



Gomonshu Visit

By Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi,
Resident Minister

I have been at two family weddings where I encountered old friends and inquired how they were related to the wedding couple. We then realized that the wedding now connected us as relatives. Because of causes and conditions beyond our awareness, we had expanded our family connections to include friends who were previously not related. The realization of this new connection had me appreciate these old friends and new relatives in a new light.

I had a similar sense in meeting the Gomonshu Ohtani Kojun, who is the 25th descendent of Shinran. Shinran, his teachings, and Shin Buddhism have been like an old friend who has influenced me my entire life. Now, actually meeting and talking with this true relative of Shinran, made me feel an actual connection with this historical figure. The *Kyogyoshinsho*, *wasans*, and other writings were embodied in this kind, cordial, and wise young man. I felt really connected and related to Shinran and his teachings through my interactions with this living human being.

How does this transition from friend to family occur? How is meeting the Gomonshu different from any other meeting of a stranger? It happens in our minds. We might technically draw a family tree to validate this connection. But, the more meaningful and real relationship occurs in our minds. I think Buddhism is a guide to cultivate our minds and hearts to develop a true relationship with those whom we might feel little connection. We are all connected, even though we may not be aware of our relationship.

We are all interdependent. *Anatman* is the Sanskrit word that denies that entities exist separately. The notion that I am an independent and separate person, is what leads me into conflicts and problems. We might call this a **virtual truth**. We live our lives according to many virtual truths. One good example is that the sun rises in the east and sets in the west. **True reality** informs us that the earth is rotating around the sun and creates the virtual truth or illusion that the sun orbits the earth. We have many virtual truths because our lives have been guided by our perspective from our ego self. Shinran admits that he is unable to correct his many false views (**virtual truths**) because of his *bombu*, limited self-view. Yet, even with our ego-centric view of life, we have been granted human life in this time of comfort and convenience. All this has been

gifted to us by the efforts of others. As Shin Buddhists, we identify these gifts as the compassion of Amida Buddha. Amida Buddha represents **true reality** or reality as it is.

We are aligning to **true reality** every time that we can admit that our ego-centric view (**virtual truth**) has caused us a problem. Most members of our US Congress seem to be unable to realize that their one-sided solutions are actually **virtual truths**. **True reality** is a balance and includes segments from all sides. Letting go of our deeply held virtual truths is difficult to do. For decades, I was afraid that others would discover that I didn't know as much as I pretended to know. More recently, I discovered that by admitting that "I don't know" relieved me of so much discomfort. Most people didn't care how much I knew and accepted me for being myself.

Beyond the ridged protocol (**virtual truth**) of the Hongwanji staff, the Gomonshu offered the **true reality** of his relationship with us sangha members. His visit to our temple provided the opportunity to discover that we are family, not just Shin Buddhist acquaintances. If I, as a common person, can be related to this historically significant icon, then I must also be related to so many others. The Dharma inspires us to include acquaintances as part of our family. In the refuge of our temple sangha, we can lower our personal shields to realize our **true reality** of Oneness.

The Gomonshu shared that he was particularly impressed with the Mexican dinner that our sangha provided. Our newer Mexican families and our older Nisei Mexican-born members and everyone in between made it possible to provide an authentic Mexican dinner that he appreciated. The Gomonshu's visit was like the wedding where we discovered that our former friends were actually part of our family. I thank the entire sangha family for their superb effort in making the Gomonshu feel at home.

It is in families and in sangha where we learn to live with those whom we may disagree. The eccentric uncle or brother-in-law may be different but are family. The Buddha's Dharma helps us to see them as they may see us. Our old disagreements (**virtual truths**) might be discarded in light of our new vision of **true reality**. We are family.

Gassho, Kenji Sensei

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October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
			Crafts, 10 am, DR Minyo, 12 noon, SH Shigin, 1 pm, CR Taiko, 6:30 pm, AH Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm	Tai Chi, 10 am, AH		BTSD-VFW Bingo, 6 pm
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
DS Staff Mtg, 9 am, CR DS/FS/Shotsuki, 10 am BWA Mtg., 11:45 am, CR Taiko, 12 noon, AH Deadline for Sukiyaki Tickets	Office Closed Ways & Means Mtg, 7 pm	SD Minis- ters Mtg. at L.A. Betsuin, 10 .am	Minyo, 12 noon, SH Shigin, 1 pm, CR Taiko, 6:30 pm, AH Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm SH	NO Tai Chi BOD Mtg. 6:45pm, CR		Sukiyaki Luncheon prep , 3 p.m.
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
DS/Family Service 10 am BENEFIT SUKIYAKI LUNCHON , 12 noon	Office Closed		Crafts, 10 am, DR Minyo, 12 noon, SH Shigin, 1 pm, CR Taiko, 6:30 pm, AH Buddhism 1-2-3, 7pm. SH	Tai Chi, 10 am, AH		Koto, 9:30 am, SH
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
DS/Family Service, 10 am Okinawa Kenjin-kai, 12 An- nex Hall	Office Closed Nov. articles deadline		Minyo, 12 noon, SH Shigin, 1 pm, CR Taiko, 6:30 pm, AH Buddhism 1-2-3, 7pm, SH	Tai Chi, 10 am, AH Activities Mtg., 7pm, CR		
27	28	29	30	31	Looking ahead to November:	
Intro to Buddhism, 9 am, SH DS/Family Service, 10 am DS Halloween Party, 11 am	Office Closed		Minyo, 12 Noon, SH Shigin, 1 pm, CR Taiko, 6:30 pm, AH Buddhism 1-2-3, 7pm SH Mail Kaiho	Tai Chi, 10am, AH	3 -- Eitai-kyo (Perpetual Memorial) service, 10 a.m.	



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By LuAnn Lee, Board President

A sigh of relief as the Gomonsu visitation is complete.

With months of preparation to make sure everything was done to protocol plus cleaning the temple, coordinating and presenting the food, purchasing gifts and other behind the scene duties, everything went

great! Thank you to Sensei and Ralph for communicating with the Gomonsu's team and Ralph for overseeing the visit.

Special thanks to Mrs. Yamanishi for leading the making and steaming of the delicious tamales, the Tsuneyoshi and Shimizu families for making the ever-popular Angie's tacos, Lourdes Rubio for making the yummy Mexican style beans and Hector Covarrubias for cooking his authentic Spanish rice. Together with their crews, the many servers under the leadership of Karen Okuhara, the event ran just like a restaurant. Our Sangha put on a dinner that was literally fit for a King, his Eminence Gomonsu Kojun Ohtani, 25th head priest of the Jodo Shinshu School of Buddhism. We know he truly enjoyed the food and hospitality as Ralph and Sensei were told by the Gomonsu himself. Our table witnessed it first hand as he was able to eat his first serving and when Karen Akahoshi offered him more, he enjoyed seconds of tacos and tamales.

I want to give deep appreciation to all who were involved with setting up of the Hondo visitation portion, writing the history, translating and reading the history presentation, ushers, gift purchasers, preparation and set up of Annex hall and waiting room, purchase of head table fine china ware, centerpieces, dessert set up and purchases and our dedicated members/friends who helped to clean up. Please know that your help, donations and attendance were noticed and greatly appreciated.

On Sunday, September 15, we observed Fall Ohigan. Rick Stambul, BCA President was our guest speaker. I missed Rick's Dharma talk on Saturday night but heard it was very informative. Luckily, I caught his adult message at the service on Sunday. Like many, I was in a trance and tearing up listening to him as he talked about his life growing up at his grandparent's chicken farm in New York, his close relationship with his grandpa and his journey as a 17-year-old freedom fighter foot soldier in the south. I have seen Rick at many Southern District meetings and National Council meetings but never knew of his involvement with this group.

He spoke in detail about getting beaten by police while helping a black person who had fallen, beaten so bad that he had no recollection of being taken to a hospital. He awoke to a caring voice of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King. I was glad to hear that the work of the freedom fighters did eventually enable Blacks to vote. I thought it was so interesting that his work as a lawyer and his background in civil rights brought him to the West LA temple where he interviewed a woman who had been a prisoner in camp. After hearing her story, she left and he started to sob. He was comforted by someone we knew and loved and that was Rev. Akira Hata (who was the resident minister there) and was told everything will be OK. This was his Ah-ha moment when he started on his Buddhist path. I thank Mr. Stambul for sharing his stories with us.

His compassion and determination to help others is to be

In closing, I hope you can all join us for a very special all-Sukiyaki lunch fundraiser on Sunday, October 13. The all-you-can-eat event will benefit Kenji Sensei and Karen Akahoshi's son, Kirk, who is battling cancer. We want to help and support him any way we can. If you cannot attend, donations will be accepted as all proceeds will go to Kirk. A raffle set up in the prep kitchen in the main dining area and the winner will be announced at the benefit luncheon. Please see advertisement on page 8 for details.

In Gassho, LuAnn

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met on Sept 12:

1. Condolences to the family of Sas Yamamoto who passed away on August 15.
2. Brief summaries and discussion of the World BWA Conference and the Gomonsu's visit were provided.
3. Recent temple improvements include tree trimming and classroom lighting.
4. Two representatives were approved to attend the annual Japan Society of San Diego and Tijuana Leadership Award event.
5. Long-time member Mitsuko Kawamoto and Professor Susan Hasegawa will be recognized at the annual Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego Kansha Award event. Two temple representatives were approved to attend.
6. Upcoming events include the Sukiyaki Lunch and Opportunity Drawing, October 13 and the NCRP (Nikkei for Civil Rights and Redress) presentation on November 17. Funds raised on October 13 are dedicated to help Kirk Akahoshi.
7. The temple will co-sponsor the Dharma Bums Temple/SDSU Delta Beta Tau visit on October 12.

BWA NEWS

The BWA enjoyed a very meaningful time in San Francisco at the 16th World Buddhist Women's Conference over the Labor Day weekend. Women and men from the United States, Canada, Hawaii, Japan and Brazil participated. The Gomonsu was in attendance. The two keynote speakers, Keiko Toro and Rev. Yukiko Motoyoshi, were born into a temple family. They recounted how Living in the Nembutsu affected their lives. Their speeches gave the attendees food for thought about how we live our daily lives.

Our BWA ladies met new friends and reconnected with friends we have made in previous conventions. The ladies from Japan were curious about our lives in the US. They all encouraged us to attend the 17th Convention in Kyoto, Japan in 2023.

Upon our return to San Diego, several BWA ladies made tamales to be served at the Gomonsu's visit on September 4. We were led by Mrs. Yamanishi who took on a huge task of organizing our tamale making. Also thank you to Katsumi, Naomi, Nancy, Junko, Aki, Betty, Ruby, and Kiku. Special thanks to Mich for keeping count!

We took a small part in getting the Gomonsu's visit together here in San Diego, but we enjoyed hearing that the Gomonsu and his entourage enjoyed the tamales.

Fund raising will begin in earnest in October. We will have almond brittle and popcorn to sell in late October. *Mata, onegai shimasu.*



DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

“Gratitude.” Although this is such a simple word, this is a key component to happiness. We often generalize gratitude and compare it as an equivalence of saying “Thank You.” Thank you to my teachers, thank you to my family, thank you for my home. Yes, these are all things that we

discuss with our Dharma School students, but we also take this as an opportunity to talk about all of the “little” things that we can be grateful for such as the clear blue skies, running water, and the last piece of pie.

The Dharma School students have been busy learning! Nancy Martinez, Kimberly Kruse and Jamie Shimizu introduced the pre-K through 4th grade students to the theme, *Gratitude*, and did a special craft with them for Fall Ohigan. Each student created their own book titled, “I Am Grateful For...” that expresses how grateful they are for nature. One student stated, “*I am grateful for all of the resources in our house and for food.*”

For the first day of Dharma School, Kimberly Kruse reintroduced and discussed *Gratitude* with the middle school and high school students. The students were each given a journal, their own Gratitude Journal, where they wrote about: Today I am grateful for...; and If my day were in headlines it would say... She challenged them to keep their journal with them at home and write an entry at least once a week. The students were responsive and eager to write, and we encourage everyone to consider starting their own Gratitude Journal.

In August, Sara Matsumoto took the high school students to a Jr. YBA Conference hosted by Venice and Senshin Buddhist Temples at UCLA entitled, “Buddha in Your Backpack”. Sara stated, “The theme itself was very relevant to what we have been learning in class over the past couple of years. We always tell the kids that everything our temple encompasses including the teachings, and even our Sangha, are tools to help guide them through life’s challenges.” The students were each given a tote bag with a rock in it; the weight of the rocks was meant to symbolize the weight of life’s challenges. Over the course of the weekend they unloaded their metaphorical weight throughout their numerous workshops. What Sara found most interesting and relevant though, was at the end of the conference some of the kids still had their rocks. This was specifically meant to symbolize that no matter how many “rocks or weights” they may get rid of, there will always be life’s challenges (or weights) in their lives. Overall, the conference was special not only due to the unique theme, but also the special location. The kids got to sleep in the UCLA dorm rooms, eat at their cafeteria, and spend some time on their campus. Next year will be just as a unique opportunity as it will be held in Arizona!

Thank you to all parents who attended the parent meeting last month! We understand that parent support leads to student success! We welcome parents as well as Sangha members to get involved in Dharma School, whether it’s giving time or contributing ideas. If you are interested, please let me know.

Finally, we look forward to seeing all of the funny, scary, and crazy costumes at our annual Dharma School Halloween party that will be held on October 27! The Jr. YBA will be planning lots of fun games for kids of all ages. Hope to see you there!

In Gassho, Lisa Umekubo

JR YBA NEWS

Hello Everyone! We are excited about this upcoming Dharma School Year! We are planning to attend more Southern District events! In August, our Dharma School teacher Sara Matsumoto hosted an overnight Escape Room at the church! Four of us also attended the Southern District Jr. YBA Conference! In September, we have some upcoming activities.

On August 13-14, Ms. Sara Matsumoto created an escape room retreat with the Jrs. Ms. Sara really emphasized how we need interdependence to help overcome obstacles. The retreat made us think about our futures and using Buddhist teachings to overcome obstacles.

On August 24-25, we attended the Southern District Jr. YBL Conference hosted by Venice and Senshin. The conference took place at UCLA! The theme was “Buddha in Your Backpack”. We had a great time learning about Buddhism through activities. I loved how I could reconnect and see my LABCC and BYR friends! I am looking forward to going to the conference next year in Arizona!

On September 28 and 29 there is a Southern District Jr. YBL Leadership Workshop in Gardena! I am planning to attend and we will to make a bid to host Seminar 2 in San Diego! Another important event is the new installation of the San Diego Jr. YBA 2019-2020 Cabinet! We are so excited about the new Dharma School year!

In October we are planning the Dharma School Halloween Party! We really enjoy setting up the games for the kiddies! We are also looking forward to Southern District events!

On behalf of the Jr. YBA, we would like to thank the Sangha for the generous donations to our Obon Opportunity Drawing from buying tickets to donating a prize! Our Opportunity Drawing couldn’t have been possible without you so thank you!

In Gassho, Jenna Sasaki

BINGO UPDATE

Join us for the next BTSD/VFW Bingo Night

In the Annex Hall on October 5 at 6:00 p.m.

Buy-in for BINGO is \$10 for the 12-game session.

Support the temple and enjoy an evening of BINGO.

SAVE the DATE for November 9 for our Beef Stew Benefit Dinner. Tickets will be available at the October Bingo Night and in the temple office.

SCRIP NEWS

I want to thank everyone who continues to support the scrip program. Some of you support the program by purchasing gift cards and others by shopping at Ralph’s and Food 4 Less, you don’t see it, but the profits slowly add up.

It has been said that we are turning into a cashless society so why not buy gift cards to pay for your coffee at Starbucks, lunch at Jack-in-the-Box, Panera’s, Taco Bell, etc., dinner at Black Angus, Olive Garden, etc.

For those of you who order from Amazon-you can help the temple by buying gift cards and if you’re signed up for “smile” the temple profits from the profits twice.

Thanks again for buying scrip.

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 inform our Admin. Assistant at 619-239-0896 or info@btsd.net.

BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Uyeji, Masako
IMO Mickey Kitagawa
Kida, Katsumi -- 49th Day Serv.
IMO James Kida
Omori, Shirley - Floral Offering
Davies, Eugene
Graeber, Kiku
Hashiguchi, John
Honda, Mikiye
Hill, Miyo
Gutzman, Lou
Imori, Laverne
Kawamoto, Yukio and Mitsuko
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Itsuko
Martinez, Nancy
Nakamura, Jake K.
Poston, Fujiko
Rubio-Torres, Arturo
Tsuneyoshi, Motoo
Yanagihara, Sumiko
Baker, Carol
Honda, Mikiye
Yamamoto, Jane & Family --
Service for Sas Yamamoto
Yanagihara, Sumiko
IMO Tom Yanagihara
Girard, Roxanne M.
Jensen, Richard
IMO Sas Yamamoto
Sasaki, Brian
IMO Sas Yamamoto

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

Hidinger, Holly -
In celebration of twin
Grandsons, Niko and Milo
Kaneshiro, Gale
Schraeder, Susan & Steve
IMO Tom Yanagihara
Sumida, Floyd & Kaytee

DHARMA SCHOOL

Yamamoto, Sachio

FLORAL OFFERING

Yamamoto, Sachio

GEN. MAINTENANCE

Omori, Shirley
Yamamoto, Sachio

MAP

Sasaki, Brian
Omori, Shirley
Yamamoto, Sachio

MEMBERSHIP PLEDGES

*We thank these individuals/
families for their renewals*
D'Orsi, Ruby
Tanaka, Kelvin & Lara
Imori, Laverne
Sasaki, Brian & Lorin
Seymour, Leslie
Yamamoto, June
Yamanishi, Alan
Negoro, Glenn
Kruse, Kimberly & Jeff
Kaneshiro, Gale
Covarrubias, Lorena
Sakai, Jeffery & Kathy
Pangelinan, Roque
Tsurudome, Mitsuo &
Tsuneko
Yamamoto, Sachio
2020 - Bodhi Level

OBON

Uyeji, Masako
Ochi-Watson, Shirley

OHIGAN

Jones, Mikako
Masumoto, Chiyoko
Sumida, Floyd
Otsuji, Dennis
Hendrix, Hiroko
Yamamoto, Kengo
Nogata, Yuriko
Suyenaga, Irene
Yamamoto, Koichi
Shigehara, Wilbur
Moriyama, Chieko
Kuwada, Howard Kanji
Morikawa, Kazuhiko
Monji, Yoshiko
Sugiyama, Yukiko
Moncrief, Mayko
Torio, Glenn
Oyama, Rodney
Kajita, Timothy & Junko
Negoro, Glenn
Morinaka, Asako
Torio, Betty
Himaka, Michio
Kashima, Jeanie
Kiyono, Norman
Honda, Mikiye
Hashiguchi, John & Tsune
Yonekura, Roy & Susan
Ogasawara, Arikazu
Takashima, Ronald T.

Ohara, Fumiko
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Itsuko
Lee, Luann
Kawamoto, Yukio & Mitsuko
Kida, Katsumi
Ong, Mike & Ann
Yanagihara, Sumiko
Voorhies, Ruth
Driscoll, Christine & Dave
Nakamura, Jake K. & Patty
Tomiyama, Akie
Okuhara, Roy & Karen
Tomiyama, Sayoko
Martinez, Nancy
Hill, Miyo
Honda, Ralph

RUMMAGE SALE

Anonymous
Smith, Maribeth "Smitty"

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Yamamoto, Sachio

SHOTSUKI HOYO

Hidinger, Holly
IMO Hideo & Kiyoko Ochi
Yanagihara, Boku Dale
IMO Rev. Jim Yanagihara
Ochi-Watson, Shirley
IMO Hideo Ochi (July)
IMO Kiyo Ochi (August)
Takashima, Wilbur
IMO Haru Takashima
IMO Rev. Jim Yanagihara
Himaka, Michio
IMO So Yamada
IMO Rev. Jim Yanagihara
Kashima, Jeanie
Hashiguchi, John
IMO Tom Yanagihara
IMO Rev. Jim Yanagihara
Honda, Mikiye
Oto, June

Yamamoto, Sachio
IMO Irene Yamamoto
Kawamoto, Yukio & Mitsuko
IMO Tamio Mayumi
Tomiyama, Sayoko
IMO Kiichiro Osaki
IMO Noboru Tomiyama
Yonekura, Roy
IMO Noboru Tomiyama
IMO Kiichiro Osaki
Yoshida, Laura
IMO Sho Yoshida
Yamashita, Emiko
IMO Shozo Yamashita
09-13-89
Moriyama, Chieko and
Madeline Clogston
IMO Tokihira Yano
Moriyama, Chieko and
Michael Clogston
IMO Seikichi Moriyama
Kasubuchi, Naoye
IMO Isa Kasubuchi
IMO Uta Sugiyama
Sugiyama, Chiyeko

SPECIAL DONATION-- GOMONSHU VISIT

Amemiya, Mary O.
Honda, Ralph
Kawamoto, Yukio & Mitsuko
Kashima, Jeanie
Sumida, Floyd
Matsumoto, Richard
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Itsuko
Iwashita, Setsuo and Jan
Kaneko, Richard
Takashima, Ronald T.
Estes, Toshiye
Tomiyama, Sayoko
Tomiyama, Steve
Graeber, Kiku
Isakari, Henry & Marcia

Please Join Us for the All Life Forms Memorial Service On October 27



Please fill out the form and drop it in the box to be recognized at the service. You may also like to bring a photo of your loved one to post on the board at the service.



*The Temple and Sangha offers sincere condolences to the family and friends of:
Mrs. Sumiye Nakashima who passed away on September 11, 2019*

OCTOBER SHOTSUKI LIST

The October Shotsuki Hoyo (MEMORIAL SERVICE) will be held Sunday, October 6, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in conjunction with the Family Service. Families and friends of anyone who passed away during the month of October 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.

<u>DECEASED</u>	<u>FAMILY MEMBER</u>	<u>DECEASED</u>	<u>Family Member</u>
Ikichi Ito (10-25-1930)	Ito Family	Roy Hosaka (10-10-1988).....	Hosaka Family
Itsuemon Tanaka (10-9-1939)	Dr. Brian Tanaka	Fujiye Ochi (10-1-1989).....	Janet Ochi-Fontanott
Yasaku Nakamura (10-29-1945)	Yukiko Sugiyama	Haruye Tsuneyoshi (10-15-1989).....	Miki Tsuneyoshi
Tatsujiro Yonekura (10-18-1947).....	Yonekura Family	Ritsuko Abe (10-8-1990)	Walter Gilday
Masaichi Yamada (10-21-1950)	Yamada Family	Michiye Kuroiwa (10-22-1995)	Sonoko Kuroiwa
Sueichi Azuma (10-25-1950).....	Shizuka Azuma	Muto Kawahara	Takeshi & Yoshito Kawahara
Ito Fukamizu (10-11-1959)	Ninomiya Family	Helen Haruyo Kawahara	Takeshi & Yoshito Kawahara
Jinkichi Yamasaki (10-11-1959)	Yamasaki Family	Charley Torio (10-21-1996).....	Betty Torio
Rev. Guzei Nishii (10-25-1959)	Nishii Family	Jimmie Shinohara (10-6-1997).....	Janice Shinohara
Nobuzo Kida (10-22-1961).....	Kida Family	Tomi Yada (10-28-1997)	Itsuko Yada
Katsue Takashima (10-17-1962)	Wilbur Takashima	Betty Harvey Teague (10-19-1998).....	Teague Family
Tsuneichi Hirata (10-20-1963).....	Katsi Hirata	Aiko Tachiki (10-28-1998)	Tachiki Family
Otoshichi Ochi (10-19-1965)	Janet Ochi-Fontanott	Tadashi Yano (10-6-1999)	Tamako Yano
Kazuye Himaka (10-5-1966).....	Himaka Family	Chiseko Oya (10-25-1999)	Ayako Linda Seu
Tsuneichi Sameshima (10-11-1966) ...	Takashi Sameshima	Haruno Mayekawa (10-19-2000).....	Ahren Mayekawa
Kanzo Okuni (10-11-1967)	Akira Okuni	Minoru Takasugi (10-16-2001)	Takasugi Family
Koichi Fujii (10-19-1967).....	Katsumi Kida	Nancy Tsukiko Imai (10-22-2001)	Fumiko Ohara
Zentaro Asamen (10-7-1971)	Masako Uyeji	Toyoko Yonekura (10-1-2003)	Roy Yonekura
Toshino Hamano (10-8-1972).....	Emiko Hamano	Tsuruko Louise Osaki (10-27-2003)	Gail Furuya
Takeshi Monji (10-5-1974).....	Monji Brothers	Emi Himaka Shimizu (10-13-2004).....	Gordon Shimizu
Tomoyo Kuwada (10-31-1976).....	Kanji Kuwada	Ayako Kaminaka (10-21-2004).....	Wayne Kaminaka
Fukuyo Matsumoto (10-9-1977)	Shintaro Matsumoto	Frank Doi (10-7-2006).....	Doris Doi
Mitsuye Sugioka (10-23-1977).....	Sugioka Family	John Inouye (10-16-2006).....	Craig Inouye
Ume Tsurudome (10-1-1979)	Tsurudome Family	Aiko Muraoka (10-08-2007).....	Roy Muraoka
Kotono Takahashi (10-11-1980)	Ruth Voorhies	Takashi Mayumi (10-11-2008).....	Mitsuko Kawamoto
Kasuke Hashiguchi (10-28-1980)	Hashiguchi Family	Tom Tamotsu Sugioka (10-6-2010).....	Dennis Sugioka
Sam Sugita (10-7-1981)	Gene Sugita	Yusaku Kuroiwa (10-31-2010).....	Sonoko Kuroiwa
Gen Iwasaki (10-18-1981).....	Yayoi Kubota	Tatsuo Richard Takashima (10-21-2011).....	Kikuko Takashima
Mine Imai (10-25-1981).....	Fumiko Ohara	Robert Susumu Sasaki (10-19-2013).....	Gail Slemmon
Katsu Yamaguchi (10-4-1983).....	Yamaguchi Family	Raymond J. Sakow (10-5-2014)	Toshiko Sakow
Matsu Kusaka(10-3-1984).....	Patricia Kusaka	Kimiye Date (10-29-2014).....	Shirley Umekubo
Hatsu Shibata (10-22-1987).....	Ishikawa Family	Teruko Hobbs (10-20-15).....	James N. Hobbs
Shimako Hanaoka (10-22-1987)	Kaeko Hanaoka	Mary Suyenaga (10-28-2018).....	Suyenaga Family

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 for and acknowledge their continuing influence in our lives. If you wish to schedule a memorial service for a loved one, please call office Tues-Fri.

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	2002	33rd Year Memorial	1987
7th Year Memorial	2013	25th Year Memorial	1995	50th Year Memorial	1970

マウンテンビュー「回向」 二〇一九年一〇月法話

帰る世界

駐在開教使 向嶋裕史

先日、当仏教会において、多くの門徒出席のもと、秋季彼岸会が盛大に勤修されました。皆さんもご存知の通り、彼岸とは「向こうの岸」という意味で、悟りの国であるお浄土を表します。それに対し、此岸というのは「こちらの岸」、迷いの国である私達の生きている世界を表しています。ですから、「お彼岸」とは、サンスクリット語の「パラミータ」、つまり「到彼岸」と訳されることから、阿彌陀仏の大船に乗って、迷いの世界である此岸から、悟りの世界である彼岸へ皆で渡ろうという意味なのです。

さて、今年も夏休みを利用して家族と一緒に日本に帰省しました。年に一度、両親と会える喜びは格別なもので、特に孫の成長ぶりを見て喜ぶ両親の姿は、私の心をいつも幸せな気持ちにさせてくれます。また、両親に喜んでおつくと、たくさんのお土産を用意して帰るのですが、美家に着くなり、両親は口癖のように、「家に戻って来る時ぐらには何の心配もしないで手ぶらで帰ってきなさい」と言って私達を無条件に迎えてくれます。この言葉を聞く度に、何とも表現できない温かい世界に包まれます。ありのままに迎え入れてもらえる我が家は本当にありがたいものです。

私達は人生に於いて、二つの世界を持っています。「行く世界」と「帰る世界」です。例えば、「行く世界」とは、学校に行く、仕事に行く、仏教会に行く等ですが、このような世界は、必ず行く先の条件に合うように整えなければなりません。例えば、私達が学校や仕事に行く時、宿題や与えられた仕事を必ず用意をして行きます。また、仏

教会はどなたでも歓迎されますが、最低限の服装規定を設けていますから、それなりの服装が必要です。裸では決して受け入れられません。私の場合で言えば、日曜礼拝に必ず法話の用意をして行かなくてはなりません。もし法話ができれば「先生、仏教会をおやめ下さい」とご門徒から見放されてしまいます。これは仕方ないことですが、ある条件が満たされなければ、受け入れられない厳しい世界、それが「行く世界」なのです。

その一方、何も用意しないで、安心して門をくぐれる世界、これが「帰る世界」です。私がお土産の一つも持たなくても無条件で受け入れてくれる世界。肩の力を抜いてありのままの自分で帰れる世界。その意味で「我が家」はいつでも「帰る世界」と言えます。

仏教では、人生をよく旅に譬えることがあります。日常生活から乖離できる旅とは本来楽しいものです。美しい景色を見たり、旅館に泊まったり、見知らぬ人と仲良くなったり、その土地のおいしい料理を堪能したり、旅が楽しい理由は数え切れないほどあります。しかし、いろんな理由がある中で、ただ一つ明確に言える事は、旅が旅として楽しめるのは、やがて帰れる我が家待っているということなのです。どれほど素晴らしい旅を予定しても、もし帰る家があれば、その旅は不安一杯で楽しむことできません。

更に言えば、子供達が毎朝元気良く学校に行くことができるのも、親が家で子供の帰りを待っていてくれるからなのです。無条件で迎えてくれる親の愛情が子供の心を癒し、その癒しが子供の活力となるのです。ですから、子供は安心して学校へ行くのです。また、先月、仏青の生徒十二名が高校を卒業して各々の大学に入学しましたが、親元を離れて見知らぬ土地でがんばっていきけるのも、無条件に受け入れてくれる親の待つ家があるからこそ、両親との再会を楽

しみにしながらその楽しみを活力に変えて、日々精進していきけるのです。ですから、人生は我が家があってこそ成り立つものといえるでしょう。

しかし、私達の無常の世界に目を向けますと、この「我が家」も、実は本当に「帰る世界」ではなく、一時的なものでしかないということに気がかされます。この世界で、「我が家」と言えども、離婚や探め事が、帰るべき「我が家」を奪い去ることもしばしばあります。私達は「生・老・病・死」の迷いの世界を生きていますから、たとえ和やかで、探め事のない家庭でも、ひとたび愛する家族を失えば、「我が家」はもう安んじて帰る世界ではなくなってしまうのです。

しかし、幸いにも、私達は今、お念仏の道を歩ませていただいています。阿彌陀仏が示して下さったお念仏の道は、今は仏となられたとき先人達が待つ極楽浄土に向かう道であります。そう、このお浄土こそ、私達のいのちが仏となつて、無条件で「おかえり」と迎え入れて下さる本当の「帰る世界」、つまり、彼岸なのです。

今、お念仏を喜ばせていただいている私達は、阿彌陀仏のおはたきによって、正定聚の位に入らせていただいています。臨終を待たずとも、私達のいのちは必ず仏としてお浄土に生まれることが定まっています。ということです。私達の人生という旅も、お浄土という帰る世界があるからこそ、たとえ人生の苦境に立たされてもあらゆる困難をお念仏の教えと共に乗り越えていくことができるのです。帰る世界が定まったのちだからこそ、ありのままの人生を感謝のうちに精一杯燃やし尽くして生き抜くことができるのです。これこそ、真の念仏者の生き方なのではないでしょうか。

秋季彼岸会を終えた今、ご本願によって全てのいのちが必ず帰らせていただく浄土の世界「帰る世界」を持つことのできた喜びを今一度深く噛み締めています。

HIS EMINENCE, GOMONSHU KOJUN OHTANI MAKES OFFICIAL VISIT TO BTSD

Late-afternoon rain showers did not dampen the spirits for the Buddhist Temple of San Diego's memorable day.

Nearly 150 Sangha members and friends, from the youngest Dharma School student to the young-at-heart, gathered on a hot and muggy September 4 to greet the spiritual leader of our Jodo Shinshu School of Buddhism, his Eminence, Gomonshu Kojun Ohtani, who's official visit to the temple will be remembered as a bit of a homecoming.

The "Gomonshu mobile" arrived at 5:30 p.m. with many of the Sangha greeting Gomonshu and his entourage. The entourage of eight ministers included Bishop Umezu of the BCA and Rev. Harada, executive assistant to Rev. Umezu.

An official visitation ceremony was conducted in the hon-do with Gomonshu burning incense and delivering a brief message. Noriko Kawai provided a history of the temple in Japanese.

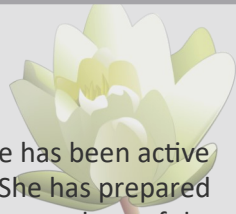
Following the ceremony, everyone assembled in the Annex Hall to enjoy a delicious Mexican-style dinner, complete with tamales, tacos, rice, beans, chips and salsa, and desserts. Gifts were presented to the Gomonshu from the Dharma School and temple. Gomonshu visited some tables and spoke to members.

There are many Sangha members and community friends to thank for their volunteer efforts in making the Gomonshu's visit memorable. The list includes: Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi, Karen Akahoshi, Carol Baker, Qamar Bradford, Jaime Brown,

Hector and Lorena Covarrubias, Carol Estes, Kikue Graeber, Ruby Hara, Miyo Hill, Naomi Himaka, Avis Honda, Brevon Honda, Carrie Huddleston, Laverne Imori, Henry Isakari, Carol Jones, Tim and Junko Kajita, Mildred Kawasaki, Noriko Kawai, Katsumi Kida, Chelsey Koga, Kimberly Kruse, Michael Kinoshita, Norman Kiyono, LuAnn Lee, Nancy Martinez, Sara Matsumoto, Susan Moribe, Asako Morinaka, Ronnie Morinaka, Ken Muraoka and Sharyn Kang, Tad Muraoka, Glenn Negoro, Roy and Karen Okuhara, Ann Ong, Linda Redenbaugh, Maribeth "Smitty" Smith, Arturo and Lourdes Rubio, Brian Sasaki, Sharon Sasaki, Steve Sato, Gordon and Arlene Shimizu, Debbie Shimizu, Jamie Shimizu, Bill and Joyce Teague, Kris Tokunaga, Aki Tomiyama, Betty Torio, Glenn Torio, Angie and Motoo Tsuneyoshi, Lisa Umekubo, Sandy Wilkerson, Yukari Williams, Efton Woodford, Miyoko Yamanishi, Gregg Yonekura and Laura Yoshida. Special thanks to the Dharma School students and Jr. YBA members for their participation as well: Andrea Covarrubias, Paulina Covarrubias, Tabo Isakari, Jaden Kruse, Juliana Kruse, Cassidy Muraoka, Arturo Rubio, Ava Yamamoto and Zoe Yamamoto. Heartfelt apologies if there are names that were missed. Please contact the temple if acknowledgments need to be added.

Photos from the official visit, along with more highlights, will appear in the November issue of the Bussei Script. With Deepest Appreciation in Gassho, Ralph Honda

WellCare Group



The WellCare Group of the temple has been active due to the effort of Laurine Ota. She has prepared small baskets of goodies to give to members of the Sangha who may not be able to travel to the temple. With the help of Norman Kiyono and others, recipients appreciated the thoughtfulness and dana. These visits and gifts express the temples appreciation for past participation of these members. Donations to the temple are not expected for this act of dana. Members who may want to help expand this effort may contact the office.

Benefit Sukiyaki Luncheon (all-you-can eat)
Sunday, October 13 at 12 noon
Lunch will include all of the fixings for sukiyaki, rice, tsukemono and edamame.

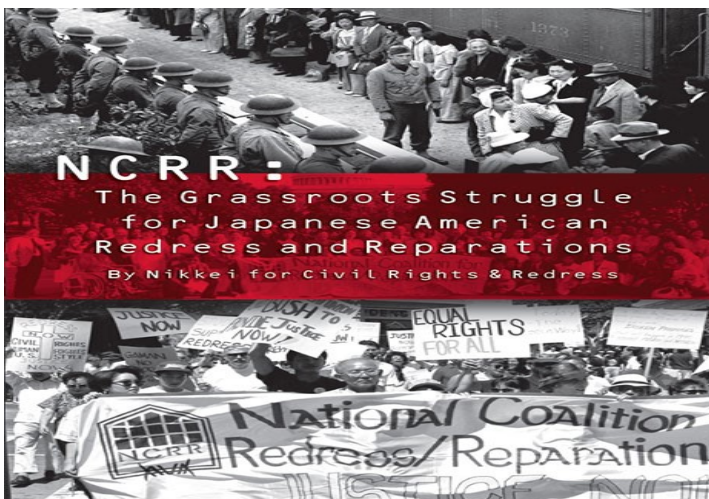
Donations \$15 (adults) and \$10 (kids 10 & under).
Please purchase your tickets or RSVP by OCTOBER 6.
Tickets are available in the temple office.

We are also encouraging everyone to bring their own dishes (bowls and/or small plates) and utensils to promote an EcoSangha.

Please contact the temple to reserve your tickets for lunch!

100% of the proceeds will support Rev. & Mrs.

Akahoshi's son, Kirk. **Oct. 6 Deadline**



Save the Date:

"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
Benefit lunch from 11:30 – 12:30
Book Launch Celebration at 1:00 p.m.
Pick up Tickets in the office for \$10, Lunch T.B.A.
Call for Information or to reserve tickets by phone