and past BCA Bishop, will be honored. Regina Boone, a photojournalist from Virginia, will talk about her journey to learn about her grandfather, a Japanese immigrant who was incarcerated and who never returned home after WWII. There will be musical performances by the Cherry Blossomz. The program will conclude with a message focused on the future from our BCA Bishop, Rev. Marvin Harada, and BCA

