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Greetings to all the attendees of the 73rd Annual Northwest District Buddhist Convention and Buddhist Churches of America Minister's Association and National Council Meetings. We are really happy to welcome you all to this beautiful and vibrant NWD!

Our eighth head priest, Rennyo Shonin (1415-1499), wrote over 200 letters and encouraged followers to gather occasionally and discuss the teachings of Jodo Shinshu. This gathering was called *kō*.

I know that there are a lot of businesses we need to discuss as a national organization during this time of gathering, but we are the group of Jodo Shinshu followers. Main focus should be listening to the teaching of Nembutsu.

This is a great opportunities for both attendees of the Convention and the Meetings to meet fellow travelers of the path of Nembutsu we are not able to meet usually, discuss and appreciate the teaching and nurture friendship among each other.

We hope everyone will have a fruitful and fulfilled weekend with Nembutsu.

Gassho,

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