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Congratulations, Class of 2025! (L-R, top row): Justine Ing, Joshua Akiyama, Emma Hearn, Joshua Santos, Kobe Yamamoto (L-R, bottom row): Michelle Yokoyama, Sydney Mochizuki, Katelyn Nakase, Kaylee Yokoyama, Marcus Corsilles, and Malia Yamamoto.

Senior Pastor Reflection: Embracing Summer Celebrations!

By the Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Congratulations to the Class of 2025! Students are out of school, graduation commencement ceremonies are transpiring, and summer break is just about in full swing. This month, we're celebrating the end of many different chapters in our lives with slide shows, cakes, balloons, celebrations, all while making great memories.

Earlier this month, we celebrated the joy of 12 of our own youth and young adult graduates from high school and college! I'm elated that we have 12 hard working, amazing young people to celebrate.

Congratulations to Blaine's high school graduates: Annabelle Akiyama, Joshua Akiyama, Marcus Corsilles, Emma Hearn, Justine Ing, and Katelyn Nakase.

Congratulations to our 2025 university graduates: Kobe Yamamoto,



Kaylee Yokoyama, Michelle Yokoyama, Malia Yamamoto, Sydney Mochizuki, and Joshua Santos.

As the daughter of parents who were both teachers, I remember this being a time of cheer for the family – the excitement and enthusiasm I felt for summertime as a child is only surpassed by the excitement and enthusiasm, I saw in my parents longing for a well-deserved respite. The change of routine, the chance

to read and reflect, time to tackle outdoor projects, and the occasional afternoon nap sound like a small taste of retirement.

As we prepare for the summer, there will be many positive transitions on the horizon. First, I want to thank BYG Associate Director Kaylee Yokoyama for her leadership and guidance and the ways in which she nurtured our youth during the school year. Everyone appreciates Kaylee's

hard work and dedication. Kaylee's positive attitude and support has made a real difference on the entire team. Kaylee recently graduated from the University of Washington and is moving onward towards the next chapter of her life. I am grateful that she served in this capacity for two years. Thank you so much, Kaylee.

On July 1, Pastor Job Pangilinan, our new Associate Pastor, will start his first day at Blaine. Pastor Job will be commissioned as a provisional member of the Pacific Northwest Conference in June at Annual Conference. He is an active member and a candidate for ministry at Fairwood Community United Methodist Church in Renton, WA. Pastor Job will oversee our Children's, Youth and Family Ministries. With extensive work and life experience in corporate, education and legal fields and professions, he brings to the church strong gifts in administration, systems analysis and implementation, and efficiency evaluation. My hope is that together we will create a dynamic, fluid and creative team where we can continue to grow our existing ministries and breathe new life into other areas of the church!

In May, we announced that Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church are the proud recipients of a Washington State Commerce Clean Energy grant for more than \$1.1 million for solar plus battery storage for our Beacon Hill

community resilience hub. Our goal is to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions and help support the planning and implementation of clean-energy technologies. During the summer, we will begin working on the physical installation process. This work will take a couple of years to implement. There will be a series of changes that occur on our church campus, so I'm asking in advance for grace and understanding as we transform areas of our campus to become a beacon of hope and resilience on Beacon Hill. A ginormous thank you to Steve Sakahara who has spearheaded and took the initiative to apply to multiple grants. Thank you for your ministry, Steve!

Finally, I just want to give a shout out to everyone who showed up (bottom left photo) to the Nisei Veterans Committee's 80th Annual Memorial Day Service at the Nisei War Memorial Monument in Lake View Cemetery on Monday, May 26, 2025. The service honored the loyalty, bravery, and valor of fallen Nisei soldiers who gave their lives during World War II. Nearly 150 people attended the event to solemnly reflect on and honor the those who gave their lives for our country — the fallen soldiers from our community. This special day brought together dignitaries and representatives from Japan, U.S. Government, branches of the U.S. military, numerous community organizations, business leaders, faith

leaders (including Blaine Memorial), and local Capitol Hill neighbors taking the opportunity to respectfully participate in one of the longest running memorial services in the country. Colonel Kay Wakatake, was this year's keynote speaker. Blaine Memorial UMC Church Member and Veteran Bruce Yamamoto provided a moving Christian Reflection and said the names of the Blaine Memorial church members who died while fighting in World War II. I provided this year's Invocation and George Yates presented a colorful wreath from Blaine Memorial UMC. As the community wreaths from many organizations were carried to the Nisei War Memorial Monument, one could solemnly associate the petals of flowers as symbols of the many individuals, families, and organizations who lost loved ones during war or conflict and their ardent beauty as elements depicting honor, reverence, and remembrance. The playing of Taps and the retiring of the colors concluded the formalities of the 80th Annual NVC and NVC Foundation Memorial Day Service.

How will you renew yourself this summer? Are there season specific activities that bring you joy and feed your spirit? Or is summer one part of an ongoing flow of actions that sustain you year-round? Whatever the date may be, I believe we all benefit from being intentional to nurture our spirits in the ways that are meaningful to us. In the same way the farmers pay close attention to the inputs of water, sun, and nutrients to the plants they grow all summer, so too we can actively seek to cultivate our own spiritual well-being. May taking a long loving look at the summer days ahead yield you many meaningful insights that carry you through all the seasons, that strengthen the work of your hearts and hands, and that ultimately bring benefit and blessing to all.

The Rev. Karen Yokota Love serves as the Senior Pastor of Blaine Memorial UMC



UMC Chaplain Lisa Ishihara, Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple Minister Katsuya Kusunoki, and Rev. Karen Yokota Love at the NVC Memorial Day Service.



Rev. Karen walks with Blaine Memorial Church members.

35th Annual ACRS Walk for Rice!

By Justine I.

This year ACRS will hold the Walk for Rice at 9:00 am on Saturday, June 28, 2025 at Seward Park. Team Blaine raised over \$11,000 last year (2nd place) and this year's fundraising goal is \$8,000. We're off to a great start, but still have a way to go to reach our goal.

Help ACRS feed AAPI community members who are experiencing food insecurity by donating to and/or registering to walk with Team Blaine:

Donate Online through Team Blaine:

Team Blaine at ACRS (<https://give.acrs.org/team/657467>)

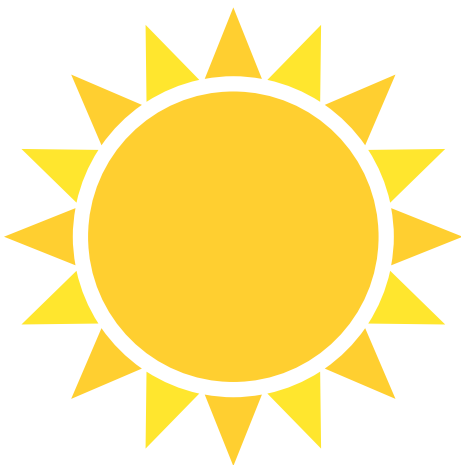
Mail your donation to the Blaine office:

Checks to "Walk for Rice", memo: "Team Blaine"

Thanks for your support!

Justine I., Team Captain

Please join us for upcoming events at Blaine Memorial UMC!



Summer Music Ministry Sunday

On Sunday, June 22, we will celebrate Music Ministry Sunday as we kick off the season of Summer! We'll hear tunes from the Blaine Memorial Choir, the Blaine Praise Band, the Blaine Ukulele Group of Seattle (B.U.G.S.), and music from different church members! We will also recognize the hard work of our Church School Superintendent Sai Hanaoka and our Church School Teachers during worship. In addition, we will commission our Asian Camp campers, adult chaperones, and counselor who will depart for Asian Camp at the end of the week.

Pastor Job to be Commissioned at PNW Annual Conference

Blaine Memorial's incoming associate pastor, Job Pangilinan will be commissioned as a provisional candidate for ministry on Saturday, June 28, 2025, at Bothell United Methodist Church at 10:30AM. The service will be livestreamed, and I will send out a link closer to the date. If you'd like to join in the festivities, you are more than welcome to come to witness this in person!

Celebration of the Re-appointment of Pastor Karen, Welcome Pastor Job!

On Sunday, July 20, SPRC will host a Summer BBQ to celebrate the beginning of the new appointment year for Rev. Karen and for our incoming associate pastor, Pastor Job Pangilinan!

Scholarship Sunday

On August 3, 2025, we'll celebrate, honor, and learn more about this year's Blaine Memorial UMC scholarship recipients. Some of our recipients will participate in worship. Scholarship Committee Chair Michelle Vaughan will present our recipients to the congregation.





Sally Sekijima (left), is as happy as a clam celebrating Mother's Day at church with her family.



Jason Lew serves Pam Ikegami cake.

In Photos Mother's Day

By the Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Boys, Youth, and Men served mothers, grandmothers, aunts, teachers, and mother-figures an abundant breakfast! We also celebrated Kaylee Yokoyama's 22nd birthday with an ube cake.



Folks are served breakfast by Tim Ikegami.



Susan Lee and Shelley Yokoyama are all smiles as they chat about family and church life together.



Margaret Inouye and Rev. Karen Yokota Love pose for a selfie as they celebrate all of the church women!



The Blaine Ukulele Group of Seattle (B.U.G.S.) celebrates finishing a musical set on Easter Sunday!

In Photos

Holy Week, Easter unite community

By the Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Hallelujah! Christ is Risen, indeed! Blaine Memorial UMC felt the resurrected Christ and all of the glory of Holy Week and Easter!

Lent was bookended with a Good Friday collaborative service with Beacon UMC which garnered close to 100 attendees combined. Prior to worship, we shared a simple soup supper together. Thank you to Beacon UMC for providing a delicious Arroz Caldo soup. Thank you to Blaine Memorial's Joe Adolfo for making a savory chicken gnocchi soup that everyone enjoyed. (I witnessed at least two people who took five servings of the soup!)

On Easter, our BYG worked hard (and overnight) to prepare a delicious

Easter breakfast with scrambled eggs, smokies, sausage, chopped fruit, pastries, and orange juice. This was the first year where the Blaine Ukulele Group of Seattle (B.U.G.S.) performed on Easter Sunday. The group brought such joy and enthusiasm. Thank you to the Blaine Memorial Choir who also performed dynamic and exquisite music! The BYG and Church School stuffed 520 Easter eggs. People posed in front of the Flowered Cross which was beautifully put together by the congregation, led by Anne Arakaki-Lock. Thank you to the Worship Team who coordinated all of the behind-the-scenes preparations for worship to make Holy Week and Easter a huge success.



Jason Lew helps carry in the Flowered Cross during the Prelude.



Joshua K. counts his Easter eggs.



(L-R): Rod Higuchi, Wendee Ong, Keith Yamaguchi, AC Arai, and Rev. Karen.



A proud dad watches his daughter pick up an egg.



Betty Iwamoto is filled with Easter joy!



Mia I. and Lauren A. prep and cut fruit.



(L): Gibson M., Evan T., Ethan A., Caleb A., Tai T., Emma H., and Aidan Lew serve breakfast to church members.



(R): Emma H., Ally S., Rev. Jeney Park-Hearn, Kaylee Y., Jordan L., Tyler I., and Marcus C. cook scrambled eggs.



For two years, Kaylee Yokoyama has served as Associate Director for the Blaine Youth Group. She has faithfully led our youth through various fundraising ventures, as well as, spiritual moments to help grow Blaine Memorial's future.

BYG Update To New Beginnings

By Kaylee Yokoyama, photos by Aiden Lew, et. al.

Kaylee Yokoyama, Associate Director of BYG, will conclude her service and enter a new phase. Blessings on your journey, Kaylee!

Dear Blaine Congregation, I'm deeply grateful for the opportunity to have served as Associate Director of the Blaine Youth Group over the past few years. During the month of July, I'll be stepping away from this role as I prepare to take a gap year before beginning graduate school. It is certainly a bittersweet moment. When I was first asked to consider this role, I felt both honored and uncertain of the responsibilities of such a large and meaningful role. Over the past two years, this position has pushed me to grow through reflection, creativity, and navigating uncertainty, and I'm incredibly thankful for the privilege to have served in this role.

Blaine has been home to me since I was three years old. Being part of BYG through college first as a leader and then as an Associate Director has been one of the most rewarding



Joshua Santos, Edwin Santos, Jem Tong, Kaylee Yokoyama, Kai Yamamoto, and the Rev. Karen Yokota Love meet up in the Yoshida Room for fellowship.

experiences. I've loved watching our youth grow, not only in faith, but also in confidence, compassion, and resilience. Whether they were starting middle or high school, applying to college, heading to camp for the first time, or stepping into leadership roles themselves, their courage, passion,

and drive has continually inspired me.

As I step out of this position, I'm excited for what lies ahead for BYG. I have full confidence that this community will continue to thrive and make a meaningful impact within our church and beyond.

I especially want to thank those



Members of the Blaine Youth Group gather for a fun Halloween photo-op, celebrating fellowship and togetherness for God. Kaylee will be moving forward with her career goals and achievements.

"Blaine has been home to me since I was three years old. Being part of BYG through college first as a leader and then as an Associate Director has been one of the most rewarding experiences." -Kaylee Yokoyama

who walked alongside me in this journey:

- Thank you to the parents who supported our events and encouraged and supported your youth.
- To our incredible leaders, thank you for your time, energy, and presence, I couldn't have done it without you all.
- Reverend Karen, thank you for your steady guidance, patience, and unwavering support and care for our youth through times of transition.
- Thank you also to Reverend Mia, Lynne Onishi, and Kai Yamamoto for your guidance and commitment to BYG and for consistently supporting me as I grew into this role.

I'm deeply grateful to have had such a transformative experience in such an incredible community. As I step into new beginnings, I'll be cheering on BYG and hopeful for its continued curiosity, connection, and growth.

With gratitude,
Kaylee

Kaylee Yokoyama serves as the outgoing Associate Director of the Blaine Youth Group.



Kaylee Yokoyama participates at a Bob Ross night for Young Adults.



Kaylee Yokoyama and the Blaine Youth Group gathered at Camp Indianola for a Confirmation Retreat.

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Lectionary Readings



Sunday, June 01, 2025: Seventh Sunday of Easter

- Acts 16:16-34
- Psalm 97
- Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
- John 17:20-26

Sunday, June 08, 2025: Day of Pentecost

- Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9
- Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
- Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21
- John 14:8-17, (25-27)

Sunday, June 15, 2025: Trinity Sunday

- Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 and Psalm 8
- Romans 5:1-5
- John 16:12-15

Sunday, June 22, 2025: Proper 7 (12)

- 1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a and Psalm 42 and 43
- Isaiah 65:1-9 and Psalm 22:19-28
- Galatians 3:23-29
- Luke 8:26-39

Sunday, June 29, 2025: Proper 8 (13)

- 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 and Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
- 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 and Psalm 16
- Galatians 5:1, 13-25
- Luke 9:51-62

Sunday, July 06, 2025: Proper 9 (14)

- 2 Kings 5:1-14 and Psalm 30
- Isaiah 66:10-14 and Psalm 66:1-9
- Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16
- Luke 10:1-11, 16-20



Spiritual Formation Center A Time to Transition, It's a New Season

By Anne Arakaki-Lock

I love summer. It's a time of sunshine, warmth, lots of fresh fruits and flowers, shorts and tee shirts, Popsicles and baseball. In the Pacific Northwest you can sense Seafair in the air, signifying cultural festivals, friends, and food. It's a fun time. Summer cries out for rest and recreation. It has been a busy winter season at Church. I propose we all take advantage of the new season. We have all worked hard these past few months in so many ways.

"What do people really get for all their hard work? I have seen the burden God has placed on us all. Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time... And people should eat and drink and enjoy the fruits of their labor, for these are gifts from God."
-Ecclesiastes 3:9-13.



What does the coming of summer mean for you? What new epiphanies do you anticipate with this seasonal change?

No doubt we have seasons in our lives. We embrace each and know that God is with us all the time.

"Now learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branches bud and its leaves begin to sprout, you know that summer is near."
-Matthew 24:32 NLT.

Scriptures reassure that it would be a good thing for us to look forward to summer. Let us look forward to the second coming of Christ...to New Life.

Anne-Arakaki Lock is a member of Blaine Memorial UMC.



Sunday, July 13, 2025: Proper 10 (15)

- Amos 7:7-17 and Psalm 82
- Deuteronomy 30:9-14 and Psalm 25:1-10
- Colossians 1:1-14
- Luke 10:25-37

Sunday, July 20, 2025: Proper 11 (16)

- Amos 8:1-12 and Psalm 52
- Genesis 18:1-10a and Psalm 15
- Colossians 1:15-28
- Luke 10:38-42

Sunday, July 27, 2025: Proper 12 (17)

- Hosea 1:2-10. Psalm 85
- Genesis 18:20-32 and Psalm 138
- Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)
- Luke 11:1-13



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

As a Church and people who believe in the power of prayer, let us continue to lift up these persons in the joys and concerns that they are experiencing in their lives.

Those mourning the passing of loved ones:

- Amy Kobayashi, 95, a beloved church member, passed away peacefully on April 14, 2025. Amy is survived by daughter Judy Hillier (Rick), son Craig Kobayashi (Jeanne), son Donald Kobayashi (Margarita), son Steven Kobayashi (Yuki), and daughter Janet Kobayashi Hobson, in addition to many grandchildren, and extended family too numerous to list. There will be a public Celebration of Life service on Thursday, July 3, 2025 at 11:00AM at Blaine Memorial UMC with a reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church.
- Thomas "Tom" Tanigawa, 94, a beloved church member, passed away peacefully on August 29, 2024. Tom was predeceased by his wife Edna (1981) and Kazuko (2024). He is survived by daughters Jane Sogge, Susan Merceri, Ellen Jones and son Dale Tanigawa, stepsons Richard, Dale and Alan Miyauchi, 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. A private graveside service was held at Sunset Hills Memorial Park in Bellevue, WA on Friday, May 30, 2025. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church.

Those in cancer treatment or remission

- Jennifer Lew • Nikki Palmer
- Quy Phi • Dean Tsuchida
- Chuck Sitkin

Those with health concerns, recovery

- Marilyn Odama • Suma Yagi • Greg Ogata
- Pui Chung Ngao Wong • Sam Wakasugi
- Wyman Martin • Alejandro Escalante
- Madison Kelly • Marcia Takahashi • Rev. Shigeharu Ago

Celebrations

- Prayers around the world for each student who is graduating during this season! We thank you for our graduates and their accomplishments. May they find joy and fulfillment in their chosen paths, and may your blessings guide their steps in the years to come. Congratulations, Class of 2025!
- We are delighted to announce that Job Pangilinan will be appointed as the Associate Pastor to Blaine Memorial UMC effective July 1, 2025!
- Congratulations to all who are celebrating June birthdays and anniversaries!

For our United Methodist Church

- We continue to pray for The United Methodist Church's journey through a time of significant change as the Pacific Northwest Conference expresses a new ways of doing ministry as a whole. We are grateful for Bishop Cedrick D. Bridgeforth and for his Cabinet as they continue to lead us into the future.

For our community, nation, and world

- Prayers for our siblings in Christ in Los Angeles, CA. The protests and riots in Los Angeles can serve as a catalyst for a broader national conversation about topics dividing our nation such as immigration reform and law enforcement practices. As the city of Los Angeles grapples with this turmoil, we are reminded of the importance of prayer. We pray for the nation's leaders at the federal, state, and local levels as they seek ways to address the unrest peacefully around the country. Violence cannot be the answer and we are encouraged to strive for peaceful interactions. Only love can cast out fear.
- Prayers for thousands across Northern and Western Canada who are fleeing their homes due to forest fires. Prayers for Yellowstone National Park as it currently faces wildfires and hydrothermal explosions as well as nearby earthquakes. We pray for the protection of those who have to evacuate these areas as well as those on standby ready to leave at a moment's notice. May they be kept safe on their journey and may those who have lost homes and property be supported by those who are able to give.
- Prayers as Blaine Memorial UMC participated in the Nisei Veterans Committee (NVC) and NVC Foundation's annual Memorial Day service at Lake View Cemetery in Seattle on Memorial Day. Grateful for Bruce Yamamoto who provided the Christian Meditation, George Yates who presented a wreath, and Rev. Karen Yokota Love who provided the Invocation.
- Prayers for peace in all areas of the world touched by war in Palestine, Israel, Syria, Iraq, Yemen, Sudan, South Sudan, Ethiopia, Russia, Ukraine, and in many other areas that are unknown to us.
- We continue to pray for those struggling to find safe and affordable housing, and for families facing the threat of being unhoused. May our communities be filled with compassion and action, creating spaces where everyone can thrive.
- We continue to pray for the work of Tsuru for Solidarity, our partnership with them, and the work that we all continue to do for the greater good. May we continue to educate, advocate, and protest to close all U.S. concentration camps. May we continue to build solidarity with other communities of color that have experienced forced removal, detention, deportation, separation of families, and other forms of racial and state violence. May God continue to heal each one of us through community, and shared stories by addressing our trauma.

July 2025

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| | | 1 Welcome Associate Pastor, Job Pangilinan! • 7pm, Choir Rehearsal | 2 • Announcements due • 9:00am, Coffee & Prayer w/Rev. Karen • 10:30am, Pickleball • 5:00pm, Private Event in LAC • 8pm, Zoom Church School Meeting | 3 • 11:00am, Amy Kobayashi's Public Celebration of Life Service with reception to follow • 6:30pm, Blaine Basketball | 4 Independence Day Church Office Closed | 5 |
| • Asian Camp @ Camp Wrightwood (Wrightwood, CA), June 29-July 5, including travel time | | | | | | |
| 6 Communion Sunday • 10am, Hybrid Worship • 1pm, Blaine Basketball | 7 Church Office Closed • 6:30pm, Basketball | 8 • 7pm, Choir Rehearsal | 9 • Announcements due • 9:00am, Coffee & Prayer w/Rev. Karen • 10:30am, Pickleball • 8pm, Zoom Church School Meeting | 10 • 11:30am, B.U.G.S. Ukulele • 6:30pm, Blaine Basketball | 11 | 12 |
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| 27 • 10am, Hybrid Worship • 10am, BYG Gathering • 1pm, Blaine Basketball | 28 Church Office Closed • 6:30pm, Basketball • 7:30pm, Zoom BYG Leaders Meeting | 29 • 7pm, Choir Rehearsal | 30 • Announcements due • 9:00am, Coffee & Prayer w/Rev. Karen • 10:30am, Pickleball • 8pm, Zoom Church School Meeting | 31 • 11:30am, B.U.G.S. Ukulele • 6:30pm, Blaine Basketball | | |

August 2025

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All are welcome here!

Our core belief is that each person is a beloved child of God — whose giftedness we value and whose presence and participation are a blessing to our community, and to the Kin-dom of God in the world.

Blaine Memorial UMC celebrates God's gift of diversity and values the wholeness made possible in community equally shared and shepherded by all. We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, and family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, and social status, and so much more.

We acknowledge that we live in a world of profound social, economic, and political inequities. As followers of Jesus, we commit ourselves to the pursuit of justice and pledge to stand in solidarity with all who are marginalized and oppressed.

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Pianist
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Kathy Onishi
Yuki Sofronas
Mimi Mar

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Lay Leaders
Annual Conference Delegates

Brad Miyake
Arlene Naganawa
Ron Nobuyama, Brian Okura
Harry Tang
Eugene Onishi, Kathy Onishi
Ron Nobuyama
George Yates



Ways to Give "Every person must bring a gift in proportion to God's blessings upon you." (Deut. 16: 17)

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