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## *Journey to Here*

By Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi  
Resident Minister

“Are we there yet?” Anyone with children on a road trip to a distant destination has heard these words repeatedly. Similar thoughts are voiced by those who yearn for the pre-pandemic social life that we enjoyed. Our parental response has been that “we will get there when we get there.” Our medical experts respond like our parents. No medical expert nor government official can definitively answer the question of the end of a pandemic. That is determined by a virus and the people who transmit it. So, the answer depends a lot on the conduct of those who are **not** following medical advice.

The Buddha understood that we humans cling to beliefs, however ineffective they may be. Therefore, he advised us to test out all teachings, even his, by our own efforts. We all have a tremendous capacity to master certain areas of our life. Yet, in other areas, we depend on belief, rather than logic and testing. As a former dentist, I am accustomed to patients ignoring dental hygiene and diet advice to complain about the high cost of treatment. Wisdom informs us that prevention is preferred over subsequent treatment.

Centuries of physical hardship, food scarcity, inadequate shelter, and unstable social conditions have forged a belief that a life of physical comfort would afford a happy life. Many of us in contemporary America probably enjoy living conditions that exceed that of the historical Buddha. Yet, we seem distant from that elusive goal of bliss. After witnessing the hardships of sickness, old age, and death, the Buddha felt compelled to seek an answer. That answer is called the Dharma which has guided humanity for over 2,500 years. The Dharma is Truth. The truth of that teaching informs us that it is how we perceive our life conditions that determine the level of our contentment. The depth of the Dharma can resolve the deepest question of life and of death. And its principles can be applied to ordinary, mundane concerns with equal satisfaction. Yet, with all the comforts of a prince, why do we still complain of our situation?

Many Americans have discovered that even a cursory understanding and practice can have beneficial results. The practices of meditation and mindfulness are now common. The significance of these practices is that it brings our attention to the present moment, the NOW. Kendrick Mercer, a teacher of mine had a saying:

“Life is a journey and not an end. If you don’t enjoy the journey, you will hate the end.” The “*Jodo*” of *Jodo Shinshu*, refers to a “Pure Realm.” Our modern interpretation reveals a state of mind. It is how we view our present condition of life that determines our happiness or discontent. It is different from Honen’s thought of a Pure Land awaiting us after death.

The Nembutsu, “Na Man Da Bu,” awakens us to this realm of bliss and contentment. In any life condition, we can appreciate that we not only have life, but we also have the awareness to experience and appreciate it. We would remain in the mundane world of animals, if we did not have the capacity to be aware of our good fortune. It is no wonder that the threat of the end of life is so fearful. The greatest grief is one experienced with the death of a loved one. Each moment of life is cherished with greater love when the end becomes obvious.

Although the comforts of life help us to feel the pleasures of happiness, it is not the source. The practice of Shin Buddhists is to develop the mind to appreciate all aspects of life. This is a difficult challenge, as much of our capitalistic/commercial society is based on buying something to make us happy. Yet, it is the stress of acquiring what we don’t have that contributes to our anxiety. Let’s wake up to this false illusion that we need more to be happy.

Shinran reminds us that our life is the result of the “effort of others:” parents, teachers, ancestors, society, and plants, animals, and minerals that sustain us in nutrition and labor. The literal meaning of Amida is light and life, which can be represented by the aforementioned “effort of others.” Namo Amida Butsu acknowledges our awareness of this truth.

It is the Dharma and the Nembutsu that informs us of our good fortune. We awake to the truth of the Buddha. Shinran’s teaching assures us that our achievement is simply to become aware of what we have received. Namo Amida Butsu is our response as we wake up.

“Are we there yet?” Yes! We are here in the NOW, as we wake up to our life in the Pure Realm. “Namo Amida Butsu” brings us here now.

*Gassho*

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## CALENDAR

Religious and social activities will continue to be offered virtually on the temple's Zoom (Z) live and YouTube (YT) pre-recorded channel 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 **June** calendar:

- 2 – Taiko practice, 6:30 p.m. (Z), Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 5 – Sutra chanting class, 1 p.m. (Z),
- 6 – Shotsuki Hoyo monthly memorial and Dharma messages: English and Japanese (YT), Dharma School staff meeting, 9 a.m. (Z), Qigong, 9 a.m. (Z), Dharma School/Family service, 10 a.m., (Z), BWA meeting, 11 a.m. (Z), Taiko practice, noon (Z)
- 8 – Ways & Means meeting, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 9 – Taiko practice, 6:30 p.m. (Z), Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 10 – Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 12 – Sutra chanting class, 1 p.m. (Z), Book club, 2 p.m. (Z)
- 13 – Dharma messages (YT), Qigong, 9 a.m. (Z), Dharma School/Family service, 10 a.m. (Z), Jr. YBA meeting, 11 a.m. (Z), Sangha Teens meeting, 11 a.m. (Z)
- 16 – Taiko practice, 6:30 p.m. (Z), Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 17-- 95th Anniversary meeting, 7 p.m., (Z)
- 19 – Sutra chanting class, 1 p.m. (Z)
- 20 – HAPPY FATHER'S DAY  
Dharma messages (YT), Qigong, 9 a.m. (Z), Dharma School/Family service, 10 a.m. (Z), Taiko practice, noon (Z)
- 23 – Taiko practice, 6:30 p.m. (Z), Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 24 – Activities meeting, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 26 – Sutra chanting class, 1 p.m. (Z)
- 27 – Dharma messages (YT), 25<sup>th</sup> BTSD Golf Tournament, 8 a.m., Riverwalk GC, Mission Valley, Qigong, 9 a.m. (Z), Taiko practice, noon (Z)
- 30 – Taiko practice, 6:30 p.m. (Z), Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.m. (Z)  
The Spanish-language Dharma message, presented by Arturo Rubio, will be posted on the temple's YouTube channel.

**More information:** Call the temple at 619-239-0896. Please leave a message if your call is not answered and staff will respond when possible. Send an email at [info@btsd.net](mailto:info@btsd.net) or check the BTSD website <http://www.buddhisttemplesandiego.org> for updates.



To All the  
Dads &  
Jii'chans,

Uncles & Mentors, Teachers & Dharma Teachers  
**The Journey could never be the same  
Without You.**

## ACTIVITIES

The Temple's partnership with Ichiban Hillcrest continues through August, so when you have a craving for Japanese food, head there for a nice meal. When you order, be sure to mention the Buddhist Temple of San Diego and Ichiban will donate 20% of your total order amount to the Temple! Most menu items are included in the offer, Happy Hour items and alcohol are omitted. Please see the flyer attached to the Kaiho or on our website for more details.

Later this month is the Temple Golf Tournament on the 27th at the Riverwalk Golf Course in Mission Valley. The deadline has been extended to the 7<sup>th</sup> of the month because more tee times have been added so register now to play!

As the pandemic restrictions are slowly easing up and more people are getting vaccinated, we continue to plan for the Temple Furniture sale in August. At this point in time, the sale will be exclusively furniture sold, differing from the regular rummage sales we have had in the past. We are also planning a variation of the Temple Obon this year! It will be similar to the pre-covid Temple Obon with the Odori beginning soon after the Obon Service ending in the early evening. More information will be published as the time nears.

The committee continues to work on the Temple's 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to be held October 2021!! The hope is to have an indoor event but we continue to search out creative ideas for the event from virtual, to live, to a combination of both! Our main concern will continue to be the welfare of all.

In Gassho, Glenn Torio and Ann Ong

### 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

**When:** Sunday, June 27, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

**Location:** Riverwalk Golf Club in Mission Valley

**Special Request:** Non-golfers are invited to support the event in one of two ways:

Monetary donation or Gift Card donation

Deadline to submit donation is June 18.

Mail to Buddhist Temple of San Diego

2929 Market Street

San Diego, CA 92102

Attention: Golf Tournament

This will be the first major fundraising event in nearly 19 months. Net proceeds will benefit the temple's operations. Thank you for your consideration and support.

Gassho,

Ralph Honda, Rich Kaneko and Ron Yagura

Golf Tournament Committee





## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By LuAnn Lee

The Temple had another successful zoom service for Gotan-e to celebrate the birthday of Shinran Shonin, founder of the Jodo Shinshu sect. Thank you Kenji Sensei for officiating the service, Ralph Honda for organizing and

hosting the program, Bill Teague for putting the video together for us to view and Kimberly Kruse along with Jamie Shimizu who helped with the technical portion of the service. We want to give thanks to Robert, Sharon, Ava and Zoe Yamamoto for sharing their musical talents in playing the guitar and singing the gatha Ondokusan.

That day, Ralph shared some breaking news, Kenji Sensei was born on May 16<sup>th</sup> (just a few years ago) so we all wished him well and sang Happy Birthday to him.

I would like to give our deep appreciation to our guest speaker Reverend Shinseki from Monterey and Watsonville Temples. We thank him for taking time out of his busy schedule to prepare and present his Dharma message for us to enjoy. We hope he can visit us in San Diego sometime soon.

Throughout this pandemic, Kenji Sensei, Minister Assistants, Board of Directors and the affiliated groups have been able to keep the temple running from afar. With many zoom meetings, seminars, weekly Dharma talk videos, drive by fundraisers, Dharma school classes/services, chanting group and Qigong classes, Taiko zoom practices, Temple/Ministers home/yard improvements, treasurer duties, check signings, correspondence with Sangha, idea sharing and so many more little detailed things. I am in awe of the people that we have volunteering and so many sharing their expertise to make this Temple a better place.

We are grateful to have our secretary Linda as the lone person manning the office. We can always count on her to communicate with us on Temple happenings. We have had an increase in trespassing, damage to the property including a lady hitting the front door area with a baseball bat. Linda has been on top of calling and making reports to the police on our behalf. Appreciation to her for her work on the Kaiho as many look forward to receiving the monthly news.

The most important people that we are grateful for is you, the Sangha for supporting us throughout this time apart. Your patience and kindness has been what keeps us energized, successful and sane.

Looking forward, you will be receiving a letter of appeal to help us with our expenses through the rest of the year. In the near future, we will be giving more information on our 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary project(s) and celebration. Also, communication about farewell plans for the Akahoshi's will be shared soon.

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](mailto:info@btsd.net). Check on our website for updates at <http://www.buddhisttemplesandiego.org/>  
In Gassho,  
LuAnn Lee

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors met on May 13th -

1. Sincere condolences to the families of Yoshiko Honda (Apr 20) and Steven Tomiyama (May 7)
2. Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi finished teaching 9 sessions for Ministers Assistants from the San Diego, Vista and Orange County temples on Becoming an American Jodo Shinshu Minister.
3. As most of the major fundraising activities have been cancelled for 2021, the Board approved sending a donation appeal letter to the Sangha for help with 2021 expenses.
4. Thank you to the Muraoka family (Muraoka Enterprises) for arranging for the re-sealing of the parking lot.
5. The Board ratified email votes to approve registering the temple as supporting the efforts behind "May We Gather", a Buddhist response to violence against Asian Americans and to deny the request by the It's All About the Kids organization to use the temple facilities.
6. The Board received a report from the Scholarship Committee who will review applications from high school graduates and continuing college students.
7. A committee has been reviewing plans and logistics for the temple re-opening.
8. All affiliated organizations and standing committees provide updates on their activities.
9. The 95th Anniversary planning committee met and set a tentative date of October 10th for the celebration.

## BWA NEWS

We hope Father's Day in June will be celebrated with more gatherings and hugs for those of you who have been fully vaccinated. And we hope that you were able to enjoy time with your mothers on Mother's Day. Reverend Akahoshi's Mother's Day message was very inspiring and thought provoking. His idea of changing the HIGs to HUGs was a very clever way of remembering the three poisons, Hatred Ignorance and Greed (HIG), and how these can be transformed by practicing the Buddha Dharma into HUGS: Humility, Understanding and Gratitude. Soon we will be able to safely practice the physical act of hugging more often, but until then practicing humility, understanding and gratitude will help us to spiritually keep in touch with one another.

In June, the BWA Book Club will be featuring the book Where the Crowdad Sings by Dahlia Owens. It is a mystery novel that takes place in the marshlands of North Carolina, where a

young girl learns to live and survive in this beautiful yet harsh ecosystem. This coming-of-age novel will, at times, tug at your heartstrings as you read through it, so be prepared with plenty of tissues.

The book club meets virtually through Zoom the second Saturday of each month at 2 pm. If you are interested in joining, please contact Sue Moribe at [suzbandaid@yahoo.com](mailto:suzbandaid@yahoo.com)

### DHARMA SCHOOL

The 2020-21 Dharma School year is ending fast and in a busy way. Last month, DS students wrote letters or drew pictures for our senior sangha members. A huge thank you to all students who participated, and to Chelsey Koga for coordinating this project. We also celebrated Mother's Day by sharing a video of students sharing special messages to their moms. A huge thank you to Jamie Shimizu for putting the Mother's Day video together! We hope all DS moms enjoyed it! The following week, we observed Shinran Shonin's (and Kenji-Sensei's) birthday by participating in the Gotan-E service with the entire Sangha.

This month, as we close the 2020-21 DS year, our last DS service will be on Father's Day, June 20. Even though we will not be able to celebrate the end of the year in person, we will commemorate all of the hard work everyone has put into this year. Congratulations to our high school graduates, the Class of 2021, and good luck in your future endeavors!

During the summer, the DS is planning a camping trip in late August at the San Mateo Campground near San Clemente. If you have any questions regarding this event, please reach out to Leslie Seymour or Lisa Umekubo. Enjoy your summer break!

In Gassho,  
Lisa Umekubo

### Donation of Buddhist Books

The Temple gratefully acknowledges the kind donation of six books from the Vietnamese tradition by the Huong Sen Buddhist Temple of Perris, California. Titles include *Bodhisattva and Sunyata*, *Rebirth Views in the Surangama Sutra*, *The Key Words in the Vajracchedika Sutra*, and more. All are in English with one exception. Interested Temple members please contact the Temple if you would like to borrow one of the volumes.

### NEW OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday through Friday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday: When available



### Scrip News

As the number of people getting vaccinated grows so does the possibility of being out and about and getting back to "normalcy." It is hard to believe that June is here and our seniors will be graduating from high school and entering college. Need gifts? How about gift cards from Target, WalMart, Bed, Bath & Beyond or a Gas gift card? And don't forget your kid's teacher.

We try to keep in stock the most frequently bought gift cards so that they are available for purchase when you need them. Some gift cards need to be ordered so please allow some time. Hope all is well with you and that the future is looking brighter!

### SANGHA TEENS

These past few weeks have been really busy for the BTSD Sangha Teens. We have had many laughs and kept in good spirits, even though we can only meet virtually. Thanks to Ms. Avis & Mrs. Lorena.

On May 16th, the Rubio family graciously shared their delicious Chilaquiles recipe. We had a great time frying, stirring and serving the crunchy morning meal. Thank you so much to the Rubio family for sharing the delectable recipe! Muy delicioso!

On May 23rd, the Vista and San Diego Sangha Teen Members had a virtual inter-chapter activity, hosted by San Diego Sangha Teens. It was such a joy to see our Vista friends again. Our classes bonded and had fun playing Skribbl.io, a digital Pictionary, and Kahoot. I am very grateful that digital versions of games like Skribbl.io exist. It was great to see the Vista Sangha Teens once again, and we hope to meet with them in-person someday soon.

In Gassho,  
Cassidy Muraoka, President

### What's Brewing?



11:30 a.m., 26 September 2021  
As gathering permits...

## 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 inform our secretary at (619) 239-0896 or [info@btsd.net](mailto:info@btsd.net).

**BTSD**

Yoshimura, Kenji & Jeanette  
IMO Tets Kashima  
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Itsuko  
In Appreciation  
IMO Mrs. Kinoshita  
Lyons, Lisa  
Yoshida, Irene - In loving  
memory of Jeanne Inouye -  
Rose (Nabeta) Yoshida & fam.  
Tanizaki, Gary  
Ryan, Mani  
Hood, Monica  
Masumoto, Jodi  
Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki  
IMO Roy Yonekura  
Hara, Ruby  
Kaneko, Richard & Ruth -  
Thank you  
Masumoto, Chiyoko  
IMO Helen Kikuko Takashima  
Tsuneyoshi, Motoo & Angie  
Otsuji, Dennis & Elaine  
IMO Kikuko Takashima  
Mitchell, Traci  
Thank you - Family of  
Nobuko Amano  
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen  
IMO Sayoko Tomiyama  
Morinaka Family  
Nimura, Saburo  
Fujimoto, Jack  
IMO Morizo & Emi Fujimoto  
IMO Yutaka Fujimoto  
IMO Hisayo & Seiko Fujimoto  
Iwataki, Craig  
IMO Kikuko Takashima  
Yonekura, Susan  
IMO Roy Yonekura  
Schell Family  
IMO Jeanne Inouye  
Kuwada, Howard Kanji &  
Kaneko - April. 17, 21  
Anonymous  
IMO John Benson  
Takashima, Wilbur - 17th cycle  
IMO Katsumi J. Takashima  
Yanagihara, Sumiko - Thank  
You for the flowers & gift  
Sasaki, Brian & Lorin  
IMO Steven Tomiyama

**COVID-19**

Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki  
Sasaki, Brian & Lorin

**BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS**

Kaneshiro, Gale  
Ochi-Fontanott, Janet

**DHARMA SCHOOL**

Ochi-Watson, Shirley  
Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki  
Kruse, Kimberly & Jeff  
Hara, Ruby

Hasegawa, Gene & Arlene  
Yanagihara, Sumiko

**FLORAL OFFERING**

Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki  
Kruse, Kimberly & Jeff  
Hara, Ruby  
Hasegawa, Gene & Arlene

**FUNDRAISING**

Kaneshiro, Gale - toward  
Yasukochi Farms #4 expenses

**GEN. MAINTENANCE**

Ochi-Watson, Shirley  
Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki  
Kruse, Kimberly & Jeff  
Hara, Ruby  
Hasegawa, Gene & Arlene

**GOLF**

Iwashita, (Jan) Jeanette  
Yanagihara, Sumiko  
Honda, Mikiye  
Honda, Ralph & Avis  
Tom, Karen  
Tsuneyoshi, Motoo & Angelina  
Kuwada, Howard Kanji  
Hashiguchi, John & Tsune  
Yonekura, Susan  
Kaneko, Richard  
Muraoka Enterprises

**GOTANYE SERVICE**

Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki  
Hara, Ruby  
Yamanishi, Alan & Karen  
Tsukamoto, Wayne  
Tomiyama, Steve & Aki  
Teague, Bill & Joyce  
Moribe, Susan  
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen  
Yamanishi, Miyoko  
Aoyama, K. Alice  
Sumida, Floyd & Kaytee  
Kida, Katsumi  
Torio, Betty  
Kawamoto, Mitsuko  
Oyama, Candice  
Masumoto, Chiyoko  
Gladsjo, Julie  
Honda, Mikiye  
Tsuneyoshi, Motoo & Angie  
Monji, Yoshiko  
Okuhara, Roy & Karen  
Sakai, Jeffery & Kathy  
Yanagihara, Sumiko  
Hashiguchi, John & Tsune  
Yamamoto, Jane  
Shigehara, Wilbur & Janice  
Otsuji, Dennis & Elaine  
Hendrix, Hiroko  
Kashima, Jeanie  
Jones, Mikako  
Suyenaga, Irene  
Nogata, Yuriko

Tanaka, Kelvin & Lara  
Kuwada, Howard Kanji &  
Kaneko  
Benson, Agnes  
Honda, Ralph & Avis  
Yamamoto, Koichi & Joyce  
Koga, Florence  
Kodama, Jay and family  
Graeber, Kiku  
Himaka, Michio & Naomi  
Yanagihara, Sumiko

**HANAMATSURI -2021**

Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen  
Moribe, Susan  
Tsukamoto, Wayne  
Oyama, Candice  
Gladsjo, Julie  
Masumoto, Chiyoko - Thank  
You For the Flowers  
Ogasawara, Michiko  
Kajita, Timothy & Junko  
Uyeji, Masako  
Ochi-Fontanott, Janet  
Ishihara, Sally - Thank You  
For the Flowers  
Hagio, Quimico  
Yonekura, Gregg  
Himaka, Michio & Naomi  
Yanagihara, Sumiko  
Omori, Shirley  
Kawamoto, Mitsuko  
Moncrief, Mayko  
Yamanishi, Miyoko  
Benson, Agnes  
Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki

**HO ON KO**

Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki

**MAP (Ministerial Assist)**

Ochi-Watson, Shirley  
Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki  
Kruse, Kimberly & Jeff  
Hara, Ruby  
Hasegawa, Gene & Arlene

**MEMBERSHIP PLEDGES**

*Thank you for your renewal:*  
Yamada, Jean  
Ochi-Watson, Shirley  
Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki  
Kruse, Kimberly, Jeff & family  
Hara, Ruby  
Hasegawa, Gene & Arlene

Lee, LuAnn & Harold

**NEW YEAR'S DAY**

Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki

**OHIGAN**

Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki

**SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Ochi-Watson, Shirley  
Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki  
Kruse, Kimberly & Jeff  
Hara, Ruby  
Hasegawa, Gene & Arlene  
Yanagihara, Sumiko

**SHOTSUKI HOYO****(Monthly Memorial)**

Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki  
IMO George Yamamoto -  
3rd Year-Feb.  
IMO Kiyotaro Osaki- Mar.  
IMO Noburo Yamamoto-May  
IMO Wasa Osaki-July  
IMO Sachiye Yamamoto-Nov  
IMO Shizue Yamamoto-Dec  
IMO Noburo Tomiyama-Sept  
Martinez, Nancy  
IMO Mutsue Morishige  
IMO Julie R  
IMO James Schell  
Kawamoto, Mitsuko  
IMO Hiroshi Mayumi-May  
Takashima, Wilbur  
IMO Tsume Takashima  
IMO Katsumi J. Takashima  
Honda, Mikiye  
IMO Momoyo Amano  
IMO Osamu Amano  
IMO Jeanne Inouye  
Yamamoto, Jane  
IMO Yoshimatsu Yagura  
IMO Noboru Yamamoto  
Yanagihara, Sumiko - May  
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen-  
May  
Benson, Agnes  
IMO John Benson 5/20/2010  
Ishino, Isabel  
IMO Matsue 5/9/03  
Estes, Toshiye Carol  
IMO Don Estes  
IMO John Benson  
Honda, Ralph & Avis  
IMO Momoyo Amano

**DANA GROUP SEEKS BACKPACK DONATIONS FOR KIDS**

The Dana group will conduct a school backpack donation drive throughout the month of June. Check the temple's website and Facebook page for more details.

You may wonder what the ★ is for on the enclosed envelope. It's simple, our "offering" stamp is missing. A new one is in the mail, but just so you know. Linda



## JUNE SHOTSUKI LIST

The Shotsuki Hoyo (MEMORIAL SERVICE) is scheduled for June 6th. Families and friends of anyone who passed away during the month of June are urged to burn incense at your home O Butsudan and Gassho in memory of your deceased loved ones. If there are any errors in the list, please notify the temple at 619-239-0896 or [info@btsd.net](mailto:info@btsd.net).

*The Temple and Sangha offers sincere condolences to the family and friends of  
Steve Tomiyama ~ May 7, 2021*

### DECEASED

### FAMILY MEMBER

Mika Sato (6-9-1908) ..... Takashima Family  
 Masami Ito (6-26-1925) ..... Ito Family  
 Nobuko Ito (6-10-1935) ..... Ito Family  
 Akito Matsui (6-23-1935) ..... Curtis Family  
 Minetaro Hosaka (6-23-1943) ..... Hosaka Family  
 Hajime Yonekura (6-18-1951) ..... Yonekura Family  
 Toichi Kodama (6-20-1954) ..... Kodama Family  
 Isano Sugioka (6-20-1957) ..... Sugioka Family  
 Goichiro Haseyama (6-13-1958) ..... Noboru Haseyama  
 Hideo Iwata (6-17-1959) ..... Iwata Family  
 Matsue Morita (6-16-1963) ..... Morita Family  
 Shigeyuki Furuya (6-3-1965) ..... Furuya Family  
 Shizu Moriyama (6-8-1966) ..... Moriyama Family  
 Yukino Sameshima (6-15-1966) ..... Takeshi Sameshima  
 Shojiro Sameshima (6-25-1966) ..... Takeshi Sameshima  
 Ju-kichi Yamanishi (6-28-1966) ..... Miyoko Yamanishi  
 Rokuichi Hanano (6-10-1967) ..... Gerald Hanano  
 Yozo Kawato (6-10-1967) ..... Nancy Nakatani  
 Toshiko Yamada (6-9-1969) ..... Yamada Family  
 Shigeo Fujimoto (6-14-1969) ..... Fujimoto Family  
 Tsune Tsubota (6-28-1974) ..... Isami Tsubota  
 Kikuyo Kawasaki (6-14-1975) ..... Ohara Family  
 Toichi Okamura (6-22-1975) ..... Mitsuo Tsurudome  
 Gitaro Hatauye (6-28-1975) ..... Inouye Family  
 Midori Morimoto (6-6-1976) ..... Morimoto Family  
 Yuka Yamanokuchi (6-9-1977) ..... Otsuji Family  
 Tamotsu Ojiri (6-28-1977) ..... Doug Ojiri  
 Yuru Shiraishi (6-30-1977) ..... Shiraishi Family  
 Kiyoji Ohtomo (6-3-1978) ..... Chiyoko Watanabe  
 Kuni Shimada (6-1978) ..... Sharon Shimada  
 Ichiji Ouchi (6-4-1981) ..... Yanagihara Family  
 Tamotsu Matsumoto (6-28-1982) ..... Troy Matsumoto

### DECEASED

### FAMILY MEMBER

Seiichi Shimizu (6-28-1983) ..... Gordon Shimizu  
 Frank Yamada (6-3-1986) ..... Yamada Family  
 Richard Shizuo Watanabe (6-15-1986) ..... Diane Yamada  
 Emi Fujimoto (6-2-1989) ..... Jack Fujimoto  
 Kiyoshi Shinsato (6-21-1990) ..... Michiko Shinsato  
 Fumiko Shironaka (6-11-1991) ..... Howard Shironaka  
 Sandra Sachiko Takashima (6-25-1992) ... Ronald Takashima  
 Naoye Yagura (6-3-1993) ..... Yagura Family  
 George Yano (6-6-1993) ..... Irene Bogner  
 Eijiro Yamashita (6-27-1993) ..... Mildred Kawasaki  
 J. Richard Teague (6-28-1995) ..... Teague Family  
 Chieko Kida (6-9-1996) ..... Kida Family  
 Ronnie Ishisaki (6-9-1996) ..... Loretta Ishisaki  
 Tom Masakatsu Yonekura (6-10-1996) ..... Yonekura Family  
 Toshiko Mori (6-8-1997) ..... Takeko Davis  
 Bernard Alroy (6-1-1997) ..... Evelyn Alroy  
 Makiko Ishizu (6-3-1998) ..... Setsuko Toyama  
 Sadae Kohara (6-15-1998) ..... Sayo Fujiwara  
 Mizue Copple (6-23-1998) ..... Himaka Family  
 Miyoshi Tanaka (no date) ..... Yoko Ozawa  
 Minoru Nakamura (6-28-2000) ..... Miyo Hill  
 Masako Lawrence (6-11-2002) ..... Alexander Lawrence  
 Tokio Hayashi (6-19-2003) ..... Kikue Hayashi  
 Shigeharu Nakamura (6-4-2008) ..... Wendy Nakamura  
 Ronald Iguchi (6-30-2010) ..... Iguchi Family  
 George Shuichi Tsubakihara (6-27-2012) .. Kent Tsubakihara  
 Haru Girard (6-4-2013) ..... Roxanne Girard  
 Tomio Nakano (6-10-2013) ..... Nakano Family  
 George Hiroshi Masumoto (6-25-2013) .. Chiyoko Masumoto  
 Bob Nobuo Ito (6-12-2014) ..... Suzanne Ito  
 James Kida (6-28-2019) ..... Katsumi Kida

## MEMORIAL SERVICES

Such remembrances 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 or email the temple.

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

1st Year Memorial	2020	13th Year Memorial	2009	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

# マウンテンビュー「仏教会」回向」 二〇二二年六月法話

## 一 行為によってバラモンになる 一

駐在開教使 向嶋裕史

先の四月、オンラインで当仏教会の花まつり法要をお勤めしました。オンラインではありましたが、美しい花に彩られた花御堂を見て、多くのご門徒が喜ばれたことと思います。花まつりと一緒にお祝いする初参りはパンデミックの影響を受けて二年連続で中止となつてしまひ残念でありましたが、来年こそは、ご本尊の前で子供の成長を願つこの素晴らしい伝統行事を仏教会で行えることを心から願つています。

さて、世の中には数えきれないほどのさまざまな種の動物がいます。身近なものでも、犬や猫、鳥、うさぎ、と本当に様々です。しかし、興味深いことに、それらの動物は同じ種以外の親に育てられ、ちゃんと本来の動物として育つことができます。たとえば、猫が犬に育てられても猫に育ちますし、犬が猿に育てられても犬として育ちます。親の種類が違っていても、決して、その親のようになることはありません。ですから、犬が人に育てられても、犬にしかなりえませんし、もつと言えば、人間のような生き方はできないのです。

とれほど、人間が愛情をかけて育てても、犬は犬、猫は猫として育ちます。他の動物であっても、例外はありません。たとえ人間環境に慣れることはできても、動物は本来の姿を変えることはできません。

しかし、人間は完全に他の動物とは違います。人は必ず人によって育てられなくてははいけません。昔、インドに狼少女と騒がれた二人の女の子がいました。悲しいことに、この少女らは幼くして両親に森の中で捨

てられたそうです。その後、何らかの理由で狼に育てられ、生き残ることができたのですが、数年後、森深くでこの少女達が発見され、保護されました。

しかし、幼少期に狼に育てられたことにより、言語を話したり、文字を書いたり、二本足で歩いたりすることができなくなりました。更には、食事の時は、地べたに四つん這いになって、まさに狼のように食べさせたと言います。残念なことに、彼女達は狼としての生活から抜け出せずに、最後まで人間の生活に戻ることができなかつたそうです。せつかく人として生まれながらも、狼を親として生活した結果、人間らしく生きる道を絶たれてしまったのです。何とも悲しいお話です。

この話から分かるように、人間世界では、育てる親は必ず人間でなければなりません。更に言えば、たとえ親が人間であっても、育てる親によって子供のありようは大きく変わります。例えば、もし子供にのちの尊厳を教えないければ、子供は他のいのちを軽視しますし、人間間の平等を伝えなければ、子供は無意識に他人を差別してしまいます。また、子供に忍耐や自制心を植え付けなければ、攻撃的になり、いとも簡単に相手に傷つけます。そして、和をもつて生きることの大切さを示さなければ、他人を思いやることなく自分勝手に行動してしまうような人間になってしまいます。だからこそ、お念仏に香る家庭を築き、その教えの中で、人の苦しみ、悲しみ、そして喜びを共に分かち合うことのできる心豊かな子に育てることが大切なのです。

現在、人間間の憎悪犯罪が大きな問題となつていますが、今こそいのちの尊厳という普遍的価値観を育む教育が最優先されるべきです。この尊い価値観を学び、共有することによって、人種、性別、宗教等の壁を乗り越えて、お互いを受け入れ敬うことができるのです。お釈迦さまは「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、人の価値は人種や国籍、家柄、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。

この真実の言葉は多くの人の心に共感を与えることと思ひます。しかしその一方、私達一人ひとりの責任ある行動が問われています。つまり、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ということなのです。また、個々が人種の代表であるという認識を持たなくてはなりません。ステレオタイプをなくすることは大切ですが、もし、アジア系の私が自分勝手な行動ばかりとて他人に迷惑をかけるようなことがあれば、アジア人に対する印象が悪くなってしまふのが事実です。そういう意味で、私はアジア系の代表であり、私の行動で何の謂れもないアジア系コミュニティが迷惑を被るようなことがあってはいけません。これはアジア系にだけ言われることではなく、白人、黒人、ヒスパニック系であろうとも、その人の行動一つでその人の属するコミュニティが称賛もされ、また、非難もされてしまうということです。私達は人種によって評価されるべきでは決してありませんが、コミュニティの中で生かされているのも事実です。ですから、この大切なコミュニティを決して汚すことのないよう自分の行動に責任を持たなくてはなりません。自分勝手に無責任な行動は決して許されません。

人が人を親として人に育てられるからこそ人となつていくように、私達生きとし生けるものが、阿弥陀さまのお育てにあずかたならば、私達も必ず仏となる道が開かれます。どうかお念仏の導きの中で、全てのものを平等に見ていく仏の心を養い、各々が常に責任ある行動を心がけていただきたく切に願ひます。

## BUDDHIST EDUCATION IN JUNE

**Business as Unusual.** In June we have our standing services and programs for your benefit. Sunday Dharma messages will be sent out via video links, and we now have two live programs (remote access).

**Wednesday Nights, Buddhism 1-2-3 at 7 via Zoom.** We discuss the Nembutsu path with help of Kenji Sensei. Sessions last 90 minutes.

**NEW: One Saturday Morning and one Sunday Evening Each Month, Buddhism Ground Zero, via Zoom.** For newcomers with questions, we meet Sunday, June 13, at 6 p.m. or Saturday, June 26, at 10 a.m. Sessions last one hour.

If you or your friends have questions about Buddhism and Jodo Shinshu, this is your chance.

**Highly Recommended Video.** Pieper Toyama is recently retired after helping to establish the **Pacific Buddhist Academy** in Honolulu, originally a private high school and now teaching students from elementary through to high school, graduating some 20 students each year.

In April, he was keynote speaker for the National Conference of the Federation of Dharma School Teachers League and the video was made available the other week.

Toyama Sensei's emphasis is inspiring and – although not the primary purpose of his talk – suggests a path towards broadening the outreach of our Jodo Shinshu temples. You can find the video on our Website under the Video tab posted on May 18.

The direct address may be difficult to type out but if needed, it's <https://youtu.be/pd5K8tYH-WM>

### Retreat: HUMAN NATURE - BUDDHA NATURE

June 25-27, 2021

**Due to COVID, Retreat postponed to 2022**



Replaced By: Zoom Seminar

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

July 31, 2021 – 11:00 am-12:30

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](mailto:info@btsd.net) or call (619) 239-0896.

## JUNE MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Bill Teague, Membership Chair

**Scorecard.** As of the first half of May, we have received **119 membership** renewals and are close to 60%. We hope to close most of the gap this month, with your help. Thank you all for your generosity.

**Member Renewals Show on Member Website.** Especially during this period while the Temple is closed, you can check the Member website to see if we are showing your renewal. The list is updated frequently.

If you need the Password, please let me know ([btcomms@cox.net](mailto:btcomms@cox.net) or (619) 248-3749.

**Temple Members and BTSD Happi Coats.** Temple members may purchase Happi Coats for public get-togethers like our Bon Odori and we hope to resume such activities later this year. We have a small supply of Happi coats in various sizes; check the Member Website on the NEW section for details.

**Obutsudan.** Speaking of the member page on our website, by the end of June we hope to have enabled your ability to go to the member page to see refurbished and, a few, new Obutsudan for your consideration. Most recently we received a 19-inch tall Obutsudan in lovely condition donated by Freda McGrath, as well as a slightly smaller Obutsudan promised. Currently we are making such Obutsudan available to members only.

### BTSD Scholarship Committee

Reminder 2021-2022

**Academic Scholarship Applications are due July 1st!  
Temple Scholarships Available for Temple Scholars**

The Scholarship Committee did some outreach to potential applicants for both scholarships, which came out to just under 20 individuals. Even though applications aren't due until **July 1st**, time seems to be going by quickly these days, so we urge everyone to submit their applications early!

As a reminder, the Temple offers two scholarships to applicants who are children or grandchildren of Temple members (or who may be dues-paying members themselves):

**For Students Entering College:** The Ben Honda Memorial Graduating High School Graduate Scholarship is a one-page online form.

**For Students Beyond Freshman Year:** The Tetsuyo Kashima Memorial Continuing Education Scholarship application includes both a one-page online form and an informal essay requirement.

This year, the Scholarship Committee decided to update its format and use Google Forms for the applications. The Google Forms have been posted on the Temple's website. If you are unable to locate, or if you need the application in a different format (hard copy, electronic PDF format, etc.), please contact the Temple, and one of the committee members will assist you.