



Thank You

By Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi,
Resident Minister

I've traveled a bit in many parts of the world. And I've always said that the sunsets in San Diego are the best in the world. As these sunset views become fewer for me, I know that I will miss them and the people of San Diego. These have been an incredible 8 years for Karen and me. I have been doing what I love best: to share the Shin Dharma. The response from people who hear the message fulfills me in what I consider my purpose in life. I thank the San Diego sangha for fulfilling me.

It has been easy for me to relate the Shin Dharma with others, as I am simply sharing my own life experience. I had the very good fortune to be born in a family that was rooted in generations of Shin tradition. Because of my parent's close and active participation at the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin, I became familiar with many of the wonderful ministers who served there.

It was the character and attitude of those ministers and the sangha members friends of my parents that inspired me to look more deeply into this teaching of wisdom and compassion. It was also serendipitous that my college and young adult years were spent in the San Francisco Bay Area. The most competent teachers of philosophy, psychology, Eastern thought, and wholistic personal growth were available with their progressive ideas. I took advantage of learning from the best.

I became intimately involved with several teachers and their respective communities. However, no matter how famous or masterful these Western teachers were, they could not match the authentic character of the ordinary Shin follower. These modern masters replicated only segments of the complete package of Shin Buddhism. My anchor and center have always been the Shin Dharma. And I was able to use the methods of these new teachers that were effective with contemporary Americans.

It is simply obvious that the lineage from the Buddha, the masters, and Shinran had infused the Shin ministers with a substantial and proven teaching. However, the methods of conveying this truth have not always been very effective. Former bishop, Rev. Yamaoka correctly stated that an educational process was necessary to promote Shin in America, since we lacked the cultural background found in Japan. The Six Aspect of Endowed Shinjin is Rev. Yamaoka's contribution to this process.

What the San Diego sangha has allowed me to do is to utilize innovative teaching and practice methods in conveying the essence of Shin thought. I have been doing this in bits and pieces since the 1980's as a Dharma school teacher, discussion leader, conference organizer, and retreat and workshop leader. I try to improve on methods that work and eliminate those that don't work. This is not an alternative form of Shin teachings. Instead, I offer it as a beginning step for those who may not have any background in Buddhist or Eastern thought

I have found that these introductory techniques work. Interdependence is better described as ME within the WE, rather than the dualistic "self-power vs. Other Power." Shin practice is understood as receiving rather than achieving. Our awakening is a crosswise leap, as a sideways movement provides a different perspective. This shift from "please" to "thank you," allows a practice of awakening that is not self-promoting. I consider these simplistic techniques as *upaya* or a skillful means of teaching.

The experience of the Nembutsu is at the center of the Shin Dharma. I am simply sharing my own process which I received from the many Shin ministers who have been so generous in their life work. Although scholarship is important, my deepest education has come from the ordinary Shin follower whose ordinary lives reflect the deep values we all seek. San Diego and other Shin temples are flushed with them. It is helpful to listen and to hear the words of the Buddha. As the minister, I may provide the words of the Buddha. However, to see these truths in action, it is best to observe the sangha. Often it is difficult to spot, because much of this goes on unseen in the background. We are reminded that the temple is supported by the efforts of others.

The words of *Ondokusan* remind us that we have a debt of gratitude to the Buddha and teachers. With all the great teachers who have shared their wisdom and their compassionate actions toward me, it is only natural that I share that teaching with others.

Karen and I thank the sangha for showing us the living Dharma in the ways that you support the temple. The Nembutsu wakes us up daily to the Pure Realm of ordinary life. Namō Amida Butsu.

Gassho, Kenji Sensei

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OCTOBER CALENDAR

All religious gatherings and meetings, and most social events will continue to be offered virtually on the temple's Zoom (Z) live and YouTube (YT) channel platforms. Please continue to take advantage of such opportunities and share the sessions with individuals who do not have computer internet access. Here is the October calendar (Dates and times are subject to change):

- 3 – Shotsuki Hoyo monthly memorial and Dharma messages: English and Japanese, YT
 - Dharma School staff meeting, 9 am, Z, Qigong, 9am, Z
 - Dharma School, 10 am, Z, BWA meeting, 10:30 am, Z
 - Taiko practice, 11:45 am, parking lot
- 6 – Taiko prac., 6:45 pm, park. lot, Buddhism 1-2-3, 7pm, Z
- 7 – Tai Chi, 10 am, Annex Hall
- 9 – Southern District/BWA/SDDSTL Conference, 9 am, Z
 - Sutra Chanting, 1 pm, Z, Book Club, 2 pm, Z
- 10 – **95TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE, 9:30 am, Z**
 - 95th Anniversary Drive Through, 12:00 noon to 2 pm, parking lot, Pre-ordered Bento pick up and Kenji Sensei/Karen Akahoshi retirement farewell
- 12 – Ways and Means meeting, 7 pm, Z
- 13 – Taiko prac., 6:45pm, park. lot, Buddhism 1-2-3, 7pm, Z
- 14 – Tai Chi, 10 am, Annex Hall, BOD meeting, 7 pm, Z
- 16 – Sutra Chanting, 1 pm, Z
- 17 – Adult service & Dharma message, YT, Qigong, 9am, Z
 - Dharma School service, 10 am, Z, Taiko practice, 10:45 am, parking lot
- 20 – Taiko prac., 6:45 pm, park. lot, Bud. 1-2-3, 7 pm, Z
- 21 – Tai Chi, 10 am, Annex Hall
- 23 – Sutra Chanting, 1 pm, Z
- 24 – Adult serv. and Dharma message (YT), Qigong, 9 am, Z
 - Dharma School service, 10 am, Z, Taiko practice, 10:45 am, parking lot
- 27 – Taiko practice, 6:45 pm, park. lot, Bud. 1-2-3, 7 pm, Z
- 28 – Tai Chi, 10 am, Annex Hall, Activities meeting, 7pm, Z
- 30 – Sutra Chanting, 1 pm, Z
- 31 – Adult service and Dharma message, YT, Qigong, 9 am (Z), Dharma School service & Halloween Party, 10 am, .Z, Taiko practice, 10:45 am, parking lot

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

Office hours: 9 am to 4 pm Tuesday-Friday. There is limited coverage weekends. The temple is closed Mondays.

More information: Call the temple at 619-239-0896. Please leave a message if your call is not answered and staff will respond as quickly as possible. Email the temple at info@btsd.net or check the BTSD website <http://www.buddhisttemplesandiego.org> for updates.

ACTIVITIES NEWS

Since the Temple's Hatsubon service, Obon service and Odori held August 22, 2021 we have been working on the Temple's 95th Anniversary to be held on October 10, 2021. The revised plan for the day will begin with a live virtual service at 9:30am, which will include presentations (more information to come) and a recorded program with performances by some of the Temple groups. In place of the in-person event, we will have a pre-ordered Bento pick-up and Akahoshi Farewell Drive-Thru event on October 10, between 12:00 – 2:00pm. The Bento will be the same as we had planned to have at the original event and orders were placed in September. Bentos will NOT be available for sale on the day of the event.

As mentioned above, this drive thru event will give you a chance to say so long to our retiring Reverend Kenji and Mrs. Karen Akahoshi. Keeping the "Drive-Thru" in mind, you will not be able to park or leave your vehicle to visit with the Akahoshis. They will do their best to greet everyone on your way through the drive-thru. The original Farewell party has been postponed until 2022 when we will be able to gather and celebrate! Included in the drive-thru will be a Scouts Stuffed Animal Drive. See page 4 for more information.

Save the date: Coming up on December 4th, we will have our winter Yasukochi CSA vegetable and fruit box event. We hope you have continued to order boxes from the Yasukochis between our events, and if you leave a note on your order stating you are a part of the Buddhist Temple of San Diego, the Yasukochis will graciously donate a portion of the sale to our Temple. Order forms will be available on our website later this month.

In Gassho, Glenn and Ann



BTSD HOSTS FLAG SIGNING EVENT

Karen Akahoshi, Judge Johnny Gogo and Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi pose with a vintage 48-star United States flag during the Japanese World War II Incarceration Memorial Legacy Project flag signing event held at the temple on September 19. Approximately 60 people which included temple members and community friends who were

interned at various camps throughout the western U.S., signed one of two flags on display. The Akahoshi's signed the flag as Kenji was born on the way to Amachi and Karen was born in the Minidoka internment camp.

Gogo, a Santa Clara County Superior Court judge, will donate one flag to the Japanese American Museum of

San Jose in commemoration of Fred Korematsu Day on January 30, 2022.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By LuAnn Lee, Board President

Unfortunately, it happened again, another vaccinated family member tested positive for Covid 19 in mid-September. When one doesn't go out much and has limited visitors, it was a shock to hear about the test result. It really shows how easy this variant

can spread. We are thankful that this time, there were no visible symptoms or (asymptomatic). Everyone that was exposed was tested and happy to report we were all negative. I have been hearing that the common cold is making a come-back. One doctor warned that the flu mixed with Covid 19 could be serious and she recommends getting a flu shot.

Since I'm able to work from home, quarantining for ten days was no problem but missed the flag signing on Sunday, Sept. 19th.

Judge Johnny Gogo kindly brought two WWII-era 48 star American flags for former internees to sign.

I heard he enjoyed talking to the many survivors and listening to their stories. We appreciate him spending time to come to San Diego. He hopes to return to Southern California before January 2022 so he can make the flags available for those that missed the Sept. 19th event. On January 30th, Fred Korematsu day, the flag will be donated to the Japanese American Museum of San Jose. We will have to make a trip up there to view the flags and visit the Akahoshis.

Thank you to Kenji Sensei for helping to connect and discuss details with Judge Gogo. Also special thanks to Karen Akahoshi for hosting him and to Ralph Honda, Harold Lee and Glenn Torio for volunteering to set up, clean up and to greet the crowd. It brought the community together and was a success.

On the same day, O Higan service was live at 10 am. Thank you to Kenji Sensei for officiating and to the Ministerial Assistant's for their help. Also thanks to Ralph for chairing and pinch hitting for me to do the appreciation. We are so thankful for our technical help Bill Teague and Kimberly Kruse. Congratulations to the scholarship recipients and to Jamie Shimizu for preparing the slide presentation and leading the scholarship committee. We thank the Sangha for your generosity, involvement and patience with the Temple as we look forward to gathering again in person soon.

As I close this article, I have been avoiding the thought of the Akahoshis leaving. I know he talks about impermanence and change is inevitable but it's really hard to face. October seemed so far away when he announced he would be leaving and it's almost upon us. I think we were all hoping to be able to gather together to celebrate and give a proper farewell but we are glad they understand and care so much about the Sangha to say they will return when it is safe. I thank them for their spiritual influence, guidance, support and most of all, their friendship. They will be missed and

instead of saying Goodbye, I say until we meet again...

Namu Amida Butsu

Gassho, LuAnn Lee

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met on Sept. 9th -

1. Rev. Akahoshi presented an organizational flow chart to show how the many ministerial-related duties will be covered by the Minister Assistants and temple volunteers upon his retirement. Until a replacement Resident Minister is assigned by the BCA, the temple will be under the supervision of Rev. Gregory Gibbs of the Pasadena Buddhist Temple.
2. All active affiliated organizations and standing committees provided updates of their activities.
3. The Board approved orei and the travel expenses for Rev. Kodo Umezu, 2021 Hatsuon and Obon guest speaker.
4. Funding was approved for two Social Media intern positions to help with the temple's social media presence on the web. The Social Media Committee provided a thorough report about the project scope and benefit to both the temple and to the interns.

BWA NEWS

It was wonderful to see so many of our Temple members attending the virtual Sept 19 Ohigan service. It almost felt as though we were in-person because the format was so similar to how our pre-pandemic services had been conducted. It was good to hear Ralph's voice as he opened the service and comforting to do the chanting. Reverend presented his message to the Dharma children which was a thoughtful message about interdependence explaining to the students about the concepts of Me to We. The adult message helped us to better understand how the Six Parmitas can guide us into living our lives in a more meaningful and compassionate manner. The breakout sessions were enjoyable as we informally reconnected with one another.

Our next B.W.A. Zoom meeting will be held on Sunday, Oct. 3 at 10:30 am. There will be proposals we will need to vote on, so a quorum of at least 15 members is needed, so we hope you will attend. Thank you so much for attending our last meeting. We had over 15 members in attendance, which allowed us to vote on measures without having to mail them out.

Our annual Paso Almond Brittle and Popcorn sale will be held soon. Please the order form on page 8 and pick up your order on Saturday, November 20, or on Yasukochi Farm fundraiser day in Dec. Don't miss out! Quantities are limited!

Lastly, our BWA Book Club will feature a new book call **Tropic of Orange** by Karen Tei Yamashita. The Book Club is
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held the second Saturday of each month on Zoom at 2 pm. Again, please contact Sue Moribe for more information about this book and how to join this virtual book club meeting. Her contact information is as follows: suzbandaid@yahoo.com, (858)699-8876
In gassho, Mani Ryan

DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

We had a successful start to the 2021-22 Dharma School term via Zoom. This year, we have three classes with teams of teachers. Leslie Seymour, Gregg Yonekura and Breven Honda are teaching the Pre-K through 3rd grade class. Jamie Shimizu and Kimberly Kruse are teaching the 4th through 8th grade class. Sharon Sasaki and Roy Okuhara are teaching the 9th through 12th grade class. This month, some teachers and staff members will virtually attend the 2021 Southern District, SDBWA and SDDSTL conference on October 9. It will be hosted by the Gardena Buddhist Church. The theme for the conference is Lets talk: Ondobo Ondogyo going forward.

Students are looking forward to participating in a community service project at Feeding San Diego this month. Feeding San Diego is the leading hunger-relief and food rescue organization in San Diego County. Students and families who participate will help sort food at the distribution center, ultimately helping to end hunger in San Diego County. We will have our annual Halloween service and party virtually, on October 31. The Jr. YBA will plan games and activities for the DS students.

For any students who have not yet registered or who would like to enroll in Dharma school, please contact me at lumekubo@gmail.com. Also, if anyone is interested in helping or supporting the Dharma school, please let me know.

In Gassho, Lisa Umekubo

BTSD SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION AT VIRTUAL FALL O HIGAN SERVICE

On September 19, 2021, during the Temple’s virtual Fall O Higan Service, the Scholarship Committee presented the long-awaited awards to 10 well deserving individuals – all were featured in last month’s newsletter. Just as a reminder, there were five recipients in each category:

Evan Ong, Chad Sasaki, Jenna Sasaki, Zoe Yamamoto, and Emma Yanagihara received the **Ben Honda Memorial High School Graduate Scholarship**. **Kyle Baker, Sara Matsumoto, Trevor Muraoka, Davis Ong, and Mark Torio** received the **Tetsuyo Kashima Memorial Continued Higher Education Scholarship**.

Considering that the last in-person presentation was 2 years ago, the committee requested the recipients to submit a photograph of themselves (either individually or with family and friends), so that the Sangha members and service attendees could see who these wonderful people are. Due to space, we will include a collage of the photographs in next month’s newsletter.

2021 Temple T- Shirts

Great holiday gift

ONLINE ONLY

The design will be printed on a black soft style T-shirt. The back image will be a color print and the front pocket print will be in red.



4" w x 1" h

All youth, unisex, and women v-neck sizes available.

Online orders only. Ordering T-shirts will end on November 21, 2021 with pick up at the Yasukochi Farms CSA Box event on Saturday, December 4, 2021 11:00am to 1:00pm.



8.5" w x 11" h

Link to the online order form:
<https://forms.gle/Hr1kDJsgTjBMD5oD6>

SCRIP NEWS

October is here and we are once again experiencing a rise in Covid. Please stay safe and healthy!

A big shout out to our shoppers at Ralph’s and Food 4 Less as we are getting quarterly checks from both of them. Thank you! Thanks also for those of you who continue to buy gift cards. We try to keep the most frequently bought cards in stock. We don’t order unless we get low on cards so that has helped.

We know that it is only October, but you might want to start putting together your list for Christmas gift cards. You can go to the Great Lakes Scrip Center web site and on the bottom of the page, click onto retailer list and all the gift cards will be revealed along with their denomination.

Stuffed Animal Drive

Hello Dharma Friends!

This is Cassidy Muraoka. Andrea Covarrubias and I are working with Sensei Laverne to achieve our Scouting Sangha and Padma Awards. One of the requirements to obtain this award is to lead a service project, the project we have chosen is to collect new stuffed animals for patients at Rady’s Children’s Hospital. An ideal day for dropping off stuffed animals will be at the BTSD 95th Anniversary & Kenji Sensei’s Farewell drive through on October 10, however, you can bring your animals to the temple through October 21st. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make checks out to the BTSD. Thank you so much for your support!

In Gassho, Cassidy Muraoka

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 Admin. Assistant at 619-239-0896 or info@btsd.net. Donations listed are through September 22,.

BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Sato, Steve
IMO Pauline Nakamura
IMO Sam Nakamura
Jones, Jami & Family
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Uda, Jill N. - Mem. Serv.
Sam & Pauline Nakamura
Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki -
7 Year Service IMO
Pauline & Sam Nakamura
Althoff, Opal Lia Palmer
Funeral Service for
Darryl Althoff
Hutchison, Thomas - Serv.
Diane Hutchison
Estes, Carol
Morinaka, Ron & Family
Hayashi, Kay
IMO Ned Iguchi
Tachiki, William & Carolyn
IMO Ned Iguchi
Cross, Joe
IMO Jeanne Inouye
McLemore, Linda-
Marumoto Family
IMO Ned Iguchi
Togashi, Mayo - Thank you,
Akahoshi Sensei's Seminar
Fujii, Joan
Ryan, Mani
Yamashita, Emiko - 33rd Year,
Husband, Shozo Yamashita
Honda, Avis & Ralph
IMO Diane T. Hutchison
IMO Sumiye Nakashima
Hashiguchi, John & Tsune
Dana Group
Imoto, Julie H - Burial Serv.
For Ned Iguchi
Kirby, Keiko
Kashima, Tetsuden
IMO Rev. Tetsuro Kashima
Yamaichi, George K & Lynne S
- In appreciation Kenji
Sensei's July workshop
Ichiban Hillcrest
Yokotobi, Fusako
95th ANNIVERSARY
Tomiyama, Akie
Masumoto, Chiyoko
Yamanouchi, Aya
Kuwada, Howard Kanji

Omori, Shirley
Sumida, Floyd
Anonymous
Matsumoto, Akiko and Ken
Ochi Fontanott, Janet
Yamamoto, Peggy and Steve
Moribe, Susan
Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki
Hidinger, Holly
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen
Ishino, Isabel
Kida, Katsumi
Takashima, Wilbur
Sakai, Jeffery & Kathy
Hill, Miyo
Shigehara, Wilbur & Janice
Amano, Takeko
D'Orsi, Ruby
Ogasawara, Michiko
Nogata, Yuriko & Sumihiro
Suyenaga, Irene
Honda, Mikiye
Otsuji, Dennis & Elaine
Yonekura, Gregg
Nakatani, Fred & Nancy
Yamamoto, Kengo
Yamamoto, Jane
Hashiguchi, John & Tsune
Hotta, JoAnn Katsuda &
Eugene
Kodama, Jay & Family

BUILDING IMPROVEMENT

Kaneshiro, Gale

COVID-19

Sharing the Dharma

Morinaka, Ron & Family
Sasaki, Brian & Lorin
Kinoshita, Michael
Anonymous
Benson, Agnes

FLORAL OFFERING

Omori, Shirley

GEN. MAINTENANCE

Omori, Shirley

HATSUBON SERV.

Jones, Jami & Family
Roy Yonekura
Honda, Mikiye
IMO Sumiye Nakashima
Hiener, Doug - Hatsubon
Yukie Ebina Hiener
Yukie Ebina Hiener

Doi, Doris S - Mike Doi
Tomiyama, Bruce
Mary Sayoko Tomiyama
Oyama, Candice
Rodney Oyama
Driscoll, Christine
Susumu & Chieko Yagi

MEMBERSHIP PLEDGES

Thank you for your renewals
Niwa, Yukio

OBON

Hagio, Quimico
Koga, Florence
Torio, Betty
Sakai, Jeffery & Kathy
Fuchigami, Stephen P &
Lynn
Moncrief, Mayko

OHIGAN

Tsuji, Masako
Suyenaga, Irene
McDonald, Marianne
Honda, Ralph & Avis
Honda, Mikiye
Oto, June
Tanaka, Kelvin & Lara
Sakai, Jeffery & Kathy
Sumida, Floyd & Kaytee
Otsuji, Dennis & Elaine
Okuhara, Roy & Karen
Hendrix, Hiroko
Ohara, Fumiko
Hashiguchi, John & Tsune
Masumoto, Chiyoko
Kuwada, Howard Kanji &
Kaneko
Jones, Mikako
Nogata, Yuriko &

Sumihiro
Tsukamoto, Wayne
Teague, Bill & Joyce
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen
Yamanishi, Alan & Karen
Moribe, Susan
Tomiyama, Akie
Yanagihara, Sumiko
Kida, Katsumi
Monji, Yoshiko
Sugiyama, Yukiko
Moncrief, Mayko
Torio, Betty
Yamamoto, Jane
Ogasawara, Michiko
Yonekura, Susan

SHOTSUKI HOYO

Honda, Mikiye
Oto, June
IMO Ikuji Oto
Omori, Shirley - Aug.
IMO Kiyoko Omori
Sugiyama, Chiyeko
IMO Uta Sugiyama
IMO Yasuyuki Sugiyama
Hashiguchi, John & Tsune
IMO Tom Yanagihara
IMO Rev. Jim Yanagihara
Tomiyama, Akie
IMO Noboru Tomiyama
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen
October
Takashima, Wilbur
IMO Haru Takashima
IMO Rev. Jim Yanagihara
Yanagihara, Sumiko
September
IMO Tom Yanagihara
IMO Rev. Jim Yanagihara
Yonekura, Susan

Membership News

Bill Teague, Membership Chair

Thanks to everyone who helped us shatter the 80% renewal barrier over the last month or more. Now we need your help to get to over 90% renewals in October. If you're not sure about your renewal status, just let us know via the office or below, or check the Membership page and email me or the Temple if you need the Password. We update our member roll on that page frequently. Thanks again!

Bill, 619-248-3749, btcomms@cox.net



OCTOBER SHOTSUKI LIST

The October shotsuki Hoyo (monthly memorial service) will be posted to our YouTube channel on Sunday, October 3. Families and friends of anyone who passed away in October are urged to watch the video, burn incense at your home O Butsudan and Gassho in memory of your deceased loved ones. Please share the video and Dharma messages with family members and friends who do not have access to the internet. If you find an error, wish to add a name to the list or have questions on accessing the YouTube video, please contact the temple at (619) 239-0896 or email info@btsd.net Gassho.

<u>DECEASED</u>	<u>FAMILY MEMBER</u>	<u>DECEASED</u>	<u>Family Member</u>
Ikichi Ito (10-25-1930)	Ito Family	Ritsuko Abe (10-8-1990)	Walter Gilday
Itsuemon Tanaka (10-9-1939)	Dr. Brian Tanaka	Michie Kuroiwa (10-22-1995)	Sonoko Kuroiwa
Yasaku Nakamura (10-29-1945)	Yukiko Sugiyama	Muto Kawahara.....	Takeshi & Yoshito Kawahara
Tatsujiro Yonekura (10-18-1947).....	Yonekura Family	Helen Haruyo Kawahara	Takeshi & Yoshito Kawahara
Masaichi Yamada (10-21-1950).....	Yamada Family	Charley Torio (10-21-1996)	Betty Torio
Sueichi Azuma (10-25-1950).....	Shizuka Azuma	Jimmie Shinohara (10-6-1997).....	Janice Shinohara
Ito Fukamizu (10-11-1959)	Ninomiya Family	Tomi Yada (10-28-1997).....	Itsuko Yada
Jinkichi Yamasaki (10-11-1959)	Yamasaki Family	Betty Harvey Teague (10-19-1998).....	Teague Family
Rev. Guzei Nishii (10-25-1959)	Nishii Family	Aiko Tachiki (10-28-1998)	Tachiki Family
Nobuzo Kida (10-22-1961).....	Kida Family	Tadashi Yano (10-6-1999)	Tamako Yano
Katsue Takashima (10-17-1962)	Wilbur Takashima	Chiseko Oya (10-25-1999).....	Ayako Linda Seu
Tsuneichi Hirata (10-20-1963)	Katsi Hirata	Haruno Mayekawa (10-19-2000)	Ahren Mayekawa
Otoshichi Ochi (10-19-1965)	Janet Ochi-Fontanott	Minoru Takasugi (10-16-2001).....	Takasugi Family
Kazuye Himaka (10-5-1966).....	Himaka Family	Nancy Tsukiko Imai (10-22-2001)	Fumiko Ohara
Tsuneichi Sameshima (10-11-1966) ...	Takashi Sameshima	Toyoko Yonekura (10-1-2003).....	Yonekura Family
Kanzo Okuni (10-11-1967).....	Akira Okuni	Tsuruko Louise Osaki (10-27-2003).....	Gail Furuya
Koichi Fujii (10-19-1967).....	Katsumi Kida	Emi Himaka Shimizu (10-13-2004).....	Gordon Shimizu
Zentaro Asamen (10-7-1971)	Masako Uyeji	Ayako Kaminaka (10-21-2004).....	Wayne Kaminaka
Toshino Hamano (10-8-1972).....	Emiko Hamano	Frank Doi (10-7-2006)	Doris Doi
Takeshi Monji (10-5-1974).....	Monji Family	John Inouye (10-16-2006)	Craig Inouye
Tomoyo Kuwada (10-31-1976).....	Kanji Kuwada	Aiko Muraoka (10-08-2007)	Roy Muraoka
Fukuyo Matsumoto (10-9-1977)	Shintaro Matsumoto	Takashi Mayumi (10-11-2008)	Mitsuko Kawamoto
Mitsuye Sugioka (10-23-1977).....	Sugioka Family	Tom Tamotsu Sugioka (10-6-2010).....	Dennis Sugioka
Ume Tsurudome (10-1-1979)	Tsurudome Family	Yusaku Kuroiwa (10-31-2010).....	Sonoko Kuroiwa
Kotono Takahashi (10-11-1980)	Ruth Voorhies	Tatsuo Richard Takashima (10-21-2011).....	Ronald Takashima
Kasuke Hashiguchi (10-28-1980)	Hashiguchi Family	Robert Susumu Sasaki (10-19-2013).....	Gail Slemmon
Sam Sugita (10-7-1981)	Gene Sugita	Raymond J. Sakow (10-5-2014).....	Toshiko Sakow
Gen Iwasaki (10-18-1981).....	Kubota Family	Kimiye Date (10-29-2014)	Shirley Umekubo
Mine Imai (10-25-1981).....	Fumiko Ohara	Teruko Hobbs (10-20-15).....	James N. Hobbs
Katsu Yamaguchi (10-4-1983).....	Yamaguchi Family	Mary Suyenaga (10-28-2018).....	Suyenaga Family
Matsu Kusaka (10-3-1984).....	Kusaka Family	Rev. Tesshi Aoyama (10-4-2019).....	Alice Aoyama
Hatsu Shibata (10-22-1987).....	Ishikawa Family	Kisae Ohara (10-25-2019).....	Ann Ohara
Shimako Hanaoka (10-22-1987)	Kaeko Hanaoka	Hiroshi Kubota (10-19-2020).....	Edward Kubota
Roy Hosaka (10-10-1988)	Hosaka Family	Chieko Moriyama (10-28-2020).....	Madeline Clogston
Fujiye Ochi (10-1-1989)	Janet Ochi-Fontanott	Roy Yonekura (10-29-2020).....	Susan Yonekura
Haruye Tsuneyoshi (10-15-1989)	Miki Tsuneyoshi		

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 the office.

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	2004	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」 二〇二一年十月法話

母の本音と建前

駐在開教使 向嶋裕史

去る五月二〇日、母が往生の素懐を遂げました。七十歳でありました。愛別離苦の深い悲しみの中、多くの皆さまから温かい励ましのお言葉と過分な御香典を賜りましたこと衷心より厚く御礼申し上げます。

母は数年前に肝臓を患ってから手術のため入退院を繰り返していましたが、アメリカにいる私達家族に心配をかけまいと持ち前の明るさで気丈に振舞っていました。足も不自由であったことから、かなりストレスのある生活を強いられたいかと思うのですが、弱音を吐かない本心に強い母親でした。ただ、昨年、新型コロナウイルス感染拡大によって私達が夏の休暇で帰国できなかったことが大変残念だったところで、電話をする度に、「会えないのが寂しい」と言っている現状を悲しんでいました。

そんな中、母の日に容体が急変し救急車で病院に運ばれ、その十一日後に息を引き取りました。葬儀はオンラインで参列することができたのですが、画面越しで母の顔を見ただけでは現実のこととして受け入れるのに大変難しいものがありました。未だ母が生きているように思えてならないのですが、来年あたり日本に帰って母のいないことを目の当たりにしてそこでようやく母の死を実感できるのではないかと思います。

母との思い出は数えきれないほどあるのですが、その中でも、私が開教使としてアメリカに渡る前に聞いた母の言葉が今でも心に焼き付いています。

「人様に迷惑をかけないように」というのが母の口癖

で幼少の頃からよく聞かされていたのですが、本山から私のアメリカ赴任が告げられると、母は大変喜んでくれると同時に、次のことを私に述べました。それは、たとえアメリカの環境や文化に馴染めないからといって、音を上上げて帰ってくることは許しません。あなたが北米開教区に開教使として渡れるように尽力して下さった方々がたくさんいることを忘れてはいけません。そして、あなたを受け入れてくれる北米開教区、また、あなたを駐在開教使として快く迎える準備を下さっている仏教会の「門徒方の」苦勞を思えば、決して皆さんの期待を裏切るようなことはできないはずです。ペストを尽くしなさい」というものでした。

そして出国の日を迎え、両親が空港まで見送りに来てくれたのですが、別れの際、母親は大粒の涙を流しながら、私の手をギュッと握りしめて「辛いことがあつたらいつでも帰ってきていいんだよ」と何とも有り難い言葉をかけてくれました。

出発前までは「帰ってくるな」、そして出発の際には「いつでも帰ってきていいんだよ」と何とも矛盾しているように聞こえた母の言葉でしたが、我が子を思う母の本音と建前が滲み出た言葉に涙が出るほど嬉しかったのを覚えています。

新天地に息子を送り出す母親として、開教使の責務を全うすることの大切さを、日本に帰ってきてはいけなさと厳しい言葉で導こうとする母の建前と、そうは言っても「もし耐えられなかったら帰ってきなさい」と帰る場所をいつでも用意してくれている母の本音を垣間見ることができました。親であれば、我が子を正しい道へと導くために時にはあえて厳しい態度で示さなければならぬ建前と、親だからこそ何が何でも我が子を見捨てることはできないという本音はどちらも母の本心であり、この母の想いが私の心を優しく包み込み、更に開教に赴く私の心を奮い立たせてくれました。

これは、阿彌陀仏の智慧と慈悲の在り方によく似ています。阿彌陀仏の智慧は、無明煩惱に苛まれた私達に本当の人間として進むべき道を示す尊い光です。無明であるが故に、悟りへの道を踏み外したり、道に迷ってしまうのが私達凡夫ですから、凡夫が正しく道を歩めるよう正しい智慧によって厳しい戒律が示されています。また、智慧の光は、凡夫の心を照らし、三毒に犯されている我が身の醜さをはっきりと容赦なく見せつける厳しい光でもあります。更には、阿彌陀仏の第十八願に「たとえ念仏を申すものでも、五逆・誹謗正法を犯す者は救えない」という厳しい但し書きがあります。実は、このような厳しさが正しい智慧に基づいた阿彌陀仏の建前であり、何が何でも必ず救うという大悲の裏返しとして味わえます。仏なればこそ、時として厳しくならざる負えないということです。

そして「たとえ悟りの道を踏み外そうとも、決して見捨てることはしない」と無条件の救いを全ての衆生に向けられているのが阿彌陀仏の慈悲の温もり、本音なのです。凡夫の本性を見抜いてお建てになられたご本願は、何があろうとも誰一人決して見捨てることはありません。私達人間は、自己中心の生き物です。自分の我儘を通すためであれば平気で人様に迷惑をかけることもします。そんな煩惱具足の凡夫を悟りに導くために、厳しくならざる負えない智慧(建前)と、何があってもそのまま救うという慈悲(本音)を備えておられるのが阿彌陀仏なのです。

そしてそのお働きに支えられて私達は不動の安らぎをいただきながら感謝を胸に力強い人生を歩むことができるのです。

アメリカに旅立つ私を案じて現れた母の本音と建前が阿彌陀仏の智慧と慈悲の働きと重なって母亡き後も私の人生の原動力として私の心の中で今なお確実に生き続けています。

Buddhist Education and Services in October

It's hard to believe that our Kenji Sensei, **Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi**, is retiring soon. Therefore, we wanted to identify the too few opportunities to see him in October.

Sunday, October 3, A Farewell

Kenji Sensei will use this final full Dharma talk to the Sangha to share his experiences and his gratitude for his time here at our Temple. This will be a recorded video presentation and will send out the video link by email to our Sangha and Dharma Friends that morning.

Wednesday, October 6, Buddhism 1-2-3

Kenji Sensei will lead this discussion around themes in from his Sunday message in a Zoom event. Please contact the Temple for the Zoom login information.

Sunday, October 10, 95th Anniversary Service, 9:30 a.m.

The Temple is honored to welcome our **BCA Bishop, Rev. Marvin Harada**, as our Guest Speaker to help us celebrate our 95th Anniversary. This observance is meant to allow you to participate via a **live Zoom presentation** at 9:30 a.m. See the Temple Website to **request login information**. Kenji Sensei will preside at this service organized and directed by **Rev. Maribeth Smith**, working with the Temple's Zoom team.

Same Day, 12 Noon to 2 p.m., Drive through

Observance/Farewell

More information on this event appears elsewhere in the Kaiho.

Thereafter

Our services and Buddhism 1-2-3 will continue in October assisted by our certified Minister's Assistants and members of the Buddhist Education Committee. Kenji Sensei continues at the Temple behind the scenes through October, helping us navigate multiple transition issues.

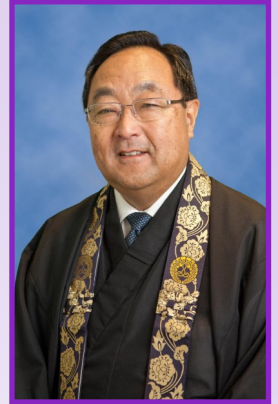
About Bishop Harada

Harada Sensei grew up on a family farm in Eastern Oregon and attended the Idaho-Oregon Buddhist Temple in Ontario, Oregon. But most of us know him for his long tenure at the Orange County Buddhist Church from 1986 to 2020. There he established programs that set the standard for how Temples could further the Dharma. As preparation he studied long years in institutions and Temples to fully prepare for his ministerial career. He has a B.A. degree in Religious Studies from the University of Oregon and M.A. degrees in Buddhist Studies from the

Institute of Buddhist Studies and Ryukoku University, Kyoto, Japan. He enriched his studies by attending the Chu-o Bukkyo Gakuin for two of his five years in Kyoto Japan.

And before that, he studied under Rev. Gyomay Kubose, at the Buddhist Temple of Chicago, to learn more and learn deeply about the Dharma.

Prior to becoming our Bishop, he supported by BCA as the Co-Director of the Center for Buddhist Education (Jodo Shinshu Center, Berkeley) and as Executive Assistant to the Bishop. Harada Sensei is married to wife Gail, where their family includes adult children, son Riki and daughter Keiko. Sensei became Bishop of the BCA in April 2020.



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