



# Connection

- 2024 Summer edition -

Rev. Thompson's connection

**"One should listen to the teaching as if for the first time, even though it has been heard before. People want to hear new and interesting things all the time, but no matter how often one listens to the teaching, one should hear it as if it were a rare, first occasion."**

**– Rennyō Shōnin**

It is at this time of year that many people find themselves either starting or returning to school. It is here that we get to encounter many new and interesting things and ideas and with each new thing, a whole world is opened to us. Each new thing and idea is also a way for us to build upon the knowledge that we already have, therefore showing us the interconnection of all things and expanding our views. And yet, we sometimes forget the fact that this building is occurring. We focus solely on the 'new' because it seems more interesting and exciting so when test time comes, we lament that we have to go back and review the 'old'. But this review is way for us to more deeply absorb and understand things, even those things that we were sure we knew. When we approach knowledge, whether learning it at school or temple, we 'should listen to the teaching as if for the first time, even though it has been heard before.' Each time we revisit something, we may find that, even when we think we truly know and understand it, there is something new and interesting there 'as if it were a rare, first occasion.'

# Cherry Blossom Festival celebrates it's 50th anniversary !

The Cherry Blossom Festival is Denver Buddhist Temple's biggest fundraiser and this year we celebrated our 50th anniversary ! We have been witnessing more and more people participating in this Japanese cultural event each year. We want to extend our deepest appreciation to the Cherry Blossom committee and Sakura square who worked tirelessly to make this festival possible and all those who volunteered this year to make it a success.





## Pride Parade 2024 on June 24

Every year Denver Buddhist Temple participates in the Denver Pride Parade. Denver Pride Parade also marked it's 50th year this year! We are pleased to be part of this important movement.



# Dharma school connection

Hello Dharma School Families-

We hope everyone has had a wonderful summer break filled with adventures, lazy days, family time, and lots of fun in the sun. Our 2024-25 Dharma School year kicks off with our family service at 9:30AM on Sunday, Sept. 8th. We are also so thrilled we will be able to split up our classrooms a bit more this year with not only the return of our veteran teachers, but a couple of fresh faces:

Preschool – Sue Yoshimura & Alyssa deMars

K-2nd grade – Brandi Tsuchimoto & Anna Tsuchimoto

3rd-4th grade – Jade Tsumura & Sara Downey Robinson

Jr YBA (5th-8th grade) – Susan Inouye

YBA – Craig Hirokawa & Sarah Pettis

Thanks to all our volunteer teachers who have been working on lesson plans and sprucing up their classrooms throughout the summer. Dharma School would be impossible without their hard work, time and dedication throughout the year. Here is the Dharma School Registration link if you would like to get a head start signing up your kids. We are eager to see how much the kids have grown over the summer! Hope to see everyone there!

In gassho,

Your Co-Superintendents – Stevie Lo & Shannon Umetani

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# Meet our new administration office manager!

Please welcome our new office manager, Alison Nishi. She will be in the office on the weekdays (Mon, Wed- Fri ) helping to operate the temple.



## Obon (Memorial) service on Aug 3

Obon service is observed every year in August and is a memorial service during which we remember those who have passed on between this year and last year's Obon.

Following the Memorial service, Obon dancing is held to express joy and gratitude for the life we have this moment.

This year we danced with a new song "Lantern song" which was created in commemoration of the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Buddhist Churches of America.



# Fort Lupton Buddhist Temple Summer festival !

Fort Lupton Buddhist Temple will be participating in the Tomato Festival hosted by the City of Fort Lupton on September 7. Pacific Mercantile and Nikkei Treasure will have their booths at Fort Lupton Buddhist Temple and we will also have game, craft and calligraphy booths.

## Hometown Fun

FORT LUPTON, COLORADO  
**SEPTEMBER 7, 2024**

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

7AM - 10AM	<b>PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT FIRE STATION 1</b> 11th St & Denver Ave. \$10 Supporting the South Platte Valley Historical Society
9 AM	<b>PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT</b> <b>COOKING CONTEST</b> @ the Rec. Center: Rules on event website.
10 AM	<b>PARADE</b> Starts on Denver Ave., 10th St. - 4th St.
11AM - 3PM	<b>CITY TOUR &amp; ACTIVITIES</b> Fort Lupton Recreation Center 203 S. Harrison Ave, Fort Lupton

**JOIN US AT THE FORT LUPTON RECREATION CENTER**

**BEER GARDEN & DINING TENT**

**FAMILY RESOURCE FAIR**

**FOOD TRUCKS**  
 SNO CONES & LOTS OF FLAVORS!  
 HUGE CONES & LOTS OF FLAVORS!  
 GRAMMY'S GOODIES  
 TURKEY LEGS, SALISAGE & PEPPERS & MORE!  
 ANGRY HIPPIE TACOS  
 JERK, CARNE ASADA, QUESADILLA & MORE!  
 LUCKY MARY'S BAKING & SWEETS  
 FUNNEL CAKES, DESSERTS & MORE!

**KIDZ CRAFTING & GAMES**

**50+ BOOTHS - 'SHOP TIL YOU DROP!'**

**COOKING CONTEST WITH AWARDS!**

**11:30AM - 3PM CITY TOUR**  
 Drive yourself or catch the party bus!

- Historic Fort Lancaster - 2001 Historic Pkwy
- FL High School - Expansion Needs & Tours
- Masonic Lodge Open House - 130 Denver Ave.
- Buddhist Temple Open House - 720 Main St.
- 1:30pm Taiko Drums & Dance Show
- Museum - 1st & McKinley Ave.
- Library: Quilt & Art Show

**TAIKO DRUMMING & DANCE AT BUDDHIST TEMPLE** (1:30PM)

**TAI KO FESTIVAL** (Tomato Festival logo)

**MORE INFO HERE! SCAN ME!** (QR code)

**CATCH THE PARTY BUS @ THE REC. CENTER!**  
 SHUTTLE TIMES 11:30AM - 3:00PM

**Presented by**

**Event SPONSOR**

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# Mountain District Conference on Aug 24 & 25

Our bigger organization, BCA (Buddhist Churches of America) consists of 12 districts (Over 60 temples and fellow groups) in the U.S.

Tri-State Denver Buddhist Temple is part of the Mountain district which includes Longmont Buddhist Temple, Salt Lake Buddhist Temple, Honeyville Buddhist Temple, and Ogden Buddhist Church. Every year a district conference is held to discuss about temple matters, host workshops and otherwise engage with one another.

This year Tri-State Denver Buddhist Temple hosted the Mountain district conference with the theme of "The future of religion." We invited religious leaders from the Christian tradition, Jewish tradition and Islam tradition and had a very meaningful dialogue about the future of our religion.



人生において視点が変わることで、辛いことが一瞬にして有り難いこと  
 にも変わることがあります。また、視点を換えることで、本当に大切な  
 ことに気づかされることもあります。

仏教の教えの特徴は、教えを聞くことで視点が変わり、今までの愚痴  
 や怒りが、感謝や反省に変わっていくところにあります。

視点を換えることの大切さを教えてくれるこのようなお話を以前聞き  
 ました。

Aさんは普段は会社まで自転車で出勤していたのですが、その日は  
 自転車のタイヤがパンクをしてしまい、仕方なくバスに乗りました。  
 あいにく乗車したバスは出勤する人たちでぎゅうぎゅう詰め状態  
 でした。

真夏ということもあり、車内はとて暑く、そのうえバスの奥の方で  
 赤ちゃんが大きな声で泣いていました。Aさんはバスに乗ったことを  
 後悔しながら耐えていたのですが、次第に赤ちゃんの泣き声が大き  
 くなっていきました。だんだんとバスの雰囲気が悪くなり、みんなの  
 不快感が増していました。

赤ちゃんの泣き声が続く、さすがにみんなの不快感が限界に達しよう  
 とした時、赤ちゃんのお母さんが次のバス停のところで降車（降り  
 る）ボタンを押しました。

そこでふと、Aさんは「よかった、これでやっと静かになる」と思  
 いました。

バスが停車（停まり）し、お母さんが赤ちゃんを抱えたままバスを降  
 りようとしてました。

すると降りようとする母親に運転手が声をかけました。

「どちらまで行かれるのですか？」

お母さんは答えます。「国立病院まで。」

運転手は「その病院のバス停はまだ4つ先ですよ」と言いました。

するとお母さんは言いました。「わかってます。でも子供が泣き止ま  
 ないので、ここで降りて、歩いていきます。」



運転手は聞きました。「赤ちゃん、何かお病気ですか？」

お母さんは答えます。「はい、熱があつて、風邪をひいたのかもしれませんが。歩いていきますので、どうぞ進んでください」

お母さんはそう言ってバスから離れようとしたとき、運転手さんがマイクを通してバスの乗客に呼びかけました。

「ここに熱のある赤ちゃんとそのお母さんがいます。赤ちゃんが泣き止まないのです、ここから4つ先の停留所まで歩いていかれるそうです。みなさん、ここはひとつ協力を頂けませんでしょうか。」

一瞬バスの中がシーンとなりました。すると、一人また一人と拍手をだし、バス全体に広がりました。その状況をみたお母さんは赤ちゃんを抱いたまま涙を流し、バスに再び乗り込みました。

その後はAさんは社内の暑さも赤ちゃんの泣き声も、気にならなくなかったと言ひ、むしろ有り難くさえ感じたそうです。

朝が早く、バスに乗っていたのが会社に行く人たちでいっぱいだったこともあり、赤ちゃんの泣き声が不快でAさんも含め、乗客はイライラしていたでしょう。しかし、運転手の一言でみんなの視点が変わったのです。もちろんそのあともバスはぎゅうぎゅう詰めで、赤ちゃんが泣いているという状況は変わりませんでした。みんなの態度が変わったのです。このように視点が変わることで周りの雰囲気や環境がガラリと変わります。ここに視点を替える大切さがあります。

## Naijin (Temple altar) improvement

Have you noticed how our Naijin is brighter than before? Thanks to Derrick Okada, he added additional lights around the statue of Amida Buddha and on the front table where the candle and flowers are placed.



# Future Connection

September 15 at 10:15 am - Ohigan (Fall equinox )service

October 20 at 10:15 am - Tamai Memorial service

November 17 at 10:15 am - Eitaikyo (Perpetual memorial ) service

November 24 at 11:30 am - Turkey Bingo

November 28 at 9:30 am - Interfaith Thanksgiving service

December 15 at 10:15 am- Bodhi day  
(celebrating Buddha's enlightenment) service

Decemeber 31 at 7:00 pm - Joya-E (New years eve) service

January 1, 2025 at 11:00 am - New Years service

\*The dates and time are subject to change

★ There are NO services on these follwoing dates;

9/1 \*Labor day weekend

12/1 \*Thanksgiving weekend

12/29 \*Christmas weekend

Can you find me ?

There are four mini Shinran  
statues hidden in this Newsletter !

