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VOW OF AWAKENING

By Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi,
 Resident Minister

What were your New Year's resolutions in January 2020? What are your resolutions for New Year 2021? How are they different? Have the events of 2020 changed

your perspective in life? This is typically the time of year that we close one cycle or chapter and begin a new one. Our nation and its people have not experienced such dramatic challenges since WWII. Have our values changed after the events we endured in 2020? How can Buddhism help us in this time of turmoil?

The intent in Buddhism is to live a harmonious life. The path to this process is to wake up to the causes and conditions that govern life. Knowing how this game of life is played can reduce our frustration when things don't go our way. When we align our lives with the deep truths, it brings harmony and joy. The discontent that we have experienced this year may indicate that our assumptions of life were not correct. Have we taken for granted the comfortable life that many of us have enjoyed?

As middle-class Americans, we may have been asleep to the conditions that 90% of the rest of the world faces. We have enjoyed too much and yet complain about never having enough. Our short-sightedness extends beyond ignoring those beyond our borders. Although we voice concern for our children and grandchildren, our current lifestyle is at the expense of future shortages of land, raw materials, natural habitats, water, and a sustainable climate. The limited resources of our grandparents a hundred years ago will be the limited resources of our grandchildren a hundred years from now. The human population has increased exponentially and has almost tripled in the last 100 years to more than 7 ½ billion.

The truth of interdependence reveals that our former life patterns may have been comfortable for us but at the expense of those beyond our borders and those in the future. In this time of solitude and introspection, we might ask ourselves what is enough? The contagion of the virus demonstrates that our collective behavior has determined the magnitude of the spread of this disease. Although we may have been disciplined in following health directives of wearing a mask and being socially distant, there are other large segments of our population that have ignored the truth of this virus. Thus, over 325,000 Americans have died due to this virus.

The Buddhist message is not a superficial "feel good"

message of hope. It is a realistic message of truth which contains negative and positive aspects. The hope comes from how we respond to the situation. It is so inspiring to realize that we have a direct effect on our future. We do not have to rely on an unseen deity to determine our future. But it is still a challenge to respond with our limited human wisdom and compassion.

What values has the virus uncovered? Most of us have discovered that we can live with less material possessions. We may have underestimated our need for connections with others. Supporting the less fortunate among us is important as the virus is spread easily among those who must work close to others. The service workers that are often unseen become valued, as they support our basic necessities. The work of health professionals, researchers, and scientists become evident. Making more money does not have to be our standard of success.

Core human values of compassion, kindness, and caring are displayed in dramatic fashion as we see many stories of our group humanity in the news. We have been forced back to the basics. In our weekly Buddhism 1-2-3 discussions, members have expressed their renewed awakening to the gratitude they experience as we deal with these challenging conditions. The virus has awakened us. The philosophy of Buddhism is very profound and true. But they remain ideas until they are experienced.

The Pure Realm does not just exist after life. The Pure Realm exists when our minds and hearts are aligned with the truths of interdependence and impermanence. Wisdom and compassion guide our lives. We are inspired and join in the process of the Vow that assures that we all wake up to the benefits of this unrepeatable life. As we loosen our grip on the false security of material wealth, we gain the assurance of spiritual support in the form of love, acceptance, and wisdom. Gratitude and joy are endless gifts of a life of awakening. Come join us on Wednesday evenings to share and learn of the practical ways that others have experienced. The Dharma and the Nembutsu have guided our parents and grandparents through times more drastic than now. For the sake of our children and others, let us renew our understanding and experience of the Shin Dharma for a brighter future.

Gassho

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JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Ring in the new year will certainly have a strange feeling with social distancing practices still in effect.

BTSD continues to remain closed until further notice due to health and safety protocols related to COVID-19.

Religious and social activities will continue to be offered virtually via the temple's YouTube (YT) video channel and Zoom (Z) live video platforms. The temple urges the Sangha to participate and share the Dharma with family members and friends who do not have computer internet access. Here is the January activities schedule:

- 1 - **SHUSHO-E** New Year's Day service, 10 a.m. (Z)
- 3 - Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial and Dharma talk (YT)
Qigong workshop, 9 a.m. (Z), BWA meeting, 11 a.m. (Z)
Taiko practice, noon (Z)
- 6 - Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.m. (Z), Taiko practice, 6:30 p.m. (Z)
- 7 - IRC meeting, noon (Z)
- 9 - Sutra Chanting, 1 p.m. (Z)
- 10 - Dharma School staff meeting, 9 a.m. (Z)
Qigong workshop, 9 a.m. (Z)
Dharma message (YT), Dharma School, 10 a.m. (Z)
Jr. YBA meeting, 11 a.m. (Z), Taiko practice, noon (Z)
- 11 - Ways and Means meeting, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 13 - Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.m. (Z), Taiko practice, 6:30 p.m. (Z)
- 14 - Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 16 - Sutra Chanting, 1 p.m. (Z)
- 17 - **HO ONKO** Shinran Shonin's memorial. Guest speaker, Rev. Ron Miyamura of the Midwest Buddhist Temple (YT)
Qigong, 9 a.m. (Z), Dharma School, 10 a.m. (Z)
Sangha Teens meeting, 11 am (Z), Taiko practice, noon (Z)
- 20 - Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.m. (Z).
Taiko practice, 6:30 p.m. (Z)
- 23 - Sutra Chanting, 1 p.m. (Z).
Kiku Gardens/Genki Home Care meeting at BTSD, 10 a.m.
- 24 - Qigong, 9 a.m. (Z), Dharma message (YT).
Dharma School, 10 a.m. (Z), Taiko practice, noon (Z).
- 27 - Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.m. (Z).
Taiko practice, 6:30 p.m. (Z).
- 28 - Activities Meeting, 7 p.m. (Z).
- 30 - Sutra Chanting, 1 p.m. (Z).
- 31 - Qigong workshop, 9 a.m. (Z), Dharma message (YT).
Dharma School, 10am(Z),
Taiko practice and meeting, noon (Z)
Annual General Membership meeting, 11 a.m. (Z)

Spanish-language Dharma message presented by Arturo Rubio will be posted on the temple's YouTube channel.

Regular office hours remain 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. 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. Send an email at info@btsd.net or check the BTSD website <http://www.buddhisttemplesandiego.org> for updates.

ACTIVITIES NEWS

Welcome to the year 2021, a huge thank you and an air hug goes out to you, our generous Sangha and friends for participating in last year's Drive Thru events and generous donations. We don't anticipate temple activities going back to the "norm" for the first part of 2021, time will tell. Please continue to stay safe and practice all of the CDC's recommendations.

Dana Club: Arturo and Kaytee continue to sort through donations coming to the Temple. Items of clothing are transported to Rachael's Women's Center and Streets of Hope. A tremendous number of donations were collected at the last Yasukochi CSA Box fundraiser December 5, many people will be receiving new clothing and other needed items in this time of need. Thank you to Arturo's and Kaytee's dedication to sorting and transporting items to help these less fortunate people.

The Third Yasukochi Farms CSA + Strawberry + BWA Brittle Fundraiser was held on December 5, 2020. This event included the homemade facemasks, BWA annual Almond Brittle Sale, Dana Club clothing drop off and the Jr. YBA "can" food drive. The Yasukochi CSA box and strawberry sale was another success. The Jr. YBA received the most "can" food donations ever which means even more families will be having a nice holiday dinner because of your generosity. The BWA Brittle sale sold out as usual, but this being the first time selling on line and at the contactless drive thru it was a pleasant surprise. Thank you go out to all who have participated in our events and many volunteers! We continue to abide by all of the COVID 19 rules and restrictions by using all of the appropriate PPE, Sanitizing, Social Distancing, Contactless service and use of the fewest number of volunteers as possible. Keep your eyes on the Kaiho and/or the Temple virtual sites to see when the first event of 2021 will be.

Virtual Lantern Festival: This event's last day to order was December 15, 2020. The lanterns have been personalized for loved-ones who have passed away and will be yours to keep. You will be able to display your lantern at an upcoming Obon as well. Thank you for your participation in this meaningful event.

Respectively Submitted by Ann Ong and Glenn Torio

SANGHA TEENS NEWS

Hello Sangha Friends!

As 2020 comes to an end, we would like to thank you for your continuous support and wish you an incredibly happy and healthy 2021. Hopefully, we can plan our activities and look forward to seeing you all next year.

Until then please stay safe and healthy!

In Gassho,
Cassidy, Anika, Arturo
Paulina, Sage, and Tabo



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a year it was...2020!

It started out like any other year. As many of you, our family had large gatherings for the 2019 holidays. Early in January, I remember hearing about the virus in China and then in Europe but it didn't seem to be of great concern here in the U.S. but later that month, the first case was reported in Washington State. I recall a Doctor on the news saying it wasn't a matter if the virus will be coming to your city but a matter of when it will come. People were still traveling in February and early March including me. A few of my family members went to Vegas in mid-February and had a delicious buffet (which may be our last one for a while). Shortly after that trip, in early March, the first known case was in San Diego. From that news, came a shut down and my work at home venture began.

I can't believe it's been nine months since the stay at home order started but lucky for me, it has worked out so far. Many are not so fortunate, and it is disheartening. Our Sangha understands this as well and are always willing to step up and give whenever they can. I know that some of our members and friends of the temple have donated on their own to the local food banks. The Junior YBA was so touched that they received so many canned goods, non-perishable goods and monetary donations for the annual give away to Pan Asian families in need. The Dana club accepted so many bags and boxes of warm jackets, winter clothes and socks to give to Streets of Hope for the homeless. Thanks to Kaytee for organizing the items and to Arturo for taking two loads on our behalf.

Not only did you donate to these projects, so many of you have and still are donating to the Temple. In these uncertain times, we have not been able to gather and have our Bazaar that funds our building improvement account. Cherry Blossom, Obon, Rummage Sale, Golf Tournament and Mochitsuki all cancelled but our fundraising committee led by Glenn Torio and Ann Ong, carried on.

Because of this group, the temple was able to make some money and did it safely. We saw members and friends in their cars as they drove by and picked up veggie/fruit boxes and it was nice to support a local farm. We sold masks made by our members and friends of the temple, sold Nancy's Pot Pies, and helped BWA hand out the brittle from San Luis Obispo. We thank our BWA for donating the profits from that sale to the temple.

We are grateful for zoom (even though some are getting zoomed out). Our meetings, sermons, seminars, webinars, social events have all been able to continue. We now have the luxury of watching most Dharma talks from Bishop Harada, Kenji Sensei, our Ministerial Assistants, Temple members and Ministers from all over the U.S. just by clicking on a link. Many

people from other temples are able to join in on the Wednesday night Buddhism class 1-2-3.

Even though it has been tough at times, we have been able to support each other the best we can. We thank the Sangha for keeping the temple financially sound during the pandemic. It is appreciated beyond words.

With the vaccines slowly being administered, we hope to see the end of the pandemic by the middle of 2021. Please stay the course. I heard a good way to remember what we still need to do to reduce the risk of Covid-19. The 3 W's are Wear a mask, Wash your hands, Watch your distance.

In closing, I hope you and your families enjoy the holiday season and I wish you a very Happy New Year. We may not be able to gather but there will be a time in the near future when we can. Be safe and continue to keep in touch with one another.

If you know of someone in our temple that needs support, please reach out to us. Call the temple (619) 239-0896 or e-mail at info@btsd.net. Check our website for updates at: <http://www.buddhisttemplesandiego.org/>

Namo Amida Butsu.

In Gassho, LuAnn Lee

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The temple Board of Directors met on December 10th -

1. Condolences to the family of Mr. Mitsuo Ishihara who passed away on November 19.
2. Many educational opportunities are available on the internet. Kenji Sensei recommended the Everyday Buddhist courses through Orange County Buddhist Church
3. The Board was updated on the activities of the temple affiliated organizations (BWA, Dharma School, Jr. YBA, Tai-ko) and some of its standing committees (Ways & Means, Activities, Membership, Interreligious Council, Dana Group)
4. Funds to repair the Dodson Street gates were approved.
5. The Board approved funds for labor and materials for landscaping the front yard at the minister's residence. The Muraoka family is donating their time and equipment for material transporting. The Board had previously approved to help pay for materials for a property line retaining wall.
6. A Social Media policy was approved for the temple's presence on the web and social media platforms.
7. Rental of one of the temple's mochi-making machines was approved.
8. The Board approved the costs associated with the in-house publication of a calendar to give to our Keiro Kai members.

FYI - we often receive notes with donations - at the end of year especially. They are posted on the bulletin board.

BWA NEWS

Happy New Year!!! It is hard to believe that we have survived 2020. It certainly was a difficult year, however,

through the teachings of the Buddha, and the unwavering support and guidance of Reverend Akahoshi, we have been able to endure the difficult solitude and fear of the spread of this terrible virus.

We hope you were able to safely celebrate the holiday season. It was a challenge to “exchange” gifts and to safely celebrate in a nontraditional way. I think the message of this season was to give to others and to help those in need: who are food insecure, who are homeless, to those who are sick, and to those who are alone. Through the Dana Group, the Temple continues to do this with their holiday food drive, winter clothing drive. We can give in a monetary way, but we can also give with calls, letters, cards, and emails. We can give our time to others. What a perfect way to celebrate the holidays.

The Paso Almond Brittle and Carmel Popcorn sale that was sold with the Yasukochi Farms CSA Box Fundraiser was a wonderful success. It was sold out and with a vote from the BWA, 100 % of the profits will go directly to the Temple. We want to extend our deepest appreciation and gratitude to Ann Ong and Glenn Torio for organizing the fundraiser and including the BWA Paso sale. A special thank you goes out to Kikue Graeber and Naomi Himaka who worked diligently on ordering, and Susan Yonekura and Ann Yamamoto who counted and boxed the orders to be ready on the day of the fundraiser. Their work on this fundraiser is greatly appreciated by all of us. A profit of almost \$2000 was made and given to the Temple.

Please continue to stay safe by wearing a mask, maintaining social distancing, and frequently washing your hands. It is amazing how these 3 simple steps can save thousands of lives. In gassho, Mani

Live New Year's Day Service on Zoom

See Live Dharma, See Each Other

Start the New Year off right with Kenji Sensei's first Dharma message for 2021 presented live! Not only will we get to experience a service with each other in real time, after the Dharma message we will have breakout rooms where we can chat with each other just like hospitality before the pandemic.

You Need a Zoom Link to Join.

The sign up is now on Google Docs. Find the link on our website or email the Temple so you can log in to join us. You do not have to create a new account with Zoom. If you have a web browser with internet access, you will just need to click the link. You may have to wait a few minutes before you are admitted by the Zoom host to join the service.

Space Is Limited! So Sign Up on Google Docs Now ~ We are sending out the January Kaiho early so you still have time to request your link. Our current Zoom account will only allow us to host 100 logins. So we may have to turn some people away if they do not sign up soon.

DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a wonderful and safe holiday break. Our Dharma School services will resume on Jan. 10. In December, a few Dharma School teachers and staff members participated in the Southern District Dharma School Teachers League (SDDSTL) Mini-Workshop hosted by the Gardena Dharma School teachers. They learned more about Ananda, who was Siddhartha's cousin, as well as the Larger Sutra. In addition, the Dharma School staff virtually met with some of the parents to check-in and connect with each other.

Some of our Dharma School teachers are continuing to plan for the 2021 Federation Dharma School Teachers League Conference that will take place in April. Wishing everyone a healthy, happy and prosperous 2021!

In gassho, Lisa Umekubo

JR. YBA NEWS

Happy New Year's! We wanted to thank our generous Sangha for the continuous support during 2020, especially during the pandemic. Our Jr. YBA program would not nearly be as successful without your support. We started off the year holding in-person activities but transitioned to virtual events during the stay-at-home order. Some of our favorite events we took part in last year include hosting Seminar 2 in March, arranging a Virtual Temple Halloween Party, and attending Dharma School each Sunday over Zoom! We were able to stay connected with the Sangha and continued to learn how to incorporate Buddhism into our daily lives. In 2020, we participated in many Southern District events as well! Our chapter attended Southern District Seminar 1, Conference, Leadership, and Jam Session. Although most of the events took place over Zoom, we got to interact with our peers from our district. We finished off 2020 with our Food Drive in December. Our Juniors planned a Drop-off Food Drive on Saturday December 5 and it was a huge success. We received lots of food and monetary donations and would like to thank our Sangha members. 2020 was a crazy year and we are extremely appreciative to have been able to stay connected to the temple through services and virtual events. We hope to see you all in-person in the near future. In Gassho, Jenna Sasaki

BCA WILL NOT ISSUE A CALENDAR IN 2021

It is unfortunate to announce that the 2021 Buddhist Churches America calendar will not be available due to issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic. As an alternative, the BCA is making a digital version of the calendar that can be downloaded. Please check the BCA website: www.buddhistchurchesofamerica.org Gassho.

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

BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Fuchigami, Lynn S & Stephen
IMO Yukio Kawamoto
Omori, Shirley
IMO Yukio Kawamoto
- Parking Lot Use
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen
IMO Yukio Kawamoto
Iwasaki, J
IMO Kirk Akahoshi
Terao-Doerr, Lenni
IMO Kirk Akahoshi -
1 Year Memorial
- In Appreciation of Dharma
Talks and Buddhism 1-2-3
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen
IMO Yoshiko Kawasaki
Asian Pacific Post 4851
Kasubuchi, Naoye
IMO Yukio Kawamoto
Martinez, Nancy -
Electrical work
Rendich, Louise G.
IMO Yukio Kawamoto
Kawamoto, Mitsuko - Service
Yukio Kawamoto
Negoro, Glenn
IMO Yukio Kawamoto
Nakamura, Jake K & Patty
IMO Yukio Kawamoto
Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki
IMO Yukio Kawamoto
Tomiyama, Sayoko
IMO Roy Yonekura
Yonekura, Susan
IMO Yuki Kawamoto
Yokota, Carole
Williams, Erika
Yasukochi Family Farms LLC
Oct - Dec 2020
Yonekura, Susan
IMO Roy
Fujii, Joan - 1 yr. memorial
IMO Kirk Akahoshi
Williams, Erika
Kojimoto, Keith
Jensen, Richard
IMO Roy Yonekura
Fujii, Joan
Kitano, Margie -
BEC, General Fund, BWA
Hidinger, Holly - in lieu of
Mochitsuki
Yamamoto, June - Nov.
Kaneshiro, Gale - Yasukochi
Farms Fund Expense
Hamada, Gary - Offering
Ishihara, Sally
IMO Mitsuo Ishihara
Fujii, Joan & Paul - In
gratitude to Kenji Sensei,
Karen & new ZOOM friends
Himaka, Michio & Naomi
IMO Yukio Kawamoto

Gladsjo, Julie
Colby, Dorothy
Nakano, Reiko
IMO Yukio Kawamoto
Ryan, Mani
Anthony-Tabar, Noreen

BODHI DAY SERVICE

Masumoto, Chiyoko
Yonekura, Susan
Shigehara, Wilbur & Janice
Suyenaga, Irene
Hill, Miyo
Spears, Margo
Nogata, Yuriko
Yanagihara, Sumiko
Yamanishi, Miyoko
Honda, Ralph & Avis
Kodama, Jay
Yamamoto, Jane
Hendrix, Hiroko
Kuwada, Howard & Kaneko
Tanaka, Kelvin
Nakamura, Jake K. & Patty
Hashiguchi, John & Tsune
Torio, Betty
Otsuji, Dennis & Elaine
Honda, Mikiye
Sumida, Floyd & Kaytee
Hidinger, Holly
Ryan, Mani and
Yamaguchi, Laura
Tsukamoto, Wayne
Kida, Katsumi
Yamamoto, Koichi
Coppock, Roger
Moncrief, Mayko
Gladsjo, Julie
Ohara, Fumiko
Sugiyama, Yukiko
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Itsuko
Tomiyama, Steve
Aoyama, K. Alice
Okuhara, Roy
Benson, Agnes
Fuchigami, Lynn S.

COVID-19

Ohara, Ann
Nakatani, Nancy & Fred
Sasaki, Brian & Lorin

EITAIKYO FUND

Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen
Kawamoto, Mitsuko
IMO Yukio Kawamoto,
Husband
Tsuneyoshi, Motoo & Angie
Koga, Florence
IMO Emiko Ishisaki, Aunt
IMO Irene Koga, Mother
IMO Kazuo Koga, Father
Hidinger, Holly
Ryan, Mani and
Yamaguchi, Laura
Tsuneyoshi, Motoo & Angie

EITAIKYO SERVICE

Kashima, Jeanie
Ishizaki, Sheryl
IMO Joseph & Pat Ishizaki
Tsuji, Masako
Koga, Florence

END OF YEAR (JOYA-E)

Ryan, Mani and
Yamaguchi, Laura
Tsukamoto, Wayne
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen

FLORIAL OFFERING

Ryan, Mani

GENERAL MAINTENANCE

Ochi-Fontanott, Janet - solar
Ryan, Mani

HO ON KO

Ryan, Mani and
Yamaguchi, Laura

LANTERN FESTIVAL

Isakari, Henry & Marcia
Yoshida, Laura
Ryan, Mani
Smith, Maribeth "Smitty"
Shin-Ryan, Melissa
Yanagihara, Tom Masaru
Shigehara, Wilbur & Janice

MAP

Kitano, Margie
Ryan, Mani

MEMBERSHIP

*We thank the following
individuals & families for their
recent renewals*

Jones, Jami Yonekura
D'Orsi, Ruby

2021

Kitano, Margie
Ring, Linda
Ryan, Mani

NEW YEAR'S DAY (SHUSHO-E)

Ryan, Mani and
Yamaguchi, Laura

OSEIBO

Negoro, Glenn
Hendrix, Hiroko
Yonekura, Susan
Masumoto, Chiyoko
Shigehara, Wilbur & Janice
Estes, Carol
Kuwada, Howard Kanji &
Kaneko
Hill, Miyo
Ryan, Mani
Spears, Margo
Yanagihara, Sumiko
Nakatani, Fred & Nancy
Kodama, Jay
Yamanishi, Miyoko
Honda, Ralph & Avis
Yamamoto, Jane
Sugiyama, Chiyeko
Ohara, Ann

Tanaka, Kelvin
Nakamura, Jake k & Patty
Hashiguchi, John & Tsune
Otsuji, Dennis & Elaine
Honda, Mikiye
Sumida, Floyd & Kaytee
Kitano, Margie
Kaneshiro, Gale
Himaka, Norman & Kathy
Alroy, Evelyn
Kida, Katsumi
Yamamoto, Koichi & Joyce
Hamada, Gary
Moncrief, Mayko
Omori, Shirley
Ochi, K Kay
Amano Takeko
Wiederkehr, Laura & Jeff
Gladsjo, Julie
Sugiyama, Yukiko
Ohara, Fumiko
Torio, Betty
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen
Tsuneyoshi, Motoo & Angie

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Kitano, Margie
Ryan, Mani

SHOTSUKI HOYO

Graeber, Kiku
IMO Taiji Santohigashi
IMO Sachiko Santohigashi
Nakamura, Shari
IMO Isamu "Sam" Nakamura
IMO Pauline Nakamura
Nakagawa, Mami
IMO Masako Nadahara
IMO Nobuo Nadahara
Yanagihara, Sumiko
Honda, Ralph & Avis
IMO Ben Honda
Yamamoto, Jane
IMO Shizue Yamamoto
Martinez, Daniel & Nancy
IMO Mary E. Root
Honda, Mikiye
IMO Ben Honda
IMO Shigeo Amano
Yonekura, Susan
IMO Frank Yonekura
Terusaki, Steven
IMO George Terusaki
Hamada, Gary
IMO George Hamada
IMO Leora Hamada
IMO Pat Heyamoto
IMO Sen Watanabe
IMO Satoru Watanabe
IMO Tatsu Watanabe
Tsukamoto, Wayne
IMO Bunichi Tsukamoto
Takashima, Wilbur
IMO Ben Honda
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen
December

JANUARY SHOTSUKI LIST



The January memorial service will be posted to the BTSU YouTube channel on Sunday, January 3. Families and friends of anyone who passed away in January are urged to view 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.

The Temple and Sangha offers sincere condolences to the family and friends of:
Mitsuo Ishihara ~ November 19, 2020
Arikazu Ogasawara ~ December 13, 2020

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

M E M O R I A L S E R V I C E S

MEMORIAL SERVICES allow us to pay homage to loved ones who have passed away. In our Jodo Shinshu tradition, family members hold a service at certain intervals following a relative's death to express gratitude for and acknowledge their continuing influence in our lives. If you wish to schedule a memorial service for a loved one, please call during weekly office hours.

2021 is the memorial year for those who passed away in:

1st Year Memorial	2020	3rd Year Memorial	2019	7th Year Memorial	2015
13th Year Memorial	2009	17th Year Memorial	2005	25th Year Memorial	1997
27th Year Memorial	1995	33rd Year Memorial	1989	50th Year Memorial	1972

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」 二〇二一年一月法話

「ハルロの叫び」

駐在開教使 向嶋裕史

新年明けましておめでとうございませう。

さて、昨年はこれまでにないほどの試練の年でありました。新型コロナウイルス感染症拡大を始め、さまざまな社会問題、そして混乱を極めた大統領選挙が多くの国民に不安を与え、そのストレスによる精神的ダメージが互いの価値観を受け入れる寛容さを失わせ、その結果、国民の分断を生み出してしまいました。

特に昨年はBLMやLGBTQなどといった差別問題の深刻さを改めて浮き彫りにしました。特に警察官の不適切な拘束方法によって黒人男性が死亡した事件が多くの国民に大きな衝撃を与えました。こうした警察官による黒人市民への不当な逮捕、暴力、そして殺害などといったアメリカの歴史に組み込まれた慢性的な人種差別に抗議するBLM（黒人のいのちも大切）運動が活発となり、警察の抜本的な改革を求める抗議デモが全米各地で起りました。

当仏教会に於いても、BLMをテーマにしたワークショップが開かれ、被害に会われた方々とその遺族への哀悼の意を表すと共に、差別根絶の実現に向けて話し合う機会がありました。その中でALM（全てのいのちは大切）という言葉がBLM運動に対抗して盛んに使われ、新たな問題となっていると聞きました。この考え方はもちろん大切なことです。しかし、仏教が説く平等というのは、全ての存在は仏性をそなえ、仏になる可能性を有するといった点で平等であるということです。それは、人はその本質において平等であるという意味であって、何もかも一律に全てが平等に扱われなくてはならないと考える

と、誤りを犯すことになりませう。

例えば、池で男女二人が溺れているとします。それを見つけた一人の男が二人を救出しようとして池に飛び込みます。一人はまだ体力的に余裕があると思われる男性で、もう一人は体力が限界でまさに頭が水に沈もうとしている女性です。助けに入った男はすかさず女性のところへ行って身体を抱きかかえます。すると、もう一人の男が「全てのいのちは平等なのだから今私も一緒に助けにくれ」と言ひだして、救助している男性の身体に抱き着いてしまいました。そうなるのは、助かるいのちも助けることができませう。

このように、BLM運動は、まさに体力が尽き果てて溺れようとしている人の助けを求める叫び声であり、それに対抗するALM運動は、今まさに助けを必要としている人の声をかき消し、またその弱者を救おうとしている人々の努力を無駄にしてしまう訴えなのです。

ですから、ALMという訴えは決して包括的でポジティブな意味ではありませう。残念ながら、ALMは、差別の究極的な行き着く先である「存在の抹殺」のいのちの抹殺という待ったなしの緊急事態の打開を訴えるBLM運動に対して、普遍的な「全てのいのちの平等」に置き換えて曖昧模範な運動へとすり替えて行こうとする悪意ある意図として感じられるのです。

もちろん言うまでもなく、全てのいのちは平等であり、かけがえのないいのちです。差別の問題は黒人だけではなく、全ての人種が抱える大きな問題です。私達アジア系など有色人種も長い間差別の対象としてされてきました。白人の方であっても差別を受けた経験があるはずですよ。

しかし、アメリカ社会で一番不当な扱いを受けてきた黒人コミュニティを今真っ先に救わなくてはなりません。「黒人のいのちを皆と同等に扱ってほしい」、「黒人のいのちを軽視するゆがんだ社会の構造を変革してほしい」という救済を求める心の叫びを決して無視してはいけ

ませう。全てのいのちは平等だと訴えて論点をすり替えるのではなく、差別に苦しみ悲しむ黒人コミュニティに寄り添い、黒人の人々の涙を共有することが大切です。そして、特定の人種に対する固定観念、偏見、差別がいかに愚かな行為であるかを家族や地域社会で積極的に話し合い、差別根絶の輪を内外に広げていかななくてはなりません。

差別が生ずる根源は、他と比較して自己を高くする「傲慢」の心にあります。仏教の目指す智慧とは、ものを区別して見ようとする分別心をとり去った無分別心です。その心で見れば、お互いが凡夫であり、対立し非難し合う理由はどこにもなく、助け合っていかなければならない存在であることが明確になってきます。

お釈迦さまは、二五〇年前から差別という概念は人の存在価値を否定する最も卑劣な行為の一つであるとカースト制度を真っ向から否定されておられます。そして、「生まれによって賤しい人となるのではない。生まれによってバラモンとなるのではない。行為によって賤しい人ともなり、行為によってバラモンとなる」という言葉を残しておられます。つまり、人の価値は人種や文化、宗教によって決まるものではなく、その人の行いによって決められるものであるということですよ。

人の心には他人を見下し否定することで、優位に立とうとする醜い自己愛がありますが、人種や宗教をもって他を差別する行為は、自ら己の存在価値を下げ、軽蔑される身となることにつながります。ですから自分の行いに責任を持つことが大切なのです。

この悲しくも醜い自己愛を減らすことは至難の業ですが、常にお念仏を申すなかで、どこまでも自己中心的な生き方を省みて、仏性としての存在を互いに認め合いながら、差別根絶のために内なる差別としっかり向き合い、全ての人が笑顔と希望に満ち溢れる二〇二一年にしていきたいと切に願っています。

Buddhist Education News in January

Buddhist Education opportunities abound this month, not just because of our full worship schedule –with five Sunday services this month – but also a New Year’s Eve service (*Joya E*) just before 2021 begins, and then the New Year’s Day Service. And for the Sunday Ho-Onko (annual memorial service for Shinran Shonin), we are welcoming Rev. Ron Miyamura, of the Midwest Buddhist Temple in Chicago. Most of these events will be represented by recorded videos – but the New Year’s Day Service will be a live Zoom event. See elsewhere in the Kaiho for more information about registration and register early. Space is limited!

Buddhism 1-2-3 resumes Wednesday, January 6, 2021, at 7 p.m. These are live discussion classes conducted on Zoom, allowing for open discussion of Buddhist concepts and for improving our appreciation of the insights available to us in the Nembutsu tradition. Please email the Temple for more information if you need the login.



Our Ho-Onko speaker is Rev. Ron Miyamura, of the Midwest Buddhist Temple in Chicago. He also serves the Cleveland Buddhist Temple and the Twin Cities Buddhist Association (Minnapolis-St Paul, MN.) He grew up at the Placer Buddhist Church and graduated from UC Berkeley. He went to IBS and attended and received a Master’s Degree from Ryukoku University in Kyoto, Japan. He was ordained in 1973 and served at the Midwest Buddhist Temple. He took a leave of absence from BCA in 1981 but returned in 2010. He did assist the Midwest Buddhist Temple during this time.

The Ho Onko service will take place on January 17 and will be pre-recorded on the Temple’s YouTube channel.

Membership News

Bill Teague, Membership Chair

Looking back at 2020, I want to again thank members who have done so much to support the Temple so we can continue to function and share the Dharma--even through the pandemic. Not only have most members renewed for 2020, but most have also made additional generous donations, in response to pleas for additional operating income to offset the loss of in-service donations and fundraisers. While we are still reaching out to the dozen or so members not yet renewed, we are so grateful for the ongoing support. Our count of close to 95% 2020 renewals will be updated in January.

New Member Area of Website

We have added a new section of the Website just for our members and those interested in becoming members.

Resources include

PDFs of our Service Book

Useful membership and donation forms

Starting in 2021, a Password-protected area with access to PDFs of our history books, *Jodo Shinshu: A Guide*, and other members-only resources.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING JANUARY 31

The temple’s annual General Membership meeting will be on Sunday, January 31, beginning at 11 a.m. on Zoom.

This once-a-year business meeting gives the Sangha the opportunity to join Kenji Sensei, President LuAnn Lee, the Board of Directors, committees and affiliated organizations as they recap 2020 and provide what is planned for 2021. Members will be asked to approve the fiscal year budget and Board of Directors slate.

All dues paying members and interested Sangha members are invited to attend the meeting. Please know there is a limited capacity, **so signing up on Google Docs through a link on our website is required. The link for the meeting will be sent to your email address prior to the meeting on January 31. A quorum of 25 members is required to qualify as official.**

Rev. Akahoshi, President Lee and the Board of Directors look forward to seeing many temple members during the annual meeting on Zoom.

If you should need assistance, please call the temple at 619-239-0896.

In Gassho

SCRIP NEWS

Welcome to 2021! Happy New Year and may 2021 be a better year for all of us. With the hope of a vaccine on the horizon-now is not the time to let our guard down. Let us give “thanks” for keeping us safe and healthy and helping one another through the rough times. There were a few months in the beginning of the pandemic where we were not making any sales, but business has picked up.

We always try to have the following gift cards on hand at the temple: Albertson’s/Von’s, Sprouts, Smart & Final, Home Depot, Amazon, Starbucks, Target, WalMart, CVS, and a few restaurants. All other gift cards on the list can be ordered on Sunday morning so that our order can arrive by Friday.

Thank you to everyone who has continued to purchase scrip during this difficult time. We hope that you continue to stay safe, healthy, and well. May 2021 be a better year so that we can one again be together!

NEWSLETTER PUBLISHES DESPITE 2020

As COVID-19 wreaked havoc for most of 2020, the Bussei Script continued to publish monthly. Many thanks to all of the contributors for providing insightful news. We can’t tell you how much we miss our Kaiho team who we haven’t seen since March, and thank volunteers, (from the same family) who have been helping get the Kaiho out during the pandemic. Thank you for all of your support. *Gassho*.