

SEATTLE BETSUIN BUDDHIST TEMPLE

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Dear BCA National Council Meeting and NW District Buddhist Convention Participants:

Seattle Betsuin would like to welcome everyone to the BCA Ministers' Association & National Council Meetings and the 73rd NW District Buddhist Convention. We would like to thank all the Northwest Temples for supporting this event.

The theme of this convention is "*Dana for World Peace*". The theme is from our *Gomonshu's* slogan of our sect, Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha. He mentioned it in his 2019 New Year's greeting message.

Dana has three aspects. These are *zaise* (giving wealth), *hose* (spreading the Dharma), and *muise* (the practice of giving fearlessness to others). We need to understand these three aspects to practice *dana*. There is no right way of *dana*. Any deeds coming from the three aspects of *dana* is true *dana*. What *dana* do you or your temple do? How can you and your temple improve your *dana*? Also, what kinds of *dana* can you and your temple implement? Through the workshops, we will have an opportunity to learn what *dana* is and reflect on what *dana* we can do.

For this convention, there will not be any sutra printed in the convention booklet. The sutra teaches about the Dharma, which is one of the three treasures. In the past, we have always included the sutra chanting in the program booklet. Do we treat the program booklet as a treasure? Have you thrown previous ones away? The sutra are the words of the Buddha, and we should treat them with proper respect. For this reason, we have decided not to print the sutra in the booklet and ask that everyone bring their own service book. We will provide a limited number of service books for those who are not able to bring one. Please bring your service book that includes "Juseige" and "Amida Sutra."

We hope this convention and meetings become precious opportunities for us to exchange our appreciation of the Buddha-Dharma.

Namo Amida Butsu



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