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Ohigan – A World of Balance



By Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi,
Resident Minister

We could say that the world balances itself twice a year. Fall Ohigan and Spring Ohigan mark the Middle Path of the extremes of seasons and of daylight and night-time. Nature has a way of balancing itself constantly. Since we humans are in that natural dynamic, the Buddha wisely advised us to follow the Middle Path.

An American ethos echoed in most fields of endeavor is the chant to be #1. Although this may be a worthy goal, it does engender many difficulties. One team becomes Super-bowl champions and 31 other teams and about 1,500 pro-football players become losers. On the other hand, Buddhism has inspired an ethos of appreciating our opponents, as we are all interdependent. The emphasis is on how we play the game and not so much about victory. We witness this respect for our opponents in Aikido and other martial arts. We could summarize the difference as one that thinks mainly of itself and the other that always considers the condition of others.

By assessing our present condition, we might determine that our country is unbalanced. The emphasis is on me first. Opposing sides are disparaged. What is the Middle Path and how might we address this situation? Rather than considering two equivalent sides, we might compare the characteristics of the opposing sides. Some display the characteristics of teenagers: loud, irrational, irresponsible, ego-centric, and identifying as a victim. We could summarize this as self-centered and thinking mainly of the present moment.

On the other hand, the characteristics of a mature adult are quiet, refined, logical, responsible, considerate, and helpful. This could be summarized as a regard for others and a concern for an improved future.

It is fortunate that most teenagers mature into responsible adults. However, many do retain the characteristics of teenagers. We witness this in many occasions when a well-mannered adult reverts to a teenage behavior when their vulnerable “button” is pushed. We might even see this in ourselves.

History repeatedly reveals that the process of evolution and maturity move from those who wish to maintain the status quo to those who seek to expand knowledge and experience. Examples are the Civil War and extending voting rights to women, non-landowners, and minorities. The Ohigan season provides a guide for this maturity. The six paramitas provide a means to cross over to the other side: *Dana* (charity), discipline, patience, perseverance, meditation, and wisdom. The five precepts are also a guide: do not lie, steal, kill, take

intoxicants, nor abuse sex.

Although we may not be able to follow these as strictly as monks, they are still important guides. As Buddhists, we are influenced by these guides to cross over from positions of immaturity to one which demonstrates wisdom and compassion.

We see that from the time of the Buddha, progress has moved from ignorance toward wisdom and compassion. We are told in the story of Devadatta (too long to share here) that the most vengeful person could become a bodhisattva. We are encouraged that a path is possible for all of us to encounter our Buddha nature.

The first step would be to recognize and admit the immature teenager within. The teenage mentality refuses to admit that any growth is possible. However, the humility of our *bombu* status, opens us up to the possibility of growth. Rather than defending our frustrated egocentric abilities, we can open up to receive the efforts of others. For this is the truth that has always maintained our lives. With words and thoughts of deep appreciation, *Namo Amida Butsu*, we take refuge in our being accepted, just as we are. When we can feel the compassion of others for our well-being, we are moved to serve others toward awakening.

Although the earth naturally displays its equilibrium twice a year, we humans must actively do so. Our human imbalance has been caused by our greedy self-interests. Therefore, we must put effort into a correction. We have succeeded in several areas: smoking, clean water, cleaner air, and automobile, work, and home safety. So, this can be done by mature adults.

Our awakening to the imbalance of our personal lives does not stop with ourselves. As an interdependent being, we might work to bring balance to our larger self or community. How might we confront the teenage mentality of a group? We know the difficulty of educating an all-knowing teenager who may endanger himself. We can only provide examples of following the teachings of the Buddha that has benefitted millions of people in diverse cultures. The Middle Path offers respect for the teenage mind, just as he is. When the fear of rejection is diminished, the teenager may be able to see that the concern for others is a worthy reason to follow the path.

Gassho

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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

The Buddhist Temple of San Diego continues to remain closed for in-person activities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Most of this September's activities will continue to be conducted live on Zoom or pre-recorded on YouTube video. Here is the schedule:

SERVICES/DHARMA MESSAGES

(Pre-recorded on YouTube video. Please share the video with family members and friends who do not have computer internet access).

13 – Shotsuki Hoyo monthly memorial observance with English and Japanese Dharma messages. Dharma School resumes (Dharma School classes meet on Zoom)

20 – **O HIGAN** (Dharma message, Noriko Kawai, English and Japanese)

27 – Dharma Message

CLASSES/SESSIONS

Buddhism 1-2-3 (Wednesdays at 7 p.m. on Zoom) – Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30.

Shoshinge and **Wasan** chanting (Saturdays at 1 p.m. on Zoom) – Sept. 5, 12, 19 and 26.

MEETINGS

Ways and Means (Sept. 8, 7 p.m. on Zoom)

Board of Directors (Sept. 10, 7 p.m. on Zoom)

Activities (Sept. 24, 7 p.m. on Zoom)

FUNDRAISERS

Yasukochi CSA (Community Service Agriculture) produce box and **Chicken Pot Pies** (Saturday, Sept. 26) drive thru. See article in this edition for details.

OFFICE HOURS

During the closure, the temple office is open Tuesday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 pm. Linda Redenbaugh, office administrator, will be happy to serve your needs. There is limited staff coverage on weekends. The temple is closed on Mondays.

For more information pertaining to the activities listed above, 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 BTSD website at <http://www.buddhisttemplesandiego.org> for updates.

Thank you very much for your continued support and patience during this most challenging time. *Gassho.*

ACTIVITIES NEWS

Restaurant Fundraisers: Thank you to Mr. Yoshihiro Minezaki from Ichiban Hillcrest, Ms. Susie Seo from Kanpai and Mr. Damien Devine from Devine Pastabilities for their partnership in our recent restaurant fundraisers. To date, we have raised more than \$1,000 through your generous support of these local businesses. Ichiban Hillcrest is donating 20% of purchases from its full menu that mention BTSD through September, which will be added to the \$1,000 total. Thank you to Mr. Jun Hanaoka from Hanaoka Restaurant for his generous monetary donation in place of having a restaurant fundraiser.

The next **Yasukochi Farms CSA Box & Strawberries plus Temple-Style Chicken Pot Pie Fundraiser** will be on **Saturday, September 26**, with drive-through pick-up from 1:00 am-1:00 pm. Please follow link on the Temple website to complete the online order form or fill out attached order form and mail to the Temple. For home delivery, you may also order online directly at <https://www.yasukochifamilyfarmsoceanside.com/>. Please add "Buddhist Temple of San Diego" to the "Comments" and they will donate a portion of the proceeds to the Temple.

Rummage Sale Items: Carol Baker has been advertising and selling furniture items. If members would like to donate furniture only, please contact the Temple office. The items must be intact and easily accessible for the safety of our volunteers.

Dana Club: The feeding San Diego donation link continues on our Facebook page and Arturo Rubio will contact the Rachel's Women's Center to schedule delivery of clothing collected for donation.

Commemorative BTSD NO-OBON 2020 Uchiwa Sale: Obon is a special time when we gather to express our joy and remember and honor loved ones who have passed. This year under COVID-19 our Temple did not gather. This Uchiwa (Japanese fan) project is to commemorate our NO-OBON 2020. **Limited quantity of 10. First come, first order fulfilled.**

The front is hand-painted by Wendy Nakamura featuring girl in yukata dancing beneath COVID-19 spheres. With Wendy's seal. The back is BTSD Wisteria in lavender with text "Buddhist Temple San Diego NO-BON 2020."

Donation: \$15, made payable to BTSD or credit card/PayPal, please note "Uchiwa Sale" in comments: https://paypal.me/buddhisttemplesd?locale.x=en_US

All proceeds to BTSD, 100% artwork donated by Wendy.

Please pick background color of yukata and send email to Ann Ong at amiharuong@gmail.com or call the temple during office hours. All hand-painted, with unique variations. Select: Blue, Light Blue, Matcha, Red, Magenta, Pink, Coral, Purple or Lavender. Pick-up on Sept. 26, 11-1pm during Yasukochi Farms drive-through pick-up or later, depending on when request is received.



Respectfully submitted by
Ann Ong and Glenn Torio

SCRIP NEWS



I know that being at home for this long a period of time that I am doing a lot more baking and using a lot of grocery store gift cards. My husband has even gotten into the act of making bread. He dug out the bread machine which we hadn't used in over twenty years to make a loaf of French bread and then he actually made a recipe that took him a couple of days to make. Both turned out good.

My younger son does a lot of our grocery shopping and I provide gift cards to use at the stores. My older son lives in Maryland and I send him grocery store gift cards. He seems to be doing a lot more cooking since he is working from home.

We are still selling gift cards. We have the usual gift cards that we regularly have in stock. If you need special cards, call the temple office and give us a couple of weeks to get them. To find the retailer list, just go to the Great Lakes Scrip website and scroll down to the bottom and click on retailer list. Just give Linda a call. Stay safe, healthy & Sane.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By LuAnn Lee, Board President

I hope that those of you that ordered Yasukochi Farms produce enjoyed the fruits and vegetables.

It was nice to see everyone who picked up their items even though I had to hesitate at times to make sure I knew who they

were. I was noticing all the different prints and styles of masks. Lucky for the temple, we have many talented people that have been making and donating such nice cloth masks and we give our appreciation to them as it takes a lot of time and effort to make them just right.

It's hard to believe it's been six months since we have been dealing with COVID-19. Some of us are still working at home, students are working virtually, TV and electronic devices have never been so popular and a majority of meals are being cooked at home. It was great to have an option to purchase take-out food during the hot and humid month of August and help the temple at the same time. Ichiban and Devine Pastabilities worked with the temple to donate a percentage of sales from our members and friends. We thank everyone for all the support.

With all the tropical type weather upon us, thunderstorms and lightening are causing wild fire to burn out of control. Parts of California are on fire and they say it is one of the largest in our history. I saw an interview with a couple of firefighters and they looked so tired and are feeling overwhelmed. I saw videos taken by people trying to escape with fire all around their car. Other states are sending help to relieve the front line firefighters. For more current information on California fires go to fire.ca.gov. We hope they can contain it soon and please stay cool.

Last weekend, I was finally able to attend the Qigong Workshop led by our very own Karen Akahoshi. I really needed this low impact stretching workshop during these uncertain times. Thank you to Karen for donating your time each week. I was also able to attend a virtual fundraiser set up by Ann Ong. It was something that I would recommend for a deep relaxing experience to relieve stress. It was taught by teacher Amy Freeman and the workshop was Restorative Yoga and Sound Healing Immersion. Amy donated her time so that all the proceeds went to the temple. She plays many instruments that provided soothing sounds from a crystal bowl, koshi chimes, rain sticks and steel drum. We give our appreciation to her for supporting the temple.

This month, it's time for another Yasukochi Farm to table produce box, plus you can order a homemade pot pie! Look for more information in this edition of the Kaiho.

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 met on August 13th -

1. Rev. Akahoshi, standing committees and temple organizations provided updates on their activities.
2. A negative fiscal year-end balance is projected but we are currently liquid thanks to the generous response to the COVID-19 appeal letter. The Ways & Means committee will work on planning for the 2021 year though it is difficult to forecast the potential profit and loss.
3. The Board approved improvements to the Dodson Street side lighting.
4. Thank you to our volunteers who have been working on partnerships with local restaurants and other community providers. Thank you to the volunteers who've been making face masks for the Sangha.
5. The Board approved a filing with the IRS to clarify the temple not-for-profit status.
6. Approval of the Taiko group's participation in the JFG Natsumatsuri festival was ratified. Subsequent to approval, the group decided not to participate.
7. Use of temple facilities for the It's All About the Kids food distribution was ratified. Discussion and approval was conducted via email.
8. Thank you to Arturo Rubio and Kaytee Sumidda for coordinating the delivery of collected toiletries and clothing to Rachel's Women's Center.

BWA NEWS

How wonderful it was for me to participate in the Virtual Obon that BCA had organized and set up with Zoom on August 15. It was great to see so many members from our temple as well as others on the Zoom site. We were able to hear and see people across California and the nation, and to chat on the website to say "Hello" and to express our happiness and joy for having this special event.

Dancing the Obon dances always brings me such joy mostly because I feel close to those at the Temple and to my family, even though we are far apart or socially isolated. Thank you so much to Junko and Tim Kajita for sharing Junko's instruction for one of the dances, Akachan Ondo, and uploading a video of this dance, which was videotaped by my husband, Ed, at the Japanese Friendship Garden. Also, thank you to Shirley Omori for helping us dance on the Virtual Obon. I know, you were a great help for me and many others to follow the many dances that were presented.

In addition, thank you to those who are calling our senior members who are not able to use technology to stay connected, and who do not have family support close by. When doing this, I have become especially close to the women I have contacted. I have learned much about their lives and how accomplished they have been while growing up and working in San Diego.

We have many accomplished senior women who have opened economic and social barriers, and we as younger women, have benefited. Their success in business, education, and in raising a family after the war and incarceration, has been an inspiration for us to follow.

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As women of the BTSD, we are an integral part of this organization who have contributed much to the sustenance of the Temple. But, as Asian Americans and as women, we often do not stand out or try to show how much we have contributed. This sense of modesty and humbleness has been considered a good quality, but I am wondering if it has made it difficult for us to really express our feelings and ideas to their fullest. Do we feel we can show our authentic self to others and still be humble and without ego?

I think because of the war and being incarcerated, our parents have instilled in us how important it was to fit in and not to make waves and, most importantly, not to cause shame to our family or family name. As we grew up, we knew we had to do well in school so that we could help our parents deal with the struggle of readjustment after the war. But in doing so, many of us have felt it difficult to really express our true feelings. We have grown in two different worlds: one external world of obedience and self-denial, and the other world of our deep creative self that strives to find a way to be expressed.

Our gathering each week on Qigong has created a Sisterhood that has helped me feel less alone in my struggle with this dichotomy in my life. I feel the support and warmth of the many who have decided to participate and to be heard. I feel that I have found a group of women who share my struggles. Thank you, Karen, for making this possible for me and for others. We deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness and work in keeping this going for the last three months. We hope more people will join us as we learn more about ourselves and about Qigong.

In Gassho,
Mani Ryan



Look for the Smile to Support the Temple While Buying Online

While many of us are spending more time at home and often buying things online, we want to remind you that Amazon Smile can send micropayments to the Temple with every purchase you make on the Amazon platform. The money comes from Amazon; your costs for items you purchase does not change. Many of us already have an Amazon account, and the Smile option is a small tweak to your existing account.

Am I Ordering on Smile Already?

Open your Amazon account. If you see Amazon Smile as shown in the upper left-hand corner of the screen, you are already on Smile. If not, consider clicking on the Amazon Smile link from our website. Go to "Give" on the BTSD website and find the link below the PayPal button. See our recent web article from the News menu on our website.

DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

On behalf of the Dharma School staff we would like to give a warm welcome to all returning and new Dharma School students and their families! We will continue to conduct online classes each week and are excited to begin this new school year with a children's service via Zoom for all students and families on Sunday, September 13.

If you are interested in attending, please send an email to us at info@btsd.net.

Dharma School registration forms are also posted on the BTSD website.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone very soon.
In Gassho, Lisa Umekubo

SANGHA TEENS

Over the summer break, we decided to meet on Zoom once a month to keep in touch. We met July 19 and August 16. We played games together and talked about various things like school and how early we wake up.

As I will be joining the Jr. YBA this upcoming year, I would like to thank those who were with me in Sangha Teens. I would like to thank Anika, Cassidy, Paulina, Arturo, and Tabo, who made every second of it fun. I had many great times and the laughter never stopped. I would especially like to thank my advisors, Ms. Avis, Mrs. Lorena, and Mrs. Julie for guiding me and helping me lead, there would be no Sangha Teens without them. It was a great year even with the challenges we faced. I loved being president, learned so much, and was given a chance to practice multiple skills. Thank you all!

I hope to see everyone in person again soon. Stay safe and help others stay even safer. Wear your mask and social distance!

Gassho, Andrea Covarrubias

Ichiban in Hillcrest Extends Fundraiser!

20% to BTSD ALL SEPTEMBER

Includes Full Menu and Specials!

Be Sure to Mention BTSD when you Order. Share informational flyer, found in this issue, with family and friends.

Expanding Awareness Talks

Topics that enhance our lives
By expanding our knowledge & experience

September 13, 2020

Dr. Tissa Hata and Dr. Chris Uchiyama will provide an assessment of the COVID-19 condition in San Diego. Their professional, medical perspective will clarify the many confusing reports that exist.

More Information to Come.



The Buddhist Temple of San Diego wishes to express its sincerest condolences to the family of:

Mrs. Yoshiko Watanabe (April 15, 1924 — Aug. 24, 2020)

Namo Amida Butsu

SEPTEMBER SHOTSUKI LIST

The September Shotsuki Hoyo (monthly memorial service) will be posted to our YouTube channel on Sunday, September 13. **Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi** will read the names and deliver the English Dharma message. **Mrs. Yukari Williams** will provide a Japanese message. Families and friends of anyone who passed away in September 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 Thank you.

<u>DECEASED</u>	<u>FAMILY MEMBER</u>
Kisako Kishi (9-2-1939).....	Masao Kishi
Haru Takashima (9-14-1943)	Takashima Family
Fumi Ishizuka (9-9-1951).....	Kimie Family
Masao Nimura (9-8-1952)	Saburo Nimura
Rev. Tetsuro Kashima (9-19-1953)	Kashima Family
Kiyono Fujimoto (9-21-1954).....	Fujimoto Family
Usaburo Tsuji (9-4-1957)	Laura Tsuji
Isa Kasubuchi (9-12-1968)	Naoye Kasubuchi
Seikichi Moriyama (9-15-1968)	Moriyama Family
Ikuji Oto (9-29-1971).....	Oto Family
Uta Sugiyama (9-2-1979)	Sugiyama Family
Midori Nishiuye (9-4-1979).....	Nishiuye Family
Yuji Funaki (9-6-1980)	Funaki Family
Ruth Honda (9-12-1980)	Amy Honda
Noboru Tomiyama (9-9-1982).....	Sayoko Tomiyama
Tamio Mayumi (9-27-1983) Mitsuko Kawamoto Family	
Michiko Obayashi (9-20-1988)	Obayashi Family
Ko Nakagawa (9-4-1992).....	Nakagawa Family
Yasuyuki Sugiyama (9-22-1994).....	Yukiko Sugiyama
Shin Araumi (9-14-1995).....	Shizuka Azuma
Suzuko Davey (9-29-1996)	John Davey
George Kudo (9-8-1998)	Will Kudo
Kiichiro Osaki (9-26-1998).....	Sayoko Tomiyama
Takashi Hamabata (9-16-1999).....	Hamabata Family
Takaye Furuya (9-30-2001).....	George Furuya, Jr.

<u>DECEASED</u>	<u>FAMILY MEMBER</u>
Fujiko Tsujimura (9-5-2002).....	Roy Tsujimura
Vyvyanne Owashi (9-16-2002).....	Bruce Owashi
Yoshie Yonekura (9-28-2002).....	Yonekura Family
Tokihiro Yano (9-11-2003).....	Michael Yano
Yaeko Hamabata (9-12-2003).....	Hamabata Family
Takeno Hayashi (9-7-2005).....	George Hayashi
Takeshi Mike Sonoda (9-22-2005).....	Takeshi Sonoda
Katherine Taylor (9-24-2006).....	Martin Taylor
Shunsuke Hanaoka (9-25-2006).....	Kaeko Hanaoka
Mary Iguchi (9-18-2007).....	June Hosaka
Irene Yamamoto (9-21-2008).....	Sachio Yamamoto
Mitsuye Hanano (9-29-2009)	Gerald Hanano
Peter Rex Adkins (9-13-2010).....	Yoshiko Adkins
So Yamada (9-17-2011).....	Yamada Family
Masamitsu Mayekawa (9-7-2012).....	Ahren Mayekawa
Yoshiko Ruthenburg (9-29-2012).....	Andrew Ruthenburg
Leo Noriyoshi Hagio (9-23-2014).....	Hagio Family
Margaret Ikeda (9- 2015).....	Paul Arakawa
Shozo Yamashita	Emiko Yamashita
Cynthia Kashiwagi (9-2-17).Kuniyuki & Angeline Kashiwagi	
Tom Yanagihara (9-3-2017).....	Yanagihara Family
Rev. Jim Yanagihara (9-19-2017).....	Yanagihara Family
Sumiye Nakashima (9-11-2019).....	Mikiye Honda
Sumi Otani Cheeks (9-23-2019).....	Ricky Cheeks

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 office Tues-Fri.

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

1st Year Memorial 2019	13th Year Memorial 2008	27th Year Memorial 1994
3rd Year Memorial 2018	17th Year Memorial 2003	33rd Year Memorial 1988
7th Year Memorial 2014	25th Year Memorial 1996	50th Year Memorial 1971

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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."

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Ochi-Watson, Shirley
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Honda, Ralph & Avis
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Yamamoto, Jane - 1 Yr. Mem.
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COVID-19 FUND

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Estes, Carol

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Sound Healing --
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IMO Chiyeko Yagi
Doi Family
IMO Mike Doi

MAP

Isakari, Henry & Marcia
Estes, Carol
Honda, Mikiye

MEMBERSHIP DUES

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IMO Jim Doi, uncle
IMO Hidekichi Doi, grandpa
Shimizu, Jamie S.
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April
IMO Setsuko Himaka - April
IMO Seiichi Shimizu - June
IMO Mizue Copple - June
IMO Chosuke Himaka - July
IMO Christine Shimizu - July
IMO Paul Shimizu - August
IMO Tetsu Yamasaki - Aug.
Kida, Katsumi
IMO Masuyo Fujii
Martinez, Nancy
IMO Genshichi Nabeta
Uyeji, Masako
IMO Mickey Kitagawa
Ryan, Mani
IMO Father and Mother
Doi Family
IMO Mike Doi

2020 SOUTHERN DISTRICT & SDBWA

Web Conference

BUDDHA'S WISH: "VOW OF ALL THE BUDDHAS
SAYING THE NAME"

Date: Saturday, October 3, 2020

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (SDBWA General Meeting
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.)

Registration fee: \$20. The fee includes a contribution to the
Zaidan Fund (Legacy BCA Endowment)

GUEST SPEAKER: Rev. Yuika Hasebe
(English and Japanese)

Rev. Hasebe is a Kaikyoshi minister with the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. She is from the Hoshiji Temple in Toyama, Japan and received Tokudo ordination in 2004 and Kyoshi in 2007. Hasebe Sensei graduated from Ryukoku University in 2007 and was assigned as Kaikyoshi minister to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and served as associate minister of the Hawaii Betsuin from 2008-2009 and again from 2014 to present. Rev Hasebe served at the Hilo Betsuin from 2009-2013.



Registration deadline for BTSD delegates: Sunday, September 20. Please contact the temple or BWA to sign up or if you have any questions.

核なき世界を願う

駐在開教使 向嶋裕史

今年で広島と長崎に原子爆弾を投下されてから七十五年目を迎えました。この原爆投下によって、二〇万人以上の方が犠牲になり、更に数多くの方々が被爆され原爆症に苦しめられました。七十五年経った今でも後遺症を患っておられる方がおられ、原爆による死者数は約五〇万人を超えたと書かれています。何とも恐ろしい限りです。

この大切な節目の日を迎えるに当たり、今一度、私達人類の歴史を振り返ってみますと、平和を願う一方で、世界では争いの絶える日は一日としてありませんでした。これまでの戦争で幾千万の人々が尊いいのちを失い、親を亡くし、子を奪われ気も狂わんばかりの悲嘆にくれた人は枚挙にいとまがありません。また、仏教徒に限らず、「殺すなかれ」という教えに背いて、聖戦の名の下に、武器を取って戦地に赴かなければならなかった方々の心の苦しみに想像を絶するものがあります。

今日の私達の快適な暮らしは、先の大戦で亡くなった多くの方々のいのちの犠牲の上にもたらされているということ、を今一度思い起して、感謝の気持ちと共に真の平和の実現に努めていかなければなりません。

今、世界の多くは、戦争の恐ろしさを知らない世代が多数を占め、いのちを軽視する問題も増えています。七十五年目を迎えた今こそ、戦争で無残にも尊いいのちを絶たれた方々の為にも、残された私達が力の限り戦争の悲惨さとその罪の深さを訴えていくことが必要です。

幸いに私達は、この世に人としての生を受けました。仏教ではこの世に人として生まれてくることは大変稀なこと

であると説いています。この真実に気付くとき、私達はこのいのちを全うして生きなければなりません。互いの存在を認め合い、敬い合い、支え合っていくことが、人が人としての真の生き方なのです。この世で互いの人生を分かち合っていく尊さに気付くことが何よりも大切なのです。

しかし、先ほど述べましたように、人類は長年に渡り戦争の歴史を繰り返してきました。戦争の原因は、人間のさまざまな欲望や恐怖心から生まれてきます。人類は互いに自己を正当化し、他を排除し、拳銃にいのちを奪う戦争を続けてきました。そして、今まさに、人類が作り出した核兵器によって、この母なる地球をも破壊の危機に追いやるようとしています。

数年前、私はある本を読んでいて次の言葉に出会い、思わず肅然と襟を正したことでした。それは、「地球を一つの生き物に例えようと、人間は地球にとって癌細胞である」という言葉です。大変厳しい言葉であると思いますが、事実、人は私利私欲の為に他のいのちを奪うだけでなく、環境を破壊し、地球そのものを破壊に追いやるようとしています。地球にとって、また全ての生物にとって、私達人類が癌細胞であるというこの事実には、思わず頷かざるをえないと同時に、人としての恥ずかしい思いが込み上げてまいりました。

仏教には恩に報いるという教えがあります。大自然の恵みの中で、多くのいのちの犠牲の上に私達のいのちは成り立っています。この尊いご恩に私達人類は人生をかけて報いなければなりません。恩に報いる生き方とは、互いの存在を認め合い、敬い合い、支え合って生きることではないでしょうか。

人には他の動物にはない優しさや相手を労わる特別な心があります。相手の立場に立って考えることができ、素晴らしい力があります。また、共に悲しみ、共に泣き、共に喜び、共に笑うことのできる美しい心を持つ

ています。そして何よりも人間は反省するという尊い心を持っています。

私達人類は遠い過去から様々な過ちを繰り返してきました。しかし、その犯した過ちをどう受け止め、どう修正し、どう償っていくかがとても大切なことなのです。それには大変な勇気と根気が必要になってきます。人間一人ひとりの力は、大変弱いものですが、その弱さを支え合い、補い、助け合って生きることが本当の人間の素晴らしさだと私は信じています。

核兵器を廃絶して、世界の平和を確立し、地球環境を整えていくことは、正に私達人類の全ての生物に対する緊急の責務であると思えます。

人類と一口に言っても、性別、性格、国籍、文化、能力、価値観、肌の色等、全てが異なります。しかし、私達の「いのち」は、多くのいのちとの繋がりをもって生かされているのです。ですから、他を滅ぼす道は己を滅ぼす道であって、他を生かす道こそが己の生かされる道である事を決して忘れてはなりません。仏教は、私達に他を敬い、互いの存在を理解するよう努めることで、全ての者と共存する尊い世界があるということを気付かせて下さる智慧の教えです。

仏説無量寿経に「兵戈無用」―武力も武器も用いる必要がない―という言葉があります。つまり、釈尊は、仏法が正しく広まれば、人々は思いやりの心を大切にし、平穏な暮らしをすることができると信じておられます。争うことはなくなると教えて下さっています。

最後に、「世の中安穩なれ、仏法ひろまれ」という親鸞聖人の切なる願いを今一度深く味わいながら、核兵器廃絶と世界平和の実現に向けて、長年ご尽力下さっている全ての方々にごより感謝を申し上げ、原爆犠牲者並びに、先の大戦で亡くなられた全ての犠牲者に哀悼の誠を奉げます。

Buddhist Education in September

Virtual Buddhist Education Continues in September

Bill Teague, Chair, Buddhist Education Committee

Thanks to all of you for continuing to follow Kenji Sensei's videos on YouTube and the live Zoom sessions of Buddhism 1-2-3. While in recent years the Temple breaks for August. Sensei responded to the Sangha's needs during the pandemic by handling all Sunday services and Buddhism 1-2-3 sessions. Viewership and attendance continue to grow.

Are you seeing Sensei's messages? We send them out each Sunday and post them on the Temple Website, YouTube, and Facebook. To join discussion with Buddhism 1-2-3 on Wednesday nights, please contact the Temple for the Zoom login.

Emphasis on Sangha

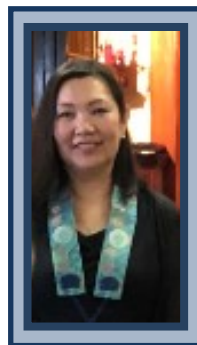
Qamar Bradford. By the time you read this, Board member Qamar Bradford will have given the August 30 Dharma message, on the topic of activism, and our first Buddhism 1-2-3 session will allow us to discuss on **Wednesday, September 2.**

More Sangha Members in Future. Kenji Sensei is reaching out to other Sangha members to share information from

a Shin Perspective. September 13 is the date for the presentation by **Dr. Tissa Hata** and her husband **Dr. Chris Uchiyama.**

Rev. Noriko Kawai. Another Temple member, Kawai Sensei, will be providing the Dharma Talk for Fall Ohigan on **Sunday, September 20.** In role as Ministerial Assistant, she will be speaking in both English and Japanese.

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Noriko Kawai, M. Div., will be our Fall Ohigan speaker. She has been serving BTSD as a certified Minister's Assistant for five years. She was born and raised in Kobe, Japan and has lived in America for most of her adult life. She received a Master of Divinity from Claremont School of Theology and works as a chaplain. She is experienced with specialties in death and dying and behavioral health. She has given Dharma talks in Japanese and is on the path to become a Jodo Shinshu minister.



Tri Temple Seminar - Zoom

Vista - OCBC - San Diego

Saturday, October 17, 11:00 a.m. -- 1 p.m. (PDT)

For those of us who are unclear of the meaning of the Nembutsu, Shinran suggests a provisional means in chapter 6 of Kyogyoshinsho. Gratitude is an easy provisional path.

"Nembutsu Journey"

Following the Easy Path of Gratitude

Guest Speaker: **Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi**

Resident minister of Buddhist Temple of San Diego since Aug. 2013

Master's degree in Transpersonal (spiritual) psychology

Annual Shin Buddhist Retreats since 1998 in CA., WA., Hawaii

Teenage Vision Quest Program, over 10 years

Santa Clara Co. Juvenile Hall, volunteer Buddhist Chaplin

Former dentist



Registration information will be available soon.