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We the people...

By Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi,
Resident Minister

Happy 4th of July. My last two Sunday Dharma talks focused on the signs, 'Mind the Gap, in London's underground (subways). This cautions riders about the space between the train and the platform. This term could also warn us about the gap between words and experience. Words represent things or ideas. Words may have a meaning for immature minds and a different one for mature minds. Experience and education can provide a deeper meaning of words. The constitution's preamble, "We the people," has expanded with our maturity.

The idea of a democracy was the fundamental principle supporting the birth of this new nation from the colonial dominance of the English monarchy. Basically, this is a declaration to move from the minority rule of the elite to the majority rule of the group. However, success of this system relies on the experience and education of the group.

The point of this article is to challenge the thought that differing opinions about a subject are based on equal merits. My previous experience as a dentist may demonstrate my point. I gave the same dental health and maintenance information to all patients. Some patients listened, followed my advice, and had minimal dental treatment. Others did not follow good dental hygiene advice, rarely returned for hygiene maintenance, and consequently required more dental treatment. These people thought they were saving money by avoiding routine dental care. But the results were poor dental health and more expensive treatment. Avoiding dental maintenance does not save money.

The world is in the midst of a pandemic. Our community is experiencing a rise in the infection rate. All of the medical and health experts have provided advice on minimizing the spread of infection. Those who have not followed these instructions are discovering their susceptibility to the corona virus. And significantly, they are infecting others and preventing businesses and the economy to return to some semblance of normal. Opening businesses early and ignoring safety measures does not help the economy.

We may recognize that this behavior of non-compliance is typical of teenagers. I spoke about our "inner teenager" a few weeks ago. Psychologists tell us that most of us have parts of our ego that are stuck in childhood or teenage responses. When stressed or challenged, we act out these immature behaviors. On many issues, one side presents a mature view and the opposing side demonstrates an immature, teenage view. Issues are complex and are only segments of larger issues. Experience and education afford a

deeper, broader perspective. History provides many examples.

British imperial rule succumbed to the democracies of America and other colonies. Slave holding states surrendered to a union of all free people. Women are allowed to vote. Each of these events demonstrated America's progress toward defining the term "We the people." July 4th symbolizes America's declaration to grow beyond an immature, teenage view. Experience and education have expanded the term "We the people" from a few elite white land-owners to include people of all races and gender.

The Buddha and Shinran have been encouraging us to awaken to a world of interconnected equality which includes the spiritual realm. Wise, mature masters have elaborated these truths over centuries. Yet, many of us react like teenagers and ignore the truths that can help us both in our daily interactions and our deeper spiritual issues. When Shinran talks about our *bombu*, ignorant self, he is referring to our teenage mentality. We are offered the guide to true happiness in the Dharma.

There is a gap between the way the words are presented and how we hear them. There is a difference of time (flat earth/digital universe) and culture (feudal Japan/commercial America). It is important to have a conversation to clarify the essence of Shinran's message. At Buddhism 1-2-3, we are discussing the subjects of how Shin Buddhists might respond to the issues of the COVID-19 pandemic, "Black Lives Matter," and global warming. These issues affect our lives now and the lives of our children for decades to come. Please come join us. To connect with Zoom, contact the temple via email for the weekly connection.

I don't think that it was Shinran's dream to have his followers merely attend Sunday services and support fundraising activities. His purpose was for us to hear the Shin Dharma so that our lives would be directed toward gratitude and joy. His words and the Buddha's Teachings are so necessary today. If the teachings do not seem relevant, it is not because of the teachings. It is our teenage minds that discount them.

Please use this time of isolation to bring any question to our group or to me personally. The fundamental question at our death bed is not about death. The question is about life and whether it was lived. Don't wait. Let's find out now.

Gassho

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TEMPLE CLOSURE ENTERS FIFTH MONTH

On March 15, the temple campus shutdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Since that date, 20 in-person services have been canceled, including the Spring O Higan, Hanamatsuri, Gotan-E and O Bon/Hatsubon major service observances. Funerals and memorial services have been put on hold. Weekly temple-sponsored activities including Buddhism 1-2-3, taiko, minyo and tai chi have been inactive. Recently, Buddhism 1-2-3 began conducting its sessions remotely through Zoom. The monthly Introduction to Buddhism, community BINGO and Wednesday crafts have not been held.

In addition, the temple had to cancel its Spring Furniture Sale, Golf Tournament and this month's Bon Odori that takes place in the parking lot. The Japanese Cultural Bazaar, which would have been held on the first Sunday in June, has been tentatively moved to October.

Cancellation of community events, which BTSD supports, including the Japanese Friendship Garden's Cherry Blossom Festival, JCC Keiro Kai, Memorial weekend cemetery services, Japan Society of San Diego and Tijuana Beer and Sake Festival, San Diego LGBTQ Pride Parade and Balboa Park Bon Odori have all been affected.

The Board of Directors, committees and affiliated organizations have not had in-person activities for nearly five months.

The crisis has caused the temple adjust to a new norm.

All religious and social activities, and meetings are now being conducted via the internet remotely on Zoom or on YouTube.

Temple leaders and the affiliated groups are meeting to work on a strategy to support the reopening of the temple. When that reopening occurs is unknown but the temple must diligently prepare for that day.

Volunteers have been spending time at home making masks and face coverings. Such a nice gesture now that masks are mandatory to wear in public.

During the closure, business hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday with Linda Redenbaugh happy to serve you. There is limited staff coverage on weekends. The temple is closed on Mondays.

For more information, please call the temple at 619-239-0896. Leave a message if your call is not answered. Staff will return your call as quickly as possible. You may email the temple at info@btsd.net. Check on our website for updates at <http://www.buddhisttemplesandiego.org/>

Thank you very much for your patience and understanding, and continued support as the temple does its best to operate and support the Sangha through this pandemic.

Continue to stay healthy and be safe!

Gassho, **Ralph Honda**

JULY EVENT LISTINGS

Many of the Buddhist Temple of San Diego's activities will be held remotely online via Zoom video-conferencing and YouTube video platforms. Here are the listings for July:

RELIGIOUS GATHERINGS

SHOTSUKI HOYO (Monthly Memorial): Sunday, July 5 on YouTube.

DHARMA MESSAGES presented by Rev. Akahoshi, July 5, 12 and 19 on YouTube

O BON and HATSUBON SERVICE for all Sangha members and friends, Sunday, July 26 on YouTube. Dharma message: Rev. Matt Hamasaki, Buddhist Church of Sacramento. Remembrance of Sangha members who passed away between O Bon 2019 and 2020. Presentation of educational scholarships.

ON-GOING

BUDDHISM 1-2-3 live with Rev. Akahoshi via Zoom. Wednesdays, from 7-8 p.m. (request access link from temple).

QI GONG session helps maintain balance. Sundays from 9:30-10:30 a.m., live via Zoom (request link).

MEETINGS

Board of Directors, Thursday, July 9, 7 p.m. via Zoom

Social Media Committee, Tuesday, July 14, 7 p.m. via Zoom

Activities Committee, Thursday, July 23, 7 p.m. via Zoom

FUNDRAISERS

(Partnering with community businesses)

YASUKOCHI FARMS COMMUNITY SUPPORT AGRICULTURE CSA: Pre-order fresh produce boxes. No-contact drive-thru pick up at temple parking lot on July 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Order and payment deadline is July 20. No walk-up purchases allowed.

ICHIBAN RESTAURANT HILLCREST will continue its support through July 31 by donating 20% of selected menu items purchased by Sangha members and friends. Just mention the Buddhist Temple of San Diego when placing your order.

KANPAI RESTAURANT: One-day event on July 23. The restaurant will credit BTSD 20% for food purchases by Sangha members and friends. Mention the Buddhist Temple of San Diego when placing your order.

Please refer to the BTSD website or call/email the temple for more information on July activities and fundraisers.

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE KEEPING BUSY

Hope all continue to be healthy and safe, especially with the infection rate increasing. Many thanks for continued undying support go out to our Sangha and temple friends during this time of COVID-19. The Activities Committee has come up with a few non-contact fundraisers which many of you have participated in already.

I would like to thank Ichiban Hillcrest for donating 20% of its proceeds to the temple (just mention BTSD and your purchase supports the temple). Ichiban has extended the deadline to the end of July. Extra thanks go out to the coordinators Ann O, Junko K, Chelsey K, Bill T, Kimberly K, plus our mask makers Mani, Gale, Doreen and an anonymous donor. Check the Kaiho, temple website or Facebook for complete details and upcoming fundraisers.

“When you leave your place cover your face”

Gassho, **Activities Committee**



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By LuAnn Lee, Board President

I'm a Grandma!

Thank you to my daughter and son-in-law for giving Harold and me our first grandchild on June 13. This was one of Harold's best Father's Days as he was able to spend time with both of our kids and a new granddaughter.

I have heard from many that being a grandparent is the best thing and they were right in every way. Jokingly, one said you just spoil them like crazy and then give them back to their parents. I know they probably did spoil their grandkids but I could see they had a special bond.

We felt lucky that we were able to visit our little one for a short time. There are many things to consider with the COVID-19 virus still looming and now it was recommended having a Tdap shot (Tetanus-Diphtheria-Pertussis) to see an infant but whatever it takes, it's worth it. Although we were not able to have an in person baby shower and unable to visit them at the hospital, we are thankful that she and the family are doing well and adjusting to the new normal.

As I held her, so innocent and unaware of the pandemic, racial protests and all the other issues around us, it gave me a feeling of peace and hope that she will grow up to be resilient, patient and kind in a better world.

As we look forward to the summer and fall, the Activities committee led by Ann Ong and Glenn Torio have been busy planning a few fundraisers. In June the Ichiban Restaurant in Hillcrest supported the temple by donating 20 percent of sales from food purchased by our members and friends. The restaurant has extended the program through the end of July. Yasukochi Family Farms have joined with us to donate part of the sale of veggie and fruit boxes in July and we are working on other restaurants that may partner with us soon. BTSD received a generous donation from Hanaoka Restaurant. Thank you to all of these businesses for their continued support to the temple. With appreciation to Junko Kajita for coordinating with Ichiban and Ann Ong for connecting with Yasukochi Farms.

Last but not least, thanks to the Sangha for your willingness to help with whatever the need is. We are grateful for everything you do for the temple.

The Temple affairs/Executive board met via zoom and the group outlined a plan to have four sub committees work on the re-opening needs of the temple. The committees are Activities, Dharma School, Religious, General Building and Operations. Their task is to determine needs such as signage, dividers, flow, PPE to name a few. The requested information is due mid-July and then will be reviewed and the policy will be developed as we follow the CDC, local, state and national guidelines. Stay tuned for more information.

On June 24, I was able to watch part of the governor's briefing and he was saying the State had the most cases in one day (over 7000 positive cases). However, he did say they are watching percentage of hospitalizations and ICU capacity. They are also keying in on the counties that are showing increases that may become hot spots. San Diego County's briefing today is also reporting one of the highest count (over 300) in one day but luckily the 13 triggers are holding steady with slight increases on a couple of the key points on the dashboard. I feel confident that our local and state leaders

are in the know and all had a common thread in their messages despite their political party. They all say the virus is not gone, wash your hands, wear a mask and have physical distancing. I think these are the best practices that will get us through this pandemic.

In closing, I hope all of you are doing well and keeping in touch with one another. If you know of someone in our temple that needs support, please reach out to us.

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Namo Amida Butsu.

In Gassho

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met on June 11 via a video-conference:

1. Updates on current operations and activities and plans of organizations and committees were presented.
2. The Temple Affairs Committee and Executive Board met regarding planning the re-opening. Four sub-committees will be organized to address the needs of the overall campus, religious activities, Dharma School and fundraising.
3. Repairs to the trellis and guardrail was completed.
4. Thanks to the generosity of the Sangha and temple friends, the current balance of the operating account is positive.
5. The Board had no objections to the Yasukochi Farms CSA box and Ichiban Restaurant partnership fundraisers. We are grateful for our community friends for being open to helping the temple. Other partnerships and fundraisers are being considered by the Activities Committee.
6. The Board approved changes to the Temple By-Laws to include video- and tele-conferencing as allowed means to participate in voting for Board of Directors and general membership business. Formalizing this type of participation was needed because of the stay-at-home orders and meeting group size restrictions with the current pandemic.

Dana Group

Is supporting Feeding San Diego: Hunger on the rise due to COVID-19



Before the pandemic Feeding San Diego was serving more than 63,000 children, families and seniors every week. Now, demand has grown almost 300%. Please visit the Feeding San Diego website at <https://tinyurl.com/yczw7hzo> and donate to their COVID-19 Response Fund. Every dollar donated helps provide four meals.

BWA NEWS

After partial reopening of certain establishments and almost a month of social and political unrest amidst the danger of the coronavirus, we are finding ourselves in a state of rising positive cases. It is very disappointing for me, since, we had been showing good results for a while due to our diligence in following the stay at home mandate enacted by Governor Newsom. Consequently, we need to continue to be patient and self-discipline in our actions to maintain the safety of ourselves and others during this difficult time.

Which brings me to the idea of *gaman*, a word my mother had often used during difficult times during my upbringing. Here is a definition from Wikipedia. I did not know that it is Buddhist in origin, but when thinking of its meaning, of course it does follow Buddhist teaching.

Gaman (我慢) is a Japanese term of Zen Buddhist origin which means "enduring the seemingly unbearable with patience and dignity". The term is generally translated as "perseverance", "patience", or tolerance.

I hope those of you, like me, who have felt disappointed with the rising number of COVID-19 cases, and who are feeling more isolated and alone than ever, will think of this word to help us cope with this pandemic.

To support those who are most impacted by this isolation, a group of us has been calling those members who do not have access to the internet nor have a lot of family support close by. It has been a pleasure for me to meet these wonderful women who have expressed to me a positive outlook and a sense of inner strength during this time. I have been inspired by their resiliency and dignity. They show me how Gaman is practiced at its very best.

I had the pleasure of participating in my first Zoom meeting with the Southern District Buddhist Women's Association. We met for a good two hours discussing how the BWA from these Temples have been dealing with the shut-down and stay at home order. Some discussion of how other Temples are thinking of reopening was discussed. The Southern District BWA Conference scheduled in October of this year was brought up at the meeting. It will most likely be an online conference of some type. Reverend Yuika Hasebe from Hawaii will be the keynote speaker.

That is all for now. Please continue to stay safe.
In Gassho, **Mani Ryan**

JR YBA NEWS

Hello everyone!

We hope everyone is staying safe and healthy! This past month of June, our Jr. YBA has been having Zoom Calls on Sundays to catch up and discuss how Buddhism reflects in our lives. We had an assignment about the Black Lives Matter Movement happening and how racism in America leads to goals for reform. These assignments made us really think deeply about these serious issues in America and how our generation can use our voices to promote change. On Father's Day last month, the Jr. YBA hosted a Father's Day Virtual Zoom Games for the Dharma School Students. Since the Father's Day Picnic was canceled, we still wanted to find a way to engage with the Dharma School students. The games we played were Pictionary, a Home Scavenger Hunt and

and Scattergories. We had lots of fun and we hope to plan more Dharma School activities over Zoom soon! Last month, we also had a Zoom Delegates Meeting with the Southern District Jr. YBL to discuss the cancellation of activities and the future of upcoming events. Unfortunately, our end of the year conference was canceled. As a replacement, the Southern District Cabinet is planning to have a Zoom Virtual Conference!

During July, we will continue to have Zoom Calls with our Jr. YBA members. We hope the Sangha is staying connected with friends, family, and loved ones as communication is essential! We hope to see you all in person soon!

In Gassho, **Jenna Sasaki**

DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

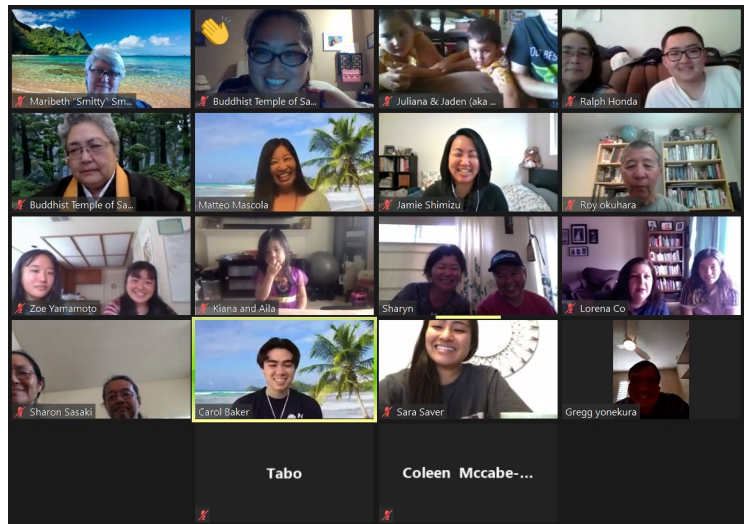
Our last Dharma School service for the 2019-20 year was held online via Zoom on June 21. Rev. Laverne Imori gave a very inspiring and thoughtful talk for Father's Day where she taught us about *Bodhisattvas*. She stated that a Bodhisattva, to her, is someone who guides her in understanding the Dharma and helps her become a better, more authentic self. She asked students to reflect and ask themselves, "Is your dad your Bodhisattva?" and "What have you learned from your father?" She said that sometimes the best gift for dad is *Gratitude*, and to tell him what you appreciate most about him. We hope all dads had a wonderful Father's Day!

Thank you to Jenna Sasaki, Zoe Yamamoto and Ava Yamamoto for planning and conducting the online games. Students had so much fun playing Pictionary, Scattergories and doing a scavenger hunt around their house.

Congratulations to Kyle Baker for graduating from Mission Bay High School! We wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors! Thank you to all the students who participated in Dharma School this past year; a year we will always remember! Thank you to our DS teachers and staff for your unwavering support and hard work!

We hope to see everyone in September. Have a happy summer and remember to start everyday with an *attitude of gratitude!*

In Gassho, **Lisa Umekubo**



ZOOMING TOGETHER: Students, parents, teachers and reverends participated in a video-conference during the final Dharma School gathering of the 2019-2020 term.

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 contact the office at 619-239-0896

BTSD DONATIONS

Onaka, Jun -- Funeral Service
Alroy, Evelyn
Yamauchi, Victor & Jane
Tanamachi, Jane
Iwanaga, Courtney
Possett, Doug
Ryan, Mani
Yamamoto, Sachio -
Memorial from family of
Yutaka Yamamoto
Parker, Katelyn
Mac Alpine, John
Kashima, Jeanie
IMO Amy Takaki
Honda, Ralph & Avis
Minami, Jean - with
gratitude for Rev Kenji's
Dharma messages
Kashima, Jeanie
IMO Rodney Oyama
Nakamura, Patricia --
My mother, IMO
Fumi Takeshige Shigetomi
RIP May 4, 2020
Segal, Larry P
Izumo, Judy - Thank You
Kenji Sensei
Negoro, Glenn
Moncrief, Mayko
Shigehara, Wilbur & Janice
Otsuji, Dennis
Kuwada, Howard Kanji &
Kaneko
Yanagihara, Sumiko
Moriyama, Chieko
Yamamoto, Jane -
Naoye Yagura
Himaka, Naomi & Mich
Terao-Doerr, Lenni
Kurimoto, Glenn - Thank you
Kenji Sensei
Yamauchi, Victor
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Segal, Larry P.
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Schuetz, Elizabeth
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Aoyama, K. Alice
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Voorhies, Ruth

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Brown, Jaime
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Honda, Mikiye

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Ota, Laurine
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Iwashita, David & Katie
Ring, Linda

OHIGAN

D'Orsi, Ruby
Voorhies, Ruth

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IMO Shizu Moriyama
IMO Chiyoji George Yano
Yanagihara, Sumiko
IMO Ichiji Ouchi
Masumoto, Chiyoko
IMO George Masumoto
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IMO Mizue Copple
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August, September
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July, August
Takashima, Wilbur
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Martinez, Nancy
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Hosaka, June
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IMO Asako Sakata
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Asamen, Timothy K.
Nakamura, Jake K. & Patty
Umekubo, Lisa
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Hendrix, Hiroko

Sato, Yoshinori
Fujimoto, Jack & Grace
Anonymous
Delossantos, Suzanne Ito
IMO Tsuzuki, Matsu, Bob,
Elwood, Richard, Hazel,
Nobuko & Emiko Ito
With sincerest appreciation &
gratitude -
IMO Takashi & Yaeko
Hamabata
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Yanagihara, Sumiko
Yamamoto, Jane
Mitchell, Jonathan
Nakamura, Shari
Koga, Florence
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Teague, Bill & Joyce
Oto, June
Sakai, Jeffery & Kathleen
Sumida, Floyd & Kaytee
Yonekura, Roy & Susan
Nishikida, Gary
Hidinger, Holly
Honda, Margaret
Kinoshita, Michael & Yasuko
Cross, Joe
Hasegawa, Gene
Estes, Toshiye
Oyama, Candice
Nimura, Saburo
Yoshida, Laura
Driscoll, Christine
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Hanaoka, Jun
Amemiya, Mary O.
Nakano, Minako
Azuma, Adam
Moncrief, Mayko
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Tomiya, Akie & Steve
Spears, Margo
Yamamoto-Squires, David &
Stacy
Honda, Mikiye
Ishizaki, Sheryl
Sasaki, Sharon
Yamamoto, Koichi & Joyce
Benson, Agnes
Ohara, Ann & Karen
Ochi-Fontanott, Janet
Graeber, Kiku
DHARMA SCHOOL SPECIAL
Moriyama, Chieko
Torio, Betty
Tsuneyoshi, Motoo & Angie



JULY and AUGUST SHOTSUKI HOYO MEMORIAL SERVICES

The memory of loved ones who passed away during the months of July and August will be conducted by Rev. Akahoshi virtually on YouTube video. This month's reading of names will take place on July 5. Next month's memorial will be on August 2. Families and friends of anyone who passed away during these months are urged to watch the video, burn incense at your home O Butsudan and Gassho in memory of your deceased loved ones.

Please share the videos and Dharma messages with family members and friends 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 videos, please notify the temple at 619-239-0896. Thank you very much for your understanding

JULY SHOTSUKI MEMORIAL LIST

DECEASED

FAMILY MEMBER

Kinosuke Tsuneyoshi(7-13-1937).....Miki Tsuneyoshi
 Takeo Okuma (7-31-1941).....Okuma Family
 Fumino Honda (7-13-1946).....Honda Family
 Kohichi Kuwada (7-3-1947).....Kanji Kuwada
 Hidekichi Doi (7-24-1948).....Doi Family
 Tsune Hayashi (7-10-1950).....Atsuo Hayashi
 Haru Hayashi (7-15-1950).....Hayashi Family
 Mitsu Iwata (7-26-1953).....Iwata family
 Kazue Murakami (7-23-1958).....Nakamura Family
 Kikujiro Shinoda (7-28-1958).....Hamada Family
 Chosuke Himaka (7-12-1959).....Himaka Family
 Sharon Yamaguchi (7-12-959).....Yamaguchi Family
 Mine Ogata (7-16-1967).....Toshiko Ogata
 Tari Otomo (7-1-1969).....Watanabe Family
 Jiro Muraoka (7-12-1969).....Roy Muraoka
 Masakazu Ishizu (7-19-1969).....Ishizu Family
 Kichinaga Iwasaki (7-28-1970).....Kubota family
 Kijiro Kinoshita (7-17-1972).....Kinoshita Family
 Sanroku Kawasaki(7-24-1973).....Trace Kawasaki
 Kosaburo Ishino (7-29-1973).....Ishino Family
 Zenichi Ogawa (7-18-1974).....Yoshiko Watanabe
 Chie Kyutoku (7-14-1975).....Tamio Tsurudome
 Kingo Ouchi (7-14-1975).....Yanagihara Family
 Toshitaro Yamashita(7-17-75).....Mildred Kawasaki
 Hideo Suyenaga (7-28-1975).....Irene Suyenaga
 Shigeo Yamanishi (7-5-1976).....Miyoko Yamanishi
 Noboru Sakaguchi (7-19-1977).....Sakaguchi Family
 Katsu Tanizaki (7-28-1981).....Gary Tanizaki
 Fujino Shimizu (7-2-1982).....Dorothy Kimura
 Yutaka Takasugi (7-24-1983).....Wayne Takasugi
 Yukiye Shiosaki (7-28-1983).....Olen Golden

DECEASED

FAMILY MEMBER

Torio Ishisaki (7-1-1985).....Florence Koga
 Matsu Ito (7-12-1985).....Ito Family
 Wasa Osaki (7-7-1987).....Sayoko Tomiyama
 Fusako Inouye(7-30-1988).....Motoo Tsuneyoshi
 Toshiyo Hashimoto (7-6-1990).....Chitose Oyama
 Harry Kawamoto (7-4-1991).....Kawamoto Family
 Michiko Koba (7-8-1992).....Duane Koba
 Tom Itsumi Hayashi (7-23-1993).....Hayashi Family
 Sakayo Kawamoto (7-28-1994).....Yukio Kawamoto
 Komeno Sakamoto (7-3-1995).....Nobuko Amano
 Kurume Doi (7-28-1996).....Doi Family
 Kazukiyo Oto (7-9-1998).....Hatsumi Oto
 Christine Shimizu (7-18-1998).....Donald Shimizu
 Eugene Terada (7-7-1999).....Bruce Owashi
 Don Morimoto (7-29-1999).....Morimoto Family
 Jim Doi (7-30-1999).....Doi Family
 Tamio Okano (7-31-1999).....Osuye Okano
 Tsuneji Suda (7-21-2000).....Robert Suda
 Keizo Ida (7-24-2000).....Masako Ida
 En Nishiguchi (7-26-2001).....Silvia Nishiguchi
 Chie Ito (7-18-2004).....Tadao Ito
 Hideo Ochi (7-21-2005).....Janet Ochi-Fontanott
 Jack Takeguchi (7-4-2006).....Caroline Von Eiff
 Yoshiko Iwataki (7-15-2006).....Masami Iwataki
 Naganori Uchiyama(7-2-2012).....Yoshie Uchiyama
 Henry Shimada (7-18-2013).....Sharon Shimada
 Dr. Y. Miyamoto (7-2-2014).....Miyamoto Family
 Haruko Nakatani (7-2-2014).....Fred Nakatani
 Yuruko Hagio (7-29-2015).....Hagio Family
 Michael Alroy (7-30-2015).....Evelyn Alroy
 Akitoshi Inoue(7-28-2018).....Covarrubias Family

MEMORIAL SERVICES

MEMORIAL SERVICES allow us to pay homage to loved ones who have passed away. In our Jodo Shinshu tradition, family members hold a service at certain intervals following a relative's death to express gratitude and acknowledge their continuing influence in our lives. 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	2007	27th Year Memorial	1994
3rd Year Memorial	2018	17th Year Memorial	2004	33rd Year Memorial	1988
7th Year Memorial	2014	25th Year Memorial	1996	50th Year Memorial	1971



AUGUST SHOTSUKI MEMORIAL LIST

DECEASED

FAMILY MEMBER

Mitsuo Taniguchi (8-10-1945).....Takashima Family
 Tadao Kiyono (8-18-1945).....Kiyono Family
 Haruo Otsuji (8-16-1948).....Otsuji Family
 Kuni Yonekura (8-10-1955).....Yonekura Family
 Taka Yamashita (8-20-????).....Chiyo Yamashita
 Genshichi Nabeta (8-1-1960).....Joyce Teague
 Toku Matsumoto (8-30-1964).....Shintaro Matsumoto
 Hatsuko Takasugi (8-2-1968).....Wayne Takasugi
 Mitsu Ohara (8-30-1969).....Fumiko Ohara
 Kanichi Tsuji (8-5-1970).....Sei Tsuji
 Kinjiro Nakamura (8-20-1972).....Nakamura Family
 Mina Murata (8-4-1976).....Kashima Family
 Denichi Kawasaki (8-5-1976).....Ted Kawasaki
 Misao Taniguchi (8-25-1977).....Robert Taniguchi
 Masahide Kuroye (8-4-1978).....Kiyono Family
 Kahn Nishinaga (8-9-1978).....Mani Ryan
 Onoye Ito (8-28-1979).....Ito family
 Fuji Hashiguchi (8-24-1980).....Hashiguchi Family
 Masuyo Fujii (8-20-1982).....Katsumi Kida
 Hatsuye Kobayashi (8-8-1983).....James Kobayashi
 Saburo Muraoka (8-17-1983).....Muraoka Family
 Michiko Kitagawa (8-31-1984).....Kitagawa Family
 Kitoji Ninomiya (8-11-1985).....Ninomiya Family
 James Balou (8-25-1987).....Janice Balou
 Paul Shimizu (8-9-1988).....Gordon Shimizu
 Janet Takeguchi (8-19-1988).....Takeguchi Family

DECEASED

FAMILY MEMBER

Toyoichi Tanaka (8-30-1988).....Tanaka Family
 Tomeno Kinoshita (8-6-1990).....Masako Wilson
 Sakaru Ralph Goya (8-13-1991).....Alan Seiji Goya
 Steven Yamamoto (8-20-1993).....June Yamamoto
 Roy Nakatani (8-3-1994).....Fred Nakatani
 Mitsu Hachisu (8-18-1994).....Dick T. Hachisu
 Kiyoko Nakamura (8-19-2000).....Michael Brock
 Hisatoshi Ueji (8-1-2001).....Chitose Oyama
 Tetsu Yamasaki (8-4-2001).....Yamasaki Family
 Margarita Rodriguez (8-9-2002).....Rubio Family
 Michiko Kishimoto (8-13-2002).....Yoshiko Sakow
 Hisako Helen Mathews (8-13-2003).....Dan Mathews Jr
 Yukie Hayashi (8-22-2003).....Ron Hayashi
 Fusae Akiyama (8-22-2004).....Alan Akiyama
 Rodney Furuya (8-10-2006).....Alison Furuya
 Masa Nishinaga (8-10-2006).....Mani Ryan
 Jaki Newcomber (8-23-2007).....Lisa Mustard
 Takashi Furukawa (8-1-2009).....Eliana Furukawa
 Kiyoko Ochi (8-11-2009).....Janet Ochi-Fontanott
 Florence Tsuyako Mizuki (8-24-2009).....Malvin Mizuki
 Florence F. Yamashita (8-29-2010).....Mildred Kawasaki
 Lillian Atsuko Sekishiro (8-31-2013).....Victor Sekishiro
 Kiyono Omori (8-14-2014).....Shirley Omori
 Kaname Ken Nakamura (8-20-2014).....Nakamura Family
 Betty Tsuneko Yano (8-24-15).....Michael Yano
 Yachie Motobu (8-30-2015).....Janice Barrett

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE AWARDED DURING O BON SERVICE IN JULY

The Temple's Scholarship Committee will be receiving applications for academic scholarships on July 1 and expects to announce scholarship awards during the virtual O Bon service on July 26.

Scholarships are named to honor two important temple leaders through the 1990s, Ben Honda and Tets Kashima. Awardees include graduating high school seniors and undergraduate and graduate students continuing their studies. Scholarships are paid for through donations of temple members each year, and in years past, by their support of the Bon Again resale shop.

Full names and details of the scholars receiving the awards will be published in the August *Bussei Script*.

SCRIP NEWS

I hope that everyone is doing well and staying safe during this coronavirus time. Many of you might not like the idea of using cash during this time. A good solution is to purchase gift cards and use them instead of cash. If you don't have a list at home-just go to the Great Lakes Scrip web site and click on retailer list. You don't need to log into the web site to look at the list. We have regular gift cards that people were buying such as Albertson's/Von's, Sprouts, Smart & Final, Wal Mart, Target, Home Depot, Panera's, Starbuck's. Amazon. Plus others. You can call Linda and she can have your order ready if you tell approximately when you will be there. She can greet you at the front door wearing a face mask as the parking lot is closed.

We don't know how long this will last, but we do want you to be safe and healthy. Take care of yourself and your families! Even though San Diego is opening up, please remain safe and vigilant. We want to see you all at temple when our doors open with social distancing and face masks!

Remember that you can still purchase the gift cards we have on hand by calling Linda at the temple office.

VIRTUAL HATSUBON/OBON SERVICE SET FOR JULY 26

REV. AKAHOSHI INVITES SANGHA AND FRIENDS TO PARTICIPATE IN MAJOR SERVICE

This year the Hatsubon/Obon service will be done virtually on video. It is unfortunate that the COVID-19 pandemic has forced us to use this method. I will read the names of those who passed on between the 2019 Obon and this year. Our guest speaker, Rev. Matt Hamasaki of the Sacramento Betsuin, will give a video Dharma talk. There will be no Obon dancing either at the temple or Balboa Park. We hope to make arrangements next year to accommodate the families who are not able to have a physical presence this year. We are sorry but this substitute must be done for the safety of all.

Gassho,

Rev. Kenji Akahoshi

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS!

Bill Teague, Membership Chair

Membership renewals are looking good, just a little bit behind last year. That is, close to 75% of members have paid or started payment on their 2020 memberships. Last year the number at this time was 80%.

This is encouraging on top of the generous support members have been supplying the temple, both with the appeal for operating funds two months back and for more recent support of new-style fundraisers organized by our Activities Committee.

Your support allows the Temple to continue (our fixed costs are about the same, pandemic or not) as we provide appropriate services and outreach.

I will continue to call individual members as needed to confirm renewals. In the meanwhile, please continue to stay safe and well.

Thank you all.

BCA VIRTUAL O BON DANCE

Saturday, August 15 at 6 p.m.

(O Bon in your living room)

Please register to receive the zoom link:

<https://forms.gle/93mDAbuVAVrkQvjG6>

Questions: cbe@bcahq.org or

510-809-1460



REV. HAMASAKI O BON GUEST SPEAKER

The Buddhist Temple of San Diego welcomes Rev. Matt Hamasaki, resident minister of the Buddhist Church of Sacramento and Betsuin, as our virtual guest speaker for the July 26 O Bon Service.

About Rev. Matt Hamasaki. Rev. Matt grew up in Berkeley, California, active in the Berkeley Buddhist Temple, and attended Berkeley High School. He next attended the University of California, Davis, graduating with a major in Religious Studies and a minor in Psychology. At the Institute of Buddhist Studies (IBS) he received his Masters in Buddhist Studies and during this period received Tokudo and Kyoshi ordination with the help of many teachers and fellow students of the Dharma.



Before his assignment at Sacramento he served the Central California District as one of two ministers taking care of seven temples for two and half years. He began in Sacramento in January 2018.

MORE BUDDHIST EDUCATION (BEC) in JULY

Kenji Sensei's Dharma Videos

We now have over 150 subscribers to the Temple's YouTube Channel and Kenji Sensei's messages have received hundreds of hours of viewing by hundreds of followers of the Dharma from around the United States.

Buddhism 1-2-3 Continues Online

Wednesday evening Buddhism 1-2-3 continues as a Zoom service. Please contact the temple if you would like the login credentials. Sessions range from 15 to 30 participants, and include people from Hawaii and other states beyond California. Kenji Sensei leads the majority of the sessions. The sessions begin at 7 p.m.

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