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## Transitions

By Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi,  
Resident Minister

*Anitya* is one of the Three Marks of Existence. It means impermanence. In our conventional minds, we like to have things stable and permanent. To have a

basic truth of Buddhism assert that everything is temporary seems counter to our ordinary beliefs. We know that things change, but our basic impulse is to value long-lasting things. We are challenged by the heart of this truth as it is applied to the impermanence of our life.

*Anatman* is another Mark of Existence. It declares that nothing exists separate from all other things. A more conventional term might be interdependence, meaning that everything is dependent on every other thing. On a “macro” level, we observe that animals, plants, minerals, gases depend on each other for existence. On a “micro” level, the science of atoms and molecules validates this truth.

The third Mark of Existence states that suffering or bliss is a sign of existence. The Four Noble Truths provide the path from *duhkha* to *nirvana*. By adhering to the truths of impermanence and interdependence, we can live in harmony with the universe. However, Shinran encourages us to be truthful in our inability to let go of our ego-centric attachments to our self. Unlike monks and nuns who strive to release themselves from their ego attachments, we common people realize our inability to do so. For us, the Nembutsu path of acceptance is available. It is also a worthy path of awakening.

The Nembutsu reminds us that we have always been held in the embrace of universal Wisdom and Compassion, which we recognize as Amida Buddha. So, how might we experience this in our daily, ordinary life?

It sometimes takes an extraordinary experience for us to have this *shinjin* experience. The passing of a loved one is one such experience. Although I have had many of these experiences, the passing of my son, Kirk, is the most dramatic. The passing of my parents and others have brought sadness and grief to my life. But because of their advanced age, their separation was not unexpected. But the passing of one’s child is devastating. Nothing can prepare nor alleviate the agony of this experience.

The Shin Dharma and especially the Nembutsu has been a guiding light in my life. Might not the teachings of the Dharma give me solace during this time of grieving? At one level, it has not. No amount of words, thoughts, or even wisdom can help. This event just doesn’t make sense

to me. Kirk had a special presence about him. His friends and family can attest to that. His potential as a therapist and healer was already evident in his accomplishments in his young professional career. He was healthy in body, mind, and spirit. Yet, somehow, this pancreatic cancer took his life too soon.

*A world of dew is a world of dew, ... and yet, and yet.*

This classic poem by Issa reflects my present state. Issa acknowledges that the Dharma instructs us to the impermanence of all life, as we live in a world of dew. But the penetrating conclusion, “... and yet, and yet,” reveals the essence of Shinran’s thought. As ordinary people, we cannot let go of our attachments of relationships and of love. I take this sentiment of Issa, to reveal the depth of Shinran’s understanding of the Nembutsu. The pain of losing a child cannot be assuaged by the logical truth of impermanence. My mind seeks a relief from the sense of loss. So, the pain remains and capitulates to time for its healing. But the voicing of Na Man Da Bu leads me to a different realm. At a deeper level of spiritual sensing, I am held with compassion. The cutting severance of impermanence is countered by the compassionate loving actions of interdependence.

The philosophical Dharma does not provide relief from my mental anguish. But, the Nembutsu provides a deeper sense of compassion in the form of interdependence. The family has received so much love and support from so many people. The unacceptable is cushioned by this overt display of compassion.

Kirk lived his life with an intuitive understanding of interdependence. His friendships were many and was always deep. His personal and professional vision was to bring kindness to others. His wife, Jacki, and his family are now receiving the benefits of his loving *dana* to others, as we receive and accept love and support from so many. Although our physical relationship has changed, our spiritual connection has not. With his struggle with this illness, Kirk showed us how to deal with the greatest challenge each of us will face. His passing now challenges us to make real, the compassion of Na Man Da Bu. We remain connected to Kirk through the voicing of Na Man Da Bu and our kindness to each other.

Namo Amida Butsu  
Sensei Kenji Akahoshi

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# December 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 <b>BODHI DAY &amp; Shotsuki Services</b> , 10 DS Staff Mtg, 9am,CR BWA Mtg., 11:45 am	2 Office Closed	3	4 Craft Day, 10 am, DR Minyo, 12 Noon, SH Shigin, 1 pm, CR Taiko, 6:30 pm, AH Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm	5 Tai Chi, 10 am	6 Mochigome Rice Washing	7 Mochitsuki Prep	
8 <b>BODHI DAY</b>	9 Office Closed Ways & Means, 7	10 SD Min. Mtg. at L.A. Betsuin, 10 am	11 Minyo, 12 Noon, SH Shigin, 1 pm, CR Taiko, 6:30 pm, AH Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm,	12 Tai Chi, 10 am BOD Meeting, 7	13	14 BTSD/FW BINGO 6 pm	
15 DS/Family Service, 10 Taiko, Noon	16 Office Closed	17	18 Craft Day, 10 am, DR Minyo, 12 Noon, SH Shigin, 1 pm, CR Taiko, 6:30 pm, AH	19 Tai Chi, 10 am	20	21 Koto, 9:30 am	
22 DS/Family Service, 10	23 Office Open 9-4:30	24 Office Open 9 - 1 pm	25 Christmas Day Office is Closed	26 No Tai Chi	27	28	
29 Temple Cleanup and Altar Cleaning, 9 am	30 Office Closed	31 New Year's Eve <u>Year-End Service 7 pm</u> Joya No Kane at Shelter Island, 11:30 pm	<b>Looking Ahead to January:</b> *Jan. 1 — New Year's Day for Shusho-E 10 a.m. *Jan. 5 — Sunday service resumes. *Jan. 19 — Ho Onko service/New Year Party *Jan. 26 — General Membership Meeting				

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By LuAnn Lee, Board President

It is with such sadness that I start my report this month. The news of Kirk Akahoshi's passing, son of Kenji Sensei and Karen, was heartbreaking. It's hard to imagine what they are going through but I know they have a close knit family and many friends who have been there for them in the San Jose and Bay area. In speaking with Kenji Sensei and Karen, they convey their deepest gratitude to our Sangha for the support with not only the fundraiser and donations but all the kind thoughts sent their way.

Appreciation to the Ministerial Assistant's Laverne Imori, Maribeth Smitty Smith, Noriko Kawai and assistant to the minister Yukari Williams, plus BEC chair Bill Teague, for taking care of the services and filling in for other temple duties. We are so very lucky to have these Sensei's available to help us. Also thank you to our temple members who have also stepped up to give Dharma talks and helped where needed. We are thankful for your understanding as Kenji Sensei and Karen are away to be with their family.

For me, it has been a few months with sad news and passing of a family member, co-workers husband and longtime temple members. I think that we can relate to the meaning of impermanence. We really need to enjoy each moment and be there for each other. I'm glad that I was able to join my family to remember my aunt at her favorite casino and take an annual ride up to Julian to have an early breakfast, pick up an apple pie and purchase bread from Dudley's. These are memories that I will always cherish.

On November 17<sup>th</sup>, Kay Ochi presented a program NCR (Nikkei for Civil Rights and Redress) about the reparations for WWII J-A incarceration. It was well received with over 80 people in attendance. We thank the NCR committee for their work on this project and so glad they were able to present it at our temple. Thank you to the crew of the benefit chicken lunch plate, Carol B, Glenn T, Gregg, Karen O, Kiku, Kimberly, LuAnn, Mark T, Nancy M, Laura Y.

In closing, I want to say during this Thanksgiving time, how grateful I am to belong to a temple where people support one another when things are sad and when they are happy too.

Namo Amida Butsu,

LuAnn Lee



## BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met on November 14th -

1. Condolences to Jaclyn, Rev. Kenji and Karen Akahoshi on the passing of Kirk Akahoshi, November 6th.
2. Laverne Imori Sensei updated the Board on the work of the Ministers Assistants during this time.
3. Recaps of the Sukiyaki lunch and Bingo Dinner were provided. The Board was updated on the planning for the November 27th NCR presentation and lunch and Mochitsuki, December 8th.
4. The Asian Pacific Post (VFW) crew will end sponsorship of monthly Bingo as of December. The temple is considering options for continuing Bingo sessions.
5. A welcome membership rate for newcomers to the Jodo Shin Shu and Buddhist tradition was approved.
6. Thank you to the many who assisted with the temple's co-sponsorship of the funeral for Rev. Tesshi Aoyama.
7. The electronic vote to co-present a film at the Asian Film Festival was ratified.
8. An oiwai (congratulatory gift) was approved for Rev. T. Unno on his retirement from the Pasadena Buddhist Temple. Rev. Unno was a guest speaker at BTSD for a number of Special Services.
9. Koden was approved for the Akahoshi Family. A donation toward expenses was approved.
10. A salary increase was approved for Linda Redenbaugh, office administrative assistant.

## BWA NEWS

The BWA has had a very busy month. November 2-3, we were busy with our Makizushi fundraiser. It was a sellout event. We also started our annual Paso Almond brittle sale on November 3. Our members will be selling the brittle after service and will be selling at Mochitsuki. The craft group ladies have been busy sewing window bags (tote bags with mesh panels) with lovely printed fabric. Sales of crafts gifts will also be sold on at Mochitsuki. Come take a look at the great year-end gift items!

For the NCR event on Nov. 17, BWA assisted in the lunch preparations and serving of the delicious teriyaki chicken lunches. Again, with your support, we sold all of the lunches.

BWA ladies will be busy at Mochitsuki cutting and shaping the ko mochi. There is nothing as delicious as freshly pounded mochi eaten with kinako or sugar and shoyu or in ozoni.

The BWA Bonenkai will be held at the Black Angus Restaurant in Chula Vista on Saturday, December 7 at 11:30. Meal selection information will be forthcoming. It will be nice to see all our members come out for the annual year end get together.

The next meeting will be on December 1 at 11:45. Toban Group A will host.

Please Note: There will not be any crafts in January.

## DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends! With the holidays around the corner, it is a great time for us to talk to our children about the spirit of giving without expecting something in return. It brings happiness to see the joy in people when someone does something nice for them, *just because*. Students are encouraged to do random acts of kindness for 31 days in December and write them down so they can share this with their Dharma School teachers and friends.

We are looking forward to some exciting activities in the new year. We will be planning a bowling get together, community service projects, and camping just to name a few. More information on these activities will be shared with all our Sangha friends as they get closer.

The 2019 Southern District Dharma School Teacher's League Conference was held at Vista Buddhist Temple in October. Three teachers and two staff members from our temple attended. With Koichi Mizushima as the guest speaker, it was a great opportunity for our teachers to network with other teachers as they discussed ways to better relate to students, and shared lesson plan ideas.

The 2020 Federation of Dharma School Teachers League Conference will be held in Orange County in April. Some of the topics that will be covered during the workshop will be: thinking out of the box, engaging students and parents, and lesson planning. Some of our Dharma School teachers have been attending the planning meetings and will be leading a few of the workshops.

Students are looking forward to helping with the mochitsuki on December 8! Hope to see everyone there! We wish you and your family a relaxing and happy winter break. May your holidays be full of good cheer, laughter and love as we look forward to seeing students in 2020!

Lisa Umekubo, Superintendent



### BTSD Tai Chi

Our instructor is easy to follow and patient, and it's good for your balance.

**Thursdays, Dec. 5, 12 & 19.  
10-11 a.m. in the Annex Hall**

## JR. YBA NEWS

Happy Holidays Everyone! We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with friends and family members. Our Dharma School class emphasizes the importance of showing gratitude towards others. Thanksgiving is a good reminder to be grateful for everything, even the things you sometimes take for granted. I found a quote online by Oprah Winfrey that says, "Be thankful for the things you have; you'll end up having more. If you focus on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough."

Last month, the Jr. YBA had our annual Thanksgiving Basket Drive. On behalf of the San Diego Jr. YBA, we would like to thank the generous temple members who donated this year! The success of this food drive would not be possible without the Sangha, so thank you. Thank you to Kyle Baker and Emma Yanagihara for co-chairing this food drive!

On November 3, our chapter had our Installation during the Eitaikyo Service. After the service, we enjoyed a tasty lunch at Beshock Ramen! We are excited about the upcoming 2019-2020 Dharma School Year! On November 9, I attended the 61st annual Central California Jr YBA Conference at the Fresno Buddhist Temple. It was a long 6-hour drive, but I had a great time seeing my friends from the Southern District Jr. YBA Cabinet and meeting new teens from Northern California! I also got to see one of our previous Jr. YBA members, Jill Yamanishi who came to help advise the San Francisco Jr. YBA

Next year, San Diego and Vista Jr. YBA will be co-hosting Southern District's Seminar 2 on March 7, 2020. Our theme of this Seminar will be Impermanence vs I'm Permanent! We chose this theme because our peers can relate to the changes we face during the four years in high school. We are super excited to host our first Southern District event since Conference in 2017.

This month, we don't have much going on. We are looking forward to Mochitsuki on December 8! We hope you have a great rest of 2019 and we will see you in 2020!

In Gassho, Jenna Sasaki

### Craft Days, 1st & 3rd Wednesday-

**Please Note:** Our craft leader & organizer is retiring at the end of this month. If you would be interested taking over, please contact the temple. Otherwise, the craft group will no longer be held.

**We Sincerely Thank Ruby for all the creative adventures we have visited with you.**



# Winter Pacific Seminar

*"Fushidan Sekkyō"*

Dharma Talks & Story-Telling  
In Jodo Shinshu

Keynote Speaker:

**Dr. Mark Blum**

Buddhist Studies Professor and Shinjo Ito  
Distinguished Chair in Japanese Studies in the East  
Asian Languages and Cultures at UC Berkeley.

Additional Speakers will be Ministers  
from the Southern District

**Saturday, January 25, 2020**

9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**Los Angeles Homba Hongwanji Buddhist Temple**  
815 East First Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Registration: \$40 (w/ lunch) Deadline Jan. 11, 2020  
**Sign-up at the BTSD Office**

Hosted by the BCA Southern Dist. Ministers Assoc. &  
Buddhist Education Committee



It's that Time Again

The BWA is selling their  
Almond Brittle &  
Brittle Popcorn!

Check out the sale after  
services, or swing by during  
Mochitsuki For gifts,  
And don't forget a gift  
For yourself too!

## Membership News – Getting Ready for 2020

Thanks to almost all of our members that have already renewed for 2019!

Even more encouraging is that some of you have already renewed for 2020. To make it easier we have posted the 2020 membership forms on the website if you would like to download them now.

Please note that Temple dues in 2020 are at the same levels as in 2019.

**Statements Coming.** Regardless, all 2019 members will receive a statement by the end of the year with your information we have on file for you to review and update if needed, as well as any steps required for 2020. In other words, we hope to make it easier for you without having to fill out a form!

**Best Way to Avoid Future Dues Increases.** If we can grow our membership, we can avoid future rate increases. Consider asking friends relatives and grown children to join the rest of us in supporting the Dharma at the Buddhist Temple of San Diego.

## SCRIP NEWS

Well-here it is! Before we know it, the month of December has arrived. There is still time to get your orders in for the holiday season. Don't delay as most gift cards will take a week to arrive back in San Diego, it is hard to tell with heavy flow of traffic and weather back in Michigan.

Gas cards are always nice gifts to give someone who has to drive to work or school. Restaurants are always good for the cook who deserves a night out. Retail stores are good as people always need or want new clothes or shoes. Crafters can use gift cards to craft stores or Fathers to home improvement outlets or sports stores.

So...this holiday season be easy on yourself and order gift cards from the scrip program! It's not too late to order your honey baked ham gift cards.

## 2019 Tax Year Information Coming End of January

We know many of you are eager to get your paperwork ready for 2019 Federal and California Income Tax returns. Your membership and Treasurer's committee will be assembling 2019 tax statements by the end of January. More information will be provided in the January issue of *The Bussei Script*.

## BTSD Holiday Office Hours

December 23, Monday -- 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

December 24, Tuesday -- 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

December 25, Wednesday -- Closed

December 31, Tuesday -- 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## DONATIONS

The Buddhist Temple of San Diego is grateful to the following individuals and organizations for their recent donations to the Temple and its affiliated organizations. "IMO" means "In memory of." For a correction, please call the office at (619) 239-0896 or [info@btsd.net](mailto:info@btsd.net).

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 IMO Sachiko Santohigashi

**Buddhist Education Activities in December**

We observe important Buddhist events in December including Bodhi Day, when the Buddha achieved enlightenment, and the turning of the old year to the new.

**Bodhi Day.** We will observe this important anniversary on December 1 with a special service to be led by our resident minister, Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi.

**Bell Ringing for New Year's Eve.** On December 31, choose one or both of

**Year-End Service (*Joya-E*)** at the Temple at 7 p.m. Attendees will be able to ring the Temple bell (*kansho*).

**Bell-Ringing Ceremony at Year-End (*Joya-no-Kane*)** at the Shelter Island Friendship Bell, 11:30 p.m. The Port Authority allows us to ring the two-ton Japanese-style bell. This large hanging bell (*bonscho*) is similar to those at large Temples in Japan. Come early to find parking and dress warm!

**Ongoing Programs**

Please note these changes to ongoing programs in December:

There will be no **Introduction to Buddhism Class**, but the class resumes on Sunday, January 26, at 9 a.m. The one-hour, one-session introduction is led by Kaytee Sumida.

**Buddhism 1-2-3** has two more Wednesday sessions, on December 4 and 11, at 7 pm. The ongoing class then goes on winter break to resume January 8th.

Both programs meet in the one-story Sangha Hall.



The Temple and Sangha offers sincere condolences to the family and friends of:

*Kirk Akahoshi ~ November 6, 2019*

*Kisae Ohara ~ October 25, 2019*

*Sumi Otani Cheeks ~ September 23, 2019*

### DECEMBER SHOTSUKI LIST

The December Shotsuki Hoyo (MEMORIAL SERVICE) will be held Sunday, December 1, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in conjunction with the Bodhi Day Service. Families and friends of anyone who passed away during the month of December are urged to attend and offer incense. If there are any errors in the list, please notify the temple at (619) 239-0896 or e-mail info@btsd.net.

#### DECEASED                      FAMILY MEMBER

Kitsu Ito (12-14-1939).....Ito Family  
 Nihei Furusho (12-5-1943).....Chieko Saito  
 Tadasu Oya (12-18-1947).....Paul Oya  
 Yutaka Amano (12-11-1950).....Amano Family  
 Masaki Yoshida (12-7-1954)..... Sakamoto Family  
 Wakako Tsuneyoshi (12-29-1959) ..... Duane Koba  
 Sone Takada (12-17-1961).....Ichiji Takada  
 Daniel Amano (12-14-1962)..... Nobuko Amano  
 Yasu Akiyama (12-17-1963)..... Akiyama Family  
 Kiyoko Hosaka (12-24-1963)..... June Hosaka  
 Hiroshi Oyama (12-29-1963) ..... Rodney Oyama  
 Isamu Miyama (12-20-1964)..... Friends  
 Tatsu Hata (12-9-1965) ..... Hamada Family  
 Hichijiro Masuyuki (12-5-1966)..... Troy Matsumoto  
 Kenji Nishigaki (12-7-1967)..... Friends  
 Takeo Tachiki (12-5-1969) ..... Tachiki Family  
 Natsu Tanaka (12-4-1970) ..... Tanaka Family  
 Takeshi Okuma (12-12-1973) .....Okuma Family  
 Shigeto Amano (12-28-1973) .....Amano Family  
 Zentaro Araumi (12-8-1974) .....Shizuka Azuma  
 Aya Tokimura (12-16-1974).....Furuya Family  
 Matsue Tsuji (12-22-1977) ..... Tsuji Family  
 Mitose Okuma (12-30-1977).....Okuma Family  
 George Hamada (12-31-1978) ..... Hamada Family  
 Ito Kawamoto (12-22-1979) .....Kawamoto Family  
 David H. Uda (12-1-1981) .....Georgiana Uda  
 Masaru Higuchi (12-4-1983) ..... Yasuko Higuchi  
 Hikoichi Okimoto (12-2-1985).....Tom Okimoto  
 Shigeo Amano (12-14-1986).....Mikiye Honda  
 Frank Yonekura (12-9-1987).....Roy Yonekura  
 Naomi Campbell (12-14-1988).....Campbell Family  
 Take Torimaru (12-27-1988).....Torimaru Family  
 Yoshimi Uyeji (12-12-1997).....Chieko Takeguchi

#### DECEASED                      FAMILY MEMBER

Asao Momita (12-21-1989).....Gary Momita  
 Kakuaki Kaneko (12-16-1990).....Kaneko Family  
 Bunichi Tsukamoto (12-17-1991).....Wayne Tsukamoto  
 Keisuke Okuma(12-28-1991).....Yoshie Okuma  
 Ben Honda (12-24-1995).....Mikiye Honda  
 Taiji Santohigashi (12-16-1997)...Shunichi Santohigashi  
 Tsuruyo Kawamoto (12-22-1997).....Matsui Family  
 Yoshiko Kashima (12-15-1998).....Kashima Family  
 Nobue Nishii (12-23-2001).....Toyo Nishii  
 Nobuo Nadahara (12-22-2002).....Nakagawa Family  
 Isamu Sugimoto (12-24-2002).....Joe Sugimoto  
 Koharu Katie Shiraishi (12-7-2005).....Shiraishi Family  
 Kaoru Saito Bennett (12-14-2005).....Ford Bennett  
 Mary Sanaye Yamaguchi (12-19-05)...Donna McDonnell  
 Masao Kishi (12-23-2005).....Elena Barrett  
 Eiji Oya (12-11-2006).....Yumiko Oya  
 Kasuke Ogata (12-3-2009).....Toshiko Ogata  
 Irene Koga (12-18-2009).....Florence Koga  
 Manaie Mayumi (12-17-2010).....Katsuhiko Morishita  
 Shizue Yamamoto (12-15-2011).....Yamamoto Family  
 Isamu Nakamura (12-6-2012).....Shari Nakamura  
 Kaitlyn Sky Yotbounmy (12-1-13)...Stephanie Yamamoto  
 Ritsuko "Tosh" Ogier (12-15-2013).....Robyn Ogier  
 Walter Julian Vallery (12-27-2013).....Aiko Vallery  
 Kenichi Hitomi (12-30-2013).....Chiharu Hitomi  
 Nobuko Uchino (12-10-2015).....Gary Uchino  
 Kuriko Darini (12-22-2015).....Bruna Mori  
 Yoko Ajishi Garcia (12-16-2015).....Joseph A. Garcia  
 George S. Kitagawa Jr (12-17-2015).....Gary Kitagawa  
 Kathy Yamada Olsen (12-19-2015).....Scott Olsen  
 Pauline Masako Nakamura (12-24-15)...Shari Nakamura  
 Yukiko Negoro (12-27-2015).....Glenn Negoro  
 Roy Mitchell (12/21/2018).....Mitchell Family

### MEMORIAL SERVICES

MEMORIAL SERVICES allow us to pay homage to loved ones who have passed away. In our Jodo Shinshu tradition, family members hold a service at certain intervals following a relative's death to express gratitude and acknowledge their continuing influence in our lives. If you wish to schedule a memorial service for a loved one, please call during weekly office hours.

**2019 is the memorial year for those who passed away in:**

1st Year Memorial	2019	13th Year Memorial	2008	27th Year Memorial	1994
3rd Year Memorial	2018	17th Year Memorial	2004	33rd Year Memorial	1988
7th Year Memorial	2014	25th Year Memorial	1996	50th Year Memorial	1971



## TEMPLE MOCHI TSUKI DAY IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

The annual mochi tsuki is just days away.

Temple Sangha members and community friends of all ages are encouraged to participate in the temple’s December 8 activity of producing mochi “sweet rice” cake for the new year.

Work begins bright and early at 6 a.m. and runs to 3 p.m. Young Dharma School students, their parents, Sangha members and friends from the young to the young-at-heart are encouraged to participate. Spending anywhere from two hours or throughout the entire day will be appreciated.

The temple is planning to wash and steam 800 pounds of mochigome (sweet rice), which will produce approximately 1,200 pounds of mochi.

For you mochi-making veterans and those new to the temple, mochi tsuki will be busy with tasks for everyone. Newcomers should not be shy to jump in and lend a hand. The veterans will assist you.

Here is a schedule of activities for moch itsuki weekend:

**Friday, Dec. 6** – Mochigome rice washing from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Saturday, Dec 7** – Equipment check and setup from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Sunday, Dec. 8** – Mochi Tsuki Day (6 a.m. to 3 p.m.)



On Mochi Tsuki Day volunteering your time will be appreciated at the following workstations: Rice cookers, mochi grinders, mochi pounders (need a lot of muscle!), mochi cutters and shapers, coolers (fanning the mochi morsels), baggers and runners.

If you see an area where you can help, please join us!

Cleanup will take place after the final batch is processed.

**MOCHI ORDERS:** The deadline for pre-orders is Saturday, November 30. Donation is \$4.50 for a one-pound bag (approximately seven pieces). The two-piece kasane for your home O Butsudhan is \$7.00. Please fill out the order form that can be found in this month’s Bussei Script or the BTSD website. Orders received after the deadline will be placed in standby. Depending on availability, there will be a limited of walk-up order that will be accepted on Mochi Tsuki Day. To avoid being left out, it will be best to get your order in by the Nov. 30 deadline.

**MOCHI PICK UP:** Orders must be picked up on Sunday, Dec. 8 between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Please note that orders not picked up by 3 p.m. may be subject to resale.

**DONATIONS:** Are being accepted for the purchase of supplies. The suggested donation is \$75. Monetary donations of any amount will be deeply appreciated.

**OTHER SALES:** Browse and buy at Kaytee’s White Elephant, Kris’ Tupperware and the BWA Almond Brittle and Popcorn, and crafts sales for your year-end holiday gifts.

**POTLUCK LUNCH:** Bring your favorite food dish to share for the potluck luncheon that will be served to the volunteers.

**CONTACT THE TEMPLE:** At 619-239-0896 or email: [info@btsd.net](mailto:info@btsd.net) to place your order, volunteer your time or for more information.

Making mochi is an enjoyable and rewarding experience. The temple looks forward to seeing you during Mochi Ttsuki weekend!  
In Gassho, Ralph Honda and Glenn Negoro, Co-chairs

## MOCHITSUKI ORDER FORM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

**KO-MOCHI PACKAGE:** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$4.50 = COST \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Ko-Mochi is sold by the package, not by weight. Each package is *approximately* 1 lb.)

**KASANE MOCHI PACKAGE:** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$7.00 = COST \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Kasane mochi is for your home Butsudhan) **TOTAL COST = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Send order form with check to: **Buddhist Temple of San Diego, Attn: Mochi**  
**2929 Market Street, San Diego, CA 92102**

**OR**  
Send an e-mail order to: [info@btsd.net](mailto:info@btsd.net)

Deadline to order is: **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2019**

Orders received AFTER the deadline will be placed on STAND-BY.

**All orders must be picked up at the Temple on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.**

Orders not picked up by 3 p.m. will be subject to resale.

Questions? Please call the temple 619-239-0896 or send e-mail to: [info@btsd.net](mailto:info@btsd.net)

# マウンテンビューー仏教会「回向」 二〇一九年十二月法話

ねんぶつ とうと ひかり

## ― お念仏は尊い光 ―

駐在開教使 向嶋裕史

先月、カリフォルニア北部で大規模な山火が発生し多大な被害がでました。昨年、強風による送電線からの発火が原因で山火が発生し、同州史上最悪の被害が出たこともあり、PG&Eは、火災を防ぐために強風が予想された十月初旬にカリフォルニア州北部で大規模な計画停電を数日間実施しました。しかし、その計画停電も功を奏さず、今年も山火による被害がたくさんでしてしまいました。火災の被害に会われた方々が一日も早く平穏な暮らしに戻れるよう心より念じております。

さて、今回の計画停電の件で、電気を使えない生活を余儀なくされた方々の中に私の友人が何人かいたのですが、皆、冷凍庫の中の物が全て溶けて無駄になったり、PCやスマホが充電できずに使えなくなったりしてとても大変だったと口をそろえて不満を漏らしていました。

私もサンディエゴで開教使をしていた頃、一度だけ停電を経験したことがあります。その停電は、カリフォルニア州南部からアリゾナ州西部、そしてメキシコの北部に及ぶ大規模なものでした。夜は町中が異様な暗闇と静寂に包まれ、不気味な不安が襲ってきたのを今でも鮮明に覚えてます。その時も、インターネットが使えなかったことから、大変不自由な時間を強いられました。如何に私達の日常が科学の恩恵にすがって生きていたかを改めて気づかされると同時に、電気がなければ何もできない現実には恐ろしさを感じました。

その晩は、何もできなかったことから、暗闇の中で物思いに耽っていたのですが、何も見えない暗闇の中で数時間

過ごしているうちに、まさに何も見えないこのような暗闇の世界が私達の日常であり、その暗闇の中で私達は日々生きていくという現実を目覚めさせられたのを覚えています。例えば、暗闇の中でトイレに行こうとした時、テーブルや椅子の角などに足をぶつけてしまい、その極度の痛みにやり場のない怒りと不満を感じたのですが、人生に於いても同じことで、暗闇であるが故にいろんな人にぶつかってストレスを抱えながら生活しているのではないのでしょうか。

それは、夫婦喧嘩や親子喧嘩のようなぶつかりであったり、また、ぶつかった感情の行き違いから友人とうまくいなくなるなどの人間関係の中で生活しているということ。何故ぶつかるのかというと、周りが全く見えていないからです。前方や足元がはつきりが見えていければ決まってしまうことありません。見えていないということは、私達が暗闇の中、つまり、明かりのない迷いの世界にいるということなのです。自分だけは何もかも見えていると信じて疑わない人がいますが、実はそういう人に限って、周りが全く見えていないので自分の意見だけを主張して、すぐ揉め事を起こします。実は、そのような方ほど、自分の姿さえも全く見えていないのです。

仏教で、自分の姿が見えていないということは、我執に満ちた己の心が全く見えていないということ。この「我執」を三つの心に分けますと、一つ目に、自分が常に正しいという心。二つ目には、自分の思い通りにしたいという心。三つ目には、自分がかわいという心となります。この我執の心に振り回されて生活しているのが私達ですから、自分が悪くても謝る事ができない、相手の好意を当たり前のように思っている感謝することもできない、そして、他人の欠点だけは許すことができず、いつも愚痴をこぼします。私達の悲しい性は、他人の非を責める時、自分の事は棚に

上げて、常に自分が正しいという立場に立って腹を立てているのです。このような醜い心を持ったもの同士が共に生活をしているわけですから、争いが絶えるはずがありません。いつも腹を立てて、愚痴を言っている、これぞ我執のなせる業なのです。

日常生活に於いて、親、子、夫、妻、兄弟、友人、いろいろな人と衝突して苦しんでいるのは、常に自分が正しい、自分の思い通りにしたい、自分が可愛いという心に束縛されているからです。つまり、私達の心が常に貪り、怒り、そして愚痴などの根深い煩惱によって迷いの間に覆われているのです。ですから、阿彌陀仏の智慧の光りに出遇わない限り、何故自分が苦しんでいるのか分からないどころか、無明の世界で迷っていることにさえ気づくことができないのです。

智慧の光明は、苦悩の原因である我執の心に囚われた私達の本当の姿を明らかにして下さい。阿彌陀仏から発せられる智慧の光明が闇を貫く蠟燭の灯火のように、心の闇を隔々まで照らして、私達を自覚の世界へと導いて下さい。

私達は毎日、自分に遇っていると思い込んでいますが、実は、暗闇の中では本当の自分が見えていません。阿彌陀仏の光であるお念仏の教えに遇わない限り、本当の自分に遇うことはできません。智慧の光明に照らされて、初めて浅ましい私の心に気づかされると共に、そんな私目当てのお慈悲であったと頷かされるのです。それは、我執がなくなるのではなく、我執を抱えたまま阿彌陀仏に救われていく我が身を喜ばせていただき、少しでも阿彌陀仏を悲しませない生き方を追求することこそ真の念仏者のありようだと思います。私達の日常生活に光が不可欠であるように、私達の我執に満ちた心の闇に智慧の光明、つまり、お念仏が如何に大切で尊いものであったかを気づかせていただきましょう。

## SANGHA TEENS NEWS

On Sunday, November 3, the Sangha Teens cabinet was installed. The cabinet members are:

President: Andrea Covarrubias

Vice President/

Religious Chairperson: Anika Bull

Secretary: Cassidy Muraoka

Treasurer: Arturo Rubio

Activities Chairperson: Paulina Covarrubias

Advisors: Mrs. Avis Honda,  
Mrs. Lorena Covarrubias,  
Mrs. Julie Watson

We had monthly meetings and discussed possible activities and fundraisers. The group is looking forward to attend district gatherings for the coming year. This month, we are looking forward to helping at the Temple's Mochitsuki.

Sangha Teens is for middle school young Buddhists, ages 11 -13. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact a member or advisor.

In Gassho,

Andrea Covarrubias

Sangha Teens President

# BINGO

## FINAL CHANCE TO YELL BINGO FOR 2019 AND

### SAY THANK YOU TO THE VFW

Looking for an entertaining activity to compliment your Saturday evening in December?

Don't be shy. Give BINGO a try!

On Saturday, December 14, Asian Pacific Post 4851 will conduct its FINAL BINGO session.

After over a decade of hosting the monthly activity at the temple, the VFW group headed by Gene Davies, Bob Buzzard, Bob Poston, along with many other volunteers, the hard-working gentlemen have decided to call it a career.

The temple hopes that many people will be able to come out to support the popular BINGO session and say thank you to the gentlemen who have conducted the community activity for many years.

BINGO is an enjoyable activity for the veteran players and newbies with a chance to win cash and door prizes. Players 18-years-old and up are eligible to play.

Buy-in is \$10 for up 12 game of BINGO. Extra cards are \$.50 each. Purchasing pull-tabs offer another winning opportunity. The blackout game will have a \$300 payout!

Doors open at 4:30 p.m., and the session will run from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

The VFW will sell donuts, water, coffee and tea.

There has been discussion of having the temple continue the monthly community activity. A decision will be made at the temple's December board meeting.

The Buddhist Temple and Post 4851 have co-sponsored BINGO at the temple since 2005.

Bring out family and friends for an enjoyable evening and have a chance to yell BINGO!

## TEMPLE CLEAN UP DAY IS DECEMBER 29

The temple's year-end cleanup day will take place on Sunday, Dec. 29 starting at 9 a.m. If you have a couple of hours to volunteer your time, bring out your buckets and brooms, cleaning cloths and cleaners, it will be most appreciated.

The focus areas to be cleaned will be in the hondo, including onajin "Omigaki" led by the BWA, cleaning the pews, and minister's and floral side rooms.

Tidying up the kitchen, walk-in pantry and cleaning out the refrigerators will also take place.

If you really want to get down to the nitty gritty, the basement will be cleaned to make room for storage.

Dharma School teachers and students are encouraged to clean their classroom.

In advance, thank you for helping get the temple "looking spiffy" for the New Year!



## ANNUAL NEW YEAR PARTY

Sunday,  
January 19, 2020

Following the  
Ho Onko Service  
11:30 a.m., Annex Hall  
Please RSVP before Jan. 5

People born under the sign of the Rat are hard working, intelligent, charming, quick-witted, practical, ambitious and good at social activities.

We'll be taking reservations soon  
For questions, call the office.

Celebrating  
The Year of  
the Rat  
Please  
Join Us!



# OFFICIAL VISITATION TO BTSD BY HIS EMINENCE KOJUN OHTANI, GOMONSHU, AND SPIRITUAL LEADER OF JODO SHINSHU BUDDHISM



Gomonshu and Rev. Abe with BTSD's 100-year-old members  
Seated L-R:  
Kikuko Takashima, Asako Morinaka and Sayoko Tomiyama



Top: Gomonshu-sama pays homage to the Amida Buddha.

Middle: Group photo of entourage with temple leaders.



Sangha Teens and Jr. YBA members, along with the Sangha, say "thank you" to Gomonshu.  
His Eminence made an official visit to BTSD on September 4.

Bottom: Group photo of Gomonshu with Sangha.

