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Duality - Wholeness

By Rev. Kenji Akahoshi, Resident



In May we celebrate the birthday of Shinran, the founder of our sect, Jodo Shinshu or Shin Buddhism. Last month we honored the birthday of Shakyamuni Buddha. The Enlightenment of Siddhartha Gautama demonstrated that we, as humans, have the ability to transcend the adversities of life. The Buddha's primary lesson is that we cannot change the external world to fit our desires. We do have the ability to change our minds to perceive reality in ways that benefit ourselves and others.

Shinran provided us ordinary, common people with a path of insight that is similar to the achievements of monks. Shinran followed a lineage of Pure Land masters and his interpretation of the sutras gives us an effective path, even with the burden of our limitations. Because of our attachment to our egos, we have a narrow view of reality and see it in dualistic form. Examples of duality are: up/down, inside/outside, light/dark, good/bad, life/death. A demonstration of this duality is the dark letters on a white background. If the letter "A" were written in white, it would appear like this " ". Duality is a part of reality. This explains the seemingly illogical statement that "form is emptiness and emptiness is form." Wholeness requires the inclusion of all sides. How might we experience this wholeness?

We can experience any situation with our *gassho* position. With each hand representing the opposing view, we bring the palms together and hold them close to our heart. We bow our heads in humility as we witness the wholeness of our hand position. By voicing and hearing the Nembutsu, Namo Amida Butsu, we begin a process of being in Oneness.

"Ni Shu Jin Shin" or the "two aspects of deep mind" is a key concept that Shinran emphasized. It is a paradoxical process by which this duality is transcended. We may initiate this process by voicing "Na Man Da Bu" as a plea for guidance. The first aspect is to admit to our attachment to our ego. "Deep mind" infers that this process is not at an ordinary, logical level, but at a deeper, spiritual one. The second aspect embraces us with the compassion and wisdom that we are secure, just as we are. Relinquishing our self-effort opens us up to the realization that our presence here now, is possible because of the efforts of others (the compassion of Amida). We can only respond by expressing our gratitude with "Na Man Da Bu."

This concept might be clarified by this story. Eddy had been a star performer at his school. He also thought that his effort to sell the most tickets for the play made him very popular. But for his senior year, he had to admit that he didn't have time to sell any tickets because he had committed himself to other activities. This enabled the rest of the cast to enthusiastically sell more tickets to more people. His lack of self-effort led to the efforts of the rest of the class supporting the play. He realized that having others feel good about their efforts was more valuable than praising him for his effort.

Every aspect of life presents conditions of opposition. Rather than considering them a barrier, we accept them as a means of growth and maturity. We encounter others, not with righteous certitude, but with a humble sense of cooperation. It will always be a difficult challenge. How can we relate to an ill-mannered child, an illogical teenager, an oppositional political pundit, or a tyrannical foreign leader? Ignorance is displayed by greed, hatred, and anger. The paramitas of patience, perseverance, and wisdom are necessary as we admit that we harbor the same negative qualities. Ignorance can only be resolved by wisdom and compassion.

The Bodhisattva Vow recognizes that we will not be at peace until all beings feel at peace. Our individual harmony and happiness must be extended to others. Although the Vow points to a goal, it is the process that leads to that goal that is the essence of life. Voicing the Nembutsu reminds us that the second aspect of deep mind is the awareness that both hands are necessary to complete the whole. Good cannot be realized without the bad. Life is not appreciated without the sadness of death.

Let us not move to the future with the fear of insecurity. The treasured gift to humans is the ability to change our minds to accord with True Reality. The "two aspects of deep mind" assures us that even with our inadequate abilities, we are here because of the effort of others (the compassion of Amida Buddha). We join the Primal Vow in the work of securing harmony and joy for all beings.

Namo Amida Butsu

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MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

During the Buddhist Temple of San Diego's closure, 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.

MAY

- 1 – Sutra chanting, 1 p.m. (Z)
 2 – Dharma School staff meeting, 9 a.m. (Z), Qigong, 9 a.m. (Z)
 Shotsuki Hoyo monthly memorial and Dharma messages: English and Japanese (YT), Dharma School/Family service, 10 a.m. (Z), BWA Meeting, 11 a.m. (Z), Taiko, noon (Z)
 5 – Taiko practice, 6:30 p.m. (Z), Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.m. (Z)
 8 – Sutra chanting, 1 p.m. (Z), Book Club, 2 p.m. (Z)
 9 – Qigong, 9 a.m. (Z), Dharma messages (YT), Dharma School/Family service, 10 a.m. (Z), Jr. YBA, 11 a.m. (Z), Taiko, noon (Z)
 11 – Ways & Means meeting, 7 p.m. (Z)
 12 – Taiko practice, 6:30 p.m. (Z), Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.m. (Z)
 13 – Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m. (Z)
 14 – Southern District Council meeting, 7 p.m. (Z)
 15 – Sutra chanting, 1 p.m. (Z)
 16 – **GOTANE** – Commemorating the birth of Shinran Shonin, founder of the Jodo Shinshu school of Buddhism. Guest speaker: Rev. Jay Shinseki, Monterey and Watsonville Buddhist Temples (**SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE LIVE ON ZOOM**).
 Qigong, 9 a.m. (Z), Dharma School mini service, 10 a.m. (Z)
 Sangha Teens meeting, 11 a.m. (Z), Taiko practice, noon (Z)
 19 – Taiko practice, 6:30 p.m. (Z), Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.m. (Z)
 21 – SHINRAN SHONIN BIRTHDAY
 22 – Sutra chanting, 1 p.m. (Z)
 23 – Qigong, 9 a.m. (Z), Dharma message (YT), Dharma School/family service, 10 a.m. (Z), Taiko practice, noon (Z)
 26 – Taiko practice, 6:30 p.m. (Z), Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.m. (Z)
 27 – Activities meeting, 7 p.m. (Z)
 29 – Sutra chanting, 1 p.m. (Z)
 30 – Qigong, 9 a.m. (Z), Dharma message (YT), Dharma School/family service, 10 a.m. (Z), Taiko meeting, noon (Z)

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

CANCELED: Memorial weekend (May 29-31) Imperial Valley, Mt. Hope and Ft. Rosecrans cemeteries, and Cypress View Mausoleum services.

Office hours: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. Limited staff coverage on weekends. The temple is closed Mondays.

For more information please call the temple at (619) 239-0896. Leave a message if your call is not answered. Send an email to info@btsd.net or check the website <http://www.buddhisttemplesandiego.org> for updates.

BTSD GOLF TOURNEY SET FOR JUNE 27

Golfers are looking forward to teeing it up for the 25th annual BTSD Golf Tournament on Sunday, June 27 at Riverwalk Golf Course in Mission Valley.

Registration is open for up to 60 golfers or 15 teams. The fee is \$115 per person for the four-person scramble tournament format. Net proceeds support the temple's daily operations. Players are urged to sign up for a fun day of golf.

Non-golfers are invited to be a part of the tournament by considering monetary or gift-card donations. Participation as a golfer or donor will be gratefully appreciated as the temple will conduct its first major fundraising event in 2021.

For more information, email rkhonda205@gmail.com, yags442@sbcglobal.net or richtkaneko@gmail.com

ACTIVITIES NEWS

The Activities committee wishes to thank the Sangha and friends for supporting the Yasukochi Farms CSA vegetable/fruit box event #4 held on April 17. We also sold many more of our hand-made facemasks with various designs and sizes; a special thank you to our facemask creators! To top off our sale items for the day was the delicious Bento sales. We sold almost 190 Bentos! During "regular" times, we are spoiled by opportunities to enjoy a variety of Bentos throughout the year. I was so happy to be able to have this one from Ichiban Restaurant. This event was a great success because of your generosity and a great volunteer base!

The Temple partnership continues with Ichiban Hillcrest - 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 not. Please see the flyer on our website for more details.

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. The sale will be solely furniture, no clothing, house wares, shoes or other items the regular rummage sales have had. We are also hoping to host a variation of the Temple Obon this summer!

Lastly on the "coming up" calendar is the Temple's 95th Anniversary to be held this October! Without knowing exactly what tier we will be in and what restrictions if any we will have, the committee continues to plan and search out creative ideas for the event from virtual, to live, to a combination of both! Be sure to know, our Sangha and friends' health and welfare are first and foremost in our considerations.

In Gassho, Glenn Torio and Ann Ong



SCRIP NEWS

We have graduations and Mother's Day in May. If you are staying close to home and need gifts, why not buy gift cards to give as presents? Mothers might want a card for Macy's or Nordstrom's. Or, how about a gas gift card? The same applies for graduates. Or maybe they would like fast-food or coffee cards. Please remember to order them in time for that special day.

Thank you to all who continue to purchase cards and help the temple. A big "thank you" to all of you who shop at Ralph's and Food 4 Less, as we get quarterly checks from them. Stay safe, get vaccinated when it's your turn and please stay healthy!

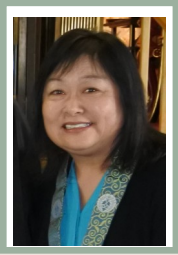
DANA Convention Center Donation Drive

The San Diego Convention Center is currently being used by the Federal Government to temporarily house unaccompanied migrant children. The Dana Group will be collecting the following items in May and through the end of June to be given to these young refugees.

New items: Soap/body wash, shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste/toothbrush, hair brushes.

Used items: Books (in Spanish), board games and card games appropriate for kids and teenagers.

Due to restrictions at the Convention Center these are the only items being accepted at this time. Please leave donations at the temple and the Dana Group will coordinate the deliveries. Gassho.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By LuAnn Lee, Board President

Hanamatsuri has come and gone for another year. Although we were not able to gather in person, many hard-working people presented a wonderful zoom service to celebrate the birth of Buddha. We thank this group led by Kenji Sensei, organized and hosted by Ministerial Assistant Smitty Sensei, video put together by Bill Teague and Kimberly Kruse who helped with the zoom portion of the program. Also, we give appreciation to all those that shared their pictures of flowers, plants and past Hanamido's (a flower shrine for the infant Buddha).

I hope you were able to see guest speaker Koichi Mizushima, Minister's Assistant from Sacramento, who gave two Dharma talks. The first was for the Dharma School and he had a friend named Elmo help him with the story of Buddha's birth, and did you know it is Lumbini Garden, not Lumbini's? The adult message highlighted the Buddha and his journey to Enlightenment. Luckily, since it is on video, you can still watch it from the temple website. We thank Koichi Sensei for taking time to record his message and look forward to having him back in person soon.

On April 17, we had another successful drive through fundraiser thanks to everyone's support. It was so nice to see those of you that picked up your Yasukochi farm box, strawberries, masks and or bento's from Ichiban Restaurant. Thanks to Ann Ong and Glenn Torio for chairing the event, to the Okuhara's and Kajita's for picking up the bento meals, mask makers and to those who volunteered.

The Activities committee will be discussing future fundraising opportunities for summer and fall. Stay tuned.

It looks like we are holding steady in San Diego with COVID-19 case rates and hospitalizations. As we know now, this can change overnight but I think as more of us get vaccinated, it will be safer to open and gather in small groups. I heard on the news that there are more open appointments available to get the vaccine for those 16-years-old and up. This may be your opportunity.

It seems daily now that we are seeing and hearing negative news that can be overwhelming, like mass and police shootings, Asian and other hate crimes that can unconsciously affect our sleep and overall feeling of sadness.

We are also dealing with the loss of loved ones, friends, and temple members that we can't fully express our grief due to COVID restrictions. Condolences to all families on your loss and I hope those that are feeling this way to please reach out to friends and family and to your own medical doctors for support and advice if needed.

We received an invitation to join a livestream ceremony event "May We Gather," a Buddhist response to violence against Asian Americans. The BTSD Board voted to register the Temple as an organization to support these efforts. The hour-long memorial will take place on Tuesday, May 4 at 4 pm PDT (7 pm EDT) and hosted by Higashi Honganji Buddhist Temple. Here is the link to view the details, <https://www.buddhisttemplesandiego.org/all-the-latest/may-we-gather>.

In closing, we must remember to be aware of our surroundings and keep in touch with one another. Continue to do kind things and deep gratitude to all for your constant support of the temple.

If you know of someone in our temple that needs support, please reach out to us. Call the temple (619) 239-0896.

Namo Amida Butsu.

In Gassho, LuAnn Lee

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors met on April 8th -

1. Condolences to the families of Sayoko Tomiyama, Nobuko Amano, Minako Nakano and Jeanne Inouye.
2. The Board was updated on the activities of the temple's affiliated organizations and the standing committees.
3. Thank you to the Morinaka family for the beautiful orchids - volunteers delivered flowers to the Keiro Kai members.
4. Temple re-opening has been discussed by an ad-hoc committee as well as the temple organizations. Planning is taking into account protocols and guidelines and the safety and needs of the Sangha.
5. The Dana Club continues its outreach and donations to the greater San Diego community.

PROJECT LINUS

On February 27th, Dharma School students, parents and friends participated in a group service project. Working together over Zoom, they made blankets for Project Linus. This organization provides new blankets to children in need of security, warmth and comfort. The character Linus from the comic strip "Peanuts" is almost always seen holding his blanket tightly. Together, Dharma School was able to make 31 blankets that were delivered to Altrusa International, the San Diego coordinator of Project Linus. Thank you, Blanketeers!



Mother's Day is celebrated in May, and we look forward to honoring our mothers for their devotion, generosity, and kindness to us. Unfortunately, this May, many families will be missing their mothers due to their recent passing.

Sayoko Tomiyama was one of those who recently passed away. She was a long standing and devoted member of the BWA and BTSD and will be deeply missed. I wrote a biography of Sayoko several years ago and thought it would be appropriate to share some of it here.

Sayoko was born in Pierce, Colorado and was one of six siblings in a large family. When entering elementary school, she did not know the English language very well. Her first-grade teacher, unfortunately, made it difficult for her due to the language barrier. She still persevered and when entering the 2nd grade, was supported by a caring and considerate teacher who taught her English. From that year on, Sayoko succeeded in her education.

Her parents were deeply religious and recited the Shoshinge every Sunday evening and the Obutsudan was lit with candles and incense each day. Buddhism was very much a part of their lives as she grew up. In 1937, Sayoko was married in San Diego and soon joined BTSD. However, due to President Roosevelt's Executive Order 9066, she and her husband and daughter, Ann, evacuated to Colorado. Sayoko remembered how welcoming her neighbors were in Colorado during this exceedingly difficult time in our history. Their stay in Colorado lasted 4 years. Soon they moved back to San Diego and she worked in a dermatology office for several years but decided to become a stay-at-home mom to raise her growing and active family. Sayoko and her husband welcomed her parents into their home when they moved to San Diego. Sayoko devoted her life in taking care of her children, her parents, and her husband.

We will deeply miss Sayoko's presence at Temple. She was often sitting in the pew with her good friend Asako Morinaka, graciously watching us with a kind smile and welcoming bow. Sayoko's kindness, thoughtfulness and devotion encircled in Amida Buddha's wisdom and compassion will always be remembered and cherished by her family, friends, and Sangha. In Gassho, Mani Ryan

DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

April was a busy month for Dharma School students and teachers. On April 4, our friends from the Vista Buddhist Temple Dharma School participated in the annual All DS Family Service exchange. It was nice to see familiar faces and get to meet new friends. Hanamatsuri was observed on the 11th and everyone enjoyed a wonderful Dharma talk from Sensei Koichi Mizushima and his friend Elmo. Many thanks to Karen Akahoshi for hosting a wellness session for parents and high school students, teaching Qigong and meditation.

Nine DS teachers and staff members participated in the 70th annual FDSTL Conference, hosted by Southern District. The conference theme was "Meeting the Challenges of Today's Dharma School." Three of our staff members led workshops. The keynote speaker was Pieper Toyama, former Head of School at the Pacific Buddhist Academy in Honolulu, and President of the Homba Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii.

Services and classes will continue throughout May on Zoom. Happy Mothers Day to all of our moms on May 9.

The annual DS camping trip, originally scheduled for Memorial Day weekend has been moved to August 27-29.

Gassho, Lisa Umekubo

BE THE MATCH EVENT DEEMED A SUCCESS

A heartfelt thank you is extended to the individuals who participated in the Be The Match bone marrow testing on March 27. The event was held in support of Paul Goodman, a member of the Orange County Buddhist Church, who is seeking a bone marrow match, and many more ethnically diverse patients affected by blood cancer or blood related illnesses.

The contactless drive-through was held in the temple parking lot. A total of 15 young people, ages 18-44, participated and are now eligible for the national bone marrow registry.

Asians for Miracle Marrow Matches (A3M), a non-profit organization based in Los Angeles's Little Tokyo, administered the tests. The event was co-hosted by the Buddhist Temple of San Diego and the Vista Buddhist Temple.

Many thanks to the volunteers for their help. They included: Qamar Bradford, Ricky Cheeks, Lorena Covarrubias, Jackie Davenport, Brevon Honda, Lucas Kodama, Bobby and Chelsey Koga, Sara Matsumoto, Katie Omori, Fumiko Osada, Arturo Rubio, Jamie Shimizu, Laura Yamaguchi and Michelle Yamasaki. Thank you to Avis Honda and Laura Yoshida for preparing a yummy sack lunch and to Roy and Karen Okuhara for donating chashu bao for the volunteers.

Prospective donors, ages 18-44, who are interested in bone marrow testing are urged to contact the temple to receive a swab-test kit. Email A3M representative Chris Chen at cchen@a3mhope.org or check the Be The Match website <https://bethematch.org> for more information.

Your action may be the cure.

Gassho, Ralph Honda

2021-2022 Academic Scholarship Applications Scholarships Available for Temple Scholars

The Temple offers two scholarships to applicants who are children or grandchildren of Temple members (or who may be dues-paying members themselves).

What: Two memorial scholarships are available. They are named after two beloved members who helped the Temple grow and thrive in the Post-War period, both of whom passed away far too soon in the mid-1990s.

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

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

How: Online forms can be emailed from the Temple by request and will also be posted on the website. (Go to the bottom of the Temple website and look for a menu link FORMS). The Scholarship Committee will also be conducting outreach to likely candidates among the Sangha.

When and Where: Applications are due on July 1, through an online form (hard copies can be provided if needed). Awards will be presented during the 2021 Obon Service.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

To Moms, Bachans and Aunties;
You make, All the Difference.

DONATIONS

We are grateful for the 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. For donations for upcoming services, they will be listed in the month of that service. The donation list is through April 25.

BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Doi, Doris S
IMO Mike Doi
Oto, Amy & Roy Oto
IMO Mr. Kazukiyo Oto
IMO Mrs. Hatsumi Y. Oto
Kida, Katsumi - Calendar
Cross, Joe
IMO Rodney Oyama
Morinaka, Ron
Teague, Bill & Joyce -
General Gratitude
Kawamoto, Mitsuko -Calendar
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen -
In Appreciation
Tsutsumi, Emi
Ryan, Mani
Kusumoto, Janice
Fujii, Joan
Vu, Heather
Ohara, Fumiko
Schell, Kimi - In Loving
Memory of Jeanne Miyuki
Martinez, Nancy
IMO Jeanne M N Inouye
Yasukochi Family Farms LLC
Dec - April
Sasaki, Brian & Lorin
IMO Sayoko Tomiyama
Hasegawa, Gene & Arlene
IMO Michitake "Mike" Hagio
Segal, Larry P - Dana
Shigehara, Janice -my Aunt's
friend, IMO Sayoko Tomiyama
Sasaki, Rev. Laverne & Helen-
Fond Mem. Sayoko Tomiyama
Hashiguchi, John & Tsune -
Thank you for the Orchids
Nakano, Alan & Family - Serv.
For Minako Nakano

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

Sumida, Floyd & Kaytee
Ochi-Fontanott, Janet

COVID-19

Sasaki, Brian & Lorin
Sato, Steve

DHARMA SCHOOL

Asakawa, Masato (Bruce)
Teague, Bill & Joyce
Wiederkehr, Jeff & Laura
Takashima, Helen K
Yamanishi, Alan & Karen
Amemiya, Mary O
Tsuji, Masako
Honda, Margaret

FLORAL OFFERING

Asakawa, Masato (Bruce)
Teague, Bill & Joyce
Wiederkehr, Jeff & Laura
Takashima, Helen K
Yamanishi, Alan & Karen
Amemiya, Mary O
Tsuji, Masako
Honda, Margaret

GEN. MAINTENANCE

Asakawa, Masato (Bruce)
Teague, Bill & Joyce
Wiederkehr, Jeff & Laura
Takashima, Helen K
Yamanishi, Alan & Karen
Amemiya, Mary O
Tsuji, Masako
Honda, Margaret

GOTAN E

Ryan, Mani and
Yamaguchi, Laura
Ota Family, Ken & Laurine
Hidinger, Holly
Hill, Miyo
Ohara, Ann
Asakawa, Masato (Bruce)
Martinez, Nancy

HANAMATSURI SERVICE

Ota Family, Ken & Laurine
Kaneko, Richard & Ruth
Asakawa, Masato (Bruce)
Teague, Bill & Joyce
Morikawa, Kazuhiko
Hashiguchi, John & Tsune
Estes, Carol
Tanaka, Kelvin
Yamamoto, Jane
Kodama, Jay
Sakai, Jeffery & Kathy
Kashima, Jeanie
Hendrix, Hiroko
Torio, Betty
Aoyama, K. Alice
Fuchigami, Lynn S. & Stephen
Koga, Florence
McDonald, Marianne
Otsuji, Dennis & Elaine
Kuwada, Howard Kanji &
Kaneko

Suyenaga, Irene
Yamamoto, Koichi & Joyce
Nogata, Yuriko
Jones, Mikako & Morton
Sugiyama, Yukiko
Nakamura, Jake K & Patty
Ohara, Fumiko
Masumoto, Chiyoko
D'Orsi, Ruby
Monji, Yoshiko
Okuhara, Roy & Karen
Sumida, Floyd & Kaytee
Honda, Ralph & Avis
Honda, Mikiye
Aoyama, K. Alice
Shigehara, Wilbur
Kida, Katsumi
Yonekura Family
Martinez, Nancy
Yamanishi, Alan & Karen
Tomiyama, Steve & Aki

HO ON KO

Asakawa, Masato (Bruce)
Teague, Bill & Joyce
Yamanishi, Alan & Karen
Koga, Florence
Benson, Agnes

MAP (Ministers Assist.)

Honda, Mikiye
Asakawa, Masato (Bruce)
Teague, Bill & Joyce
Wiederkehr, Jeff & Laura
Takashima, Helen K
Yamanishi, Alan & Karen
Amemiya, Mary O
Tsuji, Masako
Honda, Margaret

MEMBERSHIP

We thank the following
for their recent renewals:
Schell, Bryan
Asakawa, Masato (Bruce)
Brown, Jaime Teague
Teague, Bill & Joyce
Wiederkehr, Jeff & Laura
Covarrubias, Lorena
Williams, Yukari
Ochi-Fontanott, Janet
Martinez, Nancy
Takashima, Helen K
Bradford, Qamar A.
Bull, Gregory & Julie Bull
& Family
Amemiya, Mary O
Tsuji, Masako
Honda, Margaret
NEW YEAR'S (SHUSHO-E)
Teague, Bill & Joyce
Yamanishi, Alan & Karen

NIRVANA DAY

Tomiyama, Sayoko
Asakawa, Masato (Bruce)
Teague, Bill & Joyce
Yamanishi, Alan & Karen
Benson, Agnes

OHIGAN

Honda, Mikiye
Monji, Yoshiko
Kida, Katsumi
Hagio, Quimico
Aoyama, K. Alice
Asakawa, Masato (Bruce)
Teague, Bill & Joyce
Yamanishi, Alan & Karen
Ogasawara, Michiko
Morikawa, Kazuhiko
Oyama, Candice
Graeber, Kiku
Koga, Florence
Benson, Agnes
Himaka, Michio & Naomi
Ohara, Fumiko

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Asakawa, Masato (Bruce)
Teague, Bill & Joyce
Wiederkehr, Jeff & Laura
Ochi-Fontanott, Janet
Yamanishi, Alan & Karen
Amemiya, Mary O
Tsuji, Masako
Honda, Margaret

SHOTSUKI HOYO

Rubio-Torres, Arturo
IMO Armando Leal
(4/11/2006)
Pang, Valerie & Gerald
IMO Carl M. Ooka 05-19-91
Torio, Betty - April
Sugiyama, Chiyeko
IMO Kugo Sugiyama
IMO James Kasubuchi
Benson, Agnes -
January, February, March,
April, May, June
Kawamoto, Mitsuko
IMO Michael Kawamoto
Hagio, Quimico
Graeber, Kiku
IMO Masao Santohigashi
Yamamoto, Jane
IMO Mother (Yagura)
Fuchigami, Lynn S. & Stephen
IMO Sets Himaka
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen -
April
Uda, Georgiana—IMO S. Uda
Ohara, Fumiko - February,
March, April, May
Driscoll, Christine - 33 Year
IMO Susumu Yagi - March
Takashima, Wilbur
IMO Yoshiko Takashima
IMO Setsugo Taniguchi
IMO Benso Tsuji
Honda, Mikiye - April
Kida, Katsumi - April
Tsukamoto, Wayne - March
IMO Shizuko Tsukamoto
Ueji, Masako
IMO Kottie Uyeji
Himaka, Michio & Naomi
IMO Setsuko Himaka
Tsuneyoshi, Motoo
IMO Iwaguma Tsuneyoshi
Yanagihara, Sumiko - April
IMO Toyosaburo Yanagihara
IMO Shizuko Izumo
IMO Shizuko Yanagihara

CORRECTION FOR MARCH

Takashima, Wilbur
IMO Kisouyemon Sato
IMO Bunshiro Takashima
IMO Patsy Yanagihara

MAY SHOTSUKI (Monthly Memorial) LIST



This month's memorial service will appear on the temple's YouTube channel on Sunday, May 2. Families and friends of anyone who passed away in May are urged to view the video, burn incense at your home O Butsudan and Gassho in memory of your deceased loved one. 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 receive the YouTube link, 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

Mary Sayoko Tomiyama ~ March 31, 2021

Jeanne Inouye ~ April 8, 2021

Helen Kikuko Takashima ~ April 15, 2021

Yoshiko Honda ~ April 20, 2021

DECEASED

FAMILY MEMBER

Mary Koba (5-17-1939)..... Duane Koba
 Nasuemon Ishizuka (5-26-1942)..... Tachiki Family
 Tsuneko Masumoto (5-13-1948)..... Bert Masumoto
 Kumataro Kimura (5-30-1949)..... Ochi Family
 Jirosuke Nishiuye (5-27-1953)..... Yoshiro Nishiuye
 Yasukichi Fujimoto (5-16-1956)..... Fujimoto Family
 Gohei Tomiyama (5-15-1958)..... Tomiyama Family
 Fujiye Oya (5-18-1958)..... Paul Oya
 Kisaemon Kato (5-18-1964)..... Dennis Otsuji
 Yoshimatsu Yagura (5-24-1966)..... Yagura Family
 Richard Eejima Jr. (5-31-1969)..... Eejima Family
 Osamu Amano (5-19-1970)..... Mikiye Honda
 Moritaka Tsuneyoshi (5-29-1971)..... Miki Tsuneyoshi
 Yoshi Morimoto (5-31-1971)..... Morimoto Family
 Asao Tanaka (5-18-1972)..... Tanaka Family
 Hiroshi Mayumi (5-6-1973)..... Mayumi Family
 Tamiko Mamiya (5-10-1973)..... Kawamoto Family
 Seiko Fujimoto (5-20-1973)..... Fujimoto Family
 Shoichi Hamatake (5-17-1974)..... Masako Prestidge
 Magotaro Adachi (5-6-1975)..... Yoshioka Family
 Tsume Takashima (5-14-1976)..... Wilbur Takashima
 Rev. Gikan Nishinaga (5-2-1978)..... Mani Ryan
 Mitsuko Iguchi (5-7-1978)..... Iguchi Family
 Hatsuko Miyamoto (5-15-1979)..... Fumiko Miyamoto
 Shizuye Saito (5-2-1981)..... Saito Family
 Kakuye Yamada (5-11-1981)..... Yamada Family
 Hisayo Fujimoto (5-29-1982)..... Fujimoto Family
 Kuni Higuchi (5-8-1989)..... Yasuko Higuchi
 Carl M. Ooka (5-19-1991)..... Valerie & Gerald Pang
 Carol James (5- -)..... Etsuko Smith
 Hiroko Kitada (5-17-1992)..... Yoshitsugu Kitada
 Hisashi Ozaki (5-14-1993)..... Ozaki Family
 Shizue Koba (5-15-1994)..... Duane Koba
 Morizo Fujimoto (5-30-1994)..... Jack Fujimoto
 Kazu L. Scott (5-15-1996)..... Lee Scott

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FAMILY MEMBER

Momoyo Amano (5-6-1998)..... Mikiye Honda
 Yoshio Koike (5-25-1999)..... Kikuko Koike
 James Yamaguchi (5-25-1999)..... Fusako Yamaguchi
 Ichiye Ochi (5-28-1999)..... Ochi Family
 Agnes Masae Kishi (5-9-2000)..... Masao Kishi
 Harumi Hokanson (5-9-2001)..... Raymond Hokanson
 Mikazu Kaminaka (5-10-2001)..... Kaminaka Family
 Paul Yoshimasa Naitoh (5-1-2002)..... Masako Naitoh
 Yukie Yagade (5-8-2002)..... Steven Yagade
 Roy Morinaka (5-11-2002)..... Asako Morinaka
 Tamiko Iwashita (5-13-2002)..... Iwashita Family
 George Higuchi (5-25-2002)..... Yasuko Higuchi
 Noboru Yamamoto (5-31-2002)..... Yamamoto Family
 Sanae Gutzman (5-8-2003)..... Louis A. Gutzman
 Matsue Ishino (5-9-2003)..... Hiroko Ishino
 Jane Akemi Obayashi (5-19-2003)..... Glenn Obayashi
 Katsumi Takashima (5-3-2005)..... Wilbur Takashima
 Donald Hamilton Estes (5-7-2005)..... Carol Estes
 Misao Nakagawa Moriyama (5-2-2006) ... Moriyama Family
 Masako Falk (5-27-2006)..... James F. Falk
 Horace Shigeto Koga (5-10-2007)..... Katsuko Koga
 Tiffany Wadzinski (5-19-2008)..... Mellissa Wadzinski
 Phoebe Wadzinski (5-19-2008)..... Mellissa Wadzinski
 John Ernest Benson (5-20-2010)..... Agnes Benson
 Chonja Lee Haruko Bolick (5-8-2011)..... Jack Tetsuo Bolick
 George Masato Uda (5-11-2001)..... Georgiana Uda
 Arlene Shizue Hirata (5-4-2012)..... Jason Hirata
 William Perkinson Jr. (5-6-2014)..... Michiko Perkinson
 George Yada (5-18-2014)..... Shinzo Yada
 Setsuko Yada (5-18-2014)..... Miyoko Hashiguchi
 Jane Kozuye Yagade (5-23-2014)..... Steven Yagade
 Peggy Fumiko Tsurudome (5-26-2014)..... Carly Tsurudome
 Kuniko Denton (5-27-2014)..... Charles Denton
 Leora Chiyeko Hamada (5-2-2016)..... Gary Hamada
 Frederick Ichiro Tsuji (5-7-2016)..... Masako Tsuji

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 continued influence in our lives. Check on memorial services for a loved one by calling during weekly office hours.

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

おの 己が身にひきくらべてー

駐在開教使 向嶋裕史

最近、アジア系住民に対するヘイトクライムが全米で多発し深刻な問題となつています。アジア系住民の方々が差別主義者に襲われ、さらにはのちまで奪われるという惨劇が連日のようにニュースで報道され、多くのアジア系コミュニティに暗い影を落としています。

昨年、ジョージ・フロイド氏が警察官の不適切な拘束方法によつていのちを奪われた事件を皮切りに、全米各地でアメリカの歴史に刻まれた潜在的な人種差別に抗議するBLM(黒人のいのちも大切)運動が活発となりました。この重大な問題を解決できていないにも関わらず、現在アジア系アメリカ人が憎悪の対象となり、暴力行為を受けています。その一例が、八人の尊いいのちを一瞬にして奪ったアトランタのアジア系SPA発砲事件です。

また、アジア系の高齢者まで暴力の標的となり、いのちの尊厳を無視された被害者の無念を考えますと胸が張り裂ける思いでいっぱいです。当仏教会には高齢者のご門徒がたくさんおられるので心配ではありません。現在、この混沌とした日々が続く中で、多くの方が癒しを求めています。多くのマスメディアの報道は、無知な人々が無実の人々に憎悪をもって故意に暴力を振るうという悲しい事件についてばかりです。それは私達が願う安穏な世の中とは大きくかけ離れています。理由があるうとも、仏教において暴力は正当化される

ものではなく、ましてや殺人は決して許されるものではありません。

残念ながら、このような行為は今回に限ったことではなく、長い間私達の社会では有色人種に対する差別や犯罪という憎悪が深く根付いています。それ故、アメリカの歴史の中で、数多くの有色人種の人達はいのちを奪われ、人権を繰り返し踏みにじられてきました。

第二次世界大戦を振り返ってみますと、アメリカに住む日系移民、そして日系アメリカ人は敵性外国人とみなされ、強制的に住まいから立ち退きを命じられ、終戦まで強制収容所での生活を余儀なくされました。反日感情だけで、アメリカ政府は西海岸に住む日系アメリカ人の公民権を無視し、戦時中、十一万人にも及び日系人を収監しました。だからこそ、今日、日系アメリカ人コミュニティは、アメリカを祖国と呼ぶ人達に対して二度と同じような悲劇を繰り返さないようにと声をあげています。

しかし、現在、コロナウイルスが中国から広がったことからアジア人をパンデミックの元凶だと見なし、世界中で心無い人達から何ら罪のないアジア人が暴力と差別の標的にされています。アメリカを母国とする多くの有色人種の子供達は、この理不尽な状況下で恐怖と不安に駆られながら生活しています。

『法句経』に、「すべての者は暴力におびえ、すべての者は死をおそれる。すべての者にとつていのちは愛おしい。己が身にひきくらべて、殺してはならぬ、殺さしめてはならぬ」というお釈迦さまのお言葉があります。暴力によつて殺される側に自分自身を置き換えて、いのちを奪われる者の恐怖や人権を踏みにじられる者の苦しみを想像しなさいという教えます。相手の立場になつて物事を考えることができれば、あまりの恐ろしさに

他人を傷つけることなどできないはずで、そして、無差別に行われている憎悪犯罪が如何に愚かだか恥ずべき行為であるかを周りに伝え、人種間の平等を尊重することの大切さを多くの人と認識できるように願っています。

今、私達にできることは、憎悪犯罪に対して団結して立ち向かい、アジア系コミュニティの悲しみと苦しみ、更には屈辱の涙に共感することです。差別意識が蔓延する中、私達の隣人が孤立しないよう謂れない暴力行為に沈黙を保つのではなく、互いに悩みを打ち明け、互いの苦しみに耳を傾け、互いに支え合うことが何よりも大切なことです。その中で、家庭内、そして、コミュニティ内で特定の人種に対して憎悪感情を抱く人間の醜い内面性について真剣に話し合うべきです。多くの子供達が人類共通の普遍的価値観についての認識を深め、誰もが最も大切だと私は信じています。その尊い価値感を学び、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、お互いを敬うことができると信じています。

憎悪と暴力の連鎖から解放された社会を実現するため、浄土真宗門徒として、常に念仏を心の鏡として、内なる差別に向き合うと同時に、社会や国に蔓延する人種差別と暴力に対し毅然とした態度で立ち向かわなければなりません。お釈迦さまの教え「己が身にひきくらべて」を胸に、誰もが暴力に晒されることのない安穏な社会の実現に努め、未来ある子や孫に心豊かな社会を手渡していきたいと願っています。

当仏教会は、お釈迦さまが願う人類平等の価値観を共有する神聖な安全な場所です。全ての人々が個々の社会的アイデンティティを受け入れ、相手の人権を尊重し、豊かな多様性を築き上げるように団結と調和を希求し続けていく所存です。

Buddhist Education in May

New Zoom Session for Beginners and Beginner's Minds

GROUND ZERO BUDDHISM. This new class is meant for beginners to ask their most pressing questions about Buddhism. Each session will have a few minutes on a basic Buddhist concept and then is given over to discussing attendees' questions among the group. It is also a place for all with raw or basic questions and concerns.

We will start by trying hour sessions on a Sunday evening and another on a Saturday morning to allow people to attend one or the other depending on their schedule.

Ground Zero in May and June

Sunday, May 9, 6 p.m. (Three Treasures)

Saturday, May 22, 10 a.m. (How Many Buddhas?)

Sunday, June 13, 6 p.m. (Interdependence)

Saturday, June 26, 10 a.m. (Change)

Send Temple Note for the Zoom Login

Info@btsd.net or btcomms@cox.net.

Special Guest Speaker for Gotan-E, Sunday, May 16

The Temple welcomes **Rev. Dennis "Jay" Hosen Shinseki** (Monterey and Watsonville Temples) as our guest speaker at the Gotan-E service. Gotan-E celebrates the birthday of Shinran Shonin, the founder of Jodo Shinshu, and we devote this service to appreciate Shinran's life and teachings.

About Shinseki Sensei

Reverend Shinseki was born in Mountain View, California where he attended the Mountain View Buddhist Temple. He is a graduate of California State University with a Liberal Arts degree. He received his M.A. from the Institute of Buddhist Studies in 1978 and furthered his studies at the *Chuo Bukkyo Gakuin* (Central College of Buddhism) in Kyoto Japan from 1978 to 1981. After receiving his ordination from the Nishi Hongwanji he returned to the United States and served at the Seattle, White River, Salinas and Mountain View Buddhist Temples. Reverend Shinseki is currently the resident minister of Monterey and Watsonville Buddhist Temples. He has been the supervising minister of Salinas since April 2020.



GOTAN-E SERVICE ON ZOOM— Join the Sangha and friends for the live service. Signup with the temple office for the link.

Membership News in May

Bill Teague, Membership Chair

Our Members Are the Best! As of last month, over 55% of members formally renewed for 2021. Thank you so much!

Updates on Member Pages on Website

Note: If you need the password email membership chair Bill Teague at btcomms@cox.net or the Temple.

Status. We now list formally renewed members on the members site, just like we used to post in the Temple hallway.

New Benefit: Old Service Books. Nostalgic for previous Service Books? Remember the small purple service book? The larger blue hardcover we used before our latest service book? Temple members can get a free copy of either while supplies last. See the member site for details.

What Else Would You Like to See on the Member Pages?

Please drop me a note at btcomms@cox.net.

Social Media Updates

Looking for Cub and Bear Reporters for the Website

Are you passionate about what your organization in the Temple is doing and want to share the news? The Temple's website allows reporters to post directly. We already have active reporters for the Buddhist Women's Association and the Dana Group. Our web development platform (Squarespace) is easy to learn. Let us know at info@btsd.net if you would like to learn how to use Squarespace to report on your group or interest. We are looking for young and old participation. And once the article is posted, we can share the news on Facebook and other platforms.

We plan on scheduling training sessions around your schedule, so please let us hear from you.

Like Us on Facebook! Visit the Temple's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/BuddhistTempleOfSanDiego>. Likes and follows improve our visibility to others. Thanks!

HANAMATSURI ORCHIDS FOR

KEIRO KAI MEMBERS

Volunteers delivered beautiful cymbidium orchids to the temple's pioneer group (Keiro Kai) members ages 80-89 and several centenarians.

Each year, Mrs. Asako Morinaka and her son Ron have been very generous with their donation of orchids to the temple in celebration of Hanamatsuri. Unfortunately, during the pandemic, the in-person service had to be canceled again which prompted deliveries to the Keiro Kai mem-



Marianne McDonald is all smiles receiving orchids from Roy Okuhara.

bers. In 2020, members ages 90-102 received the flowers.

Many thanks to the volunteers who prepared the arrangements and made deliveries: Avis and Ralph Honda, Norman Kiyono, Jeff and Kimberly Kruse, Glenn Negoro, Karen and Roy Okuhara, and Laura Yoshida.



Memorial Day Services Canceled

Traditional remembrances planned for the May Memorial Day weekend have been canceled. This includes visitations to the Calxico, El Centro and Brawley cemeteries in the Imperial Valley, the community Memorial Day service at Mt. Hope Cemetery and the temple's services at the Cypress View Mausoleum and Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery.

NEW! We are setting up an **ONLINE AUCTION SITE For BTSD!**

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