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Ordinary Life-Sacred Practice

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Resident Minister

A common question among newcomers to Shin is “how do we practice the Shin Dharma?” Just saying the Nembutsu, “Namo Amida Butsu,” seems insufficient because it seems to be a prayer and not a practice of doing something. With some of the explanations of the Nembutsu, it is difficult to imagine how we might have a personal experience of it in the course of an ordinary day. In October, we had two temple events that might provide a couple of examples of Shin Practice.

The temple co-sponsored, with the BCA, the funeral of retired minister, Rev. Tesshi Aoyama. He served BTSD as the resident minister over a decade ago. He was very helpful to me as he provided a Japanese language Dharma talk each month. He also helped to translate Japanese text. He substituted for me in my absence or when a Japanese speaker was preferred. His degree in chaplaincy enabled him to volunteer at Sharp Hospitals where he comforted patients with his harmonica talents. His funeral provided an opportunity for sangha members to practice their Shin values as they supported the family by helping to prepare for the many mourners by caring for the attending ministers, relatives and many friends. Attending a Shin funeral or service and practicing in the many rituals is one method of Shin practice.

The second event was the sukiyaki fund-raiser lunch for my son, Kirk. It also involved many sangha members and friends who helped organize, prepare, and cook sukiyaki for about 130 people. Kirk, Jacki, Karen and I would like to thank all those who worked, came to participate, and who donated and gave their best wishes for Kirk’s recovery. This was a practice of compassion.

Both the sukiyaki lunch and the *otoki* (refreshments or meal) after Rev. Aoyama’s funeral describe another aspect of Shin practice besides attending a religious service. I have often said that Shin is practiced in the Hondo and also in the dining room and kitchen. The strength of Shin is that it is practiced by ordinary, common people in everyday life. “Na Man Da Bu” inspires that spiritual connection to a recently departed loved one at a funeral. It acknowledges that we take refuge in Amida Buddha, eternal Wisdom and Compassion. It affirms our gratitude in receiving wisdom and compassion in the commerce of ordinary life. Our connection with others is the experience of “Na Man Da Bu.” The mood at the sukiyaki lunch

was noisy and joyful. The friendly atmosphere at *otokis* do not reflect the somber, mindful attitude that might be expected following a funeral. This is Shin Buddhism: the very human tendency to enjoy each other’s company. This is the value of Shinran’s acknowledgement of our *bombu*, limited self. The Shin ritual of joyfully inter-acting with others is as valid as sitting silently in solitary *zazen* (sitting meditation). Joyfully connecting with others can be the experience of “Na Man Da Bu.”

Shinran emphasized that, as common people, we are incapable of a practice that gains us any spiritual status. Our practice is to observe and awaken to the reality of wisdom and compassion that we receive continuously. “Namo Amida Butsu” is that source of spiritual insight. A meal may just be the act of eating some food. However, beginning a meal with a *gassho* (palms together with a bow) and the Nembutsu can remind us of the efforts of others in preparing the meal. Enjoying a meal with friends or new acquaintances is an added bonus.

Every ordinary act or event in an ordinary day can be a spiritual event. The meaning of “Na Man Da Bu” cannot be fully understood by the mind. It is an experience. As such, we can describe experiences that might evoke a response of “Na Man Da Bu.” “Thank you” and a feeling of gratitude is one of these experiences. Another example is to realize the gift of human life that we have received. An unconscious perspective may treat ordinary life as mundane. However, “Na Man Da Bu” wakes us up to this rare opportunity we have.

The lesson of *Ichi Go, Ichi E* reminds us that each meeting with others occurs only once. Let us wake up and cherish our time with each other. The absence of Rev. Aoyama has us realize that every ordinary interaction with him was actually a spiritual one. The loss of a loved one is a message from the Pure Realm. Rennyō’s “On White Ashes” advises us that life “is to be treasured because it is unrepeatable.” He concludes with “let us live together with gratitude in our hearts.” Our practice is gratitude, kindness, and service and support for one another. Voicing “Na Man Da Bu” elevates our ordinary life to the level of the Pure Realm.

Gassho, Kenji Sensei

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NOVEMBER 2019

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



Notes:

- Tickets are on sale for the NCRR Book Talk and luncheon. Call or pick them up today.
- Check the Eitai-kyo Pages in this issue.
- Bring in your non-perishable foods to help make someone else's Thanksgiving special
- It's time to order Mochi! Save the Date for December 8th. Deadline on 29th.

3	BWA Sushi Prep, 7 am Shotsuki / EITAIKYO SERV. BWA Makizushi Sale	4	Office Closed Ways & Means, 7 p.m., CR	5		6	Craft Day, 10 am, DR Minyo, 12 noon, SH Shigin, 1 pm, CR Taiko, 6:30 pm, AH Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 SH	7	Tai Chi, 10 am, AH	8	SD Council Mtg., Gardena 7 pm	9	Beef Stew Benefit Dinner, 4:30-6 p.m. BTSD/MFW Bingo, 6 pm
10	DS Staff Mtg., 9 am, CR DS/Family Service, 10 am BWA Mtg., 11:45 am, CR Jr YBA Mtg., 11:30 Taiko, Noon Deadline: NCRR Book Talk and lunch reservations	11	Office Closed	12	SD Ministers Mtg LA Betsuin, 10 a	13	Minyo, 12 noon, SH Shigin, 1 pm, CR Taiko, 6:30 pm, AH Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 SH	14	Tai Chi, 10 am, AH BOD Mtg, 6:45 pm	15		16	Koto, 10 am, SH
17	DS/Family Service, 10 am NCRR BOOK TALK, 12:30, lunch, 1:30 AH Pick up Tickets in Office Deadline for Food Drive	18	Office Closed Articles Due	19		20	Craft Day, 10 am, DR Minyo, 12 noon, SH Shigin, 1 pm, CR Taiko, 6:30 pm, AH Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 SH	21	Tai Chi, 10 a.m., AH Activities Mtg, 7 pm.	22		23	
24	Intro to Buddhism, 9 SH DS/Family Service, 10 am Taiko, 12 noon AH DS Activity	25	Office Closed	26		27	Minyo, 12 noon, SH Shigin, 1 pm, CR Taiko, 6:30 pm, AH Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 SH Mail Kaiho, 10 am	28	THANKSGIVING Temple closed	29	Deadline: Mochi orders	30	



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By LuAnn Lee, Board President

Wow, what a successful Sukiyaki Luncheon!

I remember when we were at an activities meeting and asking Kimberly when she was going to have another Sukiyaki lunch. That was in March of this year and we decided that October would be a good time to have something warm as it would be fall and getting a bit cooler. A couple of months after that meeting, Kenji Sensei and Karen Akahoshi told us about their son Kirk and that he had pancreatic cancer. In July, the Activities committee discussed it and with Kimberly and Jeff's support recommended to the Board of Directors that we donate all the proceeds from the Sukiyaki lunch to Kirk and his wife. Needless to say, it was a unanimously yes vote.

It just so happened that my cousin Akiko Morimoto was going to make and donate gift baskets that she makes out of the goodness of her heart. Our temple was the beneficiary of 16 amazing ginormous baskets. Along with donations from Hanaoka's Restaurant, Nancy Martinez, Linda Redenbaugh and me, we had enough for one of our best opportunity drawings.

The day of the lunch, you could smell the sweet sukiyaki sauce cooking with the veggies, tofu, noodles and meat, you could hear people talking, laughing, people asking about the opportunity drawing and chatter on what tin to put their ticket in for a chance to win a prize. I saw chef's cooking and everyone enjoying their meal among family and friends. It was so heart-warming knowing that so many people were so generous with donations of monies and giving time to volunteer to support Kirk in his journey to beat his cancer.

We are so sorry that we had to turn away a few people for the lunch due to space and many people could not come, so we want you to know that we are still accepting donations for Kirk through the end of October and beyond. Credit cards are accepted and checks payable to BTSD and add in the memo on the check to say donation Kirk Akahoshi.

Thank you to Kimberly and Jeff Kruse for leading one of our most organized and profitable fundraisers.

Please see Kimberly's thank you in this edition of the Kaiho.

Going back to Friday, September 20th, we were fortunate to have Ken Tanaka come to San Diego and give a presentation on his book Ocean. It is an introduction to Jodo-Shinshu Buddhism in America and an easy to read resource for people that want to learn more about it. It was very well attended and we had the opportunity to have him sign a copy of his book. Thank you to Kenji Sensei for organizing this event. Also, appreciation goes to Bill and Joyce Teague for assisting and providing snacks.

As many of you know, Reverend Aoyama passed away a couple of weeks ago. We are very saddened by this news and give our deepest sympathy to the Aoyama family. We felt fortunate to have him not only once as our resident minister but also as a part time minister after he retired and returned to San Diego. The timing of his return to help our temple and sangha was perfect and his assistance to Kenji Sensei was so appreciated. He will be missed.

In Gassho, LuAnn

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met on October 10th

1. Condolences to the families of Mrs. Sumiye Nakashima who passed away on Sept. 27th and Rev. Tesshi Aoyama who passed away on October 4th.
2. Kodan for past Resident Minister Aoyama was approved. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the BCA Retired Ministers Association.
3. The Board approved that the credit card be used for recurring payments for Adobe Acrobat licensing for office use.
4. A 3.22% increase of salary was approved for Rev. Akahoshi, effective as of his anniversary date.
5. The 2019 budget and actuals (income and expenses) as of August were compared. A balanced fiscal year-end is our goal.
6. Updates were provided on the upcoming Sukiyaki Lunch, Bingo Dinner and NCCR events,
7. Congratulations to Mits Kawamoto who received the Kan-sha Award (along with Professor Susan Hasegawa) at the Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego Annual meeting.
8. Maribeth Smith and Bill Teague coordinated the SDSU Delta Beta Tau visit on October 12th.
9. The tentative 2020 calendar of events (services, activities and regular meetings) was presented.
10. The Board had no objection to the Tri-State Denver Buddhist Temple plan to visit the temple early July 2020. More information to follow.

BWA NEWS

The BWA members were saddened to hear of Reverend Aoyama's passing. He was a dear friend to us. We were happy when he retired here in San Diego. We have had great talks with Aoyama Sensei as we chatted while enjoying hospitality after service. He gave us not only religious advice but he shared his outlook on life. We in the craft group always prepared him an assortment of yummys from our lunches...until Mrs. Aoyama said that Sensei should not have sweets. But we all enjoyed spoiling him! Namu Amida Butsu. Rest In Peace, Sensei. We will miss you.

The BWA has several tasks that we will handle for Aoyama Sensei. We have many volunteers busy with the details. We appreciate the opportunity to honor Sensei.

The BWA will be selling a roll of delicious makizushi for \$6 a roll. For members and helpers, Saturday, November 2nd, start time is 9:00 am. Although Toban groups A and C are chairing the event, we could use help from others in slicing, chopping, washing rice and portioning out the ingredients. On Sunday, November 3rd, rice cookers at 7:00 am and the rest are requested at 8:00 am. Thank you for your time.

The BWA will be starting our fundraiser of selling Almond Brittle packages. The 1 pound brittle will be \$17.00, 5 oz. small package will be \$6.00 and the ever popular brittle popcorn will be \$8.00. Please help support the BWA and enjoy the Almond Brittle.

The November BWA meeting will be so on second Sunday, November 10th at 11:45 am. Toban group D will be hosting. Thank you.

DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

Did you know that November is National Gratitude Month? Dharma School students have been busy learning and talking about *Gratitude*! In the pre-k through 4th grade class, Mr. Gregg Yonekura read a story titled, "The Thankful Book" by Todd Parr. This story helped get the children's brains thinking about being thankful, as well as helped the teachers discuss gratitude. Teachers then engaged the students in a craft where students traced their hand and wrote what they are thankful for on it. Teachers then placed their hands or "leaves" together and they created a big "thankful tree" in the classroom. Another activity the students started working on is creating links to a *Golden Chain* based on things they appreciate and are grateful or thankful.

Students in Grades 5-8 were asked to pick one "big thing and one small thing" they were grateful for. Paulina said she was thankful for shelter, her education and her cat, Kendal. Andrea stated she was thankful for her family, shelter and pets. Many students stated they were thankful for their families and having a home. One teacher, Lorena stated, "I think kids this age are grateful for the big things but sometimes forget to be grateful for the small things." Parents can help children think about gratitude by discussing things they are grateful for each day. We challenge all students and families to practice gratitude by thinking about one thing they are grateful for each day, and writing it down or telling someone!

With the Jr. YBA hosting Seminar 2 next year, Mr. Roy and Ms. Sara guided students on picking a theme in class. Sara stated, "We asked the kids to think about the answer to one question, 'If you had to pick just ONE teaching or Buddhist concept to label as THE MOST IMPORTANT, what would it be and why?' We felt if they could give this complex question some thought, it would offer them a good base to start brainstorming topic ideas." This is an excellent opportunity for students to enhance their leadership skills, and we are excited to see how their planning progresses throughout the next few months!

Students had a ghoulish good time celebrating Halloween for the annual Halloween Party on October 27! We would like to thank the Jr. YBA students for decorating, providing games and treats! Also, thank you to the Sangha for providing side dishes and dessert!

The All Life Forms Memorial is a time where we can honor the life of all forms, from pets to loved ones who passed away. It was held during the service on October 27.

Three teachers, one minister's assistant and Kenji Sensei attended the 2019 SDDSTL Conference last month at the Vista Buddhist Temple. The keynote speaker was Ministerial Assistant Koichi Mizushima, BCA Center for Buddhist Education Youth Coordinator.

We are thankful for the fruit and flowers the pre-k through 8th grade classes brought for service this past month! Fruit and flowers are offerings of thankfulness. Students offering fruit and flowers during service has been a tradition at our temple since the late Reverend Aoyama began serving as our Resident Minister in 1998. Dharma School sends its deepest condolences to the Aoyama Family on the passing of Reverend Tesshi Aoyama. He was an avid supporter of Dharma School, and will be truly missed.

As the resident minister, he wanted the children to take an active role in our family service. Fruit (the nectar of wisdom) and flowers (beauty which fades) reminds us of the Buddha's teachings.
In Gassho, Lisa Umekubo, DS Superintendent

JR. YBA NEWS

Hi everyone! The Jr. YBA is very excited for the start of the 2019-2020 school year! We have some great activities coming up!

With the start of the new school year, we have installed a new cabinet! Jenna Sasaki and myself will be co-presidents, Ava Yamamoto will be religious chair, Chad Sasaki will be treasurer, and Evan Ong will be historian.

We'd like to thank everyone who came out for the Halloween party, which was a success! We hope the kids had fun playing games, participating in the parade, and eating candy.

We are also beginning the Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive, which will run from November 3rd to November 17th. Boxes for donations of non-perishable food items and canned goods will be placed in the kitchen, and we'd be very grateful if people could help us raise meals for families in need!

As for Southern District Jr. YBL activities, Jenna Sasaki attended the Jr. YBA leadership event, and it was a success! We are also looking forward to Jam Session this month!

We are excited to announce that we will be co-hosting the Southern District Seminar 2 in March with the Vista Jr. YBA! We plan on holding three different workshops for the Jr. YBA members, and we're working hard on making it fun and memorable for everyone who attends.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support of the Jr. YBA. We wouldn't be able to do so much without you!

In gassho, Zoe Yamamoto



Scrip News

You might think it is too early to start thinking about the holidays, but the holidays will be here before you know it. You've missed the opportunity to purchase gift cards to buy your Halloween candy at the grocery stores, Walmart, Target, and Smart & Final. Buy gift cards to buy your groceries for Thanksgiving at Albertson's, Von's, Stater Bros., Smart & Final, Sprouts, Walmart, Target or go to Ralph's or Food 4 Less.

The holiday season is also when you can purchase \$5 gift cards. The list for the stores who will be offering them will be coming out shortly so check with Miyo if you are interested. Amazon, Starbucks, Target and Walmart are just a few that have been offered in the past.

Remember that gift cards are great stocking stuffers and giving one to the person's favorite store is a terrific gift, the person can get whatever he/she wants! Buy gift cards and help the temple raise money!

BTSD is co-presenting the Japanese musical comedy "Can't Stop the Dancing" at the San Diego Asian Film Festival, Sunday, Nov. 10th at 4:30 at the UltraStar Mission Valley. Group tickets are \$10 from Shirley Omori

DONATIONS

The Buddhist Temple of San Diego is grateful to the following individuals and organizations for their donations to the Temple and its affiliated organizations. "IMO" means "In memory of." For a correction, please contact the temple 619-239-0896.

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 Yamanouchi, Aya

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We thank You for your recent renewals:

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SPECIAL DONATION -- GOMONSHU VISIT

Ochi, K. Kay

KIRK AKAHOSHI BENEFIT

Tomiyama, Akie

Buddhist Education Opportunities In November

Eitaiikyo Service Sunday, Nov. 2 with Sensei!

We are grateful that resident minister Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi will be our speaker for the Eitaiikyo service for a rare opportunity to benefit from his insights into the importance of the special service.

Special Buddhist Community Event at Vista Buddhist Temple

The Vista Buddhist Temple invites us to attend what many hope to be the first annual **Buddhist Community Gathering** on **Saturday, November 9**, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Featured are renowned teachers from the Jodo Shinshu, Tibetan, and Zen traditions, sharing insights on applying Buddhist thought and practice to those important life questions that often lack clear answers: **Rev. Marvin Harada** (Orange County Buddhist Church), **Venerable Karma Lekshe Tsomo** (Professor of Buddhist Studies, University of San Diego), and **Dharma Teacher Kenley Neufeld** (Lineage of Thich Nhat Hanh and Plum Village Community). Tickets are \$20 through Eventbrite.

Big Big Thanks

To Temple members last month who helped us welcome members of **Delta Beta Tau**, a co-ed Buddhist fraternity at San Diego State University. On Saturday, Oct. 12, volunteers include key organizer **Sensei Maribeth Smith** with **Qamar Bradford, Ralph Honda, Breven Honda, Arturo Rubio, Kaytee Sumida, and Bill Teague.**

Beef Stew Benefit Dinner ...
November 9th 4:30-6 p.m., Donation: \$8
Purchase your tickets in the office
BTSD/VFW BINGO begins at 6 pm
Buy-in is \$10~Must be 18 to play
Come out for a Great Meal and play Bingo!

EITAIKYO LISTING 2019

Below is a list of names that have been recorded in the Buddhist Temple of San Diego's Eitaikyo (Perpetual Memorial) book, as of October 2019. The temple apologizes for any errors or omissions. To help keep our records up-to-date, please contact the temple with any corrections. The annual Eitaikyo letter can be found as an insert in this month's Bussei Script. The temple looks forward to your participation with the annual Eitaikyo Observance. **Note: Newest additions are at the end of this list.**

LAST	FIRST	LAST	FIRST	LAST	FIRST	LAST	FIRST
AKIYAMA	Yasu	HAGIO	Leo	ISHISAKI	Toriyo	KAWAMOTO	Mitsuko
AMANO	Mitsuru	HAGIO	Yuruko	ISHISAKI	Tsugiye	KAWAMOTO	Yukio
AMANO	Sam	HAGIO	Shie	ISHIZAKI	Joseph R.	KAWAMOTO	Sakayo
AMANO	Takeko	HAMAGUCHI	Teikichi	ISHIZAKI	Pricilla M	KAWAMOTO	Shinshichi
AMANO	Momoyo & Shigeo	HANANO	(Family)	ISHIZU	Masaichi	KAWAMOTO	Tsuruyo
AMANO	Osamu	HASHIGUCHI	(Ancestors)	ISHIZU	Osamu	KAWAMOTO	Umeko
AMANO	Shigeto & Yaeno	HATASHITA	(Ancestors)	ISHIZU	(Family)	KAWASAKI	Kikuyo
AMANO	(Ancestors)	HATAUYE	Gitaro	ITAMI	Umeko	KAWASAKI	Seki
ARAUMI	Shin	HATAUYE	Kura	ITO	Bob	KAWASAKI	(Family)
ARAUMI	Zentaro	HAYASHI	Haru	ITO	Elwood	KINOSHITA	Kijiro
ARAUMI	(Ancestors)	HAYASHI	Taroueman	ITO	Harry	KITAGAWA	Michiko
ASAMEN	Eda & Zentaro	HIDINGER	Ron	ITO	Hazel	KITAGAWA	(Ancestors)
ASAMEN	George	HIDINGER	Holly	ITO	Emiko	KIYONO	Ichinosuke
ASAMEN	Kumiko	HIMAKA	Chosuke	ITO	Ikichi	KIYONO	Kazuo
ASAMEN	(Family)	HIMAKA	Haru	ITO	Kitsu	KIYONO	(Family)
AZUMA	Sueichi	HIMAKA	Kazuye	ITO	Matsu	KOBA	Haruki & Michiko
AZUMA	Tora	HIMAKA	Osao & Setsuko	ITO	Tsuzuki	KOBA	Masanori (Family)
AZUMA	(Ancestors)	HIMAKA	(Family)	ITO	Tsuzuki (Parents)	KODAMA	Family
AZUMA	(Parents)	HIRAKAWA	Kenichi	ITO	Tazuki	KODAMA	Chieko
BABA	Chosuke	HIRAKAWA	Shigeno	ITO	Nobuko	KODAMA	Chiyeno
BARRETT	Max. E.	HIRAKAWA	Toshi	ITO	Usaburo	KODAMA	George Yukio
BARRETT	Elaine Matsumoto	HIRAKAWA	Wataru	ITO	Onoe	KODAMA	Takeko
BENSON	John E.	HIRATA	(Family)	ITO	Family (Ancestors)	KODAMA	Kojiro
BLOOM	Tony	HIROSHIGE	Hiroichi	IWASHITA	Zembei & Tamiko	KODAMA	Kaijiro
CHIYOJI	George	HIROSHIGE	Fusae	IWASHITA	(Family)	KODAMA	Toichi
COPPOCK	(Family)	HONDA	Mikiye	IWATA	Hideo	KODAMA	Yukino
DAMESHIKI	Francis	HONDA	Ben	IWATAKI	Yoshiko	KOGA	Irene
DATE	Akira	HONDA	Hachiro & Fumino	JONES	(Family)	KOGA	Kazuo
DATE	Kimiye	HONDA	Masami & Yaeko	KADO	Susan	KOGA	M.T. (Family)
DATE	Ofuji	HONDA	Nobuo	KAMIMURA	Ei	KONDO	Otokichi
DATE	Tamotsu	HONDA	Ralph	KAMIMURA	Funayemon	KONISHI	Jon I.
DATE	(Family)	HONDA	(Ancestors)	KAMIMURA	(Family)	KOSHIKI	Kuwada
DOI	Hidekichi	HOSAKA	Minetaro	KANEKO	Kakuaki	KUROYE	Masashige
DOI	Kurume	HOSAKA	Roy S.	KANEKO	Shuji	KUROYE	(Family)
DOI	Shiruno	IGUCHI	Haruko	KANEKO	(Family)	KUSAKA	(Ancestors)
DOI	Terry	IGUCHI	Mariko	KANESHIRO	Eijiro	KUWADA	Koichi
DUTTON	Jeanette M.	IKENOUE	(Family)	KANESHIRO	Gale	KUWADA	Mitsuko
EEJIMA	Richard Jr.	IMAI	Hiroshiga	KANESHIRO	(Family)	KUWADA	Tomoyo
EEJIMA	Richard Sr.	IMAI	Ichigoro	KASAKISAKO	(Family)	KUWADA	(Family)
ESTES	Donald H.	IMAI	Mine	KASHIMA	Jeanie		
FUJII	Koichi	IMAI	(Parents)	KASHIMA	Tetsuyo		
FUKAMIZU	Frank	INOUE	Eijiro	KASHIMA	(Family)	MAMIYA	Tami
FURUYA	George Sr.	INOUE	Hiroyuki	KASUBUCHI	James	MAMIYA	Tatsuo
FURUYA	Iwa	INOUE	Ume	KASUBUCHI	James (Family)	MAMIYA	Yoshigoro
FURUYA	Shigeyuki	INOUE	(Family)	KAWAKAMI	Mine	MAMIYA	Yoshio
FURUYA	Takaye Shiz	ISHINO	Kosaburo	KAWAMOTO	Harry	MASUMOTO	Koichi
FURUYA	(Family)	ISHINO	Matsue	KAWAMOTO	Ito	MASUMOTO	Shigeru
GRAEBER	Kikue	ISHISAKI	Eikichi	KAWAMOTO	Imataro	MASUMOTO	Yuki
		ISHISAKI	Ronnie	KAWAMOTO	Michael	MASUMOTO	(Family)

LAST	FIRST
MATHEWS	Hisako
MATSUDA	Fujitaro
MATSUDA	Totaro
MATSUI	Akito
MATSUI	Hanano
MATSUI	Taro
MATSUI	(Family)
MATSUMOTO	Harry T.
MATSUMOTO	(Family)
MATSUSHITA	(Ancestors)
MAYUMI	Manae
MAYUMI	Hiroshi
MAYUMI	Kiyoji
MAYUMI	Takashi
MAYUMI	Tamio
MIYAMA	Isamu
MIYAMA	(Family)
MIYAMOTO	Koichi
MIYAMOTO	Shika
MIYAMOTO	Eihachi
MIYAMOTO	Yoshi
MIZUKI	Masato
MIZUKI	Florence
MIZUKI	Tamiko
MIZUSHIRO	Masato
MOMITA	Asao
MOMITA	Fumiko
MORIBE	Chieno
MORIBE	Hiroshi
MORIBE	Susan
MORIBE	(Family)
MORIMOTO	Zeiichiro
MORINAKA	Asako
MORINAKA	Dennis
MORINAKA	Roy
MURAOKA	Aiko
MURAOKA	Haruko
MURAOKA	Kiyoji
MURAOKA	Saburo
MURAOKA	Unjiro
MURAOKA	(Ancestors)
MURATA	Tamotsu
MURATA & UCHIDA	(Family)
NABETA	Ritsuko
NABETA	Fred Fukumi
NAKAGAWA	Kichizo
NAKAGAWA	Yasu
NAKAGAWA	Kou
NAKAGAWA	Seki
NAKAMURA	Utako
NAKAMURA	Yasaku
NAKAMURA	Kinjiro
NAKAMURA	Koyoshi
NAKAMURA	Tamayo

LAST	FIRST
NAKAMURA	Pauline
NAKAMURA*	Isamu
NAKAMURA	Fuji
NAKAMURA	Fukumatsu
NAKAMURA	Hamako
NAKAMURA	Yoshiko
NAKAMURA	Minoru
NAKATA	Katae
NAKATA	Kazue
NAKATA	Yonesuke
NAKATA	Yoza
NEGORO	Glenn M.
NEGORO	Yukiko
NEGORO	Yaguro
NIMURA	Tamizo
NIMURA	(Ancestors)
NISHII	Gen
NISHII	Rev. Guzei
NISHII	Nobue
NISHII	Masaru
NISHIUYE	Midori
OCHI	Akiji
OCHI	Ichie
OCHI	Hideo
OCHI	Hisa
OCHI	Kizo
OCHI	Masa
ODATE	Abe (wife's parents)
ODATE	Frank
OGATA	Kasuke
OGAWA	Toshino
OGAWA	Zenichi
OGAWA	(Ancestors)
OGAWA	(Family)
OHARA	Buyemon
OHARA	Kisae
OHARA	Mitsu
OHARA	Takenori
OHARA	Takeyoshi
OJIRI	David T.
OKUMA	Yukichi
OKUMA	Mitose
OKUMA	Keisuke
OKUMA	Yoshie
OKUMA	(Family/Parents)
OMORI	Giichi (Family/Parents)
OSAKI	Kiyotaro
OSAKI	Wasa
OSAKI	Earl Isoki
OSAKI	Louise Tsuruko
OSAKI	(Ancestors)
OSUMI	Yukichi
OTO	Shigeru
OTO	Motono
OTO	Jeffery Akira

LAST	FIRST
OTO	(Ancestors)
OTSUJI	Haruhiko
OTSUJI	Ayako
OUCHI	Kaizo
OUCHI	Masu
OUCHI	Tayo
OUCHI	Kingo
OUCHI	Michie
OUCHI	(Ancestors)
OYA	Fujie
OZAKI	Hisashi
PRESTIGE	(Family)
RUSSELL	Ruvena
SAITO	Jinsaku
SAKAMOTO	Komeno
SAKAMOTO	Shunzo
SAMESHIMA	Tsuneichi
SAMESHIMA	Yukino
SANTOHIGASHI	Taiji
SANTOHIGASHI	Sachiko
SANTOHIGASHI	Kiyoko
SANTOHIGASHI	Masao
SATAKE	Shigeo
SEGAWA	Lillian
SHIMADA	Ichie
SHIMADA	Kikue
SHIMADA	Kikushige
SHIMIZU	Christine
SHIMIZU	Paul & Emi H.
SHIMIZU	Seiichi & Shizuko
SHINOHARA	Jimmie
SHINOHARA	Masako
SHINOHARA	Matsu
SHINOHARA	Natsue
SHINOHARA	(Ancestors)
SUGITA	Sam
SUGIYAMA	Uta
SUGIYAMA	Saburo
SUGIYAMA	Mine
SUGIYAMA	Yoshio
SUGIYAMA	Misono
SUGIYAMA	Yukiko
SUGIYAMA	Yasuyuki
SUGIYAMA	Kuzo (Family)
SUGIYAMA	Hideo
SUGIYAMA	Kuzo
SUMIDA	Floyd & Kathleen
SUYENAGA	Hideo
SUYENAGA	Mary
TACHIKI	Naminosuke
TACHIKI	Tetsu
TACHIKI	Frank
TACHIKI	(Family)

LAST	FIRST
TAKASHIMA	(Ancestors)
TAKASHIMA	Katsue
TAKASHIMA	Sandra S.
TAKASHIMA	Yoshiko
TAKASHIMA	Katsumi J.
TAKASHIMA	Richard Tatsuo
TANAKA	Mitsuko
TANAKA	Shigeru
TANAKA	Tsukiye
TANAKA	Tsuruye
TANIZAKI	Hamano
TANIZAKI	Katsu
TANIZAKI	Masaaki
TEAGUE	Betty Harvey
TEAGUE	J. Richard
TERUSAKI	George Hideo
TERUSAKI	Lily Yuriko
TERUSAKI	William, "Bill"
TOKUNAGA	Ron
TOMIYAMA	Sayoko
TOMIYAMA	Akie
TOMIYAMA	Steven
TOMIYAMA	Noboru
TOMOYO	Lin
TORIO	Charley
TORIO	Suna
TORIO	Yoshichiro
TOYOMARU	Chiyoki
TSUBAKIHARA	Sumiko
TSUNEYOSHI	(Family)
TSUNEYOSHI	Motoo & Angie
TSURUDOME	Peggy
TSURUDOME	Shigenori
UCHIDA	Setsuko
URATA	Goki
URATA	Mitsuyo
UYEJI	Magotsugu "Kottie"
WATAMURA	Heitaro
WATAMURA	Hideo B.
WATAMURA	Rose
WATAMURA	Tokuyo
YADA	Tome
YADA	Motoji
YAMADA	Harry
YAMADA	Rosie
YAMADA	Suzy
YAMAGATA	Chiyo
YAMAMOTO	Eiichi
YAMAMOTO	Hisano
YAMAMOTO	Irene
YAMAMOTO	Sachiye
YAMAMOTO	Noboru
YAMAMOTO	Shizue

LAST	FIRST	LAST	FIRST	LAST	FIRST	LAST	FIRST	LAST	FIRST
YAMAMOTO	Steven	YANAGIHARA	Harue	YANAGIHARA	Tosaburo	YANO	Yoshiharu	YONEKURA	Yoshie
YAMANISHI	Jukichi	YANAGIHARA	Ichii	YANAGIHARA	(Family)	YANO	Hatsuyo	YONEKURA	Ryu
YAMANISHI	Matsu	YANAGIHARA	Kotaro	YANO	Chiyo	YANO	(Family)	YONEKURA	Glenn Toshiharu
YAMANISHI	Sawa	YANAGIHARA	Rino	YANO	Sakuhichi	YASAKI	Jinkichi	YOSHIHARU	Ronnie
YAMASAKI	Jinkichi & Tetsu	YANAGIHARA	Senkichi	YANO	Tokihira	YONEKURA	(Ancestors)	YOSHISAKA	Tamayo
YAMASAKI	Shinkichi	YANAGIHARA	Shizuko	YANO	Tadashi	YONEKURA	Hashio	YUKICHI	Mitose
YAMASHITA	Shozo	YANAGIHARA	Tom Sr.	YANO	George Chiyoji	YONEKURA	Tatsujiro		
YAMASHITA	Chiyo	YANAGIHARA	Masaru	YANO	Hajime	YONEKURA	Tom		
YAMASHITA	Chozaburo								

A Sincere Thank You

I cannot express into words how grateful I am for all of the help and support for the temple to host a family-style Sukiyaki Luncheon benefit. It has been 4.5 years since we last held a sukiyaki luncheon, and especially for such a great cause we had a fantastic turnout, double of what we had last time.

Thank you for the many Saturday volunteers to help set up, pull out dishes, clean, cut, and prep the sukiyaki ingredients. Thank you Reverend Kenji, Joyce Teague, Norman Kiyono, Arturo Rubio, Lourdes Leal, Tim Kajita, Junko Kajita, Liz Matsumoto, Emi Matsumoto, Kenji Matsumoto, Brian Sasaki, Nancy Martinez, Isaac Martinez, Andy Andrade, Lisa Umekubo, Michael Kinoshita, Sharon Sasaki, Zoe Yamamoto, Jenna Sasaki, Laura Yoshida, Glenn Torio, Carol Baker, Jamie Shimizu, Breven Honda, Jeff Kruse, Juliana Kruse, and Jaden Kruse. With so many helpful hands on deck, most of the prep was completed in less than 2 hours!

Thank you everyone who brought 1 or more butane burners and electric skillet/woks/sukiyaki pots. We are so fortunate to have so many great cooks with appliances like these at home that they are willing to share for this event. With the many butane stoves, we were able to avoid running too many extension cords along the ground and only had issues shorting out the circuit breakers a few times during the event (but were able to get it back up quickly).

I've only heard great things about all of our Sunday chefs and helpers. Thank you to our chefs: Steve Sato, Isaac Martinez, Bill Teague, Carol Baker, Lorin Sasaki, Roy Okuhara, Reverend Kenji, Tim Kajita, Junko Kajita, Ken Muraoka, Sharon Sasaki, Arturo Rubio, Lisa Umekubo, Ann Ong, Luke Sumida, Jeff Kruse, and Laura Yoshida.

Also, thank you Luke Sumida for creativity in creating delicious teriyaki edamame to add to the tables. Thank you Jenna Sasaki, Zoe Yamamoto, and Ava Yamamoto for walking around to every table to help serve rice, hot tea, and water. Thank you Nancy, Karen, Laura, and Lorin for helping in the kitchen and running around as needed. Thank you Mildred and Kaytee for helping to pack up the leftovers. I know we had so many more helpers in the kitchen and at the wash station, I am in deep gratitude.

Miki Honda, thank you for making the always delicious cucumber tsukemono and Shirley Omori, thank you for the addition of pickled cubed daikon for the tables.

LuAnn Lee and her cousin Akiko Morimoto, thank you for organizing, putting together, and donating the many wonderful baskets for the opportunity drawings. Also, appreciation to Hanaoka Restaurant for donating Gift Certificates, Nancy Martinez for donating the Amazon Gift Cards and to Linda Redenbaugh for painting and donating the Tangerine still life. Thank you Mildred, Jamie, Norman and Carol for also helping at the Opportunity Drawing table. It was such a great success!

Thank you Linda for taking sukiyaki lunch orders in the office, and Glenn Torio for helping sell at Sunday service. Thank you Jamie and Michael for manning the check-in table. Things wouldn't have gone smoothly without you.

Nancy, you were often the first to arrive and last to leave. Thank you for helping with the set up, clean up, and reconciliation.

Thank you to our Sangha and Sangha friends for your help and generosity for such a meaningful cause.

Namo Amida Butsu.

In Gassho,
Kimberly

It is not too late to donate to Kirk Akahoshi on his journey to beat his cancer. Due to the overwhelming response to the

Sukiyaki lunch, we regretfully had to turn away a few people as space was limited and we know many people could not come. We hope you will consider making a donation in any amount until the end of October and beyond. Cash, Credit card or checks made to BTSD (in memo – Kirk Akahoshi)

Please visit these websites for more on Kirk GoFundMe: [https://www.gofundme.com/f/kirksholistichealing?](https://www.gofundme.com/f/kirksholistichealing?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet)

<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/kirkshealingospace>

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NOVEMBER SHOTSUKI LIST

*The Temple and Sangha offers sincere condolences to the family and friends of:
Rev. Tesshi Aoyama who passed away on October 4, 2019*

The November Shotsuki Hoyo (MONTHLY MEMORIAL SERVICE) will be held Sunday, November 3, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in conjunction with the Family Service. Families and friends of anyone who passed away during the month of November are encouraged 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

Tsugi Imaizumi (11-16-1924).....Imaizumi Family
Sokuji Kida (11-17-1932).....Kida Family
Shintaro Morikawa (11-21-1933).....Sekishiro Family
Shinyemon Honda (11-6-1934).....Yagade Family
Suye Kato (11-23-1938).....Otsuji Family
Setsuko Mizushima (11-10-1939).....Shintaro Matsumoto
Shika Masumoto (11-24-1939).....Chiyoko Masumoto
Kiemon Shinden (11-11-1942).....Ohara Family
Eijiro Inouye (11-18-1943).....Inouye Family
Mine Sugiyama (11-7-1944).....Sugiyama Family
Kanejiro Kondo (11-24-1945).....Ruth Voorhies
Yasuo Murata (11-4-1946).....Hamae Murata
Masashi Ito (11-13-1952).....Hiroko Ito
Imataro Kawamoto (11-24-1953).....Yukio Kawamoto
Hamako Nakamura (11-21-1954).....Yukiko Sugiyama
Okiku Sakamoto (11-21-1954).....Emily Marumoto
Asano Iguchi (11-8-1955).....Iguchi Family
Hatsuno Tsuji (11-12-1956).....Tsuji Family
Motoji Yada (11-27-1956).....Yada Family
Nao Taketa (11-20-1957).....Shiraishi Family
Lillian Segawa (11-20-1957).....Segawa Family
Steven Torio (11-13-1959).....Betty Torio
Shinobu Takeshita (11-21-1966).....Pat Takeshita
Taira Hosaka (11-22-1967).....Frank Hosaka
Kiyoji Mayumi (11-13-1969).....Mayumi Family
Sonojo Sameshima (11-26-1972).....Takashi Sameshima

DECEASED

FAMILY MEMBER

Iwa Furuya (11-4-1976).....George Furuya Jr.
Isao Nishiguchi (11-16-1979).....Sylvia Nishiguchi
Shigeru Masumoto (11-27-1979).....Chiyoko Masumoto
Tora Azuma (11-7-1980).....Shizuka Azuma
Umeno Itami (11-11-1980).....Chikaye Mary Itami
Kiku Sueyoshi (11-1-1984).....Sueyoshi Family
Chiyo Yamashita (11-19-1984).....Emiko Yamashita
Zensuke Sueyoshi (11-3-1987).....Sueyoshi Family
Fujiye Sakamoto (11-8-1987).....Sakamoto Family
Kimi Ikenouye (11-20-1987).....Iwashita Family
Richard Eejima (11-4-1988).....Margie Nishiguchi
Giichi Omori (11-7-1989).....Shirley Omori
Aiko Hamatake (11-2-1990).....Masako Prestige
Katsuyo Hamaguchi (11-17-1990).....Matsuko Wong
Sachiko Santohigashi (11-20-1992).....Shunichi Santohigashi
Hatsuye Uyeno (11-20-1993).....Nabeta Family
Margaret Fumiko Terada (11-22-1993).....Bruce Owashi
Takeyoshi Ohara (11-20-1995).....Kisae Ohara
Max E. Barrett (11-16-1996).....Lisa Miller
Hiroichi Hiroshige (11-18-1997).....Moribe Family
Kunio Kawamoto (11-22-1997).....Lillian Kawamoto
Asako Fujii (11-28-1997).....Ikuko Murphy
Sadako Ishizu (11-28-1998).....Setsuko Toyama
George Terusaki (11-28-1999).....Terusaki Family
Fusako Matsui (11-18-2000).....Matsui Family
Dick Toshio Hachisu (11-13-2001).....Florence Hachisu

MEMORIAL SERVICES

MEMORIAL SERVICES allow us to pay homage to loved ones who have passed away. In our Jodo Shinshu tradition, family members hold services at certain intervals following a relative's death to express gratitude for 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	2018	13th Year Memorial	2007	27th Year Memorial	1993
3rd Year Memorial	2017	17th Year Memorial	2003	33rd Year Memorial	1987
7th Year Memorial	2013	25th Year Memorial	1995	50th Year Memorial	1970

恩を知る

駐在開教使 向嶋裕史

月日が経つのは早いもので、十一月を迎えます。十一月と
いいますと、日本では、「お取越」といって末寺や真宗門
徒の家庭において報恩講が執り行われる忙しい時期に当
たります。旧暦では十一月二十八日が親鸞聖人のご
命日ですが、本山では新暦一月に御正忌報恩講がお勤め
されることから、十一月に末寺で報恩講を執り行い、一月
の報恩講に本山へ参拝するというのが西本願寺の伝統と
なっています。

皆さんもご存知のように、報恩とは、恩に報いるという
意味ですが、浄土真宗では恩という思想をととも大切に
しています。恩という言葉は、もともと古代インドのパーリ
語の「カタンニユ」という言葉を漢字で翻訳したものです。
カタンとは、「私のためにしてくれたこと」と、そして、ニユ
ーとは「私のためにしてくれたことを知る」という意味に
なります。恩を知る、恩を感じるということは、私を私
にして下さった原因、また、私を今ここに成り立たせてく
れている原因が何であったかを、深く考え、よく知り、そ
して感謝していくということなのです。

恩という言葉聞いてまず皆さんの頭に浮かぶのは、こ
ろ親の顔ではないでしょうか。子は親から数えきれないほ
どの恩恵を受けて育ちます。親は子の喜びを自分のことと
して共に喜び、子の悲しみや苦しみを共に分かち合ってい
つもそばで支えます。そんな深い愛情で子を育てる親の
子を想う心は、一切の衆生に等しく慈しみの眼差しを
向ける仏さまの尊いお心と重なります。

しかし、そんな愛情深い親であっても阿弥陀仏のお
心と決定的に違うところがあります。それは、皆さん
も親であれば分かるように、親は子供に数え切れないほ
どの願いをもっています。例えば、「将来、皆から愛
される大人になって欲しい」、「給料のいい職業に
ついて欲しい」、「素敵な人生を歩んで欲しい」などと
子供にかける願いは尽きることがありません。しかし、
私達親は「親」である自らに願いをかけることはあ
まりしません。例えば、「我が子が誠実に育つよう、自
らが手本となる親になりたい」、「この子が皆に胸を張
れるような親になりたい」、「我が子が勉学に励めるよ
うな家庭環境を築いていきたい」というような願いが
親である自分に向けられることはなかなかありません。
しかし、本当の親とは、子供への願いをもつ前に、自
らが我が子にふさわしい親であることを願うものなの
です。

それをして下さったのが、阿弥陀仏です。浄土真宗
では阿弥陀仏のことを「真実の親」というふうと呼んで
いますが、阿弥陀仏は、親が我が子をやさしく胸に抱く
ように、私達一人ひとりを慈しむ仏さまとなって
私達がお願する前から、「浄土に生まれて仏とな
る道」を示し、智慧の光で常に私達を導いて下さ
っています。また、慈悲の仏である阿弥陀仏は全ての
衆生に「そのまんま救う」と呼びかけて下さっていま
す。しかし、ここで間違えてならないのは、ご恩を忘れ
て、「そのまんまだから何をしてもいいのだ」という発想
です。これは大きな間違いであって、そういう考え方
は大変困ります。

例えば、皆さんが友人の家に夕食を招かれたとし
ます。おいしい食事を頂いた後、友人が食器を片付
けだしたら、少しでも手伝おうとします。しかし、それ
を見た友人は、たいてい「そのまんまでいいですよ」っ
て言われます。そして、その言葉に甘えて、「それでは

失礼します」と皆さん帰られます。また次の日、同じ家に
おじやましたとします。昨晚、皆さんが使ったお茶碗など
は昨日のままの状態テーブルの上に放置されているで
しょうか。それは違います。友人が皆さんの食べ汚したお
皿を全て片付けて下さっているのです。ですから、「そのま
んまでいいですよ」って言うのは、「心配しなくても、あな
たの苦勞を全て私が引き受けますよ」ということなので
す。

つまり、「そのまんまでいいですよ」と言うのは、そう言
って下さった方のご苦勞があるということなのです。阿
弥陀仏も同じことで、「そのまんま救うぞ」と言われるため
には、それ相当なご苦勞があったということなのです。
兆載永劫という気の遠くなる年月をかけて私達一人
ひとりの為に仏の道へ至る厳しい修行を阿弥陀仏が
一人で全て背負い込んで、私達の代わりに全て成就し
て下さいました。そこには計り知れない大変なご苦勞と
努力があったということなのです。この事を聞かされると、
「何してもいい」と言う利己的な考え方が何とも浅は
かなものであったかと反省すると同時に、このご恩に報い
たる感謝の生活をお念仏と共に歩んでいくことがどれほど
大切なことであるのか気づかされます。

このように、我が子の為にはどんな犠牲をもちとわな
ない親の姿が、阿弥陀仏を「真実の親」と呼ぶ所以ではな
らうかと思えます。一人の子を育てるだけでも相当な苦勞
がある中で、生きとし生ける全ての者を分け隔てることな
く一人子を愛するように慈悲に満ちた眼差しを注ぎながら
悟りの道へと導いて下さる阿弥陀仏の親心の深さに
改めて頭が下がります。

私達がこのいのちを終えた後、必ず浄土に生まれ
仏とならせていただけるのは、偏に阿弥陀仏のご苦勞の
お陰に他なりません。このご恩に深く感謝しながら、
報恩謝徳のお念仏を称えさせていただきましよう。

Pick Up Your Tickets Now

“How did Japanese Americans win redress for their wartime incarceration?”

Book Talk - ***NCR: The Grassroots Struggle for Japanese American Redress and Reparations***

Sunday, November 17, 2019, 12:30 PM, BTSD Annex
Chicken Teriyaki Benefit lunch from 11:30 – 12:30
Book Launch Celebration at 12:30 p.m.

Pick up Tickets in the office for \$10
Call for Information or to reserve tickets by phone

Sponsored by BTSD, JAHSSD and NCR

TEMPLE MOCHI TSUKI IS SET FOR DECEMBER 8

Calling all Sangha members and friends, it is time to get ready for the temple's annual Mochi Tsuki. This is a friendly reminder that the annual year-end Japanese cultural tradition of producing mochi (sweet rice cakes) will take place on Sunday, December 8 in the temple parking lot. Activity is from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Sangha of all ages, from the youngest Dharma School student to the young at heart will once again gather for a day of wonderful friendships, and of course, cooking, pounding, grinding, cutting, shaping and packaging mochi for the New Year.

ORDER YOUR MOCHI TODAY: The price of a one-pound bag of ko-mochi (approximately 7-8 pieces) is \$4.50. A two-piece Kasane mochi (for the home O Butsudan) is \$7.00. Please fill out the form found in this month's Bussei Script and send it to the temple. Pre-orders will be accepted until Friday, Nov. 29. Orders received after Nov. 29 will be put on stand-by. Payments can be made in the form of cash, check or credit card.

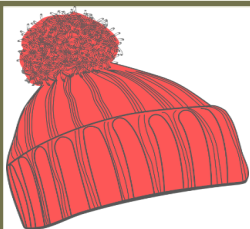
MONETARY DONATIONS are being accepted towards the purchase of mochigome (sweet rice) and other supplies. The suggested donation is \$75.00.

WE WILL NEED YOUR HELP throughout the day with numerous tasks. The young and energetic will be needed for grinding and pounding the steamed rice into a smooth and pasty texture. Adult women and men will be needed to cut and shape the mochi into circular pancake-shape morsels. Children and adults will be asked to cool and flip approximately 7,000 pieces of mochi. While others will be asked to package the mochi. Please allow a few hours from your busy day to join us!

Mochi Tsuki involves a lot of good hard work. And, at the same time, is a fun, very rewarding and wonderful learning experience through our Japanese based culture.

More detail regarding Mochi Tsuki will be announced at upcoming services and in the December Bussei Script. We will keep you posted! If you have any questions, please contact the temple or Ralph Honda at (619) 885-3788 or email: rkhonds205@gmail.com

We look forward to your participation!
In Gassho, Ralph Honda and Glenn Negoro, Co-chairs



2019 Winter Clothing Donation Drive

The Buddhist Temple of San Diego / Dana Group is supporting Streets of Hope, an organization with a vision to give hope to those who live on the streets of San Diego. We will need gently used warm clothing items such as **jackets, sweaters, sweat-shirts, socks**, etc. Your donations will be greatly appreciated.

This drive is running through November 24th.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING BASKET FOOD DRIVE

Sponsored by BTSD Jr. YBA



Donations being accepted:
Non-perishable food and monetary gifts. (Make checks payable to SD Jr. YBA).
Drop off your donation on your next visit between
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This Dana Project, now in its 44th year, enables families in need to have an enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday season. Last year we provided 5 baskets for families in need. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!**



EITAIKYO (Perpetual Memorial)

Dear Sangha Members and Dharma Friends:

The Buddhist Temple of San Diego (BTSD) will hold its annual Eitaikyo (Perpetual Memorial) Service on Sunday, November 3, beginning at 10 a.m.

Eitaikyo honors all dedicated members and Dharma friends, whether known or unknown, who devoted themselves for the spiritual welfare of BTSD. The gathering will include chanting of the sutras while showing an expression of gratitude in one's memory, so that we may continue to practice, as Shin followers, the Buddha's teachings.

The Lady Eshinni memorial will also be commemorated during the service. Lady Eshinni was the wife of Shinran Shonin, the founder of our Jodo Shinshu School of Buddhism.

About 60 years ago, BTSD established an Eitaikyo Fund. This special fund was instituted to honor in perpetuity those loved ones who passed away and ensuring the survival of the temple. Today, BTSD continues to maintain the Eitaikyo Fund set up by temple pioneers and emphasizes that Eitaikyo not only be recognized for the deceased but also for the living.

When a person passes away and a relative or friend contributes to the Eitaikyo Fund in memory of the deceased, the loved one's name is entered in the Temple's Eitaikyo Book, which is kept in the Onaijin (Center altar). Each year honorees listed in the Eitaikyo Book are remembered at the Eitaikyo Service. Contributions to the Eitaikyo Fund can be made in memory of relatives, ancestors or friends, or it can be made in one's own name. A listing of all Eitaikyo honorees are part of this month's Bussei Script.

In recent years, BTSD has encouraged that Eitaikyo be established for the living. Such a practice enables Sangha members to chant the sutras and to receive the Buddha-Dharma with deep appreciation and gratitude. And, at the same time, keep the perpetuity of the temple alive. New participants are invited to start an Eitaikyo Fund at any time.

The Eitaikyo Fund is constrained so that it cannot be used for normal operations of the temple. Funds may be used for the sole purpose of maintaining of religious articles in the Onaijin or, in case of an extreme emergency.

A minimum initial contribution of \$100.00 is required to record a new name in the Eitaikyo Book. After the initial contribution, future donations in any amount are acceptable.

Included with this mailing are two envelopes. Please use the blue envelope for your donation to the Eitaikyo Fund. The white envelope is for your offering to the Eitaikyo Service.

Thank you for your heartfelt consideration and continued support towards Eitaikyo. We look forward to your participation at the special service.

In Gassho,

Buddhist Temple of San Diego

REMEMBERING FORMER RESIDENT MINISTER REV. TESSHI AOYAMA

Soothing sounds from the harmonica.

This was the musical expression that Rev. Tesshi Aoyama provided in spreading his Dharma message. He played his instrument at the end of services, at hospital care facilities and during community events, providing peaceful healing.

Rev. Aoyama passed away on Friday, October 4 with family members at his side. He was 78-years-old.

On Sunday, October 20, nearly 250 guests, including family, ministers, Sangha members and many friends gathered at the Buddhist Temple of San Diego (BTSD) to pay tribute and say farewell to Aoyama-sensei. The service was co-officiated by the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) AND BTSD.

Reverend Kodo Umezu, Bishop of the Buddhist Churches of America served as officiant and was assisted by BTSD resident minister, Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi. Rev. Marvin Harada of the Orange County Buddhist Church was the chairperson. Six retired BCA ministers and eight temple presidents served as honorary pallbearers and pallbearers respectively.

Rev. Tesshi Aoyama was born on October 6, 1940 in Yatsuo City, Toyama, Japan. His father was head minister of the Jomyoji, Zengeso temple in Toyama-Ken.

Aoyama Sensei's college education included graduating from Ryukoku University in Kyoto. He received his three levels of ordination as a Buddhist minister including Tokudo (1962), Kyo-shi (1963) and Kaikyoshi (1966). Sensei also attended Yale Divinity School where he studied and received a degree in Research Fellow in Pastoral Care. He also received Clinical Pastoral Care Education from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Strong Memorial Hospital in New York.

In 1966, Aoyama Sensei arrived in the United States. He studied English and ministerial skills in Pasadena, California. He became resident minister of the Buddhist Temple of Marin in 1968. Sensei took a leave of absence from the ministry and became resident chaplain at Hartford Hospital in Connecticut from 1971-1972. He became a resident chaplain at California Hospital Medical Center and Resthaven Mental Hospital in 1973.

Later that year, Aoyama Sensei was assigned to the Buddhist Church of Marysville. In 1974, sensei was appointed Pastoral Counselor by BCA Bishop Rev. Kenryu Tsuji. During his time in Marysville, sensei served briefly as supervising minister for the Placer Buddhist Temple and the Buddhist Temple of Florin. In 1998, Aoyama Sensei was reassigned to the Buddhist Temple of San Diego, where he served for six years. Sensei served as supervising minister for the Vista Buddhist Temple for one year in 1998. In 2004, he was assigned to the Placer Buddhist Temple until his retirement in 2012. Sensei and Mrs. Aoyama returned to the San Diego region, settling in Chula Vista to enjoy retirement.

During retirement, Aoyama Sensei attended services at BTSD nearly every Sunday. He assisted the resident minister with numerous duties and helped provide the Japanese message to the Sangha once-a-month. Up until early June of this year, Sensei participated in the annual bazaar, often opening the event with his harmonica music. In the community, sensei volunteered his time at Sharp Hospital Chula Vista, assisting with the Spiritual Care Department, meeting with the elderly, and playing his harmonica. Sensei also took part in activities at Kiku Gardens and was a member of the *Ichiju-kai* or retired ministers and widow organization of the BCA. He often was invited at numerous temples to deliver Dharma messages in Japanese.

Rev. Aoyama is survived by his wife Kimiko Alice Aoyama, sons Tessho Mitchell (wife Joy) and Satoshi Jeff (Amy). He was the proud grandfather of Tesshin, Satoshi, Sarah and Noah and has three siblings.

Although the sounds of the harmonica are now silent, the memory of Aoyama Sensei and the soothing melody of his instrument will forever be engrained in our hearts.

Thank you, Sensei. Arigatou!

With deepest appreciation and in Gassho.

Ralph Honda

After the Bodhi Day Service,
Rev. Aoyama gave his Dharma message in Japanese.



Rev. Aoyama presided over the Hatsumairi 2019



BTSD MEMBERS RECEIVE BUDDHIST NAME IN KIKYOSHIKI CEREMONY

Eleven temple members received their Buddhist name (Homyo) on Sunday, September 8 during the Kikyoshiki confirmation ceremony held at the Los Angeles Homba Hongwanji Buddhist Temple. The recipients include (Back row L-R): Breven Honda, Carly Maruyama, Avis Honda, Paulina Covarrubias and Andrea Covarrubias. Front row: Ralph Honda, Noah Ichiro Aoyama (held by mom Amy), Sarah Ayumi Aoyama (with dad Jeff), Kikue Graeber, Minami Rae Yoshioka (held by Kikue) and Shirley Omori. Nearly 100 fellow Buddhists received their Homyo conducted by the Gomonshu Kojun Ohtani, the 25th head priest of the Jodo Shinshu school of Buddhism located in Kyoto.

Congratulations! (Photo Courtesy of: Efton Woodford).



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