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Virtues Of The Enlightenment

VOTE

By Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi,
Resident Minister

The Buddha was Enlightened to Truth. His Teachings of Truth is that no one person can access its entirety. As ordinary humans, we may only experience portions of the Truth. An example he gave was that we are like one of the 6 blind men trying to describe the truth of the elephant. Each blind man related the leaf-like ear, tree-like leg, spear-like tusk, snake-like trunk, robe-like tail, and wall-like body as though it described the entire elephant. In our ignorance, we continue to demonstrate a similar behavior. A Virtue Of The Enlightenment is that it provided a guide, the Dharma, for humans to listen to each other to save our humanity.

This November marks a time of change and also a time of continuity. A change of weather is noted as a belated (global warming) autumn turns colder. The COVID-19 pandemic continues, and we continue to remain isolated as a change from our usual lifestyle. The election on November 3 will determine whether we have a change of national leadership or continue with our present dilemma. As a Shin Buddhist temple, we will observe our Eitaikyo service this month. Eitaikyo is the perpetual chanting of the sutras which symbolizes continuity.

One intended message of this service is to help us realize the importance that our life is critical to the future of the Dharma. That may seem to be too dramatic and overwhelming a responsibility for us. However, it is true. We are the recipients of the efforts of all others who have come before us. This includes our recent family ancestors, those who followed Shinran, and all the masters and followers from the time of the Buddha. Therefore, we are entrusted with the responsibility of providing for all those who follow us. Shinran states in his Kyogyoshinsho:

“I have collected true words to aid others in their practice for attaining birth, in order that the process be made continuous, without end and without interruption, by which those who have been born first guide those who come later, and those who are born later join those who were born before. This is so that the boundless ocean of birth-and-death be exhausted.”

Over 75 years ago, our temple and most other temples in our BCA were forced to close as Japanese-Americans were forced out of their homes and into concentration camps. The hondo, or sanctuary of our temple was set on fire by vandals. But the members were determined to pass on the Dharma upon their return. Because of their

efforts, they restored the temple and we are able to continue our *Eitaikyo* tradition. Although we are now forced to remain at home, we expect to continue religious services as

the pandemic is brought under control. We are the Shin Buddhist link to the future.

As with each generation, we are also the link to the quality of life for future generations. We are faced with the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, global warming, racial tensions, and social and economic inequalities. Our country has resolved major problems before. After realizing the negative effects of polluted air and water, smoking and inadequate health conditions, and automobiles hazards, we have been able to reduce air and water pollution, improve health standards, and establish transportation safety. These are only some of the improvements to the health of people and the planet.

Our present condition is the result of the causes and conditions of the past. It has been the actions and inactions of individuals that have shaped this history. The Buddha’s 2nd Noble Truth indicates that hatred, greed, and Ignorance are the causes of suffering. When we see these causes, we should act to minimize them in ourselves and in others.

We have been fortunate that since WWII, our temple has been able to continue due to the efforts of our members. And our country has been able to face the challenges of corporate greed and racial and religious animosity. Our temple and country have become more inclusive as women are more prominent in leadership and clergy positions. Our sanghas are more diverse in our ethnic and LGBTQ participation. We progress toward truth as more parts of our society (elephant) are accepted.

The Buddhist path is always toward harmony, peace, and awakening. As we awaken to these challenges, our efforts would be to restore the conditions that allow us to continue to share the Buddha’s teachings of truth. It is in listening to the Dharma and the efforts of all others that the realization of great compassion is received.

Our country is now faced with a critical decision. Which side will we choose? Let the Virtue Of The Enlightenment decide for our continuation of our chanting of the Dharma of harmony and compassion.

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IN-PERSON GATHERINGS REMAIN ON HOLD AS BTSD CONTINUES TO MEET VIRTUALLY

The Buddhist Temple of San Diego continues to remain closed for in-person activities until further notice. Thank you very much for your patience and understanding, and for your continued support during this most challenging time as the temple deals with the COVID-19 pandemic.

BTSD apologizes to the community groups that have inquired about resuming in-person activities. The temple looks forward to re-opening when it is safe.

A host of events including, classes and meetings will be presented virtually on the internet live on Zoom (Z) or pre-recorded on YouTube (YT) video platforms. The temple urges the Sangha to share the Dharma with family members and friends who do not have computer internet access.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1— Daylight Saving Time ends. Turn your clock back one hour; get that extra hour of rest!

1 – Shutsuki Hoyo monthly memorial observance and Dharma message. English: Kenji Sensei (YT). Dharma School, 10 a.m. (Z).

4 – Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.m. (Z)

5 – Ways & Means committee, 7 p.m. (Z)

7 – Shoshinge and Wasan chanting, 1 p.m. (Z).

8 – Sunday Dharma message, Kenji Sensei (YT). Dharma School, 10 a.m. (Z).

11 – Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.m. (Z).

12 – Board of Directors Meeting, 7 p.m. (Z)

14 – Shoshinge and Wasan chanting, 1 p.m. (Z)

15 – **Eitaikyo Service.** Guest minister (English and Japanese), Rev. Koho Takata, West Los Angeles Buddhist Temple (YT). Dharma School, 10 a.m. (Z).

18 – Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.m. (Z).

21 – Shoshinge and Wasan chanting, 1 p.m. (Z)

22 – All Living Beings Memorial Service (YT). Dharma School, 10 a.m. (Z).

25 – Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.m. (Z)

26 – THANKSGIVING (Office closed)

28 – Shoshinge and Wasan chanting, 1 p.m. (Z)

29 – Sunday Dharma message, Kenji Sensei (YT).

OFFICE HOURS, INFORMATION

Office hours are Tuesday-Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 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 and staff will return your call as quickly as possible. You may email the temple at info@btsd.net. Check the website <http://www.buddhisttemplesandiego.org> or Facebook page for updates.

DIAL THE DHARMA

Listen to weekly Dharma phone messages

(800) 817-7918

Press 1 for English or 2 for Japanese

PROJECT TO SAVE JAPANESE BLACK PINE BEGINS; VOLUNTEERS NEEDED HELP MAINTAIN TREE'S BEAUTY

Following years of neglect the tall Japanese black pine located in the garden on the northeast corner of the temple's property is being rejuvenated.

Last month several volunteers met to discuss the possibility of saving the pine in an attempt to bring back its natural beauty. Overlooking Market and Dodson streets, the black pine's growth has been severely restricted due to elements



of pollution and lack of care.

Project "Save the Black Pine" began in earnest on October 26 when Norman Kiyono and volunteers began cleaning the 12-foot tall tree by removing the brown evergreen foliage (needles), dirt and grime with a high-pressure spray wash.

Over time the black pine has also accumulated pests and disease.

Ken Muraoka, who provided some of the cleaning equipment, will feed the pine with much needed fertilizer treatment.

After the fertilizer is applied, the tree will need constant cleaning and care moving forward.

Volunteers are being sought to help with this project as the temple looks to save a part of its luscious landscape that has graced the front of the property for decades.

Tender loving care will be required in maintaining the health of the black pine, bringing it back to its full beauty. Your volunteer efforts will be deeply appreciated.

If you are interested in volunteering with the "Save the Black Pine" project, please contact Norman Kiyono by email at norman.kiyono@yahoo.com, Ralph Honda at rkhonda205@gmail.com or call the temple office for more information.

Gassho, Ralph Honda

TRI-TEMPLE SEMINAR RECAP

Over 50 people from throughout California and western states participated in Kenji Sensei's presentation *Nembutsu Journey: Following the Easy Path of Gratitude*. The event was held virtually on October 17 on Zoom.

The one hour, 45 minute presentation was part of the Tri-Temple Seminar and was a big success.

The Tri-Temple seminar which includes BTSD, Vista Buddhist Temple and Orange County Buddhist Church, and Dharma friends, is co-sponsored by the Southern District Council of the Buddhist Churches of America.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By LuAnn Lee, Board President

While working at home today, I had the window open and felt a cool breeze. I remembered it's the third week of October already. Fall is upon us but last week, the temperature was in the 80's and next week, it is forecasted to rain. This weekend, the time change will give us an extra hour sleep but I'm not a fan of it getting dark so early.

Our family always looks forward to making a trip to Julian to eat breakfast, buy our apple pies, shop around in the small town and drive down to Dudley's for some fresh bread. We won't be able to go with the whole gang that includes my mom, siblings and our kids, which can be up to 16 of us. Like many of you, our annual traditions have been cancelled for 2020 but I'm happy to say that our family has been keeping in touch by text, zoom, drive by birthday wishes and even a drive by to welcome baby Avery. I have heard that many of you are doing the same with your family and friends. We just need to continue on this path for a few more months.

Our temple is lucky to have such kind people that go above and beyond to keep in touch with our Seniors and other members. One of these amazing people is Laurine Ota, our social welfare lead that has made visits to drop off a card or a little goodie bag and sometimes she even takes snacks/food to brighten someone's day. We thank her for her kindness and dedication to provide this service on behalf of the Temple and BWA.

Also, thank you again to the Dharma School and Junior YBA for working so hard on preparing goodie bags that included original art work and or letters for the Keiro Kai recipients (80 and above). I have heard from some of them that they were so surprised and grateful that you remembered them in this special way.

This time of year, we honor our Dad/Grandpa Charley. It has been twenty four years since he passed and at times it seems like yesterday. We have so many fond memories of him that will always be with us. My mom is honoring him with a lantern that will be displayed at the temple next month and next year at Obon Odori for a nominal fee. I invite all of you to honor a loved one as well. Members receive a \$5 discount per lantern. See details in this edition of the Kaiho.

I would like to thank Kenji Sensei for a job well done as our guest speaker at the Tri Temple Seminar last weekend. He talked about "Nembutsu Journey" and following the Easy Path of Gratitude. It was well attended by people from different temples in the BCA. I hope it was recorded so that those of you not able to attend the zoom, will be able to view the Dharma talk at a later date.

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. Call the temple (619) 239-0896 or e-mail at info@btsd.net. Check on our

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

Namo Amida Butsu.

In Gassho, LuAnn Lee

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors meet on October 8th -

1. Condolences to Mrs. Tada and the family of the late Rev. Kakuyei Tada. Rev. Tada served BTSD as its Resident Minister from 1983 to 1986. Koden was sent on behalf of the temple.
2. The Board received updates from the Activities and all other standing committees and affiliated organizations.
3. Security issues - trespassing and dumping were discussed and are being addressed.
4. Thank yous were received and appreciation expressed for the outreach efforts of Social Welfare chair Laurine Ota and for the Junior YBA/Dharma School Keiro Kai gifts.
5. A letter of support will be written for Stan Honda's and Sharon Yamato's National Park Service grant application. Stan and Sharon's project will focus on the assembly centers for the Japanese American internment camps.

BWA NEWS

The 2020 Women in Buddhism webinar on Spiritual Wellness was presented by speakers from diverse backgrounds and experiences. From educators, psychologists, professors, and artist, an Asian American and Buddhist perspective on wellness was presented. My mother suffered from Alzheimer, a debilitating disease with no cure, which caused her physical and mental decline and eventual death. Consequently, I was very much focused and interested on the topic of brain health given during this seminar by Sheri Mizumori, Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience at the University of Washington. Mental wellbeing is another word for brain health. There are many people who are vibrant and active both physically as well as mentally even in their later years. In Okinawa, there are many centenarians who are active and alert. Why do they live such long lasting, vibrant lives? Her study on their lives reveals many ways in which we can extend the vibrancy of our lives. First, they are physically active. They walk, work in the garden, and do chores daily. They eat heart healthy foods such as vegetables, fruits, and fish. They also have an enthusiasm and optimism in their attitude towards life. Getting older is not looked upon in a negative way, but rather as a way of seeing things in long term goals which manifest in having more options in one's life. Your wit, sense of humor and patience do not change with age. Stress is reduced as a result.

Dr. Mizumori goes onto say that one can grow and strengthen the brain. The more you use the brain, the stronger the connections between the neurons. This activity in our brain allows for the greater possibility of neuroplasticity which enhances cognitive learning. Continued learning over one's lifetime builds on cognitive reserve. Cognitive reserve decreases the possibility of the onset of cognitive disorders such as dementia. As we grow older, neuroplasticity declines due to the exposure

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of toxic chemicals such as free radicals and amyloids. She says we can reduce toxic chemicals and neural inflammation by doing the following:

Diet: Reduce fats, gluten, casein, sugar, processed foods, safflower & corn oil, fried foods Increase: antioxidants, vitamin A, C, & E, leafy green vegetables, oats, almonds, nori Increase Anti-inflammatory foods such as mackerel, salmon, grapefruit, cinnamon, ginger, green tea, tofu

Super food: Pickled vegetables

Exercise and maintain active muscles releases chemicals which enhances neuroplasticity. Maintain social activities with friends and families even during the pandemic: Calls & online meetings

Get plenty of sleep and naps are particularly good for our health. Enjoy music and dance & Set goals for each day

In Gassho, Mani Ryan

DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

During the month of October, the teachers and staff continued to be active on the chapter, district and federation levels. On Oct. 10, a few teachers and staff attended the Federation Dharma School Teachers League (FDSTL) Conference hosted by the Tri-State (Denver) Dharma School. They learned new virtual teaching techniques to take to their classes. This month on November 7, a few members will participate in the Southern District Dharma School Teachers League (SDDSTL) Mini-Workshop hosted by the Orange County Buddhist Church Dharma School. The theme for the mini-workshop is "Life Skills for Trying Times."

On Oct. 25, we celebrated a Halloween Party like no other - via Zoom. Our Halloween service was chaired by the 5th-8th grade class in their costumes and the Jr. YBA put together Halloween party bags and led the games. We enjoyed all the costumes as the kids received virtual candy. Although we could not have a potluck or play musical chairs - like in a normal year - we all enjoyed ourselves.

In Gassho, Lisa Umekubo

SANGHA TEENS NEWS

We had our first meeting and elections for our 2020-2021 cabinet in September. Here are our officers:

President: **Cassidy Muraoka**

Vice President: **Anika Bull**

Treasurer: **Paulina Covarrubias**

Religious Chairperson: **Arturo Rubio**

Activities Chairperson: **Sage Seymour**

Kenji Sensei installed us on Sunday, October 18th. Since no one was elected for the Secretary position, we agreed to take turns taking meeting minutes.

We will continue to have virtual activities until we get the approval to meet other Sangha Teen chapters in person.

Hopefully, that will be soon.

In Gassho, Sangha Teens

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 **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.

Virtual Festival of Lanterns

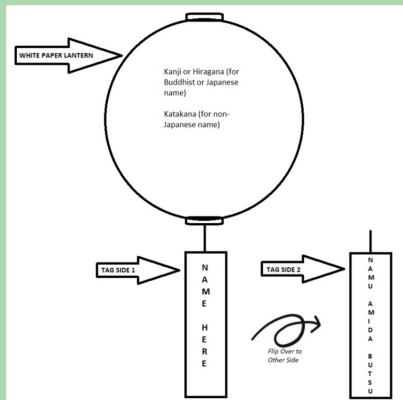
In Honor of a Loved One

Dates: October 7, 2020 – November 15, 2020

Order & Payment due: November 15, 2020

Payment options: PayPal /credit card or check

For an initial donation of \$45 (Temple member)/\$50 (non-Temple member), a physical white paper lantern with your loved one's names rendered in Japanese characters on the paper lantern and in the English alphabet on the tag, to be displayed at the Buddhist Temple of San Diego until January 1, 2021. After January 2, 2021, you may collect the lantern(s) to keep at home. FOR FUTURE OBONs, you may return the lantern(s) to the Temple for display at our next Obon Odori.



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



**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 5 baskets for families in need. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!**

DONATIONS

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

BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Alroy, Evelyn
 Jensen, Dick
 Izumo, Judy - Buddhism 1-2-3
 Tanamachi, Jane
 Webb, Mary
 Sakata, Lorraine
 Fujii, Joan
 Honkawa, Patricia - Appreciation of Dharma Talks
 Yasukochi Family Farms LLC
 Ongoing Fundraiser
 Nakamitsu, Irene Y
 Qi Gong Class - Akahoshi
 Hara, Ruby - Thank You For the Mask
 Hiramoto, Deborah -
 Nembutsu Journey 10/17
 Kaneshiro, Gale - Yasukochi Farms Fund. Expenses
 Honda, Ralph & Avis - IMO 1 yr. Sumiye Nakashima
 Russell, Eleanor M.
 Ryan, Mani
 Fujii, Joan
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 Russell, Eleanor M
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 Estes, Toshiye
 Breier, Krystine - Sound Heal.
 Sugiyama, Chiyeko - Keiro Kai
 Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen -
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 Kodama, Jay
 Kashima, Jeanie
 Hashiguchi, John & Tsune -
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 Ohara, Fumiko
 Torio, Betty
 Honda, Ralph & Avis
 Kaneko, Richard & Ruth -
 Thank you Keiro Kai gift
 Amemiya, Mary O -
 In Appreciation Keiro Kai
 Masumoto, Chiyoko - Oct.
 Shigehara, Wilbur & Janice
 Jones, Mikako
 Okuhara, Roy & Karen
 Yamamoto, Jane
 Tsuneyoshi, Motoo & Angie
 Akahoshi, Rev. Kenji & Karen
 Kirk's 1 Year Memorial
 Yanagihara, Sumiko
 Watanabe, Judy - Rev.
 Akahoshi's Sun. Dharma Mes.
 Gladsjo, Julie
 Yoshioka, Caitlin, Brian and
 Minami - Minami's 2nd
 Birthday
 Nimura, Saburo

McDonald, Marianne
 Benson, Agnes - Yasukochi Farms
 Benson, Agnes
 Omori, Shirley - Parking lot use

COVID -19

Muraoka, Tad
 Muraoka, Roy
 Sasaki, Brian & Lorin

DHARMA SCHOOL

Negoro, Glenn
 Lund, Ron
 Kawasaki, Trace & Mildred
 Torio, Glenn & Janet
 Muraoka, Ken & Sharyn Kang
 Sugiyama, Chiyeko
 Kasubuchi, Naoye
 Hosaka, June
 Kaneko, Richard
 Amemiya, Mary O
 Imori, Laverne
 Yanagihara, Sumiko

EITAIKYO SERVICE

Ryan, Mani and
 Yamaguchi, Laura
 Benson, Agnes

FLORAL

Negoro, Glenn
 Lund, Ron
 Kawasaki, Trace & Mildred
 Torio, Glenn & Janet
 Muraoka, Ken & Sharyn Kang
 Yanagihara, Sumiko

GENERAL MAINTENANCE

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 Lund, Ron
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 Muraoka, Ken & Sharyn Kang

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Amemiya, Mary O
 Kaneko, Richard & Ruth
 Kasubuchi, Naoye

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 Negoro, Glenn
 Lund, Ron
 Kawasaki, Trace & Mildred
 Torio, Glenn & Janet
 Muraoka, Ken & Sharyn Kang
 Imori, Laverne

MEMBERSHIP PLEDGES

Thank You for your recent renewals:
 Negoro, Keiko
 Negoro, Glenn
 Yokotobi, Fusako
 Lund, Ron

Kawasaki, Trace & Mildred
 Torio, Glenn & Janet
 Muraoka, Ken & Sharyn Kang
 Ishihara, Sally and Mits
 Masuda, Peter & Amy
 Jones, Mikako
 Hosaka, June
 Haseyama, Jeanette
 McDonald, Marianne
 Ishizaki, Sheryl
 Imori, Laverne

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Moncrief, Mayko
 Hill, Miyo
 Okuhara, Roy & Karen
 Kida, Katsumi
 Sugiyama, Yukiko
 Nakamura, Patricia & Jake
 Yamanishi, Miyoko
 Graeber, Kiku
 Tomiyama, Steve & Aki
 Tsukamoto, Wayne
 Monji, Yoshiko
 Himaka, Norman
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 Morikawa, Kazuhiko
 Hidinger, Holly
 Kasubuchi, Naoye
 Kawamoto, Yukio and Mitsu
 Koga, Florence
 Honda, Mikiye

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 Yanagihara, Sumiko

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 Takashima, Wilbur
 IMO Haru Takashima
 IMO Rev. Jim Yanagihara
 Muraoka, Roy
 IMO Aiko Muraoka
 Yoshida, Laura
 IMO Sho Yoshida
 Estes, Toshiye
 IMO Aiko Muraoka
 Ohara, Ann
 IMO Kisae Ohara
 IMO Takeyoshi Ohara
 Hashiguchi, John & Tsune
 IMO Kasuke Hashiguchi
 Honda, Mikiye
 IMO Mike Doi
 IMO Rodney Oyama
 IMO Yuki Iwashita
 IMO Kikuye Hayashi
 Kawamoto, Yukio and Mitsu
 IMO Tamio Mayumi - Sept
 IMO Takashi Mayumi - Oct
 Uyeji, Masako
 IMO Zentaro Asamen
 Moriyama, Chieko
 IMO Tadashi Yano
 Takashima, Wilbur
 IMO Katsuke Takashima
 Yonekura, Roy & Karen
 IMOToyoko Yonekura
 Lee, LuAnn
 IMO Charley Torio
 Yanagihara, Sumiko

ALL LIVING BEINGS MEMORIAL

This year, we are observing our "All Living Beings" Memorial Service on Sunday, November 22. We invite anyone who wishes to honor a pet or other living being at this memorial service to send in the name and a short

memory and mail or email it to the temple office by November 20th. (Anything after that, will not be received in time to add to the service).





EITAIKYO (Perpetual Memorial)

Dear Sangha Members and Dharma Friends:

The Buddhist Temple of San Diego (BTSD) will hold its annual Eitaikyo (Perpetual Memorial) Service on Sunday, November 15. The service will be pre-recorded and can be accessed electronically via the internet on the temple's YouTube channel. Please contact the office for the YouTube link.

Reverend Koho Takata, resident minister of the West Los Angeles Buddhist Temple will deliver the Dharma messages in both English and Japanese.

Established over 60 years ago, Eitaikyo honors all dedicated members and Dharma friends whether known or unknown, in perpetuity, who devoted themselves for the spiritual welfare of BTSD. A list of all Eitaikyo honorees appear on pages 7-9.

Today, BTSD encourages that Eitaikyo be established, not only for deceased loved ones, but for the living as well. Such a practice enables the Sangha to chant the sutras and to receive the Buddha-Dharma with deep appreciation and gratitude. New participants are invited to start an Eitaikyo Fund at any time.

A suggested minimum contribution of \$100.00 is required to record a new name earmarked for Eitaikyo remembrance. Future donations towards the fund will be accepted with the deepest amount of appreciation and gratitude.

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

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

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

In Gassho,
Buddhist Temple of San Diego

EITAIKYO FUND FORM

Name of Donor: _____

New Account? **YES** or **NO** (Circle) - For BOTH YES and NO, please fill-in the information below

Donating for (Name): _____ Relationship: _____

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Date: ____ / ____ / _____ Donation Amount: \$ _____ Check #: _____

Credit: Visa MC Card No.: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Mail form (and donation) to: Buddhist Temple of San Diego
2929 Market Street
San Diego, CA 92102

EITAIKYO LISTING 2020

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

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

LAST	FIRST
MAMIYA	Yoshigoro
MAMIYA	Yoshio
MATHEWS	Hisako
MATSUDA	Fujitaro
MATSUDA	Totaro
MATSUI	Akito
MATSUI	Hanano
MATSUI	Taro
MATSUI	(Family)
MATSUMOTO	Dorothy S.
MATSUMOTO	Harry Tokio
MATSUMOTO	(Family)
MASUMOTO	Koichi
MASUMOTO	Shigeru
MASUMOTO	Yuki
MASUMOTO	Family
MATSUSHITA	(Ancestors)
MAYUMI	Manae
MAYUMI	Hiroshi
MAYUMI	Kiyoji
MAYUMI	Takashi
MAYUMI	Tamio
MIYAMA	Isamu
MIYAMA	(Family)
MIYAMOTO	Koichi
MIYAMOTO	Shika
MIYAMOTO	Eihachi
MIYAMOTO	Yoshi
MIZUKI	Masato
MIZUKI	Florence
MIZUKI	Tamiko
MIZUSHIRO	Masato
MOMITA	Asao
MOMITA	Fumiko
MORIBE	Chieno
MORIBE	Hiromi
MORIBE	Susan
MORIBE	(Family)
MORIMOTO	Zeiichiro
MORINAKA	Asako
MORINAKA	Dennis
MORINAKA	Roy
MURAOKA	Aiko
MURAOKA	Haruko
MURAOKA	Kiyoji
MURAOKA	Saburo
MURAOKA	Unjiro
MURAOKA	(Ancestors)
MURATA	Tamotsu
MURATA & UCHIDA	(Family)
NABETA	Ritsuko
NABETA	Fred Fukumi
NAKAGAWA	Kichizo
NAKAGAWA	Yasu

LAST	FIRST
NAKAGAWA	Kou
NAKAGAWA	Seki
NAKAMURA	Utako
NAKAMURA	Yasaku
NAKAMURA	Hanako
NAKAMURA	Kinjiro
NAKAMURA	Koyoshi
NAKAMURA	Tamayo
NAKAMURA	Pauline
NAKAMURA*	Isamu
NAKAMURA	Fuji
NAKAMURA	Fukumatsu
NAKAMURA	Hamako
NAKAMURA	Yoshiko
NAKAMURA	Minoru
NAKATA	Katae
NAKATA	Kazue
NAKATA	Yonesuke
NAKATA	Yoza
NEGORO	Glenn M.
NEGORO	Yukiko
NEGORO	Yaguro
NIMURA	Tamizo
NIMURA	(Ancestors)
NIMURA	(Family)
NISHII	Gen
NISHII	Rev. Guzei
NISHII	Nobue
NISHII	Masaru
NISHIUYE	Midori
OCHI	Akiji
OCHI	Ichiye
OCHI	Hideo
OCHI	Hisa
OCHI	Kizo
OCHI	Masa
ODATE	Abe (wife's parents)
ODATE	Frank
OGATA	Kasuke
OGAWA	Toshino
OGAWA	Zenichi
OGAWA	(Ancestors)
OGAWA	(Family)
OHARA	Buyemon
OHARA	Kisae
OHARA	Mitsu
OHARA	Takenori
OHARA	Takeyoshi
OJIRI	David T.
OKUMA	Yukichi
OKUMA	Mitose
OKUMA	Keisuke
OKUMA	Yoshie
OKUMA	(Family/Parents)
OMORI	Giiichi (Family)
OMORI	Kiyoko

LAST	FIRST
OSAKI	Kiyotaro
OSAKI	Wasa
OSAKI	Earl Isoki
OSAKI	Louise Tsuruko
OSAKI	(Ancestors)
OSUMI	Yukichi
OTO	Shigeru
OTO	Motono
OTO	Jeffery Akira
OTO	(Ancestors)
OTSUJI	Ayako
OTSUJI	Dennis
OTSUJI	Elaine
OTSUJI	Haruhiko
OUCHI	Kaizo
OUCHI	Masu
OUCHI	Tayo
OUCHI	Kingo
OUCHI	Michie
OUCHI	(Ancestors)
OYA	Fujie
OZAKI	Hisashi
PRESTIGE	(Family)
RUSSELL	Ruvena
SAITO	Jinsaku
SAKAMOTO	Komeno
SAKAMOTO	Shunzo
SAMESHIMA	Tsuneichi
SAMESHIMA	Yukino
SANTOHIGASHI	Taiji
SANTOHIGASHI	Sachiko
SANTOHIGASHI	Kiyoko
SANTOHIGASHI	Masao
SATAKE	Shigeo
SEGAWA	Lillian
SHIMADA	Ichi
SHIMADA	Kikue
SHIMADA	Kikushige
SHIMIZU	Christine
SHIMIZU	Paul & Emi H.
SHIMIZU	Seiichi & Shizuko
SHINOHARA	Jimmie
SHINOHARA	Masako
SHINOHARA	Matsu
SHINOHARA	Natsue
SHINOHARA	(Ancestors)
SUGITA	Sam
SUGIYAMA	Uta
SUGIYAMA	Saburo
SUGIYAMA	Mine
SUGIYAMA	Yoshio
SUGIYAMA	Misono
SUGIYAMA	Yukiko

LAST	FIRST
SUGIYAMA	Yasuyuki
SUGIYAMA	Kuzo (Family)
SUGIYAMA	Hideo
SUGIYAMA	Kuzo
SUMIDA	Floyd & Kathleen
SUYENAGA	Hideo
SUYENAGA	Mary
TACHIKI	Naminosuke
TACHIKI	Tetsu
TACHIKI	Frank
TACHIKI	(Family)
TAKASHIMA	(Ancestors)
TAKASHIMA	Katsue
TAKASHIMA	Sandra Sachiko
TAKASHIMA	Yoshiko
TAKASHIMA	Katsumi J.
TAKASHIMA	Richard Tatsuo
TAKASHIMA	Tsume
TANAKA	Mitsuko
TANAKA	Shigeru
TANAKA	Tsukiye
TANAKA	Tsuruye
TANAKA	Brian R.
TANIZAKI	Hamano
TANIZAKI	Katsu
TANIZAKI	Masaaki
TEAGUE	Betty Harvey
TEAGUE	J. Richard
TERUSAKI	George Hideo
TERUSAKI	Lily Yuriko
TERUSAKI	William, "Bill" Kenji
TOKUNAGA	Ron
TOMIYAMA	Sayoko
TOMIYAMA	Akie
TOMIYAMA	Steven
TOMIYAMA	Noboru
TOMOYO	Lin
TORIO	Charley
TORIO	Suna
TORIO	Yoshichiro
TOYOMARU	Chiyoki
TSUBAKIHARA	Sumiko
TSUNEYOSHI	(Family)
TSUNEYOSHI	Motoo & Angie
TSURUDOME	Peggy
TSURUDOME	Shigenori
UCHIDA	Setsuko
URATA	Goki
URATA	Mitsuyo
UYEJI	Magotsugu "Kottie"
WATAMURA	Heitaro
WATAMURA	Hideo B.
WATAMURA	Rose

LAST	FIRST	LAST	FIRST	LAST	FIRST	LAST	FIRST	LAST	FIRST
WATAMURA	Tokuyo	YAMAMOTO	Noboru	YAMASHITA	Chiyo	YANAGIHARA	Tosaburo	YONEKURA	(Ancestors)
WINTER	Michelle J.	YAMAMOTO	Sachiye	YAMASHITA	Chozaburo	YANAGIHARA	(Family)	YONEKURA	Hashio
YADA	Tome	YAMAMOTO	Shizue	YAMASHITA	Florence	YANO	Chiyo	YONEKURA	Tatsujiro
YADA	Motoji	YAMAMOTO	Steven	YANAGIHARA	Harue	YANO	Sakuhichi	YONEKURA	Tom
YAMADA	Harry	YAMANISHI	Jukichi	YANAGIHARA	Ichi	YANO	Tokihira	YONEKURA	Yoshie
YAMADA	Rosie	YAMANISHI	Matsu	YANAGIHARA	Kotaro	YANO	Tadashi	YONEKURA	Ryu
YAMADA	Suzy	YAMANISHI	Sawa	YANAGIHARA	Rino	YANO	George Chiyoji	YONEKURA	Glenn Toshiharu
YAMAGATA	Chiyo	YAMASAKI	Jinkichi & Tetsu	YANAGIHARA	Senkichi	YANO	Hajime	YOSHIMARU	Ronnie
YAMAMOTO	Eiichi	YAMASAKI	Shinkichi	YANAGIHARA	Shizuko	YANO	Yoshiharu	YOSHISAKA	Tamayo
YAMAMOTO	Hisano	YAMASAKI	Shinkichi	YANAGIHARA	Tom Sr.	YANO	(Family)	YUKICHI	Mitose
YAMAMOTO	Irene	YAMASHITA	Shozo	YANAGIHARA	Masaru	YASAKI	Jinkichi	IWATAKI	Masami
YAMAMOTO	George								

BUDDHIST EDUCATION THIS MONTH



General. Please continue to take advantage of our Video Dharma and Zoom sessions of Buddhism 1-2-3.

Eitaikyo

We welcome **Rev. Koho Takata** as our guest speaker for the Eitaikyo video service for Sunday, November 15. Takata Sensei will be providing messages in both English and Japanese.

About Rev. Takata

Takata Sensei's career mirrors the migration of Japanese to the United States in earlier generations, moving from Japan to Hawaii and the mainland United States.

He is the second son in a lineage of 19 generations of ministers of Jokoji Temple in Toyama. In Japan he received Tokudo graduated Ryukoku University. Two years after becoming a Kiyoshi minister (1993) he went began his U.S. journey at the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, and was assigned to Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin as Associate Minister into 1998, later serving as Resident Minister at the Kapaa Hongwanji Buddhist Temple on Kauai (1998-2005) and then as Executive Assistant to the Bishop at the Hawaii Mission's Office of the Bishop (2005-2011).

Transferring to the Buddhist Churches of America in 2011, he has served as Resident Minister for the Arizona Buddhist Temple (2011-2013), the Los Angeles Hompa Hongwanji Buddhist Temple (2013-2020), and as of August of this year, the West Los Angeles Buddhist Temple.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Our members are the best! As this note is written, we are closing in on 90% renewals. We also have two new members in the last month. Thank you everyone, for helping to keep the Temple strong at the core, even through our pandemic reality.

Bill Teague, Membership Chair

SCRIP NEWS

The holidays are upon us and with social distancing that may mean celebrating from afar. While the Post Office needs our support so does the Buddhist Temple. We can do this by buying gift cards and including them in cards to be mailed to loved ones, Be sure that the cards are taken to the post office to be mailed and not left for your postal carrier or put in a mailbox.

Remember that we are not ordering scrip every week. If you have a large order, payment must accompany the order. Checks to be made out to the Buddhist Temple of San Diego (BTSD). A great big "thank you" to both Nancy and Linda for helping me with banking, filling orders, and making sure that everyone gets their orders. If you need to see what gift cards are available, you can go to the Great Lakes Scrip Center website. Click on the bottom for the retailer list.

Thanks to everyone for supporting the scrip program! Stay safe and healthy.





NOVEMBER SHOTSUKI LIST

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

Hiroshi Kubota passed away on October 19, 2020

Chieko Moriyama passed away on October 28, 2020

This month's monthly memorial service will be posted to our YouTube channel on Sunday, November 1. Families and friends of anyone who passed away in November 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 video 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 video, please contact the temple at (619) 239-0896 or email info@btsd.net Gassho.

DECEASED

FAMILY MEMBER

Tsugi Imaizumi (11-16-1924).....Imaizumi Family
 Shintaro Morikawa (11-21-1933).....Sekishiro Family
 Shinyemon Honda (11-6-1934).....Yagade Family
 Suye Kato (11-23-1938).....Otsuji Family
 Setsuko Mizushima (11-10-1939).Shintaro Matsumoto
 Shika Masumoto (11-24-1939).....Chiyoko Masumoto
 Kiemon Shinden (11-11-1942).....Ohara Family
 Eijiro Inouye (11-18-1943).....Inouye Family
 Mine Sugiyama (11-7-1944).....Sugiyama Family
 Kanejiro Kondo (11-24-1945).....Ruth Voorhies
 Yasuo Murata (11-4-1946).....Hamae Murata
 Masashi Ito (11-13-1952).....Hiroko Ito
 Imataro Kawamoto (11-24-1953).....Yukio Kawamoto
 Hamako Nakamura (11-21-1954).....Yukiko Sugiyama
 Okiku Sakamoto (11-21-1954).....Emily Marumoto
 Asano Iguchi (11-8-1955).....Iguchi Family
 Hatsuno Tsuji (11-12-1956).....Tsuji Family
 Motoji Yada (11-27-1956).....Yada Family
 Nao Taketa (11-20-1957).....Shiraishi Family
 Lillian Segawa (11-20-1957).....Segawa Family
 Steven Torio (11-13-1959).....Betty Torio
 Shinobu Takeshita (11-21-1966).....Randy Takeshita
 Taira Hosaka (11-22-1967).....Frank Hosaka
 Kiyoji Mayumi (11-13-1969).....Mayumi Family
 Sonojo Sameshima (11-26-1972)....Takashi Sameshima
 Iwa Furuya (11-4-1976).....George Furuya Jr.
 Isao Nishiguchi (11-16-1979).....Sylvia Nishiguchi
 Shigeru Masumoto (11-27-1979).....Chiyoko Masumoto
 Tora Azuma (11-7-1980).....Shizuka Azuma
 Umeno Itami (11-11-1980).....Chikaye Mary Itami
 Kiku Sueyoshi (11-1-1984).....Sueyoshi Family
 Chiyo Yamashita (11-19-1984).....Emiko Yamashita

DECEASED

FAMILY MEMBER

Zensuke Sueyoshi (11-3-1987).....Sueyoshi Family
 Fujiye Sakamoto (11-8-1987).....Sakamoto Family
 Kimi Ikenouye (11-20-1987).....Iwashita Family
 Richard Eejima (11-4-1988).....Margie Nishiguchi
 Giichi Omori (11-7-1989).....Shirley Omori
 Aiko Hamatake (11-2-1990).....Masako Prestige
 Katsuyo Hamaguchi (11-17-1990).....Matsuko Wong
 Sachiko Santohigashi (11-20-1992)..Shunichi Santohigashi
 Hatsuye Uyeno (11-20-1993).....Nabeta Family
 Margaret Fumiko Terada (11-22-1993).....Bruce Owashi
 Takeyoshi Ohara (11-20-1995).....Ohara Family
 Max E. Barrett (11-16-1996).....Lisa Miller
 Hiroichi Hiroshige (11-18-1997).....Moribe Family
 Kunio Kawamoto (11-22-1997).....Lillian Kawamoto
 Asako Fujii (11-28-1997).....Ikuko Murphy
 Sadako Ishizu (11-28-1998).....Setsuko Toyama
 George Terusaki (11-28-1999).....Terusaki Family
 Fusako Matsui (11-18-2000).....Matsui Family
 Dick Toshio Hachisu (11-13-2001).....Florence Hachisu
 Tamayo Yoshisaka (11-26-2001).....Masanobu Yoshisaka
 Albert Ichiro Saito (11-24-2003).....Evelyn Chieko Saito
 Sachiye Yamamoto (11-13-2007).....Kengo Yamamoto
 Akiji Ochi (11-27-2007).....Kay Ochi
 Yoshiko Nakamura (11-14-2009).....Miyo Hill
 Dennis Morinaka (11-30-2009).....Asako Morinaka
 Ritsuko Nabeta (11-7-2010).....Joyce Teague
 Shigeru Oto (11-10-2011).....Junko Oto
 Kazuo Kosaka (11-1-2014).....Miyoko Kosaka
 Tokuko Huffman (11-24-2014).....Samuel Yang
 Norman Satoshi Yagade (11-7-2015)Steven Kiyoshi Yagade
 Kirk Akahoshi (11-6-2019).....Rev. Kenji & Karen Akahoshi
 David T. Shiraishi (11-30-2019).....Shiraishi Family

REMEMBERING REV. KAKUYEI TADA, FORMER RESIDENT MINISTER

Rev. Kakuyei Tada, former resident minister of the Buddhist Temple of San Diego (BTSD), passed away peacefully on September 27 at his home in Gardena, California. He was 90 years old. Rev. Tada served BTSD from 1983-1986 and was a kaikyoshi minister for the Buddhist Churches of America for 44 years from 1959-2003.

BTSD extends its sincerest condolences to Mrs. Tamiko Tada, son Stewart, daughter Santi and their families. If you wish to send a card or koden (honorarium) to the family, please contact the temple office. *Namu Amida Butsu.*

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」 二〇二〇年十一月法話

聖教読まずの聖教読み(二)

駐在開教使 向嶋裕史

今月は、先月に引き続き、庄松同行のエピソードを紹介いたします。庄松さんは全くの無学で、お金の勘定すらできない方だったので、檀那寺である勝覚寺の寺男として職に就きながら一生懸命働かれました。勝覚寺の住職はそんな庄松さんを日頃から我が子のように可愛がっておられました。しかし、ある日、そのことを妬んで見ていた役僧の一人が、「ここは一つ庄松をからかって、皆の前で恥をかかせてやろう」と思いつきました。

そこで翌日、大勢の門徒さんがいる前で、その役僧は懐から大無量寿経の下巻を取り出し、庄松さんに向かって、「庄松さんよ、お前は有り難い、同行さんじゃってな。ならば、このお経に何と書いてあるか読んでくれんか」と差し出しました。それは、お経の中でも大衆読みづらい「五悪段」でした。その僧は庄松さんが字を読めないのを承知して、嫌がらせをしたのです。

僧は、庄松さんが「わしや字が読めんけん」と困り果てた姿を想像していたのですが、字の読めない庄松さんにとっては、どんなお経も同じことで、両手でお経を受け取ると、「それでは読ませてもらうかのう」と言いつつ、うやうやしく押し頂きました。

回唾を呑んで見守る大勢の門徒さんを前に、背筋を伸ばした庄松さんは大きな声で、「庄松、助くるぞよ。庄松、助くるぞよ」と書いてある」と読んだのです。

もです。お経を称える時、文字をただ声に出して読んでしまいがちですが、庄松さんは経文に書かれている真の内容、つまり阿彌陀仏の大悲心を見事につかみきっておられたのです。「大無量寿経」に詳しく述べられている阿彌陀仏のご本願は誰のためでもない、私一人のものとしたと阿彌陀仏の呼び声を経文の中から頂いておられたのです。このように、お経を読むというのは、単に文字を追いかけるのではなく、その中に説かれている真理を我が身に頂くということなのです。

そして、もう一つ大切なことは、お勤めは必ずお仏壇の前で行うということです。その理由は、私達の親しみのあるお経である『讀仏偈』の「一番最後にある『皈身止・諸苦毒中・我行精進・忍終不悔』というお言葉にあります。

この意味は、「あなたを幸せにすることができたら、なら、『我』は例え、この身を毒の中に沈めても一切後悔しません」と、この私達一人ひとりのために誓われているのです。何とも頭の下がるお言葉ですが、この『我』とは誰のことかといえます。実は阿彌陀仏のことなのです。ですから、お勤めというのは、「今、阿彌陀さまが私に向かつて、『お前を救うことができるのであれば、私に毒の中にこの身を沈めても後悔しない』とおっしゃって下さっている。ああ、何とも有難いこととあります。南無阿彌陀仏」と阿彌陀仏のご本願に出遇わせて頂くということなのです。

「あなたを幸せにすることができたら、なら、どんな犠牲も省みない」ということを無条件におっしゃって下さるお方は世界中探してみても阿彌陀仏しかおられません。お経はその阿彌陀仏が私達一人ひとりに語りかけて下さっているお言葉であり、阿彌陀仏がおっしゃったその尊いお言葉を重ねて私達が声に出している姿をお勤めというのです。そして、阿彌陀仏のお心の深さに気づかせて下さるのがお経ですから、頼りかすには

おれない感謝の気持ちを表す為には、お勤めは仏前で行うことが最も大切なことなのです。

読経は、私達が亡くなったお方に称えているのではなく、また、願い事を叶えるために読んでいるのでもありません。私達が称えるお経の音が、「お前を救わずにはおれない」という阿彌陀仏の呼び声となって私の耳を通して、私達の一人ひとりの心に至り届いて下さるのです。仏さまのお言葉を重ねて称えることが、本当に、仏さまのお心を我が身に頂くということなのです。

また、もう一つ大切なことは、浄土真宗における読経は「仏徳讃嘆」といわれるように、お経を称える自分の声を聞きながら、阿彌陀仏のお慈悲の深さを慶び、感謝し、そして讀ることが、最も大切なことなのです。

親鸞聖人は、『歎異抄』の中で「弥陀の五劫思惟の願をよくよく案ずれば、ひとえに親鸞一人がためなりけり。されば、そくばくの業をもちける身にありけるを、たすけんとおぼしめしたちける本願のかたじけなさよ」と述べられています。私一人のためのご本願である」と頂かれたのは、日々のお勤めの中で得られたものであり、お経に書かれている阿彌陀仏のお心を誰よりも深く理解し、お慈悲の深さを誰よりも一番喜んでおられたからのことなのです。

このアメリカで英訳でないお経を称えることは大変難しいことではありますが、「阿彌陀仏のご本願は、私一人のためのご苦勞であったとお経を頂く事ができれば、それは「聖教読まずの聖教読みあり」の尊い念仏者です。

尊いお言葉で満たされたお経を声高らかにお勤めさせて頂きながら、常に阿彌陀仏のお呼び声に耳を傾け、真実の大道を報恩感謝のお念仏と共に歩ませてくださいたいものです。

Yasukochi Farms CSA Box & BWA Paso Almond Brittle Fundraiser



Pick-up order: Saturday, December 5, 2020,
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Buddhist Temple
of San Diego, drive through

Order & Payment due: Monday, Nov. 23, 2020, 4 p.m.

Payment options: PayPal, credit card or check

In each CSA box, you can expect:

- A box of farm fresh produce grown using responsible farming methods.
- Most products grown using organic farming methods when possible. All products are grown by responsible food and safety conscious farmers.
- The majority of the freshly picked produce is grown by Yasukochi Family Farms located in Oceanside and other local partner growers. Staples may be supplemented as needed.
- Boxes are catered to each season and will be given a variety of handpicked produce. Each Box will contain 11-15 different produce items.

Please submit orders online (strongly encouraged for accuracy of orders) at the following link by Friday, Nov. 21, 2020.: <https://forms.gle/boBU7S8E3FtVUDX87> and make payment via PayPal.Me at the following link: https://paypal.me/buddhisttemplesd?locale.x=en_US or mail check to Temple address (next page). We can match your check up to the online order submitted.

Or send this completed form and payment to the "Buddhist Temple of San Diego, Attn: Yasukochi Farms", 2929 Market St., San Diego, CA 92102. Must be received by Monday, Nov. 23, 2020.

Name _____	Date _____
Email Address _____	Phone #: _____

<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Quantity (enter #)</u>	<u>Total</u>
CSA Regular Box \$25.00 (Suggested for 1-3 people)		_____	\$ _____
CSA Jumbo Box \$35.00 (Suggested for 4-6 people)		_____	\$ _____
Strawberries(3-pk) \$10.00		_____	\$ _____
Almond Brittle-5 oz \$6.00		_____	\$ _____
Almond Brittle-16oz \$17.00		_____	\$ _____
Brittle Corn-10 oz \$8.00		_____	\$ _____
Cloth Face Mask \$5.00 Several fabric choices on pick-up		_____	\$ _____
Total order			\$ _____



If you prefer us to manually run your credit or debit card, please complete this authorization form.
 ___ Mastercard ___ Visa ___ AMEX. Acct # _____ - _____ Expires (MM/YY) ___/___
 Billing Address: _____ ZIP _____
 Payor's Authorized Signature Required _____

Please contact Glenn Torio (gtorio@cox.net) with any questions regarding order or payment.
 Percentage of proceeds from this fundraiser benefits the Buddhist Temple of San Diego's General Fund, which allows us to continue our programs and keep our doors open. Thank you for your participation.

Yasukochi Farms has also agreed to donate a portion of the proceeds of any orders placed directly with them on their website and delivered to your home. Please enter "Buddhist Temple of San Diego" in the Notes section when ordering online.: <https://www.yasukochifamilyfarmsoceanside.com/>