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## NO SELF -- WHOLE SELF

By Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi,  
Resident Minister

Happy New Year! This simple seasonal greeting might invite the question of how might we bring happiness into our lives? Let us see how life would look if we saw it from a completely different perspective.

The Buddha's Enlightenment was a resolution to the imbalance or suffering (*duhkha*) that pervades life. Happiness is a human quality that we can associate with the bliss that he experienced. So, we might use two words to differentiate two levels of awakening. "Happiness" can refer to a state of common experience. "Bliss" may be used to refer to a higher spiritual state. This is just an artificial and convenient means to describe aspects of his Teachings. After his Enlightenment, the Buddha pondered whether others could comprehend this profound wisdom. His Teachings offer Truth at many different levels as he described the method of *upaya*, or "skillful means of teaching." Nagarjuna used the metaphor of fingers pointing to the truth of the moon to indicate that the various means of teachings were not truth itself.

The intent of this New Year's article is to illustrate that the Buddha's Teachings indicate that our mundane concerns can only be resolved at a higher or spiritual level. Our mundane world is contained within the rule of duality. Every item is defined by its opposite: up/down, inside/outside, black/white, right/wrong, myself/other, life/death. The resolution is a balance of both sides which the Buddha noted as the "middle path." Since the solution includes both elements, it is considered to be on a different or higher plane. Consider any sporting event or legal proceeding. It takes a referee or judge who is above the dueling sides to determine a solution. How might this work on our daily concerns?

The aspiration of the Buddha is to resolve the existential questions of sickness, old age, and death. His Enlightenment revealed that the depth of awakening had to involve a higher plane. His insight revealed that the universe is bound by the two factors of impermanence and interdependence. The truth of impermanence reveals the change and deterioration of all entities. The truth of interdependence reveals that everything is connected. What seems to be independent entities are actually smaller components of a greater whole. Thus, individual cells are part of larger organs. Individual organs are part of a body. Individual bodies are part of a community. Individual communities are part of an

ecosystem. Individual ecosystems are part of a planet. Individual planets are part of a solar system. Individual solar systems are part of galaxies. Individual galaxies are part of a universe. What comes next?

What comes next might be called the spiritual. The Buddha called it thushness, emptiness, or dharmakaya. These words point to the truth of existence. Just as individual cells comprise a body, our individual bodies comprise our world. Essentially, our individual bodies are part of a spiritual reality. Our usual concern is for the maintenance and future of our individual bodies and minds. However, our resolution or awakening realizes that a spirituality flows through all things. **Are we individual bodies that seek some spirituality or are we spirit inhabiting physical bodies?** We are like most other animals if we think that we are simply bodies that are somehow infuse with life. However, if we accept that we are spirit that has been gifted with human bodies, our entire perspective of life changes. I think the Buddhism and many religions are advocating this second idea.

This is a difficult concept to accept, especially since our physical bodies are tangible and the spiritual world is illusive. But the impermanence of our bodies is hard to deny. So, the idea of individual souls is a solution of some religions. However, a universal soul might define a Buddhist interpretation. As ordinary people, we are anchored with our thought that our ego-self is true and real. However, as Buddhists, we are encouraged to experience this truth that "no self" is actually "Whole Self."

This is not to say that we are Buddhas. But as cells are part of the body, the self is part of the whole. Namo Amida Butsu can mean that I am held by immeasurable light and infinite life (Amida Buddha). Interdependence reminds us that we are connected to the infinite past and infinite future by this spiritual thread. As humans, we have the unique capacity to awaken to this truth of being spiritual beings. Wisdom and Compassion are characteristics of the spirit that can be expressed by our bodies. Meaning, joy, and bliss come to us when we are in this state of awareness. Spiritual can mean that the physical loss of a loved one can be countered by the continued connection on a spiritual plane. Let us expand this thought by following Shinran's teachings in future articles. *Gassho*

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## NEW YEAR'S GREETING FROM HONGWANJI

Happy New Year, everyone! At the beginning of this New Year, I would like to extend my best regards to you all.

Last year again, following the year before, Japan, as well as many other countries in the world, was struck with multiple natural disasters. I would like to convey my deepest condolences to those who lost their lives through those disasters and express my sympathy to everyone affected. In addition, we must never forget that armed conflicts and terror attacks as well as severe starvation is making it difficult to live, and lives are being lost every day.

Last September I had an opportunity to make an official visit to the temples of the Buddhist Churches of America as Monshu for the first time. This allowed me to complete the first round of visitations to all of the overseas districts which include Canada, Hawaii, South America, and the US mainland.

Although every temple and district has its own history and background, many of the overseas Jodo Shinshu temples were established and have been cherished by the Japanese immigrants and their descendants. Reflecting on how sincerely our predecessors entrusted themselves to the Buddha Dharma and how importantly they thought of their temples while facing many difficulties such as World War II, I cannot help but feel grateful and even awe for their tremendous efforts as well as many other wondrous circumstances that have allowed the Jodo Shinshu teaching to be handed down to us today.

However, a considerable amount of time has passed since the Japanese emigrated overseas, and the lifestyle of their descendants, as well as the world situation have changed greatly. In accordance with these changes, quite a few people who are not of ethnically Japanese origin have also come to appreciate the teaching clarified by Shinran Shonin, and attend our overseas temples.

What caused this is nothing but the universality of the Jodo Shinshu teaching that transcends time and space. In other words, Amida Buddha's compassion equally reaches and nondiscriminately embraces everyone in the midst of all sorts of pain and agony.

In this year, let us continue to listen to the Dharma, considering it is directed to each one of us, and keep moving forward to share it with many other people as possible.

January 1, 2020

OHTANI Kojun  
Monshu  
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha  
Kyoto, Japan

**GOMONSHU'S VISIT:** On September 4, 2019, BTSD Sangha members and friends welcomed his eminence, OHTANI Kojun, Monshu, and 25th spiritual leader of the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist tradition on his official visit to San Diego.



## 年頭の辞

新しい年のはじめにあたり、ご挨拶申し上げます。

昨年も日本をはじめ世界各地で多くの自然災害が起きました。災害によってお亡くなりになられた方に謹んで哀悼の意を表しますとともに、被災された方に心よりお見舞い申し上げます。また、これら以外にも紛争やテロ・飢餓などによって、日々多くの方が犠牲となり、困難な生活を送っておられることも忘れてはいけません。

さて、昨年9月に、門主として初めて北米開教区を訪問させていただきましたが、これによって、カナダ・ハワイ・南米・北米の全開教区を門主としてお参りさせていただいたこととなります。各開教区、また各お寺によって、その歴史や現在の状況は異なりますが、多くのお寺が日本から移住された日本人の方とその子孫によって建立され、護持されてきました。第二次世界大戦をはじめとする様々な困難な状況にあっても、み教えを依りどころとして、お寺を大切に護ってこられた先人の方々に思いを致すとき、今日の私たちにまで浄土真宗のみ教えが受け継がれてきたことの尊く、また不思議なご縁をととても有り難く思います。

一方で日本人の方が最初に海外へ移住されてから相当の年数がたち、日系人の方々の生活も大きく変化し、また、時代状況も大きく変わりました。そのような中で、親鸞聖人が説かれた浄土真宗のみ教えは、日本人や日系人だけではなく、世界中の多くの方に伝わり、各開教区においても、様々な方がお寺へ来られるようになってきました。それは、浄土真宗のみ教えが、時代や場所を越えた普遍的な教えであるからです。すなわち、様々な悩みや苦しみを抱えるすべての人々を包み込み、摂め取ってくださる阿弥陀さまのおはたらきが普遍的であるということです。

本年も自分のこととしてみ教えを聞くとともに、多くの方にみ教えが伝わるよう努めて参りましょう。

2020年1月1日

浄土真宗本願寺派

門主 大谷光淳

# January 2020



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>SUNDAY</b>						
5 DS Staff Mtg., 9 am, CR DS/FS/Shotsuki Serv., 10 am Taiko, 12 Noon, AH	6 OFFICE CLOSED Ways & Means Mtg., 7pm	7 SD Ministers As- soc. Mtg at L.A. Betsuin, 10 am	8 Minyo, Noon, SH Taiko, 6:30 pm, AH Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm, SH	9 Tai Chi, 10 am, AH BOD Mtg, 7 p.m.	10 BTSD BINGO, 6 p.m. Doors open at 4:30	11 NY Party Set-up <b>BEC Lecture with Rev. Ito, 7 pm</b> SD Jr. YBL Seminar 1 at San Fernando
12 DS/Family Service, 10 am Jr. YBA meeting, 11:30 am <b>Deadline for New Year's Lunch. Reservations</b>	13 OFFICE CLOSED	14	15 Minyo, Noon, SH Taiko, 6:30 pm, AH Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm, SH	16 Tai Chi, 10 am, AH	17	18 <b>Winter Pacific Seminar</b> "Dharma Talks and Story Telling in Jodo Shinshu" 9:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m., L.A. Betsuin
19 <b>HO ONKO</b> Rev. Noriaki Ito of Higashi Honganji <b>NEW YEAR'S PARTY</b>	20 OFFICE CLOSED	21	22 Minyo, Noon, SH Taiko, 6:30 pm, AH Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm, SH	23 Tai Chi, 10 am, AH Activities Mtg., 7	24	25 Garden Villas Lunch, 12-1
26 Intro to Buddhism, 9 am DS/Family Service, 10 am <b>GENERAL MEETING, Noon</b> (potluck luncheon)	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28	29 Minyo, Noon, SH Taiko, 6:30 pm, AH Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm, SH	30 Tai Chi, 10 am, AH	31	



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I was grateful to have both of my kids home for Thanksgiving this year along with immediate and extended family and friends.

This year, cousin Michael and Yasuko Kinoshita, had the Furuhashi family from Japan visiting. We are so thankful for Hideo Furuhashi and his family from the Tokyo area because they brought our new mochi machines (grinders) over from Japan. Mochitsuki at BTSD was a lot easier and productivity faster due directly to these new machines ordered by Michael, brought over by the Furuhashi family, and new burners for the steamers from Ken Muraoka. We received many compliments on the quality of the mochi.

Also, thank you to co-chairs Ralph Honda and Glenn Negoro and to the crew who laid down all the paper, set up the tables, supplies and machines. We give appreciation to the BWA and friends for their expertise in cutting and molding the kasane and ko-mochi. Thanks to Mildred and Miki for taking care of the kitchen lunch needs and to all that came to help in the many tasks and duties of Mochitsuki 2019. It is truly a cultural tradition that is treasured by all.

With Thanksgiving falling so late in November, December followed 3 days later.

As always, I think to myself, this year I'm going to have all my decorations out, presents bought and wrapped, everything done so I can relax and enjoy the holidays. As I write this, it is one week away from December 25<sup>th</sup> and my to-do list is very long.

Even though it is hectic, husband Harold and I were able to find time to drive our son Kevin back to Korea Town in Los Angeles, where he now lives. He showed us his place and to our surprise, showed us the subway nearby. One of the routes run from his apartment to the Art district near J-town where he currently works. I was amazed that he gets around without a car and like his friends, use public transportation. It was great to see Little Tokyo in L.A. busy with a few new stores open and lots of young and older people eating and shopping on a Sunday night. A couple of his friends live in J-town apartments. We also visited the Go for Broke 442nd monument near the Japanese American National Museum (JANM). I would recommend checking it out when you are in the area.

As 2019 turns to 2020, Bingo as we have known it will come to a close. I want to thank the Bingo Kings, Gene Davies, Bob Poston and Buzzard for manning the Bingo nights for so many years. Many fond memories were had by all that attended and they will be missed. We wish them all the best and know they will be frequent visitors for Bingo nights but will be on the other side playing the game instead of running it. BTSD will be taking over this month.

In closing, I want to say thank you to all of you for supporting the temple this year.

Happy New Year!  
In Gassho, LuAnn Lee

## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met on December 12th -

1. Payment of the registration fee for Rev. Akahoshi to attend the Winter Pacific Seminar was approved.
2. The deposit for Rev. Akahoshi's June 26-28th retreat was approved for payment.
3. Koden was approved for the late Rev. Doei Fujii, Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church.
4. Condolences to the family of Mrs. Kisae Ohara.
5. The Board approved a budget for the Minister Assistants Program for the 2020 fiscal year.
6. An interior camera system (hardware) for the Hondo/main building was approved.
7. A modification to the donation check-off list for the 2020 membership form was approved.
8. With a committee in place, the Board approved the temple becoming the sole operator of Bingo for the 2020 year. Six sessions are scheduled.

## BWA NEWS

December was a busy month for the BWA members. The Almond Brittle sale continued to be a popular item for many members to purchase especially for the holiday season. In addition, one of our busy BWA "Elfettes", Miyo Hill, was busy distributing gift cards through the Temple's Script program. Through this sale, the Temple received a rebate from merchants. It's an easy way to purchase gifts for friends and family and support the Temple.

Our very busy BWA "Elfettes" were also making and preparing items for the popular BWA Craft sales. The sale at San Diego State University turned out to be fun filled and very profitable. We sold more than \$400 worth of items. It was a busy day for the hardworking members who came out starting at 7 am and sold items until 3 pm. A special thank you to Roy and Karen Okuhara for organizing this event through the University, and for delivering the items, setting them up and returning the unsold crafts back to Temple. Some members took the Tolley to the University and saved on parking and gas. Go Ecosangha!!!

Our incredible craft leader, Ruby Hara, had announced her retirement after at least 6 years of dedicated work to launch and maintain this important BWA fundraiser. We thank her for her inspirational guidance, creativity and long hours creating so many beautiful items. She will be dearly missed.

Our annual Bonenkai was celebrated at the Black Angus Restaurant. Laurine Ota and Kikue Graeber diligently organized this event for our members to enjoy. The food was delicious and we had a very fun holiday gift exchange. It was delightful to see the many happy faces and to hear the "oohs and awes" when members and friends opened their lovely gifts.

No BWA meeting in January, next meeting Feb. 2.

For more information about the BWA, go to the Temple's website: <http://www.buddhisttemplesandiego.org>  
Respectfully submitted, Mani Ryan

## DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday with family and friends. Students were busy in December! They did random acts of kindness and thought about things they are grateful for everyday by writing them down on a calendar. Hopefully this will continue throughout the New Year.

Thank you to Dharma School students and their parents for supporting the mochitsuki. It was great to see so many students helping at the various work stations. By participating in this event, students continue to bond with Dharma School friends and temple members, as well as better understand the Japanese culture.

Sensei Laverne Imori put together and led a Children's Service for our Dharma School students. The purpose of the Children's Service is for students to learn the etiquette of a Buddhist service as well as develop their leadership skills by learning how to lead their own service. Students enjoyed sounding the Kansho as well as reciting the *Ti Sarana* and Our Pledge. Students are looking forward to our next Children's Service.

We hope to see all families at the New Year's Eve and New Year's Day services. Wishing everyone a healthy, happy and prosperous 2020!



## EXTENDING A HEARTFELT THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL MOCHITSUKI

A threat of inclement weather did not dampen the spirits for the annual mochitsuki. After an early drizzle before sunrise, balmy weather brought warmth, some blue skies and a lot of energy as the temple held its traditional Japanese cultural event of making mochi (sweet rice cakes) for the new year on December 8.

The temple wishes to thank everyone, from the youngest Dharma School student, to the young-at-heart, community friends and students from various high schools for a fun day of making mochi.

We cooked 850 pounds of mochigome (sweet rice) which produced 1,275 pounds of mochi. Much of the workday began at 6 a.m. The final batch of cooked rice came off the steamer at 12:30 p.m.

With the addition of new equipment, including stove burners and three new mochi machines from Japan, production improved, making the cooking more efficient, a bit faster and producing great-tasting mochi.

There were many stations where volunteers jumped in and helped. The men-folk steamed the mochigome. Many of the young people, and experienced pounders helped grind, turn and pound the mochi. Many ladies, and a few men, cut and shaped the mochi into small circular morsels and, also prepared the larger kasane mochi. Volunteers cooled the mochi, preparing it for packaging. It was then weighed and bagged at the packaging station. Bags were then delivered to the sales/pick up area where volunteers assembled the orders and passed out the 2020 BCA calendars.

For the last five years, students from various high schools and colleges have volunteered their time to assist with the mochi-making production. Many students from Canyon Crest Academy, Torrey Pines High, Scripps Ranch High and Madison High participated in the event.

Thank you to volunteers who washed rice on the Friday before mochitsuki. And, to the crew who set up the equipment on a rainy Saturday.

Many thanks to the volunteers who provided lunch for the hungry workers. The variety of food was outstanding!

Thanks to many folks who brought their favorite lunch dish and desserts to share.

Thank you to customers who purchased both ko-mochi and Kasane.

*Arigato Gozaimashita!* Thank you to everyone for all of your efforts.

An extended thank you to the BWA for selling their brittle, popcorn and craft items for the holiday season. To Kaytee Sumida for taking care of the White Elephant sales and Kris Tokunaga for her Tupperware and seasonal holiday sales.

Another successful mochitsuki is in the books. We hope that everyone had a fun experience and enjoyed eating mochi for on those cold mornings. Hope all of you have circled December 13 on your calendar for Mochitsuki 2020.

With deepest appreciation and In Gassho,  
Ralph Honda and Glenn Negoro, Mochitsuki Co-chairs

## JR. YBA NEWS

Happy New Year everyone! Hopefully everyone enjoyed the holiday season. We're excited about 2020 and all the activities we have planned!

We'd like to thank everyone once again for their generous donations for our 2019 Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive. Thanks to the Sangha, we were able to make 5 Thanksgiving meals for people in need.

Last month, I attended our temple's Mochitsuki. It was really fun to help out and as always, the mochi was delicious.

We're very excited to be hosting the Southern District Jr. YBL's Seminar 2 with the Vista Jr. YBA on March 7th! Our theme is Impermanent vs. "I'm Permanent," and we hope to work with our fellow Jr. YBA members to acknowledge that time is fleeting, and therefore to develop a deeper appreciation for life and what's important to us. We're planning on holding 3 workshops, and we're looking forward to planning the seminar this month!

As for other Southern District activities, we're looking forward to this year's religious retreat. I'm planning to attend along with my sister, and I hope the retreat is as enlightening as it was the last two years!

We'd like to thank the Sangha for the endless support we've received in 2019. Without you, we wouldn't be able to do as much as we do, so thank you. We hope everyone has a great 2020! In gassho, Zoe Yamamoto

## COMMUNITY BINGO TO CONTINUE IN 2020

BTSD TO ASSUME POPULAR PROGRAM,  
SAY THANK YOU TO VFW GROUP

The temple is proud to announce that it will continue the community BINGO program in 2020.

A committee has formed and will assume the responsibilities of running the popular Saturday evening sessions that the VFW, Asian Pacific Post 4851 (the post), has maintained at the temple for the past 12 years. Members of the post have decided to call it a career, relax and support BINGO as players.

Six dates have been confirmed for 2020: January 11, February 8, March 14, June 13, September 12 and December 5. Stay tuned for the announcement of additional dates.

For the January session, food and beverage concessions will include sales of hot dogs, chili dogs, donuts, coffee, hot tea and water.

Doors open at 4:30 and the first game begins at 6 pm.

For \$10 you may purchase a 12-game package of exciting BINGO games. The package includes an additional warm-up game and an opportunity drawing ticket stub. Extra cards may be purchased for 50-cents each. Pull tabs may be purchased for 25-cents each.

The BINGO committee includes, Qamar Bradford, Ralph Honda, Norman Kiyono, Arturo Rubio, Sensei Maribeth "Smitty" Smith, Kris Tokunaga and Ron Tokunaga. If you have any questions regarding the BINGO program, request to volunteer your time or would like to serve on the committee, please ask a committee member or contact the temple for more information.

Bring family and friends (18-years-old and older) and enjoy a Saturday evening with a chance to yell BINGO!

### THANK YOU TO THE VFW

BTSD extends a heartfelt thank you to the gentlemen of the post who have hosted the BINGO for 45 years, with the last 12 years being held at the temple.

Under the dedicated leadership of Bob Buzzard, Gene Davies and Bob Poston, these individuals, along with their comrades have led the monthly session for the community to enjoy.

During the final session of 2019, held on December 14, members were recognized for their dedicated service towards the program. Buzzard, Davies and Poston, along with Ken Knoof and Gary Himaka, were applauded for their efforts. The gentlemen, who received a rousing ovation from over 50 players, added that they will continue to support the community BINGO sessions. Patrons were also treated to delicious cake and ice cream provided by Linda Canada and the Himaka families.

The trio have graciously volunteered to assist the new committee's transition with the BINGO program over the next two to three sessions.

### 2020 Dates\*

January 11  
February 8  
March 14  
June 13  
September 12  
December 5

\*More Dates to be  
Announced

## 2019 Winter Clothing Donation Drive Ends: Bringing A Little Warmth To San Diego's Homeless



The Dana Group wishes to thank all temple members and Dharma friends who supported the 2019 Winter Clothing Donation Drive. Thanks to your donations we were able to collect four large boxes and two large bags full of sweaters, jackets, sweatshirts, socks and other cold weather clothing items.

All these items were picked up by Streets of Hope and they were very grateful and amazed by the amount of donations collected by our temple. This organization holds an event every Monday night in which they go out and distribute bags of food, water and other items among San Diego's homeless. The image that accompanies this text shows your donations being distributed in Downtown San Diego on the evening of December 16.

Again, thank you so much for your support. Your generosity brings a little warmth to San Diego's homeless.

### SCRIP NEWS

As I look back on this past year, it has been a year of change. Although, we didn't change banks, things did change with the bank. The bank began charging for things that they hadn't before and so now the scrip account had to maintain a larger balance or get charged a monthly fee. Unfortunately, this meant that even though we made money, it won't be as much as we have in the past.

Thank you to all the people who bought gift cards throughout the year and for all the years past. We try to keep on hand those cards that people purchase most often. If there are gift cards that you would like us to stock. Please let Miyo know.

Let us take this opportunity to wish you "Season's Greetings" and a very "Happy New Year!" Akemashite Omedeto Gozaimasu!

### BTSD WILL PARTICPATE WITH GARDEN VILLAS FRIDAY LUNCH PROGRAM

As part of the ongoing community service program, BTSD will once again participate in the Garden Villas Friday Senior Lunch program.

For a nominal fee, delicious and hearty hot lunches will be served each Friday, prepared by the local Nikkei volunteer organizations and Garden Villa staff.

BTSD will be coordinating lunches on the following dates: January 31, April 3 and May 22.

If you wish to volunteer your time, or would like to suggest a main menu item, please contact Mildred Kawasaki or the temple.

Garden Villas (formerly Kiku Gardens) is located at 1260 Third Avenue, Chula Vista, 91911

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

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Teague, Bill  
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen  
Smith, Maribeth "Smitty"  
Ochi-Fontanott, Janet  
Benson, Agnes  
Tom, Karen

### OSEIBO

Hashiguchi, John & Tsune  
Okuhara, Roy & Karen  
Sumida, Floyd & Kaytee

### SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Ochi, K Kay  
Mitchell, Jonathan

### SHOTSUKI HOYO

Nishi, Toyo  
IMO Nobue Nishii  
Honda, Mikiye  
Honda, Ralph  
IMO Ben Honda

Yonekura, Roy  
IMO Frank Yonekura  
Martinez, Nancy  
IMO Mary E Root  
Negoro, Glenn  
IMO Yukiko Negoro  
Santohigashi, Shunichi -  
November Shotsuki Hoyo  
Dec. Shotsuki Hoyo  
Ochi, K Kay  
IMO Tadasu Oya  
IMO Eiji Oya  
Kawamoto, Yukio and Mitsuo  
IMO Manaye Mayumi  
Graeber, Kiku  
IMO Taiji Santohigashi  
Matsumoto, Akiko and Ken  
IMO Mrs. Nobu Nishii  
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Itsuko  
Imori, Laverne  
IMO Tsuruyo Kawamoto  
Takashima, Wilbur  
IMO Ben Honda  
Sugiyama, Chiyeko  
IMO Yasu Akiyama  
Nakagawa, Mami  
IMO Masako Nadahara -  
January  
IMO Nobuo Nadahara -  
December

## GUEST MINISTERS ANNOUNCED FOR 2020 MAJOR SERVICES

Each year, the temple invites guest ministers/speakers to our special services to share the Dharma. For 2020, the lineup of guest ministers is outstanding. Here is the list for the year:

**Ho Onko: Jan. 19** – Rev. Noriaki Ito,  
Higashi Honganji Buddhist Temple

**Nirvana/BWA Memorial: Feb. 16** –  
Rev. Diana Thompson, Tri-State Buddhist Temple

**Spring Higan: March 15** – Ministers Assistants  
**Hanamatsuri: April 12** – Rev. Henry Adams,  
San Mateo Buddhist Temple

**Gotan-E: May 17** – Ministers Assistants  
**O Bon: July 26** – Rev. Matthew Hamasaki,  
Sacramento Buddhist Church

**Fall Higan: September 20** – Rev. Kurt Rye, Fresno  
**Eitaiyo: November 8** –  
Rev. Masanori Watanabe, Oxnard Buddhist Temple

Details on presentations by each guest minister will appear in the monthly Bussei Script newsletter.

The temple looks forward to hosting the special guests and invites the entire Sangha and friends to attend the major services to hear, listen and receive the Dharma from the senseis (teachers). *In Gassho*





## JANUARY SHOTSUKI LIST

The January Shotsuki Hoyo (MEMORIAL SERVICE) will be held Sunday, January 5, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in conjunction with the Dharma School and Family Service. Families and friends of anyone who passed away during the month of January are urged to attend and burn incense. If there are any errors in the list, please contact the temple at (619) 239-0896 or e-mail [info@btsd.net](mailto:info@btsd.net)

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

*Pat Heyamoto ~ December 14, 2019*

*Chiyeŕo Yagi ~ December 21, 2019*

<b>DECEASED</b>	<b>FAMILY MEMBER</b>	<b>DECEASED</b>	<b>FAMILY MEMBER</b>
Kotake Kondo (1-14-1923)	Ruth Voorhies	Shigeru Tabata (1-20-1989)	Takako Tabata
Mitsuko Kuwada (1-28-1938)	Kanji Kuwada	Noboru Nakada (1-18-1993)	Ted Nakada
Sutematsu Iwata (1-4-1941)	Frances A. Burton	Elaine Matsumoto Barrett (1-26-1993)	Matsumoto Family
Tsunekichi Higuchi (1-7-1942)	Higuchi Family	Setsuko Uchida (1-24-1992)	Kashima Family
Jiro Niizawa (1-13-1942)	Norman Kiyono	Masako Nadahara (1-12-1994)	Mami Nakagawa
Chosaburo Yamashita (1-27-1954)	Emiko Yamashita	Frank T. Torio (1-6-1995)	Juliana M. Torio
Bill Koga (1-22-1956)	Florence Koga	Chieno Okuma Moribe (1-20-1995)	Lee Moribe
Matsuno Fujimoto (1-5-1957)	Amano Family	Tetsuyo Kashima (1-4-1996)	Jeanie Kashima
Chiyono Tomiyama (1-15-1957)	Sayoko Tomiyama	Frank Akira Kajita (1-6-1996)	Tim Kajita
Hisaichi Taniguchi (1-31-1959)	Wilbur Takashima	Kesao Muraoka (1-29-1997)	Yoshiko Muraoka
Mitsuyoshi Shindo (1-14-1959)	Ochi Family	Kiyoko Santohigashi (1-3-1998)	Kikue Graeber
Teiichiro Miyoshi (1-4-1960)	Miyoshi Family	Haruko Iguchi (1-15-1998)	Iguchi Family
Usaburo Ito (1-26-1961)	Masako Nagata	George Furuya (1-16-1998)	George Furuya Jr.
Shokichi Kodama (1-21-1961)	Masako Uyeji	Yukiko Wutzke (1-14-1999)	Wutzke Family
Nobuo Hagio (1-6-1961)	Hagio Family	Miwako Kosaka (1-19-1999)	Emi Killeri
Harue Okumura (1-19-1962)	Yamashita Family	Kazumi Yamada (1-20-1999)	Carol Yamada
Shigeko Takeguchi (1-24-1962)	Takeguchi Family	Robbie Jon Nishiguchi (1-5-2001)	Nishiguchi Family
Satoru Hata (1-25-1963)	Hamada Family	Seiji Saito (1-7-2001)	Ayako Saito
Masakichi Saito (1-30-1964)	Takashi Saito	Takenori Ohara (1-28-2001)	Fumiko Ohara
Hashio Yonekura (1-4-1969)	Yonekura Family	Sumiko Kendall (1-1-2003)	Bennie P. Kendall
Toshiko Funaki (1-18-1971)	Funaki Family	Mitsuko Kodama (1-11-2004)	Jay Kodama
Sojiro Torimaru (1-18-1973)	Otsuka Family	Yoshiko N. Kusumoto (1-31-2004)	Chiyo Nakagawa
Kiyotaka Kusumoto (1-9-1973)	Yoshiko Kusumoto	Sumiko Tsubakihara (1-31-2005)	Kent Tsubakihara
Shinhichi Kawamoto (1-16-1974)	Kawamoto Family	Harry Yamada (1-8-2006)	Yamada Family
Hisayo Ogawa (1-22-1975)	Steven Yagade	Kimie Fukamizu (1-18-2006)	Rochelle Carroll
Hachiro Honda (1-5-1976)	Honda Family	Pro Takanori Nimura (1-28-2006)	Saburo Nimura
Motoo Kobayashi (1-16-1976)	Wayne Takuya	Isen Iguchi (1-05-2007)	Iguchi Family
Mitsutarō Shimizu (1-25-1976)	Miyoko Hashiguchi	Yoshinobu Sueyoshi (1-02-2008)	Annie Yumiko Gristina
Mitsuyo Urata (1-2-1977)	Urata Family	Osao Himaka (1-31-2008)	Lynn Fuchigami
Kuni Kawamoto (1-12-1978)	Kiku Koga	Dorothy Alroy (1-8-2011)	Evelyn Alroy
Saye Tsurudome (1-28-1978)	Mitsuo Tsurudome	Mitsuru Amano (1-5-2012)	Nobuko Amano
Seki Kawasaki (1-30-1943)	Ohara family	Dorothy Matsumoto (1-10-2012)	Matsumoto Family
Kiyō Muraoka (1-10-1979)	Yoko Shinohara	Gary Yukio Kodama (1-4-2013)	Vivianne Jones
Ryu Yonekura (1-9-1980)	Yonekura Family	Leonard Joseph Allison (1-21-2013)	Elizabeth Dawn Homah
Harry Pokio Matsumoto (1-9-1982)	Matsumoto Family	Mitsuyo "Mitsi" Ota (1-23-2013)	Kenneth Ota
Claude Holt (1-30-1981)	John Holt	Michiko Causey (1-12-2014)	Robert Causey
Jon Konishi (1-19-1983)	Steven Konishi	Toru Shiraiishi (1-17-2015)	Shiraiishi Family
Nobuo Honda (1-31-1984)	Amy Honda	Masami Iwataki (1-5-2016)	Patricia Iwataki
Ikuyo Takeshita (1-5-1985)	Akira Takeshita	Maria Del Refugio Gonzalez (1-13-16)	Covarrubias Family
Oshie Shimizu (1-1-1988)	Miyoko Hashiguchi	Priscilla Ishizaki (1-30-2017)	Sheryl Ishizaki
Shizuko Shimizu (1-11-1989)	Shimizu Family	Teruko Iwata (1-5-2018)	Frances A. Burton
		Jeffery Akira Oto (1/25/2018)	Junko Oto

## 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 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.

**2020 is the memorial year for those who passed away in:**

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

Please Join The Buddhist Temple of San Diego  
 As We Welcome 2020,  
 the Year of the Rat!  
 Sunday, January 19th



All temple members and friends are encouraged to attend the annual New Year's Party that will take place following the Ho Onko Service on Sunday, January 19. **The festivities will be from 12 noon to 2 p.m. in the Annex Hall.**

Attendees will have a choice of ordering the special New Year's Tai Japanese-style regular or vegetarian bento (box) lunch prepared especially for us by Ichiban for \$18. An alternative KFC Chicken lunch may be purchased for \$9.

As a token of its appreciation, the temple will like to offer complimentary meals to members of the exclusive 88-years-young and above Keiro Kai (pioneer club) group and to new members who have joined the temple since the 2019 New Year's Party.

In order to ensure your reservation, please fill out the order form with your meal selection. Please include your reservation form, along with payment and mail it to the temple. You may also call the temple at (619) 239-0896 or send an email to [info@btsd.net](mailto:info@btsd.net) with your reservation. **The reservation deadline is Sunday, Jan. 12.**

Entertainment, special recognitions and a lot of celebrating will be part of the program.

We sincerely hope that you will able to join us as BTSD kicks off 2020 with a grand celebration!

In Gasho,

Laura Yoshida,

New Year's Party Chairperson

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**NEW YEAR LUNCH RESERVATION**

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RESERVE:**

Regular Bento \_\_\_\_\_ x \$18 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian Bento \_\_\_\_\_ x \$18 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

KFC Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ x \$9 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTALS:** \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am "88 & Great!" and will attend, so please reserve a complimentary bento for me (Please check-off your meal selection, No Payment required).

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we became new members in 2019 and will attend the party, (choose meals).

Please fill out the order form, and include payment. Make check payable to BTSD. Order by phone at: 619-239-0896. Email order: [info@btsd.net](mailto:info@btsd.net)

**Reservation Deadline is Sunday, January 12 for the Party on January 19**

**Membership News**

*Bill Teague, Membership Chair*

Many thanks to our members who have almost all renewed for 2019 a this is written in the last weeks of December and some of whom have already renewed for 2020.

**Minor Change in 2020.** There are no changes in basic membership rates in 2020. The only change is in one of the optional donation categories, to support the ongoing training and certification of the Minister's Assistants. The recommended donation has been increased from \$20 to \$40 a year, and is now listed first.

**Auto-Renewal Letters.** Most of you will have already received letters by the end of the year identifying your membership renewal. Some of you have pre-authorized credit card deductions and those will continue.

Thanks for your Membership, which keeps the Temple strong at the core.

**Pick Up Your 2020 BCA Calendar**

The 2020 BCA calendars are available to all dues paying members. To help the temple defray mailing costs, we are asking all members to pick-up your calendar in the office on or before January 26. Any calendars left after that date will be mailed at the rate of \$2.50 each at the temple's expense. Thank You!

# マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」 二〇二〇年一月法話

## ハーモニーの心

駐在開教使 向嶋裕史

昨年、マウンテンビュー市役所でクリスマスツリーの点灯式が行われました。その式典に私の娘が所属している中学校のコーラス隊が招待され、素敵な歌声を披露しました。娘は昨年、中学校に入学し、新しい環境の中で日々充実した生活を送っているのですが、中でも、コーラスの授業をいつも楽しみにしています。娘はこれまでコーラス経験は一度もなかったのですが、仲間と心をつなげてハーモニーを奏でる美しさに目覚めて、中学校に入ってから毎日練習に励んでいます。時折、風呂場から娘の歌声が聞こえてくると微笑ましく感じると同時に、娘の成長に感慨深いものを覚えていきます。

娘のコーラス隊は、すでに三度もコンサートを開催しているのですが、その美しいハーモニーを聞く度に、この混沌とした世の中に一筋の光を照らしてくれているように思えてなりません。

皆さん、存知のように、昨年はニュージーランドのモスクで起きた銃撃事件、スリランカのキリスト教会やホテルで起きた爆発事件など、数多くの無差別テロが世界中で起こりました。この数年、このような惨劇が繰り返され、その度に、多くの人々が悲しみの拍端に放り込まれています。そして、これらの多くが、特定の移民や宗教に対して増悪を募らせた差別主義者やテロリストによって引き起こされているようですが、たとえどのような理由があろうとも、このような行いは決して許されるものではなく、看過できるものではありません。

悲しい事件が起きる度に、私達の人間世界はいつた

どこに向かっているか不安が増す一方です。今、私達が生きている世界は、平和で安穩な世界からは遠くかけ離れた不安と絶望に満ちた世界ではないでしょうか。残念ながら、これらの惨劇はすべて人間の自己中心的な考えから生まれていきます。利己的な心は相手の異議を否定するだけではなく、相手の存在を認めようとさえしません。その心は、自分の利益や欲求だけにしか焦点を当てず、他人の幸せなどといったものは完全に無視し、背を向けています。

しかし、この地球上にはさまざまな人間が一緒に暮らしていることを忘れてはなりません。私達は、肌の色をはじめ、言語、民族、文化、宗教などといった数多くの違いをもつて共に生きています。私達は各々異なりますが、お釈迦さまは「天上天下唯我独尊」というお言葉で、「この世では私達一人ひとりが尊い存在であり、自分自身に代わる者はいない」と、私達一人ひとりの存在を明白にお示し下さっています。また阿訇陀経の中に、「青色青光・黄色黄光・赤色赤光・白色白光」とあるように、青い花は青いまま、黄色い花は黄色いまま、それぞれ一つ一つが、それぞれのままで、美しいとも教えて下さっています。老若男女・人種・民族・障害の有無、いかなる者であっても全てのいのちはそのままに光り輝いているからこそ尊いのだということなのです。だからこそ互いの存在を理解し合い、敬いの心を持って、共に支え合っていくことが何よりも大切なのだということをお教わっています。

そして、その教えこそがコーラスに通ずるものがあるのです。当仏教会では聖歌隊が大法要で美しい歌声を披露するのですが、娘のコーラス同様、そのハーモニーを聞かせていただく度に、和の心の重要性を思い起こさせてくれます。

コーラスは、ソプラノ、アルト、テノール、バスの四つのパートで構成されており、これらの声が調和する

とともに美しい歌声となって響きます。しかし、各パートが自分の声だけを主張してしまつては、コーラスは決して成立することはありません。各パートが他のパートと調和することによって初めて人々の心を動かす美しい歌声が編みだされるのです。たとえ各パートがどれほど優れていても、他のパートを無視して歌うようなことがあれば、調和のとれた美しい歌声を聞くことはできません。むしろ、耳障りなコーラスになってしまいます。

もし、私達が相手の個性や価値観を無視し、自分と異なる部分を否定するようなことがあれば、それは自己の存在だけを正当化し、他の価値観やいのちを排除するというおぞましい世界をつくることになってしまいます。そして、そのような思考形態が、増悪に満ちた差別や紛争へとつながっていくのです。

だからこそ、美しく感動的なコーラスは、私達が心豊かな社会生活を築いていくうえで完璧な手本となります。美しいハーモニーの歌声を聞くことによって、平和な世界を築くためには、互いを受け入れ合う心、敬い合う心、そして信頼し合える心を持つことがどれほど大切なことであるかということをお教わらせてくれます。私達一人ひとりの尊いいのちは、美しいハーモニーを奏でることによってのみ輝かせることができるということを決して忘れてはなりません。

コーラスの歌い手一人ひとりがハーモニーによって周りの声を輝かせるように、私達人間一人ひとりが敬いの心と慈しみの心で周りのいのちを輝かせているのを想像してみてください。この生き方が、平和で安穩な世界を築くことのできる唯一の道であり、ハーモニーの心はその究極の世界へと導いてくれる目覚めの道なのです。

新年を迎えても今なお、世界のどこかで争いが続いていることに深い悲しみを拭き切れませんが、世の人々がハーモニーの心を胸に刻んで、互いのいのちを輝かせ合える尊い一年にしたいと心から切に願わずにはいられません。

## Buddhist Education News in January

### Guest Speaker for Shinran Memorial Service (*Ho Onko*)

We are honored by a very special guest for *Ho Onko*, the **Reverend Noriaki Ito**. Ito Sensei serves as Rinban of the Los Angeles Higashi Honganji Betsuin, Bishop of the Higashi Honganji of North America Mission, and Director of the Shinshu Center of America



### Special BEC Saturday Night Lecture

In the context of Shinran, Ito Sensei will speak on the topic of "How Interreligious Dialogue Has Deepened My Appreciation of Shin Buddhism" on Jan. 18 at 7 p.m. in the Sangha Hall. The recommended donation is \$5 and is free for all Temple Members in good standing. The lecture is expected to last from 60 to 90 minutes with Q&A. Light refreshments will be served.

### Special Ho-Onko Service on Sunday Morning

Our memorial service for Shinran starts at 10 a.m. on Jan. 19 and Rev. Ito will help us appreciate Shinran's efforts to help us directly experience Amida Buddha's wisdom and compassion. What a great way to set our course for the year.

### Buddhism 1-2-3 Resumes Wednesday, Jan. 8

Kenji Sensei will kick off our January sessions of Chanting, Meditation, and Dharma. Sessions at 7 p.m. in the Sangha Hall. Sessions are free and open to all.

### "Fourth Sunday" Intro to Buddhism Class Resumes Morning of Jan. 26.

BEC member Kaytee Sumida offers this single session class most months on the fourth Sunday at 9 a.m. She provides an overview of Buddhism from Siddhartha Gautama to our Temple tradition today. The class lasts an hour and all attendees are invited to attend the service at 10 a.m.

### About Rinban Noriaki Ito

The **Reverend Noriaki Ito** was born as the first son of Rev. Horyu and Kazuko Ito in Kumamoto, Japan in September 1948. He came to the United States with his family in April 1955, settling in the Boyle Heights area of Los Angeles where his father was serving as *Rinban* (head minister) of the Los Angeles Higashi Honganji *Betsuin*.

He received his elementary and secondary education in East Los Angeles, graduating from Roosevelt High School in January 1967. In September of that year, he enrolled at Occidental College in Los Angeles. In June 1971, he graduated with a BA degree in Religious Studies and a minor in Asian Studies.

Following his graduation, he moved to Kyoto, Japan in September 1971 to enroll at Otani University. In December of that year, he received *tokudo* ordination at the Higashi Honganji headquarters.

In March of 1975, he completed his studies, receiving a Master of Arts degree in Shin Buddhism. He also received *kyōshi*, the teaching credential.

With his orders from the headquarters to serve as an overseas minister (*kaikyōshi*), he began his duties as a full-time minister at the Higashi Honganji Los Angeles Buddhist Temple in September 1975.

In June 1988, he was transferred to the West Covina Higashi Honganji to serve as resident minister.

In November 1993, in conjunction with the 90th Anniversary of the Higashi Honganji North America District, he returned to the Los Angeles Betsuin to assume the position of *Rinban* (head minister of a regional headquarters temple).

He concurrently serves as Director (Bishop) of the Higashi Honganji North America District and of the Shinshu Center of America.

Rev. Ito currently resides in La Crescenta, California. He is married and has three children.

## Winter Pacific Seminar

### "Fushidan Sekkyō"

### Dharma Talks & Story-Telling In Jodo Shinshu

Keynote Speaker:

**Dr. Mark Blum**

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

Additional Speakers will be Ministers  
from the Southern District

**Saturday, January 25, 2020**

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

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

Registration: \$40 (w/ lunch) Deadline Jan. 11, 2020

**Sign-up at the BTSD Office**

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

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING JANUARY 26

The temple's annual General Membership meeting will be on Sunday, January 26, beginning at 12 noon in the Annex Hall.

This once-a-year business meeting gives the Sangha the opportunity to join Kenji Sensei, President LuAnn Lee, the Board of Directors, committees and affiliated organizations as they recap 2019 and provide what is planned for 2020. Members will be asked to approve the fiscal year budget and Board of Directors slate.

All dues paying members and interested Sangha members are invited to attend the meeting.

Temple bylaws states that notification will be delivered to all dues paying members at least 10 days prior to the meeting date. A quorum of 25 members is required to qualify as official.

Everyone is encouraged to share their favorite dish for the potluck luncheon.

Rev. Akahoshi, President Lee and the Board of Directors look forward to seeing many temple members at the annual meeting. *In Gassho*

## SANGHA TEENS NEWS

We had a good time helping at mochitsuki. Members grinded the rice, cooled and bagged mochi, and delivered the bags to the pick-up station.

On December 15, the group had its monthly meeting. We are still trying to decide how to commemorate our installation this year's cabinet. We had our holiday party and exchanged funny and cute gifts from their Secret Santa. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, January 19.

Andrea Covarrubias, Sangha Teens President