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## Awakening to Light

By Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi,  
Resident Minister

December is the month with the shortest days of daylight. Yet, we humans have been able to bring light into a natural world of cold and darkness. From the initial embers of a caveman's campfire to the LEDs that light our cities, light has enabled humans to extend our activities beyond nature's limits. We celebrate Shakyamuni Buddha's Enlightenment this month. Other religious traditions also find events to celebrate with lights as a prominent theme in December.

One message we can take from Siddhartha Gautama's Enlightenment is that we humans can lighten our lives in the midst of the darkness of ignorance. As the year 2020 comes to a close, we may appreciate that the hardships presented this year has enabled us to look more deeply into the causes and consequences of our thoughts and actions. Although past years have experienced destructive events, both natural and human caused, this year has been different. A new, dangerous virus threatens us nationally and globally. This in turn has caused us to drastically alter our normal life patterns. Jobs are lost, schools are closed, normal business, leisure, shopping and entertainment activities are limited. We are even prevented from gathering as families, as the threat of exposing elders to this deadly virus is possible. Our frustration in dealing with this new situation may be caused by our unrealistic expectation that life occurs in the form we desire.

We might compare our lifestyle to that of the historic Siddhartha Gautama. Siddhartha realized that no one can ignore the effects of sickness, old age, and death. His Enlightenment provided a guide for us to overcome our attachment to an unrealistic view of life. Most importantly, he realized that his Enlightenment was not to be enjoyed solely by himself. After weeks of sitting in bliss, he stood up and began the turning of the Dharma Wheel by spending the rest of his life sharing the Dharma with others.

Let us follow his example by practicing his Teachings. The Buddha's words become truth as we put them into actions. The Teachings are profound, but can be experienced by simple practices. Shinran's interpretation of the Dharma is most useful to those of us who recognize our limits. The Buddha encouraged us to look inward in order to respond appropriately to any external challenges. We don't have much influence over natural occurrences such as storms, earthquakes, floods, and fires. And even hu-

man challenges on a large scale are difficult to resolve. However, natural and especially human caused events can be corrected. If we humans can cause suffering, we can also reduce it.

The first step is to acknowledge that we may be a part of the problem. It may be our self-interest or our inattention to the destruction that is being caused. The next step is to decide how balance may be restored with the least amount of confrontation. This may be very difficult to do. Confronting ignorance with wisdom may have limited success. Approaching ignorance with compassion may have better results.

We might flow in the goodwill that most religions demonstrate at this time of year. The cold and darkness are penetrated by the warmth and brightness of good cheer and best wishes. The logic of our differences may be bridged by the compassion of our similarities. We might suppress our ignorance, hatred, and greed, by offering words of comfort and kindness. The humble act of kindness that each of us might display would cause a ripple of human thoughtfulness. Being treated by kindness could be a source of a reciprocal kindness. Good feelings might be followed by good thoughts and actions.

As this unique and tumultuous year ends, let us contain the virus of hatred and ignorance. A mask can restrict the spread of the virus. A smile of the eyes and kind words can be the vaccine of the heart. The Buddha's Enlightenment was not an individual victory. The Dharma that it produced is a guide for all of us to enjoy the peace and joy of awakening. The words in the sutras become the real Dharma when we embody them in our lives.

Let us celebrate the Buddha's awakening by expanding and sharing his path to true happiness. By acknowledging and appreciating the efforts of others toward our welfare, we bring light into our lives. That light can be shared with others. Even in our state of social isolation, think of ways of brightening someone else's day. Then pick up the phone, write a card, or smile and share some kind words with another. Embodying the words of the Dharma by acts of kindness is like lighting a candle to brighten the dark and bringing warmth to those in need. Bringing warmth to others will also brighten our lives.

Gassho, Namu Amida Butsu

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## SPECIAL DONATION REQUEST UPDATE

As we come to the end of 2020, I wanted to give an update on our Special Donation Request due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Thanks to the generosity of all of our Sangha and friends of the Sangha, we have received donations that have offset our lack of major fundraising income of Cherry Blossom, Rummage Sale, Cultural Bazaar, Obon, Golf Tournament and Mochitsuki in 2020.

Cherry Blossom, Rummage Sale, Obon, Golf Tournament and Mochitsuki income traditionally goes to our General Fund. The Cultural Bazaar income goes to the Building Improvement Fund. Thus we are allocating our Special Donations to our General Fund and the Building Improvement Fund.

Gassho, Michael Kinoshita, Ways and Means chairperson

## DECEMBER EVENTS CALENDAR

As 2020 draws to a close, December activities including the popular Mochitsuki and year-end bell ringing ceremony at Shelter Island will not take place due to the coronavirus pandemic.

BTSD continues to remain closed until further notice due to health and safety protocols related to COVID-19. Many thanks to the Sangha and community for your patience and understanding, and for your continued support during this most unprecedented and challenging time.

Activities and meetings will continue to be offered electronically via the temple's YouTube (YT) channel and Zoom (Z) video platforms. Here are the dates/activities:

- 2 – Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 5 – Yasukochi Farms CSA produce and BWA Brittle sale drive thru pick up (all pre-orders) at temple parking lot, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dana Club winter clothing drive and Jr. YBA holiday food drive drop off.
- 5—SDBWA quarterly meeting, 10 a.m. (Z)
- 5 – Sutra Chanting session, 1 p.m. (Z)
- 6 – **BODHI DAY**. Enlightenment of the historical Buddha, Siddhartha Gautama. Monthly memorial and Dharma messages – English: Rev. Maribeth Smith and Japanese: Yukari Williams (YT). Dharma School, 10 a.m. (Z).
- 6—BWA Qigong workshop, 9 a.m. (Z)
- 6—Taiko practice, noon (Z).
- 6—BWA Book Club, 1:30 p.m. (Z)
- 8 – Ways and Means meeting, 7 p.m. (Z).
- 9 – Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 10 – Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 12 – Sutra Chanting session, 1 p.m. (Z)
- 13 – Dharma message, Kenji Sensei (YT). Dharma School, 10 a.m. (Z).
- 13 –BWA Qigong workshop, 9 a.m. (Z).
- 13—Taiko practice, noon (Z).
- 16 – Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.m. (Z).
- 19—Sutra Chanting session, 1 p.m. (Z).
- 20 – Dharma message, Kenji Sensei (YT). Dharma School, 10 a.m. (Z).
- 20 –BWA Qigong workshop, 9 a.m. (Z)
- 20 –Taiko practice, noon (Z).
- 27 – Dharma message, Kenji Sensei (YT).
- 27 –BWA Qigong workshop, 9 a.m. (Z)
- 27—Taiko practice and meeting, noon (Z).
- 31 – Year-end Dharma message. Kenji Sensei (YT).

Jan. 1, 2021 – New Year's Day message, Kenji Sensei (Z).

Note: Spanish-language Dharma messages by Arturo Rubio will be posted on the temple's YouTube channel.

The temple urges the Sangha to share the Dharma with

family members and friends who do not have computer internet access.

### Regular Office Hours

Tuesday-Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There is limited staff coverage on weekends. The temple is closed on Mondays (Holiday office hours schedule on page 8).

For more information, please call the temple at (619) 239-0896 or send an email [info@btsd.net](mailto:info@btsd.net). Check the BTSD website <http://www.buddhisttemplesandiego.org> for updates.



## New Year's Day Service January 1, 2021

“Long time no see.” This has been really true for 2020. Since we haven't been able to have an onsite service at our temple since March, we have decided to conduct a New Year's Day (Shusho-e) Service on January 1, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. live on Zoom. We encourage all members who have computer access to log onto our Zoom event. Kenji Sensei will conduct a short service and talk. Then members will have a chance to see and talk to each other. We will use “breakout” rooms to form smaller groups to facilitate conversations. Some of us have used Zoom to attend temple meetings, Dharma School, Wednesday evening discussions, and seminars. This New Year's Day Service will give all others a chance to see and talk to fellow members. Please signup for the event with a phone call or email to the temple office for instructions and details. We will be limited to the first 100 devices for conducting the session. We hope to see you then.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By LuAnn Lee, Board President

Good news, two companies announced that they are very close to a vaccine for the Coronavirus! This news gives some hope although it will be a few months until most can receive it. Unfortunately, San Diego and the U.S. had the most positive cases

since the pandemic started and hospitalizations are at a record high. I hear places like El Paso Texas, South and North Dakota have been hit especially hard with many other cities on the rise. As you may know, our county has dropped down to the most restrictive purple tier. Even though the doctors warned us about a possible second wave, it seems like many people are getting Covid fatigue and letting their guard down. It's understandable but it's so important that we stay the course.

I have heard and read so many inspiring stories of people doing kind things for others. One story was about an 8-year-old that finds rocks and paints them with special messages like hope, peace, unity and love. She uses "rock therapy" to give her neighborhood hope and a reason to smile by leaving these stones around trees where people walk. Local high school students that are in a 3D printing club created PPE shields for health care workers. Our temple members and friends have also made cloth masks and face shields for fellow members and provided free masks for our 80-year young seniors. So great to see that San Diego Junior YBA will still be collecting monetary donations, canned and non-perishable goods to make Holiday baskets for families in need and Arturo Rubio (Dana Club) is leading the annual winter clothing drive to donate to the homeless. It is very heartwarming how you, the Sangha, always steps up to help and support the Temple's programs and events.

We were saddened to hear about the passing of Temple members within the last month and throughout 2020. Our deepest condolences to the families of Mike Doi, Ned Iguchi, Edward "Yuki" Iwashita, Yukio Kawamoto, Hiroshi Kubota, Chieko Moriyama, Rodney Oyama,

Reverend Kakuyei Tada, Yoshiko Watanabe, and Roy Yonekura. They will be missed and fondly remembered for their dedication and support to the Temple.

In closing, I hope you and your families enjoy the Thanksgiving season and beyond. We may not be able to gather this year like we normally do but the future looks bright. Please be safe out there and continue to keep in touch with one another.

If you know of someone in our temple that needs support, please reach out to us. Call the temple (619) 239-0896 or e-mail at [info@btsd.net](mailto:info@btsd.net).

Check on our website for updates at <http://www.buddhisttemplesandiego.org/>

Namo Amida Butsu.  
In Gassho,  
LuAnn Lee

## BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met on November 12th -

1. Condolences to the families of Hiroshi Kubota, Chieko Moriyama, Roy Yonekura and Yukio Kawamoto.
2. The Board was updated on the Social Media committee's work on policy, outreach strategies, encouraging participation, and digital archiving.
3. Appreciation was expressed for our social welfare efforts. Thank you to Ron Morinaka and others who donated fish to share with some seniors. If anyone is aware of a Sangha member who would benefit from a phone call or visit, please let Rev. Akahoshi or the temple office know.
4. The Ways & Means Committee will focus on the 2021 budget and the 2021 calendar is being worked on by temple operations and the minister.
5. Congratulations to Dennis Otsuji, recognized by the Japanese government with a distinguished person award for his work in the community promoting Japanese culture and tradition.
6. Thank you to Ichiban Restaurant, Hillcrest, for their partnership through the pandemic. Ending in September, Hillcrest donates a percentage of sales to customers identifying the temple.

## BWA NEWS

Our Thanksgiving will be quite different but hopefully safe. We may do a Zoom Xmas but not sure at this point. Too early to plan. We are taking it one day at a time for now.

In the meantime, I am grateful for Zoom. I can see my friends and family safely with this technology. The weekly Qigong Workshop and Meditation Meetings have been a wonderful support during this difficult time. The ladies in this group are becoming close friends, even though many of us have never met each other in person. The warmth emanating from the discussion and support we give one another has helped us all get through this pandemic with a feeling of hope and trust.

In our last BWA Board meeting, we decided to communicate through email, USPS mail or by calling/texting those who are not able to join us on Zoom. This change will provide these members a voice regarding issues that arise and need to be voted upon. We have been struggling to have a quorum of at least 15 members attending our regular BWA Zoom meetings. So as a result, we began this new process. It has been received very favorably by our members.

The BWA Book Club continues to be enjoyable. The December book to be discussed is **The Miracles of the Namiya General Store** by Keigo Higashino. If you are interested in joining, please contact Sue Moribe at [suzie.moribe@gmail.com](mailto:suzie.moribe@gmail.com)

Our Almond Brittle Sale in conjunction with the Yasukochi Farm's Produce Box sale was a success. We want to extend our thanks to the members who organized this fundraiser for our Temple. Thank you also to Ann Ong and Glenn Torio for helping BWA participate. The Temple is greatly benefiting from the hard work as they conduct and coordinate these fundraisers.

Enjoy the holiday season and continue to stay safe.

## DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

In November, the Dharma School remained busy heading into the final month of 2020. A few staff members and teachers attended the SDDSTL Mini Workshop on November 7 where they learned mindfulness games and meditation activities. Also, we observed the All Living Beings Memorial on November 22. We thank everyone who participated as November was a time to honor all life forms who have passed away as we observed Eitaikyo.

In December, a few Dharma School teachers will attend a mini workshop on December 12 hosted by the Gardena Dharma School. In addition, we will take the last weekend of December (Dec. 27) and the first weekend of January (Jan. 3) off from Dharma School to celebrate the holidays. On behalf of the Dharma School, we hope all of you have a safe and enjoyable holiday.



### SCRIP NEWS

The holidays are almost here and we are still battling the Covid virus.

It is getting down to "crunch" time for ordering gift cards. Some people have started their holiday shopping and have already received their orders. We have been getting orders every week and so have been sending in orders on Sunday late morning and they have been arriving at the temple by the following Friday.

If you want to order gift cards for the holidays, send your request to the temple or drop it off along with your check. We will process your order and let you know when your it has arrived.

With the pandemic getting worse instead of better, please stay safe and avoid large gatherings. I know we would all love to be together, but this will hopefully get better and we'll be able to gather together soon. Have a wonderful, but safe holiday season! May 2021 be a better year!



### 2020 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 **coats, jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts, socks**, etc. Please drop off your donations at our temple during the months of November and December.

Your donations will be greatly appreciated.

You can drop off your donation at the Yasukochi Farms Drive Through Pick-up Event on Dec. 5th.

## ACTIVITIES REPORT

**Restaurant Fundraiser:** We would like to thank Ichiban Hillcrest for their partnership these past few months supporting our Temple with the fundraising event. They are appreciative of the generous support our Sangha has given them through this trying time.

**Dana Club:** Arturo and Kaytee continue to sort through donations coming to the Temple. Items of clothing are transported to Rachael's Women's Center and Streets of Hope. We will collect items of clothing during the last Yasukochi CSA Box fundraiser on December 5 to bolster our donation.

**Rummage Sale:** We are continuing to slowly pick up rummage items (furniture) as available. Please contact the Temple if furniture pick up is needed. The items must be accessible for pick up for the safety of our volunteers.

**Yasukochi Farms CSA + Strawberry + BWA Brittle (pre-order pick up) Fundraiser** will be held on December 5. This will be our third event of the year, which included the BWA annual Almond Brittle Sale items and, once again, homemade facemasks. Many thanks to all who have participated in our events and many volunteers! We continue to abide by all of the COVID-19 guidelines by using all of the appropriate PPE, Social Distancing, Contactless service and use of the fewest number of volunteers as possible.

**Virtual Lantern Festival:** This event began in the middle of October with the last day to order extended to December 15. These lanterns will be personalized for a loved-one who has passed and will be yours to keep. You will be able to display your lantern at an upcoming Obon as well.

Gassho, Ann Ong and Glenn Torio

### 2020 Tax Year Info Coming End of January

We know many of you are eager to get your paperwork ready for 2020 Federal and California Income Tax returns. Your membership and Treasurer's committee will be assembling the tax statements by the end of January. More information will be provided in the January issue of *The Bussei Script*.

### ANNUAL HOLIDAY BASKET FOOD DRIVE

Sponsored by BTSD Jr. YBA

Donations accepted:

Non-perishable food and monetary gifts. (Make checks payable to SD Jr. YBA). Monetary gifts may be mailed to the temple, or Drop off your donation on DECEMBER 5 during the Yasukochi Farms Drive Through This Dana Project, now in its 45th year, enables families in need to have an enjoyable holiday season. Last year we provided five baskets for families in need.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!



# DONATIONS

## **BUDDHIST TEMPLE**

Ryan, Mani  
Hidinger, Holly  
Kojimoto, Keith  
Sumida, Floyd & Kaytee  
Koga, Florence - Offering  
Yamamoto, Koichi & Joyce  
Hashiguchi, John & Tsune  
    IMO Chieko Moriyama  
Cross, Joe  
    IMO Yuki Kawamoto  
Jensen, Richard  
    IMO Roy Yonekura  
Jaffe, Linda  
Fujii, Joan  
Masumoto, Chiyoko  
    IMO Hiroshi Kubota  
Estes, Toshiye Carol  
    IMO Yuki Kawamoto  
Sasaki, Brian & Lorin  
    IMO Roy Yonekura  
**SPECIAL, COVID-19**  
Sasaki, Brian & Lorin  
**BUILD IMPROVEMENTS**  
Ochi-Fontanott, Janet - Solar  
**DHARMA SCHOOL**  
Sakow, Toshiko  
**EITAIKYO FUND**  
Takashima, Wilbur  
    IMO Katsue Takashima,  
    Grandfather  
    IMO Tsume Takashima,  
    Grandmother  
    IMO Katsumi Takashima  
    Father  
    IMO Yoshiko Takashima,  
    Mother  
Tomiya, Steve & Aki  
    IMO Noburo Tomiyama,  
    Parent  
    Taiji Santohigashi, Parent  
IMO Sachiko Santohigashi,  
Parent  
Yamamoto, Koichi  
    IMO Noboru Yamamoto,  
    Father  
    IMO Shizue Yamamoto,  
    Mother  
    IMO Haruhiko Otsuji, Father  
    IMO Ayako Otsuji, Mother  
Yamamoto, Jane  
    IMO Sas Yamamoto,  
    Husband  
    IMO Mary Yagura, Mother  
Ohara, Fumiko  
Moncrief, Mayko  
    IMO Leo Hagio, Father  
    IMO Yuruko Hagio, Mother  
    IMO Shie Hagio,  
    Grandmother  
Omori, Shirley  
Torio, Betty  
    IMO Charley Torio, Husband  
Driscoll, Christine  
    IMO Susumu Yagi, Father  
    IMO Chiyeko Yagi, Mother  
Kodama, Jay and Family

Otsuji, Dennis & Elaine  
IMO Haruhiko Otsuji, Father  
IMO Ayako Otsuji, Mother  
Elaine Otsuji  
Dennis Otsuji  
Masumoto, Chiyoko  
    IMO Shigeru Masumoto,  
    Father  
    IMO Mother  
    IMO Koichi Masumoto,  
    Grandfather  
    IMO Masumoto Family  
Yamashita, Emiko  
    IMO Chiyo Yamashita  
Kuwada, Howard Kanji &  
Kaneko  
    IMO Koshichi Kuwada,  
    Father  
    IMO Misuko Kuwada, Mother  
    IMO Tomoyo Kuwada,  
    Daughter  
Graeber, Kiku  
Ishino, Isabel  
    IMO Kosabura Ishino, Father  
    IMO Matsue Ishino, Mother  
Honda, Ralph  
Uyeji, Masako  
    IMO Magotsugu "Kottie"  
    Uyeji, Husband  
    IMO Asamen Family  
Tanaka, Kelvin  
Gladso, Julie  
Himaka, Norman & Kathy  
Yanagihara, Sumiko  
    IMO Tom Yanagihara, Sr.  
    IMO Masaru Yanagihara  
    IMO Shizuko Yanagihara  
Aoyama, K. Alice  
    IMO Rev Tesshi Aoyama  
    IMO Satoshi Takagi  
    IMO Toshiko Takagi  
Copeland, Karen Matsumoto  
and Troy Matsumoto  
    IMO Sakuhichi Yano  
    IMO Chiyo Yano  
    IMO Hajime Yano  
    IMO Yoshiharu Yano  
    IMO Tokihira Yano  
    IMO Hatsuyo Yano  
    IMO Chiyoji Yano  
    IMO Tadashi Yano  
    IMO Harry Tokio Matsumoto  
    IMO Dorothy Suyeno  
    Matsumoto  
    IMO Elaine Tatsuko Barrett  
Furuya, George Jr & Gail  
    IMO George & Shizu Furuya  
    IMO Earl and Louise Osaki  
Hill, Miyo  
    IMO Koyoshi Nakamura,  
    Grandmother  
    IMO Kinjiro Nakamura,  
    Grandfather  
    IMO Yoshiko Nakamura,  
    Mother  
    IMO Minoru Nakamura,  
    Father

Hashiguchi, John & Tsune  
    IMO Hashiguchi Family  
Yamamoto, Koichi & Joyce  
Honda, Mikiye  
    IMO Ben Honda  
Honda, Mikiye  
Sugiyama, Yukiko  
    IMO Yasaku Nakamura,  
    Father  
    IMO Hamako Nakamura,  
    Mother  
    IMO Yasuyuki Sugiyama,  
    Husband  
Self  
Oto, June  
    IMO Oto Ancestors  
    IMO Motono Oto,  
    Mother-in-Law  
    IMO Shigeru Oto, Husband  
    IMO Jeffery Akira Oto  
Estes, Toshiye Carol  
    IMO Donald Estes, Husband  
**EITAIKYO SERVICE**  
Hashiguchi, John & Tsune  
Tanaka, Kelvin  
Fuchigami, Lynn S. & Steve  
Otsuji, Dennis & Elaine  
Hagio, Quimico  
Yamanishi, Miyoko  
Graeber, Kiku  
Nogata, Yuriko & Sumihiro  
Suyenaga, Irene  
Kodama, Jay and Family  
Tomiya, Steve & Aki  
Masumoto, Chiyoko  
Honda, Avis & Ralph  
Yamamoto, Jane  
Ohara, Fumiko  
Sugiyama, Chiyeko  
Omori, Shirley  
Kuwada, Howard Kanji &  
Kaneko  
Torio, Betty  
McDonald, Marianne  
Honda, Mikiye  
Moncrief, Mayko  
Tsukamoto, Wayne  
Okuhara, Roy & Karen  
Shigehara, Wilbur & Karen  
Kida, Katsumi  
Sugiyama, Yukiko  
Oto, June  
Hill, Miyo  
Yanagihara, Sumiko  
Aoyama, K. Alice  
**GENERAL MAINTENANCE**  
Sakow, Toshiko  
**LANTERN FESTIVAL**  
Ryan, Mani  
Ryan, Mani  
Tanizaki, Gary  
Kajita, Junko  
Cheeks, Ricky  
Yamada-Amos, Karen  
Torio, Betty  
Ong, Ann & Mike

Tanaka, Kelvin & Lara  
Estes, Toshiye Carol  
Iwanaga, Reiko Akahoshi  
Masumoto, Chiyoko  
Okuhara, Karen & Roy  
Yanagihara, Sumiko  
Hill, Miyo  
Hashiguchi, John & Tsune  
Akahoshi, Glenn & Karen  
Ochi-Fontanott, Janet  
**MAP**  
Yamamoto, June  
Ring, Linda  
**MEMBERSHIP**  
Sakaw, Toshiko  
Nogata, Sumihiro & Yuriko  
Moribe, Lee & Susan  
Sakow, Toshiko - 2021  
**OBON**  
Kuwada, Howard Kanji &  
Kaneko  
**SHOTSUKI HOYO**  
Martinez, Nancy  
    IMO Mom, Grandma,  
    Uncle Fred, Betty Yoshioka  
Yagi, Darrel & Twinkle  
    IMO Kirk Akahoshi  
Terusaki, Steven  
    IMO George Terusaki  
Honda, Ralph & Avis  
Masumoto, Chiyoko  
    IMO Shigeru & Shika  
    Masumoto  
Honda, Mikiye - October  
Matsumoto, Akiko and Ken  
    IMO Rev. Guzei Nishii  
Kuwada, Howard Kanji &  
Kaneko  
    IMO Tomoyo  
Torio, Betty  
Kida, Katsumi  
    IMO Nobuzo Kida  
    IMO Koichi Fujii  
Honda, Mikiye  
    IMO Hiroshi Kubota  
Inouye, Jeanne M.  
    IMO Ritsu Nabeta  
    IMO Hatsuye Uyeno  
Copeland, Karen Matsumoto  
and Troy Matsumoto  
    IMO Dorothy S. Matsumoto  
    IMO Harry T. Matsumoto  
    IMO Elaine T. Barrett  
Kawamoto, Mitsuko  
    IMO Kiyoji Mayumi  
    IMO Imataro Kawamoto  
Schell, Janice & Kenneth  
    IMO Ritsuko Nabeta  
Nakamura, Jake K. & Patty  
    IMO Yoshiko Nakamura  
Omori, Shirley  
    IMO Gilchi Omori  
Sugiyama, Yukiko  
    IMO Hamako Nakamura  
Hill, Miyo  
    IMO Yoshiko Nakamura  
Yanagihara, Sumiko - Nov.



The Temple extends its sincere condolences to the family and friends of:

**Roy Yonekura ~ October 29, 2020**  
**Yukio Kawamoto ~ November 2, 2020**

**DECEMBER SHOTSUKI LIST**

This month's monthly memorial service will be posted to our YouTube channel on Sunday, December 6. Families and friends of anyone who passed away in December are urged to watch the video, burn incense at your home O Butsudan and Gassho in memory of your deceased loved ones. If possible, please share the video and Dharma messages with family members who do not have access to the internet. If you find an error, wish to add a name to the list or have questions on accessing the YouTube video, please contact the temple at (619) 239-0896 or email [info@btsd.net](mailto:info@btsd.net) Gassho.

DECEASED

FAMILY MEMBER

Kitsu Ito (12-14-1939).....Ito Family  
Nihei Furusho (12-5-1943).....Chieko Saito  
Tadasu Oya (12-18-1947) .....Oya Family  
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) ..... Oyama Family  
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).....Yonekura Family  
Naomi Campbell (12-14-1988).....Campbell Family  
Take Torimaru (12-27-1988).....Torimaru Family  
Yoshimi Uyeji (12-12-1997).....Chieko Takeguchi  
Asao Momita (12-21-1989).....Gary Momita

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FAMILY MEMBER

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  
Manae Mayumi (12-17-2010).....Katsuhiro 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  
Ron L. Okuma (12-19-2015).....Okuma Family  
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  
Sakiko Kada (12-29-2018).....Naomi Himaka

**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.

**2020 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	2003	33rd Year Memorial	1988
7th Year Memorial	2014	25th Year Memorial	1996	50th Year Memorial	1971

# マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」 二〇二〇年十二月法話

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## 「ノーサイド」の精神

駐在開教使 向嶋裕史

先月、全世界が注目したアメリカ大統領選挙がようやく終了しました。この度の選挙は、新型コロナウイルス感染症拡大を受けて、郵便投票が大幅に増えたことから、人手不足や技術的問題が生じ、ある集計所では混乱が起きてしまいました。その為、最終結果が数日遅れてしまふという異例の事態となりました。選挙結果に歓喜する人達もいれば、不満を持って失望している人達も大勢いると思います。ですが、自国の発展と平和、そして国民の幸せを願う心はみんな同じです。アメリカに住む全ての人達が自国のよりよい社会、調和のとれた社会を目指しています。

しかし、ここ数年、アメリカは、宗教間の対立を始め、障壁や差別、移民、難民危機、黒人や同性愛者などに対する差別や偏見などといった数多くの社会問題を抱え、その価値観の違いから国民の間で深刻な分断が生じています。対立する者同士が、公の場で互いに誹謗中傷し、暴力にまで発展するような悲しい場面がニュースで目につきます。

この混沌としたアメリカ情勢に心を痛めているのはこの国に住む子供達です。差別や暴力に恐怖を感じ希望を見出せない子供達が数多くいる現状に目覚めなくてはなりません。選挙が終わった今こそ、お互いが持つ異なった価値観を受け入れ、互いの存在を敬い、互いの人権を守るといった、国民一人ひとりの思いやりの心に満ちた社会づくりこそが、この国を分断ではなく、団結に導いていく唯一の方法だと信じています。

昨年十月に、日本でラグビーのワールドカップが開催され、大成功のうちに幕を閉じました。アメリカではフットボールの方が断然人気なのですが、ラグビーにはどのスポーツにも勝る教えがあります。それは「ノーサイド」の精神です。

ラグビーは接触プレーの多い大変激しいスポーツです。鍛え上げた大きい体が互いにぶつかり合い、相手を崩しかかるわけですから、選手はつい熱くなり、時には乱闘にまで発展することもあります。試合中は、相手を倒すという意気込みでチーム全体が心を一つにして戦います。

しかし、ひとたび試合終了の笛が鳴ると、敵味方の違いを越えて、選手同士が敬意をもつて互いの健闘を称え合い、友情を深めていくという伝統があります。これこそが、「ノーサイド」の精神であり、ラグビー最大の魅力でもあります。

仏教には、中道という教えがあり、両極に偏らない正しい心を意味しますが、まさにこの心は「ノーサイド」の精神に通ずるものがあります。私達はこの精神を日常生活において実践していかなくてはなりません。例えば、選挙期間中は、誰もが支持する政党を熱狂的に応援します。もちろん、価値観の違いから、反対政党を支持する人達と言い争うこともあるでしょう。しかし、ひとたび選挙が終われば、どのような主義主張であろうとも、私達は互いの存在を敬い、受け入れなくてはなりません。たとえ相手の主張が意に添わなくても、それを受け入れ、理解する度量が求められます。いつまでも燃る憎悪の感情は決して建設的なものを生み出しません。

仏の心を表す言葉に「怨親平等」という言葉があります。これは、恨んで止まない人も、愛して止まない人も分け隔てなく平等に見るといふ愛憎を越えた心をいいます。これこそ仏の悟りの境地なので

すが、誰に対しても偏見や差別などといった感情を捨て、平等に見なければならぬという大切な教えです。私達は「敵・味方」、「正義・悪」といったように物事を二分して見えてしまいがちです。しかし、阿弥陀仏の眼差し、つまり、お慈悲の心は、分け隔てなくどちらも平等に包み込んで下さいます。

この心を凡夫の私達が持つことは大変困難なことではあります。互いに怨憎の心を和らげ、少しでも歩み寄ることができれば、同じ人間として互いの存在を受け入れることができるはずですが、

「ノーサイド」の精神は人間間、宗教間、文化間などといったあらゆる壁を乗り越え、全ての国民に調和をもつて団結を促す正しい道です。そこには差別や憎悪などといった感情を交えない敬いと思ひやりの心に満ちた尊い世界が広がります。

たとえ、どの政党が政権を握ったとしても、私達一人ひとりが「ノーサイド」の精神、中道の精神を持つていけば互いの価値観を敬い、互いの人権を大切にすることで平和な社会を築き上げることができるとです。それは、相手の痛みは自分の痛み、相手の喜びは自分の喜びといった互いに共感する生き方、つまり「念仏の世界」の実現をいいます。

「ノーサイド」の精神は、自分にも相手にも醜い執着で偏らない、仏教の根幹である中道の教えです。この精神は、自分のこと同様、相手のことを大切に、いたわり、思いやることとどれほど大切なことであり、如何に尊い生き方であるかということをはっきりと示してくれています。

選挙が終わった今、アメリカの団結と調和を希求しながら、私達一人ひとりが差別をなくし、互いの存在を重んじる「ノーサイド」の精神を未来ある子供達と共に実践していきたいものと切に願っています。



**Our BODHI DAY Special speaker will be Our Own:**

**Rev. Maribeth "Smitty" Smith** is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy who went on to pilot helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft, deploying worldwide and cruising on several different

ships during her Navy career. After retiring from the Navy as a Commander, Rev. Smitty became more involved at the Buddhist Temple of San Diego, first as a member of the BEC and later as a BCA Certified Minister's Assistant. She received Tokudo ordination in 2019 and continues to serve as an MA at BTSD. She has drawn from her military experiences when conducting weekly Buddhist services for trainees at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD) or "boot camp" in San Diego. In addition to her BS in Physical Science from USNA, she received the Kyo-shi Certificate from the Institute of Buddhist Studies (a program later renamed Certificate in Shin Buddhist Studies), and holds a Master of Education from Heritage University.

**Buddhist Education in December**

For Buddhism 1-2-3, please join us for the first three Wednesdays, Dec. 2, 9, and 16. We will take a break and resume January 6 in the New Year.

**New Year's Eve Bell Ringing.** While it's sad that with pandemic restrictions there will be no bell ringing at Shelter Island or the Temple to welcome in the New Year, We encourage you ring in the new year with a bell at home 108 times. Any bell will do, and mixing bowls sometimes work fine!

In Buddhism the symbolic number of 108 times represents our 108 imperfections. So the happy thought is that by ringing the bell 108 times we are reminded that the New Year starts a clean slate for us.

**Did You Know?** Buddhist bells, like our Kansho bell, have 108 bosses or raised decorations to remind us of our imperfections.

**Membership Report**

Membership will have surpassed 90% renewals by the time you receive this issue of the Bussie Script. We really appreciate everyone's continued support of the Temple during this difficult time.

For any membership questions, please contact me at [btcomms@cox.net](mailto:btcomms@cox.net) or 619-248-3749.

More information about 2021 renewals will appear in the January issue of the Bussei Script; in the meanwhile for those who tend to renew in December we have posted forms. They will look very similar to the 2020 forms. Gassho, Bill Teague, Membership Chair

**SMILE through Holiday Shopping on Amazon**

Because every little bit helps, if you shop on Amazon please use their Smile option to benefit the Temple.

**Step 1:** After you are on Amazon, type the word smile.

and a period. If the browser address shows amazon.com Then just type "smile." just before "amazon:"

**smile.amazon.com**

**Step 2:** Use the new AmazonSmile menu item to select Buddhist Temple of San Diego.

That's it. And when you use Amazon, just check the URL. If you are not on Smile, repeat Step 1.

**Same Account.** The Smile option expands your existing account level, ordering history, preferences, etc. Your account does not change.

**Costs You Nothing.** Amazon will donate a micropayment every time you order through Amazon Smile reflecting your purchase totals.

**Impact.** The Temple earns hundreds of dollars each year from Smile.

**Best Advice.** Buy Scrip first when you need it from the Temple – more of your payment goes to the Temple. But if you order on Amazon, use Smile.

**BTSD Holiday Office Hours**

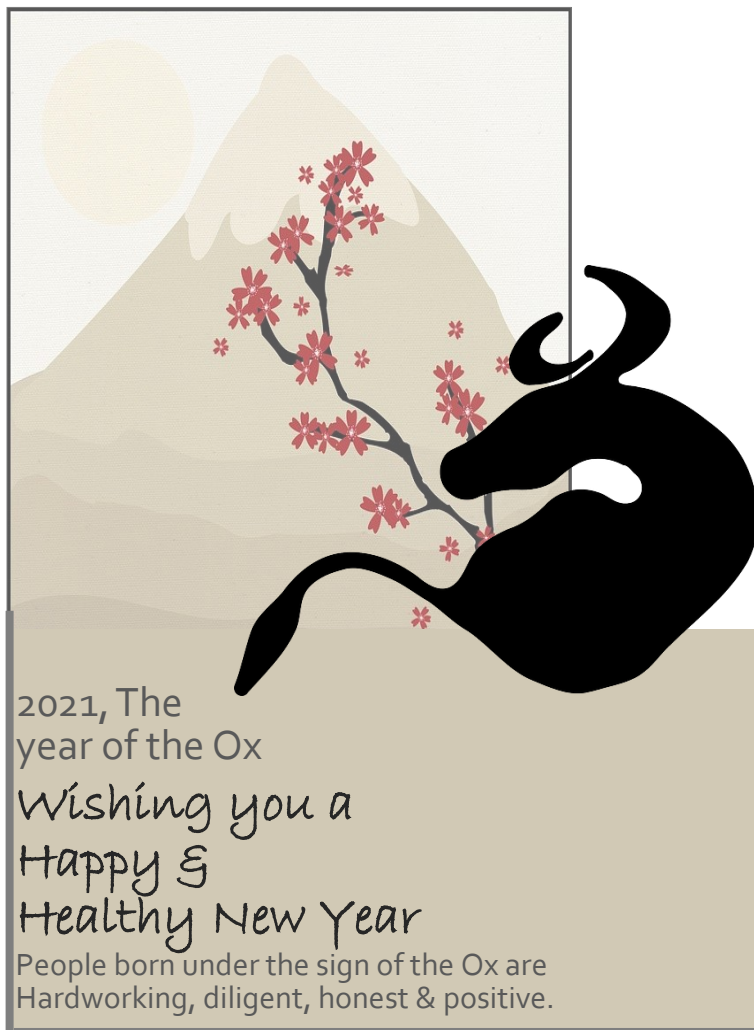
December 21-23, -- 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

December 24, Thursday -- 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

December 25, Friday -- Closed

December 28-31 -- 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

January 1, Friday -- Closed





# Buddhist Temple of San Diego



There's still time.....  
Put your order in by Dec. 15th!

## Virtual Festival of Lanterns *In Honor of a Loved One*

**For an initial donation of \$45 (member) / \$50 (non member)**

A white paper lantern will be inscribed with the  
Japanese version of your loved ones name  
and tag hanging down will be written in English.

These lanterns will be displayed and honored until January 31, 2021  
After January 31, 2021 you may collect your lantern & return it for our  
next Obon Odori where the lanterns will be displayed again to honor our  
loved ones' (for a nominal donation).

visit: [tinyurl.com/BTSDlanterns](https://tinyurl.com/BTSDlanterns)

Last date to purchase is December 15, 2020  
More Info: [FundraisersBTSD@gmail.com](mailto:FundraisersBTSD@gmail.com) or 619-239-0896



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## OSEIBO

(Year-end appreciation)

December 1, 2020

Dear Temple Members and Dharma Friends,

In Buddhism, the term Dana represents the practice of selfless giving. Combined with the expression of "Thank You," Dana conveys true appreciation and gratitude.

In Japan, a customary year-end expression of thank you, known as *Oseibo*, is often presented.

As 2020 draws to a close, the Buddhist Temple of San Diego invites the Sangha (congregation) and friends in extending an expression of appreciation and gratitude to the temple staff and maintenance vendors for their hard work throughout a most challenging year.

Deep appreciation is extended to resident minister **Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi** for his spiritual guidance and leadership. Kenji-Sensei demonstrates energy and enthusiasm in sharing the Dharma and accommodates the needs of the Sangha of all ages. Kenji Sensei's outreach to the membership and the community is heartwarming. **Rev. Maribeth Smith, Rev. Laverne Imori** and **Rev. Noriko Kawai**, our Minister's Assistants, support Kenji Sensei with various tasks, including providing Dharma messages, involvement with Dharma School, conduct chanting classes and outreach. **Yukari Williams** serves as a ministerial aid to Kenji Sensei and the Minister's Assistants. **Rev. Yushi Mukojima**, former resident minister, provides the Japanese message for the monthly Bussei Script newsletter. **Linda Redenbaugh**, administrative assistant, supports the temple Tuesday through Friday during business hours and is your welcoming presence when you contact the temple. **Mr. Masanobu Kinjo** takes care of the garden maintenance at the temple. Up until the temple's closure in mid-March, **Lizzie's Cleaning Biz** janitorial service kept the facilities sparkling clean.

From now until December 27, the temple will accept *Oseibo* offerings that will be presented to these individuals. If you wish to make a heartfelt contribution, your gift of any amount will be received with deepest appreciation and gratitude. Please enclose your donation in the envelope provided and mail it to the temple.

In advance, the temple expresses its sincerest appreciation for your thoughtful consideration of Dana through your *Oseibo* gift.

In Gassho,

Board of Directors

Buddhist Temple of San Diego