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The Wholeness of Truth

By Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi,
Resident Minister

Summer is here. We are at one extreme of the global season. When it is too hot, we wish for the coolness of winter and so we seek buildings with air conditioning. Remember when we were in the depth of winter and wished it were warmer? We turned on a heater to warm up. Most things in life are experienced as a balance of two extremes. This difference in quality is called **duality**. As humans, we evaluate things in relation to the opposite. Hot is opposite to cold. Up is in relationship to down. Good needs bad to be valued. Life has meaning when compared to death. I sense myself as opposed to others.

In *Tannisho*, Yuien states that Shinran reminds us that we are incapable of really knowing good or bad. He says that only the Nembutsu is true and real. By this, he means that in a dynamic universe, causes and conditions occur without qualities of judgement. Volcanoes create new land masses. Glaciers move granite and mountains. Rivers carve valleys. Life forms consume and create other life forms.

As humans, we choose what we determine to be favorable to us. However, this one-sided judgement also creates difficulties for us. To help us, the Buddha offers us the Dharma of truth to have us realize this complex dynamic. The 2nd Noble Truth states that it is this attachment to our ego-centric view that creates our discontent.

If we were driving a car and held the steering wheel only to the extreme right or to the extreme left, depending on our social inclination, we would simply go around in a circle. To go forward, a balance of both would be necessary. The Buddha's Middle Path is a truth validated through observation of the universe's natural course. It is not directed by our desires.

The difficulty of accepting this obvious truth is the cultural and religious influence that we have in the West in a perception that "good" is the ultimate and default choice. This results in the belief that life is good and death is bad. Yet, everything that is alive will die. There is also a belief that each being has a separate soul.

Let us contrast this with the Buddhist principles of interdependence and impermanence. Every person, being, and entity is a part of every other being or entity. Our present human condition is the result of billions of years of mineral, organic, and human evolution. The impermanence of

each life form is simply a change from one form to another as each life form gains its sustenance from other life forms. Energy in the forms of light, liquids, and gases are interchanged continuously with life forms. Amida literally means infinite life and immeasurable light (energy). Buddha (Butsu) indicates a consciousness. Although Amida Buddha is often symbolized and talked about in human form, "Amida" is a way of depicting the truth of existence. Namo Amida Butsu is our response as we become consciously aware that we have been given a rare birth in this dynamic, cosmic universe.

Of course, each of us is concerned with the quality of our own life. However, by reciting "Na Man Da Bu," we are reminded that my individual self is part of the greater self of a community. Together, we accept the pain of loss and celebrate the joys of life. As the gatha, "Ondokusan," relates, "the debt of gratitude I owe my Dharma teachers, I will express until my bodily form is finally shattered." It is this realization that I have been accepted, just as I am, in the world community. As Buddhists, we work for the welfare of all beings. "Na Man Da Bu" is saying hooray to all of life. Let us share this wonderful truth with others.

There will always be harsh conditions that we deplore and favorable ones that enhance us. Both are necessary to complete the whole. The truth of the Dharma is this wholeness, not the one-sided illusion of only good. Fake news and untruth can be identified when only one aspect is promoted. Truth includes all sides.

I recall my son being so disappointed with himself in baseball, because, as a batter, he could only hit the ball about half the time. He felt much better after I told him that the best professional ball players only hit the ball 1/3 of the time. Life doesn't have to benefit us half the time. The truth of a situation is reassuring.

"Na Man Da Bu" reminds us that the gift of human birth got us into the game. The victory is to awaken to reality.

"In a world of duality: up/down, inside/outside,
good/bad, myself/others, life/death,
I'm made aware of a universe of wisdom and compassion.
Gratitude and joy are gifts of the Nembutsu."

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JULY CALENDAR

As the temple anticipates its return to in-person gatherings, religious and most social activities will continue to be offered virtually on the temple's Zoom (Z) live and YouTube (YT) channel pre-recorded video platforms. The temple urges everyone to participate in the virtual activities and share the opportunity with individuals who do not have computer internet access. Here is the July calendar:

- 3 – Sutra chanting class, 1 pm (Z)
- 4 – Shotsuki Hoyo monthly memorial and Dharma messages: English and Japanese (YT), Qigong, 9 am (Z)
- 6 – Ways & Means meeting, 7 pm (Z)
- 7 – Taiko practice. 6:30 pm (Z), Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm (Z)
- 8 – Board of Directors meeting, 7 pm (Z)
- 10 – Sutra chanting class, 1 pm (Z), Book Club, 2 pm (Z)
- 11 – Dharma messages (YT), Qigong, 9 am (Z), Taiko practice, noon (parking lot)
- 14 – Taiko, 7 pm (parking lot), Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm (Z)
- 17 – Kiku Gardens/Genki meeting, 10 am (Annex Hall), Sutra chanting class, 1 pm (Z)
- 18 – Dharma messages (YT), Qigong, 9 am (Z), Taiko prac., (Z)
- 21 – Taiko, 7 pm (parking lot), Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm (Z)
- 22 – Activity meeting, 7 pm (Z)
- 24 – Sutra chanting class, 1 pm (Z)
- 25 – Dharma messages (YT), Qigong, 9 am (Z), Taiko practice, 11:00 am, (parking lot); BTSD E.A.T. Conversation with Kenji Sensei and Kay Ochi (see ad on page 8), 11 a.m. (Z)
- 28 – Taiko, 7 pm (parking lot), Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm (Z)
- 31 – “Human Nature—Buddha Nature” seminar (see ad on page 8), 11 a.m. (Z); Sutra chanting class, 1 pm (Z)

The Spanish-language Dharma message, presented by Arturo Rubio, is posted on the temple's YouTube channel.

New office hours: 9 a.m. to 4 pm Tuesday-Friday with limited coverage on weekends. The temple is closed on Mondays.

More information: Call the temple at 619-239-0896. Please leave a message if your call is not answered, we will respond as soon as possible. Send an email to info@btsd.net or check the BTSD website <http://www.buddhisttemplesandiego.org> for updates.

TEMPLE REOPENING AND ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Reopening of the Buddhist Temple of San Diego is looking brighter after nearly a 16-month closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

At the Board of Directors meeting, held on June 10, the Reopening Committee introduced tentative plans for resuming in-person activities from now through at least Sept. 3.

Reopening will be gradual and will follow CDC guidelines. On the temple's side, safety protocols and procedures will be implemented for religious and social activities, temple affiliated organizations and groups. A cautious approach benefiting the welfare and safety of the Sangha is the highest priority.

With the anticipation of returning to a new normal, mark your calendars for “save-the-date” in-person activities that

are being planned at the temple during August. Please note that all events listed are subject to change or cancellation:

FURNITURE SALE RETURNS

Looking for that furniture gem that will fit nicely in your home? Check out the Parking Lot Furniture Sale on Sunday, August 8 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hundreds of items, including dining room tables and chairs, sofas, bedroom sets, cabinets and antique furniture will be on sale for this one-day event. Help promote the sale by spreading the word to family members, neighbors and friends.

BON ODORI PRACTICES

Are you in the mood for dancing your O Bon favorites including Tanko Bushi, Shiawase Samba and One Plus One? Get reacquainted with the temple's favorite songs at the Bon Odori dance practices on Sunday, August 15 at 10 a.m. and Wednesday, August 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the parking lot. The Bon Odori dance instructors will get everyone ready for the temple's summer tradition.

HATSUBON AND OBON SERVICE

Honoring loved ones and friends who have passed away since O Bon 2019 will be remembered at the service on Sunday, August 22. **Rev. Kodo Umezu**, former Bishop of the Buddhist Churches of America, will deliver the messages in both English and Japanese. Rev. Umezu recently retired after 47 years of service with the BCA.

BON ODORI KANGI-E (FESTIVAL OF JOY)

Following the O Bon service, everyone is invited to gather in the parking lot to pay tribute to all loved ones who have passed away and participate in the traditional Bon Odori dancing.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAY

There is a possibility for the Sangha and community to drop-off electronic discards for recycling. Although a date has not been determined, the event may take place the same day as the Furniture Sale.

95TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION AND REV. AKAHOSHI'S RETIREMENT

The activities committee is working on combining the two events for Sunday, October 10. Best case scenario will be a service in the hondo followed by a luncheon in the Annex Hall. If guidelines require restrictions, an outdoor or hybrid event with a virtual program will be planned.

Complete details for each event will appear on the temple's website and August edition of the Bussei Script newsletter. Stay tuned!

The activities committee and temple extend a heartfelt thank you to the Sangha for its support of special fundraisers held during the closure. Four Community Service Agricultural (CSA) produce events with Yasukochi Farms were well-received. Mask and face-covering, chicken pot pie and Paso Almond Brittle, and bento lunch sales with Ichiban Restaurant Hillcrest enhanced each successful CSA drive-through. Thank you to the many volunteers for making the fundraiser successful. Expect these events to continue in the future.

In Gassho, Ralph Honda
Ann Ong and Glenn Torio contributed to this article

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By LuAnn Lee, Board President



Time for change, all around us.

With Covid 19 restrictions being lifted, we will be adjusting to a new normal that is understandably being determined. The businesses are re-opening, full capacity attendance at the Padre games and 4th of July fireworks will be one of the biggest displays in years. The guidance announced by the CDC that vaccinated people can be around other vaccinated friends and family without a mask. Although it's hard to keep it all straight sometimes, we will get through it and gather soon. The metrics seem to be moving in the right direction so it won't be long.

I have noticed as I talk with others, some are very comfortable with getting back to how it was before the pandemic, some do not want to gather and other people are open to the change but still want the wearing of a mask when physical distance is not available. I know our Temple members and friends will understand all of these different views and feeling. We must respect each other and their comfort level of being around other people.

We thank all of the Sangha and friends for your understanding and patience. See the Activities report to see the plans that are in place for the next couple of months.

For me, we are back to work in small groups mid-June for 2 weeks and at the end of June, we are back in the office full time. The firm I work for has had many people retire this past year and I have heard a few of my family and friends are ready to call it quits as well. This change is good and something I look forward to someday.

As mentioned in the last Kaiho, appeal letters have gone out to members and friends. I just wanted to follow up with a note to say we understand if you can't give now and for those that think a certain amount has to be given, I just want to assure you that any amount is appreciated. Thank you to Michael Kinoshita, Bill and Joyce Teague and our secretary Linda, for their help with preparing and sending the letter.

In closing, continue to be aware of your surroundings and keep in touch with one another. Keep safe and it won't be long before we can see each other at the Temple and beyond.

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/>

In Gassho,
LuAnn Lee

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met on June 10th -

1. All affiliated organizations and standing committees provided updates on their activities and planning for the temple re-opening.
2. The Board approved the recommendation to proceed with the Property and Liability Insurance premium payment. There will be a substantial increase for the new cycle.
3. Koden will be given to past resident minister Rev. Yushi Mukojima on the passing of his mother.

BWA NEWS

July opens with a noticeably big and colorful BANG!!! It starts with the 4th of July, celebrating Independence Day, the continuation of the vaccination process and the removal of Covid 19 restrictions, then having a fun-filled summer of outdoor activities, picnics and family gatherings and travel.

The B.W.A. Book club has a new book for July. It is called Southland, written by Nina Revoyr. The book is about a family that has to deal with a horrific murder that occurred in Los Angeles during the Watts Riots, in the 1960's. A young and up and coming lawyer is confronted with untangling her grandfather's involvement in this murder. On the way, she learns much more about her grandfather, her Japanese American background, and ultimately about herself. A must read especially during the current times of social, political, and racial unrest in our country.

BWA Zoom meetings will be discontinued for a while. Our next one will be in September. I want to thank the BWA Board members for their help in conducting these monthly virtual meetings during the pandemic.

In gassho, Mani Ryan

Please save the Date
Sunday, October 10th

A Semi-Sweet ending is saying good-bye to dear friends and mentors.

Please plan to join us as we celebrate the Temple's 95th Anniversary and say Goodbye to Rev. Kenji & Karen Akahoshi

CONDOLENCES

Hiromi Mukojima, the mother of former BTSD resident minister, Rev. Yushi Mukojima, passed away on May 20 at the age of 77 in Obama City, Fukui Prefecture, Japan. She is survived by her husband, Rev. Akinobu Mukojima, sons Rev. Shingo (Yasuko) Mukojima and Rev. Yushi (Mika) Mukojima and five grandchildren including Kurumi and Oji, children of Rev. Yushi and Mika. Mrs. Mukojima's funeral was held at the family's temple, Renko-ji, in Obama City, on May 24.

Mrs. Mukojima and her husband visited BTSD in 2004 to meet the Sangha and spend time with their son and daughter-in-law.

Condolences may be sent to Rev. Yushi Mukojima at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, 575 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View, CA 94043. *Namo Amida Butsu.*

DIAL THE DHARMA

Listen to weekly Dharma phone messages

(800) 817-7918

Press 1 for English or 2 for Japanese

VIRTUAL O BON SUMMER FESTIVALS

For the second straight year, many of temple Bon Odori summer festivals throughout Southern California are canceled due to effects of the pandemic and will take place virtually. Please check the various temple/church websites for more information.

O BON IN YOUR LIVING ROOM

BCA VIRTUAL O BON DANCE
Sunday, August 15 at 1
- p.m.

Please register to receive the zoom link: <https://tinyurl.com/2j3m73jw> Questions: cbe@bcahq.org or
510-809-1460

West Los Angeles Buddhist Temple -- July 11 - 25
<https://www.wlabt.org/virtual-obon-2021>

Las Vegas Buddhist Temple -- August
7, 2021
www.lasvegasbuddhist.org



DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

It's hard to believe that we are in July and the 2020-21 Dharma School term has concluded. In a year that was completely virtual through Zoom We thank everyone for making this year as successful as possible despite all of the uncertainties.

Last month in June, we completed the DS term on Father's Day by celebrating all of the wonderful fathers as well as our high school and college graduates. This year our high school graduates were: Julianna Henschen (San Diego High), Jenna Masuda (Canyon Crest Academy), Evan Ong (Point Loma High), Chad Sasaki (Rancho Bernardo High), Jenna Sasaki (Rancho Bernardo High), Zoe Yamamoto (Westview High) and Emma Yanagihara (Patrick Henry High). Our college graduates this year were: Breven Honda (Journalism, San Diego State), Hailey Sasaki (Major: Cognitive Science and Economics, Minor: Computer Science, UC Davis), and Nicholas Nakamura (MBA, Georgia Southwestern State University). Congratulations to all of our graduates! In addition, we thank the Sangha Teens for hosting the games following our Father's Day service.

We would also like to congratulate Sara Matsumoto who was accepted at Northwestern University to pursue her doctorate in physical therapy. A huge thank you to Sara for supporting the Dharma School for the past several years. We will truly miss Sara and wish her the best of luck!

Next month, we will have our camping event on the last weekend of August. So far, we have seven families signed up to attend. If you have any questions regarding the event, please contact Leslie Seymour or Lisa Umekubo.

In the next two months, we will be planning for the 2021-22 DS year. I hope everyone is enjoying their summer break!

In Gassho, Lisa Umekubo

TEMPLE SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE AWARDED DURING O BON SERVICE IN AUGUST

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

Scholarships are named in honor two important temple leaders through the 1990s, Ben Honda and Tets Kashima. Awardees include graduating high school seniors, and undergraduate and graduate students continuing their studies.

Scholarships are paid for through the generous donations of temple members each year, and in years past, with the exception of last year, by their support of the O Bon Again resale shop.

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

DONATIONS

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

BTSD DONATIONS

Masumiya, Asao
Nakatani, Nancy
Ryan, Mani
Andrews, Olivia
Tanaka, Kelvin & Lara
Yamamoto, Koichi & Joyce
IMO Kikuo Takashima
Otsuji, Dennis & Elaine
Okuhara, Roy & Karen
Morinaka Family
Moncrief, Mayko
Kuwada, Howard Kanji & Kaneko
Masumoto, Chiyoko -June
Anonymous
Kodama, Jay
Tsuneyoshi, Motoo & Angie
Torio, Betty
Gladsjo, Julie
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen
IMO Steven Tomiyama
IMO George Inokuchi - 25th Year
Honda, Ralph & Avis
Nishii, Toyo
IMO Rev. Shiro Nishii
IMO Rev. Guzei Nishii
IMO Mrs. Nobue Nishii
Hidinger, Holly - 13 year Memorial
IMO Kiyoko Ochi
Kaneshiro, Gale
Hidinger, Holly - 13 year Memorial - Kiyoko Ochi
Matsumoto, Richard - Dana
Dematteo, Steven and Kristine
IMO Steven Tomiyama
For the joy & light he brought to everyone he met

DANA - BACKPACK DRIVE

Okuhara, Roy & Karen
Martinez, Nancy
Yonekura, Susan
Akahoshi, Glenn & Karen
Honda, Mikiye
Omori, Shirley
Martinez, Isaac

Alroy, Evelyn

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

Ochi-Fontanott, Janet

COVID-19 - Spreading the Dharma in 2021

Sasaki, Brian & Lorin
Anonymous
Ochi-Fontanott, Janet
Ogasawara, Michiko
Ohara, Ann
Hendrix, Hiroko
Shigehara, Wilbur & Janice
Anonymous
Otsuji, Dennis & Elaine
Fuchigami, Lynn S & Stephen
Schraeder, Susan & Stephen
Sugiyama, Chiyeko
Kuwada, Howard Kanji & Kaneko
Kashima, Jeanie
Tada, Tamiko
Oto, June
Yamamoto, Peggy
Sumida, Floyd & Kaytee

DHARMA SCHOOL

McDonald, Marianne
Yamamoto, Kengo & Mae
Honda, Mikiye
Nishii, Toyo
Kaneko, Ruth and Richard

FLORAL OFFERING

McDonald, Marianne
Nishii, Toyo

GEN MAINTENANCE

McDonald, Marianne
Nishii, Toyo

GOLF

Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki
Takashima, Goodwin
Hiji, Ken
Honda, Ralph & Avis
Benson, Agnes
Otsuji, Dennis & Elaine
Yagura, Ronald & Sheila
Kawasaki, Mildred & Trace

Terada, Keiju
Yamamoto, Jane
Tomiyama, Alan
Masumoto, Chiyoko

GOTANYE SERVICE

Takeda, Masanori & Harumi

HO ONKO

Tsuneyoshi, Angelina & Motoo

MAP

Honda, Ralph & Avis
Honda, Mikiye
Nishii, Toyo

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Lee, Harold and LuAnn
McDonald, Marianne
Yamamoto, Kengo & Mae
Hagio, Quimico
Nogata, Sumihiro & Yuriko
Nishii, Toyo

OBON

Ryan, Mani and
Yamaguchi, Laura
Ota, Family, Ken & Laurine
Hidinger, Holly

Hill, Miyo
Ohara, Ann
Yamamoto Ann Miyuki
Hara, Ruby
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

McDonald, Marianne
Honda, Mikiye
Nishii, Toyo

SHOTSUKI HOYO

Takashima, Wilbur
IMO Miki Sato
Masumoto, Chiyoko
IMO George Masumoto
Kida, Katsumi
IMO James Kida
IMO Chieko Kida

Ryan, Mani
IMO Rev. Gikan Nishinaga
Yamada, Patrick & Diane
IMO Richard Watanabe
Araki-Kawaguchi, Corinne & Michael - In Loving Memory of Mother, Peggy Araki - 1924 - 2021
Nakamura, Wendy
IMO Shigeharu Nakamura, my father



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Rev. Mukojima is on vacation. His article will return in September. We thank him for writing the articles in Japanese for the BTSD Bussei Script and wish him a safe and healthy vacation.



Families and friends of anyone who passed away during these months are urged to watch the video, burn incense at your home O Butsudan and Gassho in memory of your deceased loved ones. Please share the videos and Dharma messages with family members and friends who do not have access to the internet. If you find an error, wish to add a name to the list or have questions on accessing the YouTube videos, please notify the temple at 619-239-0896. Thank you very much for your understanding

JULY SHOTSUKI LIST

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

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

MEMORIAL SERVICES

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

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

1st Year Memorial	2020	13th Year Memorial	2008	27th Year Memorial	1995
3rd Year Memorial	2019	17th Year Memorial	2005	33rd Year Memorial	1989
7th Year Memorial	2015	25th Year Memorial	1997	50th Year Memorial	1972



AUGUST SHOTSUKI MEMORIAL LIST

DECEASED

FAMILY MEMBER

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

DECEASED

FAMILY MEMBER

Toyoichi Tanaka (8-30-1988).....Tanaka Family
 Tomeno Kinoshita (8-6-1990).....Masako Wilson
 Sakaru Ralph Goya (8-13-1991).....Alan Seiji Goya
 Steven Yamamoto (8-20-1993).....June Yamamoto
 Roy Nakatani (8-3-1994).....Fred Nakatani
 Mitsu Hachisu (8-18-1994).....Dick T. Hachisu
 Kiyoko Nakamura (8-19-2000).....Michael Brock
 Hisatoshi Ueji (8-1-2001).....Chitose Oyama
 Tetsu Yamasaki (8-4-2001).....Yamasaki Family
 Margarita Rodriguez (8-9-2002).....Rubio Family
 Michiko Kishimoto (8-13-2002).....Yoshiko Sakow
 Hisako Helen Mathews (8-13-2003).....Dan Mathews Jr
 Yukie Hayashi (8-22-2003).....Ron Hayashi
 Fusae Akiyama (8-22-2004).....Alan Akiyama
 Rodney Furuya (8-10-2006).....Alison Furuya
 Masa Nishinaga (8-10-2006).....Mani Ryan
 Jaki Newcomber (8-23-2007).....Lisa Mustard
 Takashi Furukawa (8-1-2009).....Eliana Furukawa
 Kiyoko Ochi (8-11-2009).....Janet Ochi-Fontanott
 Florence Tsuyako Mizuki (8-24-2009).....Malvin Mizuki
 Florence F. Yamashita (8-29-2010)....Mildred Kawasaki
 Lillian Atsuko Sekishiro (8-31-2013).....Victor Sekishiro
 Kiyono Omori (8-14-2014).....Shirley Omori
 Kaname Ken Nakamura (8-20-2014).Nakamura Family
 Betty Tsuneko Yano (8-24-15).....Michael Yano
 Yachie Motobu (8-30-2015).....Janice Barrett
 Yoshiko Watanabe (8-24-2020).....Diane Yamada



**All Interested Ladies
 Are Invited to An
 English Tea**

**Sunday, 26 September 2021
 11:30 am, BTSD Annex**

**Please RSVP ASAP: 858-699-8876 or
 suzbandaid@yahoo.com
 As gathering permits...**

SCRIP NEWS



Thank you to everyone who continues to buy gift cards. We continue to work hard at trying to keep popular gift cards in stock. If you are ordering cards not in stock-remember that it could take a couple of weeks before we will get them, so order early. Don't wait until the last minute!

It's time to look forward to the Fall and students going to college who could use gift cards for Target, WalMart or Macy's to furnish and decorate dorm rooms. Just an idea for those high school graduates.

For those continuing college students-check out where they buy their groceries and get them a grocery store gift card. My son now lives in DC and looks forward to receiving gift cards in the mail. Just make sure that you mail them from inside the post office and not in a mailbox.

Miss seeing you in person, but hopefully it won't be too much longer before we can all get together again. Take care!



“Human Nature – Buddha Nature” The Practice of Living Shin Buddhism

July 31, 2021 – 11:00 am-12:30

Zoom Seminar

Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi

Listening to Dharma talks, reading books, and watching videos by Dharma teachers give us a good understanding of Shin Buddhism. However, until it becomes a daily practice, much of it remains a concept. The annual retreats have been a success since 1998 because they provided an “**experience**” of Shin. This seminar will present the Shin practice of the Nembutsu to become an experience.

Contact the BTSD office to register:
info@btsd.net or call (619) 239-0896.

BTSD E.A.T. Conversation with Kenji Sensei and Temple Member Kay Ochi

2020 and 2021 have been extremely challenging years. We’ve suffered the pandemic and an upsurge in anti-Asian hate and violence. Please join us for a sharing of thoughts:

Anti-Asian Violence World War II and Today

Sunday, July 25, 2021
11:00 AM to 12:00 noon

Email the Temple Office for
the Zoom link at info@btsd.net.



AS TEMPLE BEGINS TO REOPEN, CHECK YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Bill Teague, Membership Chair Scorecard.

Even with the distractions and disruptions of the pandemic, our members have stepped up. As of the middle of June, we have received **145 membership renewals** and are **close to 75% renewal!** We just need the last 25% of you to follow suit.

We hope to close most of the gap this month, with your help. If you are uncertain about membership, just leave word at the Temple or reach out to me any time at btcomms@cox.net or call or text (619) 248-3749.

You can also log into the password-protected Member website (let me know if you need the password).

Buddhist Education in July Buddhism 1-2-3 Continues via Zoom

While San Diego transitions out of Covid restrictions, our Buddhism 1-2-3 continues with its virtual meetings and there is no immediate plan to change that online offering. Also, unlike our physical meetings pre-pandemic, there are no plans to break for the August heat. We hope you can join us as our group includes Temple members and other Dharma friends, sometimes from multiple states across the Union.

TIP: If you have questions about one of Kenji Sensei’s Sunday Dharma messages, Buddhism 1-2-3 meets the following Wednesday for just that purpose. Email the Temple or Bill Teague, facilitator, at btcomms@cox.net.

Buddhism Zero

Our experiment with a twice-monthly hour for basic and raw questions has already had several meetings with interested folks and will continue. Again, contact the Temple or Bill Teague.

Register Now for Sensei’s Seminar July 31

On Saturday, July 31, Kenji Sensei will offer a live Zoom seminar, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., on “Human Nature to Buddha Nature: The Practice of Living Shin Buddhism.” The seminar is free but please register with the Temple by email or phone.

Hatsumairi Infant Presentation

Each year, the temple has a special service for parents to bring their infants to the temple to be welcomed as an integral part of the sangha.

The infant is presented in front of the Onajin of Amida Buddha with the aspiration that the child is raised in the atmosphere of the Dharma of Wisdom and Compassion.

Because of the COVID pandemic, this Hatsumairi service was not conducted in 2020 and 2021.

We hope that this service may be presented next year and will invite infants who were not able to participate in these previous years.

2021 SOUTHERN DISTRICT, SDBWA & SDDSTL CONFERENCE



LET'S TALK: ONDOBO ONDOGYO GOING FORWARD

話し合おう:
これからの
御同朋 御同行

VIA ZOOM



OCTOBER 9, 2021
SATURDAY
9am - Noon



**SPECIAL GUEST
SPEAKER:**
Rev. Kodo Umezu



REGISTRATION:
\$25 Per Person

Registration Deadline: JULY 31 st

Sign up at: [GARDENABUDDHISTCHURCH.ORG](https://www.gardenabuddhistchurch.org)

FOR DETAILS, PLEASE CONTACT: SDC2021@GARDENABUDDHISTCHURCH.ORG

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June 13, 2021

Dear Southern District Temple Members,

In joy, our Sanghas recite the Nembutsu. Thus, we walk a shared path as Jodo Shinshu followers. Or said differently:

御同朋 御同行 — On Do-bo, On Do-gyo

On (an honorific to show the highest respect) Do-bo (fellowship or friends of the same faith)

On (an honorific to show the highest respect) Do-gyo (practicers of the same faith)

We have all weathered dark storms for a few decades – declining membership, aging members, COVID closures – but a bright dawn is breaking on a ‘new normal’. We must continue to listen and learn the Dharma from each other, but how do we do this going forward? We start by listening to and learning from each other. We must continue Ondobo, Ondogyo.

Please join us on October 9th, from 9am to noon for the 2021 Southern District Conference. Our theme will be:

Let's Talk: Ondobo, Ondogyo Going Forward

話し合おう: 此れからの 御同朋 御同行

We will listen to a Dharma Dialogue by our special guest speaker Rev. Kodo Umezu. We will also listen to Socho Marvin Harada during our closing service. And during an interactive session, we will listen to each other regarding what we can do for our Temples and Sanghas.

Immediately following the Conference from 12:30 to 1:30 PM the SDBWA and SDSSTL will hold their Annual General Sessions.

For more information and online registration, please visit:

<https://www.gardenabuddhistchurch.org/sdc2021welcome>

Please note: As in 2020, the 2021 Conference will be held via Zoom. While we can't wait to see everyone in person again, let's take advantage of the Zoom format: an online format will accommodate attendees well beyond our Southern District boundaries. So please feel free to invite non-So Cal Jodo Shinshu Followers by forwarding these materials.

In Gassho,

The GBC 2021 Southern District Conference Committee

2021 Southern District Conference

Registration Instructions

The 2021 SD Conference Registration is open now and the final deadline will be July 31. Each attendee should register individually at: <https://www.gardenabuddhistchurch.org/sdc2021welcome>



SOUTHERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

The 2021 Southern District, SDBWA and SDDSTL Conference will be a virtual event hosted by Gardenia Buddhist Church. While it is typically held for the BCCA Southern District, the online format will accommodate attendees well beyond our geographical SD boundary. Please share the conference info with your Dharma friends far and near. You'll have the opportunity to learn and obtain inspiration not only from our learned Senzais, but also from interaction with your peers... so, the more the merrier!

Please complete the form below with your contact information as well as some demographic info that will allow us to arrange appropriate breakout sessions. Please note: the conference breakout sessions will require each person participating to have a separate login and device (i.e. computer or phone) to access the Zoom site.

Registration for the conference is \$25 per person. The fee includes Conference expenses as well as a BCCA Zaitan donation. Please complete the form below and click "Submit" to complete payment. If you wish to pay by check select "manual payment" on payment form on next page.

If you need assistance or have questions, please contact Kathy Hori at: SDC2021@gardenabuddhistchurch.org

Full Name* Last Name* Mission
City* Country of Residence* Regional Center*
Contact Phone* Email* Home Work Other
Email* Address (home or work)
City* State* Zip*
Country*
Additional Comments

By clicking on the “Registration Page” button at the bottom of the Welcome page, you will arrive here:

The information requested above the **purple** line is registration information; below the line information will be used to help place each attendee in a discussion group. All “*” items are required fields. After filling in the information, please press the “Submit” button to complete registration and a confirmation email will be sent to you.

The “Submit” button will also give you access to a payment screen. Please confirm “Your Details” on the screen by clicking “Continue”.

The next screen will give you two options for payment:

1. Credit Card Payment - The credit card system is secure and established for individual payment only.
2. Manual Payment - Please select this option if you would like to pay together as a temple affiliated group and/or pay by check. After selecting this option, please send an email with the names to be included in your registration by individual or group to SDC2021@gardenabuddhistchurch.org.

After each attendee is assigned a discussion group, you will receive another email from the 2021 Southern District Conference that will include:

- Login Instructions
- Group Assignment
- SDBWA or SDDSTL Meeting Attendee Instructions, if applicable

For any registration, payment or general conference questions, please email:

SDC2021@gardenabuddhistchurch.org