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Testing the Waters in 2022

Rev. Jundo Gregory Gibbs



We are cautiously entering this still New Year, of 2022. After two years, already, of coping with the pandemic, how cautious need we be? It is like walking up to the edge of a swimming pool that could be anywhere between 34F and 104F, shall we just jump in? ... Perhaps not. Shall we stick a foot part of the way in? ... Well, it's just an analogy, - but let's be careful.

I have seen many of you at in-person commemorations recently. However, the San Diego Buddhist Temple could close up entirely again before this goes to print, or just after. So, we all must remain flexible as to how we proceed in the future.

We have just come through Christmas season, a challenge for some of us, fun for others. Now its New Year's. Europeans only celebrate New Year's for a couple of days but it is a week to a ten day-long celebration in Japan. Our household is a rather typical hybrid, where New Year's lasts as long as the special foods last – 3 to 4 days. So some of you may still be celebrating New Years as you read this. [Then there's our friends

for whom Lunar New Years is the big deal, and it still doesn't start until February].

One nice thing about New Year's, is that you can say "Happy New Year!" to almost anyone. You don't have to pause and reflect, "should I say 'Happy Holidays'?" What do you say when people ask you to pray for them, or for their relative? I usually say, "I will hold positive thoughts of them". ... Then, of course, I do. I set aside some time to think of that person recovering from their illness, being relieved of some of their stress. Sometimes I say, "I will chant the Buddhist sutras and dedicate a service to them." But that is a priest thing.

If we hold positive thoughts of someone will it help them? If they know we're doing it, maybe. If they don't know. If, e.g., they are in a coma? I don't really know if it could possibly help them, it does help me. Gosh. Let's just try to hold positive thoughts for all of our friends and acquaintances, ... most all the time. Can we do that? Let's test the waters. Next time you go shopping try holding positive thoughts of the grocery clerk as you place your groceries in your car. I hope to see you all soon. And I will, you can count on it, hold positive thoughts of you all in the meantime.

Namo Amida Butsu

New Year's Eve and New Year's Day

The Temple will hold both events as Zoom sessions, with the

Dec. 31 *Joya-E* at 7 p.m. and the

Jan. 1 *Shusho-E* at 10 a.m.

More details and login information will be shared the week before the events by email and on our website.

BCA WILL NOT ISSUE A CALENDAR IN 2022

During the pandemic, the BCA has put its annual calendar on hold.

The 2022 BDK America Calendars have arrived. Please pick up the "Saying a Day" calendar on your next visit.

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Gomonsu's New Year's Greeting

Happy New Year, everyone! At the beginning of this New Year, I would like to extend my best regards to you all.

Over these past couple of years, we have had to adjust our lives in accordance with the scale of the spread of COVID-19. I would like to offer my deepest condolences to those who fell victim to the disease and express my sympathies to those who are undergoing treatment. I would also like to express my respect and sincere gratitude to the doctors, nurses, and frontline medical professionals who have been engaging in the treatment of infected people, as well as all essential workers who have made it possible for us to continue with our lives.

This infectious disease has not only greatly affected the life of each one of us, but also revealed many issues that had been contained in our society. Sakyamuni Buddha, who passed on the Dharma to us, made clear of the fact that we cannot see the truth because we are too attached to our own thought. Therefore, it is only natural that conflicts and divisions come about in a society in which those who, like us, fundamentally self-centered beings, act in accordance based on one's own thought.

In the following *wasan* poem, Shinran Shonin deeply reflected on himself and described what we humans are like,

Although I take refuge in the true Pure Land way,

It is hard to have a true and sincere mind.

This self is false and insincere;

I completely lack a pure mind. (*Hymns of the Dharma-ages*)

As the *wasan* shows, we are basically incapable of accepting the reality of this world, such as, dependent origination, impermanence, and no-self. And because of this we constantly suffer. Only through being aware of and appreciating Amida Buddha's compassionate and salvific working, are we enabled to accept our true self. Shinran Shonin clarified that such ignorance is the very reason why Amida Buddha's salvific working has reached every one of us. Keeping in mind that we are always embraced in Amida's compassionate Light, let us live each day to the fullest, even though we have yet to see the end of the tunnel.

I feel truly assured hearing that many of you have been making efforts to share the Jodo Shinshu teaching within the greater society through various and innovative ways despite the current situation. It is my hope that your temples will continue serving as your spiritual home, and therefore, I humbly ask for your understanding and cooperation in support of your temples. I would like to conclude my new year's greeting with my heartfelt appreciation to you all.

January 1, 2022

OHTANI Kojun

Monshu

Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

年頭の辞

新しい年のはじめにあたり、ご挨拶申し上げます。

昨年も一昨年に引き続き、私たちの生活は新型コロナウイルス感染症(COVID-19)の流行に対応したものとなりました。ここに、新型コロナウイルス感染症によりお亡くなりになられた方々に謹んで哀悼の意を表しますとともに、罹患されている皆さまに心よりお見舞い申し上げます。また、治療・対策にあたられている医師、看護師をはじめとする医療従事者の方々、ライフラインの維持に努めておられる方々に深く敬意と感謝を表します。

この新型コロナウイルス感染症は、私たち一人一人の生活に大きな影響を与えました。それは、同時に社会の問題も浮き彫りにしています。仏教を説かれたお釈迦様は、自分自身の考えにとらわれ、真実をみることのできない私たちの姿を指摘されています。私たちが自分の思い通りに行動したら、社会の中に対立や分断を生むこととなります。

親鸞聖人は、ご和讃に「浄土真宗に帰すれども 真実の心はありがたし 虚仮不実のわが身に 清浄の心もさらになし」とうたわれました。阿弥陀さまのおはたらきによって知らされる私たちの本当の姿は、縁起や無常、無我というこの世界の真実をそのままに受け入れることができずに悩み苦しむ姿です。親鸞聖人は、そのような私たちに阿弥陀さまのおはたらきが届いていると明らかにされました。いまだに新型コロナウイルス感染症の収束が見通せない世界ですが、阿弥陀さまのおはたらきを聞き、それを依りどころとして日々の生活を過ごしてまいりましょう。

現在の厳しい状況の中でさまざまな試みを重ねながら、今までとは違った方法で浄土真宗のみ教えを広く社会へ伝える取り組みもなされていると聞き、たいへん心強く思います。これからもお寺が皆さまの心の支えとなりますよう、お寺の活動にご理解とご協力を頂きますことをお願い申し上げ、年頭のご挨拶といたします。

2022年1月1日

浄土真宗本願寺派

門主 大谷光淳

JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As the temple moves forward in 2022, offering more in-person events for religious gatherings, meetings, and organizational events are being discussed. Many activities will continue to be offered virtually on the temple's Zoom (Z) live and YouTube (YT) channel platforms. Please continue to take advantage of the opportunities and share the sessions with individuals who do not have computer internet access. Here is the January calendar (some dates and times are subject to change):

- 1 – **SHUSHO-E** New Year's Day Service, 10 a.m. (Z)
- 5 - Taiko practice, 6:45 p.m. (Annex Hall),
Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 6 - Tai Chi, 10 a.m. (AH)
- 8 – Sutra Chanting, 1 p.m. (Z)
- 9 – DS Staff meeting, 9 a.m. (Z), Qigong, 9 a.m. (Z)
Shotsuki monthly memorial and Dharma message
(YT), All-Dharma School service, 10 a.m. (Z), BWA meeting,
10:30 a.m. (Z), Jr. YBA meeting, 11 a.m. (Z),
Taiko practice, 11:30 a.m. (AH)
- 11 – Ways and Means meeting, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 12 – Taiko pract., 6:45 pm (AH), Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm (Z)
- 13 - Tai Chi, 10 am (AH), BOD meeting, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 15 – Sutra Chanting, 1 p.m. (Z), Book Club, 2 p.m. (Z)
- 16 – Qigong, 9 a.m. (Z)
HO ONKO (Commemorating the passing of Shinran
Shonin), 10 a.m. (Zoom), Guest speaker: Rev. Nariaki
Hayashi, Ekoji Buddhist Temple (pre-recorded)
Taiko practice, 11:30 a.m. (AH)
- 19 – Taiko practice, 6:45 pm (AH), Bud. 1-2-3, 7 pm (Z)
- 20 – Tai Chi, 10 a.m. (AH)
- 21 – Panda Express Virtual Community Fundraiser (details
on page 8)
- 22 – Sutra Chanting, 1 p.m. (Z)
- 23 – Dharma message (YT), Qigong, 9 a.m. (Z),
All-Dharma School service, 10 a.m. (Z)
Taiko practice, 11:30 a.m. (AH)
- 26 – Bussei Script mailing, 9:30 a.m., Taiko practice, 6:45
p.m. (AH), Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 27 – Tai Chi, 10 a.m. (AH), Activities Meeting, 7 pm (Z)
- 29 – Sutra Chanting, 1 p.m. (Z)
- 30 – Dharma message (YT), Qigong, 9 a.m. (Z)
All-Dharma School service, 10 a.m. (Z)
General Membership meeting, 11 a.m. (Z)

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

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

More information: Call the temple at 619-239-0896. Please leave a message if your call is not answered 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

Akemashite Omedeto Gozaimasu Dharma Friends! Last year seems like a blur as we start off 2022 and the year of the Tiger! I would like to take this opportunity to, once again, thank all of you for your continued support and patience this past year. Another big thank you goes out to Yasukochi Farms who has become one of the Temples most active partners. As a result of the initial Yasukochi CSA Box drive through event, we discovered this was a great way to provide different types of fundraising activities in a safer and productive mode. As a reminder if you order produce or other items from Yasukochi Farms and mention you are a Temple friend and or member, they continue to donate a percentage of each sale to the Temple!

Two events coming up in the near future are the Temple General Meeting via zoom and the Temple New Year Party with a date to be determined. The committee had hoped by this time we would be able to get back on track to meet in person, but it's going to take a little longer. For those of you still looking for mochi, I would suggest you buy it if and when you see it at the local stores and shops, like Kyoto Gift and Food in National City, as well as the other larger Asian stores.

In Gassho,
Glenn Torio and Ann Ong

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING JANUARY 30

The temple's annual General Membership meeting will be on Sunday, January 30, beginning at **11 a.m.** on Zoom.

This once-a-year business meeting gives the Sangha the opportunity to join Rev. Gibbs, President LuAnn Lee, the Board of Directors, committees and affiliated organizations as they recap 2021 and provide what is planned for 2022. Members will be asked to approve the fiscal year budget and Board of Directors slate.

All dues paying members and interested Sangha members are invited to attend the meeting. Please know there is a limited capacity, **so signing up on Google Docs through a link on our website is required. The link for the meeting will be sent to your email address prior to the meeting on January 30. A quorum of 25 members is required to qualify as official.**

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

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

In Gassho



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2022 is just a few days away. It is hard to believe that another year has passed so quickly.

At the beginning of 2021, such high hopes that we would be able to start Dharma School in the fall and attend regular ser-

vices on Sunday. Many of us were looking forward to gathering in the Annex to celebrate our 95th Anniversary in conjunction with Kenji Sensei and Karen's farewell party.

Thanks to our dedicated 95th Anniversary/Activities committee headed by Glenn Torio and Ann Ong, we were able to provide a drive through celebration with Bento pre-orders and decorated booths. Members and friends were able to view our painting project of the Hondo building, receive a 95th Anniversary pen and wave or say a few words to Sensei and Karen.

Despite the challenges of the pandemic, together we have continued to keep the Temple moving along in a positive way. The Board and Affiliated groups were still meeting monthly, Dharma school provided zoom services and activities weekly, Kenji Sensei and Bill Teague provided weekly classes and Dharma talks for the Sangha. We had safe fundraising events and a successful Hatsubon service followed by an abbreviated Bon Odori. Recently, we had a small group of Keiro Kai members come listen in person for Bodhi day. Because of our generous Sangha, we have been able to pay our bills and not have to borrow from our savings. Thank you just doesn't seem like enough to say.

We thank Reverend Gibbs for his Dharma message for Bodhi Day and appreciation to Reverend Smitty for organizing and officiating the service and to all that helped put the service together.

As we close out 2021, we hope next year will bring better days and a time when we can gather again like in the past. Our groups will be planning next year events as in person with precautions but will adjust to keep our Sangha safe. We are also looking for volunteers to serve on committees such as fundraising and membership or join our affiliated groups like BWA (Buddhist Women's Association), Taiko, ABA (Adult Buddhist Association), Dharma School (Grade K to 12) or Junior YBA (Grades 9-12). We also have Dana Club, EcoSangha, Chanting group and Tai chi at our Temple so please join us. Contact the Temple to get more information.

On behalf of the Board of Director's and Ministerial group, we wish you all a wonderful holiday season with your family and friends. We give our deepest bow to show you how grateful we are to the Sangha for your generous donations and constant support to the temple.

Happy New Year!!!
Gassho, LuAnn Lee

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met on December 9th -

1. Rev. Laverne Imori reported on the Ministerial Assistants' activities for the month of December. Laverne Sensei shared how grateful the Senior members were to be able to see each other at the temple and to attend the Bodhi Day service.

2. The temple fiscal year end numbers are similar to those of 2020. The Ways & Means chair and the Treasurer will be meeting to develop the 2022 budget.

3. All affiliated organizations and standing committees provided updates on their activities.

4. Condolences to the family of the late Rev. Masanori Watanabe who passed away on November 26. Rev. Watanabe was the former resident minister of the Oxnard Buddhist Temple.

BWA NEWS

Normally, I would write "Happy New Year" and say a few words about the Chinese Lunar Calendar "Year of the Tiger", but before I can go on, I feel a need to say a few words about the year that has just gone by. We lost close friends and dedicated members from our Temple family. Our good friend, Miyo Hill, was one of our more recent losses. Her passing is a wakeup call for us all and a reminder of the preciousness and fragility of life. The poem White Ashes by Rennyō Shōnin, eloquently describes this: "By so understanding the meaning of death, we shall come to fully appreciate the meaning of this life which is unrepeatably and thus to be treasured above all else." Goodbye Miyo. We truly and deeply miss you. You were a Bodhisattva, a person who lived the Nembutsu, even though we didn't fully realize this. Her in-person funeral was beautifully and safely conducted. The BWA helped with the refreshments and much of the organization of this was done by Junko Kajita. She made sure the presentation of these food items followed the Temple's Safety and OSHA guidelines. With the help of many volunteers, she was able to provide snacks and drinks to those who attended. Thank you, Junko, for your dedication to support the Hill family and the Temple.

In addition to thanking Junko for her tireless work for our Temple, I want to thank the following members who ordered, organized, and worked on the Almond Brittle and Popcorn Sale for the BWA. These ladies were: Sue Moribe, Aki Tomiyama, Naomi Himaka, Karen Yamada-Amos, Susan Yonekura, and Ann Yamamoto. Thank you, ladies, for making this another successful fundraiser for BWA. In closing, I hope you all have a "Happy New Year" and that this new year will bring us better health and protection from the Covid 19 variants so that we can resume a more normal life and our Temple can once again be open for in person services and activities.

In gassho,
Mani Ryan

DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

Happy 2022! We hope everyone had a restful and joyous holiday break filled with lots of family time. Last month, Mrs. Sharon Sasaki gave an insightful Dharma talk at the Bodhi Day Service titled, "Happy Bodhi Day and Merry Christmas." She posed the question, "Do Buddhists celebrate Christmas?" and shared insights from some Buddhists as well as her own family. She concluded by explaining that Buddhists are open to other traditions and we can celebrate Christmas, as well as Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and other world holidays, with full hearts. The following week, Smitty Sensei also gave a wonderful Dharma talk focused on a variety of holiday traditions, and shared this quote by the 14th Dalai Lama, "I believe that the only true religion consists of having a good heart." Leslie Seymour, a K-3 teacher, taught DS students how to make mochi in the microwave! It was a lot of fun and delicious!

Our Dharma School services and classes will resume on January 9. Looking ahead, the BTSD Dharma School will host a SDDSTL mini-workshop that will take place in Spring 2022. We will also continue the tradition of our Dharma School exchange with Vista Buddhist Temple this year that will be held over Zoom in the Spring.

Wishing everyone a healthy and happy 2022!
In Gassho, Lisa Umekubo

Membership News for 2022

Bill Teague, Membership Chair

With no change in dues or program donations, it's easier than ever to renew your membership in 2022. If there are no changes in your contact information (address, email, phone) you can just get us your renewal fees for the same amount as last year and we'll update the paperwork. Payments can be by **check** (include "membership" on the memo field) or **PayPal** (use the link from the Donate menu on our website) or **credit card**. For the latter, catch Linda, Nancy Martinez, Aki Tomiyama, or me and get us your information over the phone.

Not sure what you paid last time? Just contact me or the Temple and we will look it up for you. For reference we've included a renewal form in this issue.

How'd We Do in 2021? A few last renewals are coming in now but it's looking good. Full details will be reviewed in the General Meeting.

What Happened to Auto-Renew? We apologize to some of you who expected us to be able to auto-renew your subscription. The problems are on me; I thought our Merchant Account Service could handle it, but adding that capability was expensive. We think we can handle renewals satisfactorily by manual means soon.

Our Members are the Best

Let me take this opportunity to thank all of you for your patience and additional financial donations during the pandemic. We are lucky to have attracted so many supportive members in our Sangha.

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

Buddhist Dharma & Education in January



**Welcome Rev. Hayashi,
Guest Speaker for *Ho-Onko*,
January 16**

For our observation of *Ho-Onko* (Shinran Shonin's Memorial Service), the Temple welcomes **Rev. Nariaki Hayashi** of the Ekoji Buddhist Temple.

Rev. Hayashi has introduced himself in the past as follows: "I was born in Hawaii, so I guess that makes me a Nisei; the second generation. I moved back to Japan when I was 12.

"I come from a temple family with roots in Kagoshima, Japan. After my graduation from Kansai International Language University, my first job was working in the hotel business as a salesperson for over five years. The hotel business was a wonderful job and proved to be a challenging career. However, while working so hard to achieve good results at sales, there was always a feeling of emptiness in my personal time. The more I succeeded, the more I sacrificed, spending more and more time at work. I quickly found out that, yes, the Japanese do work too hard.

"Reflecting on this experience and what I was going through, I came to realize that the teaching of Shin Buddhism gave me an opportunity to pause and consider what life is. At the same time, it helped to fill the emptiness in my heart. Thus, from this experience, I believe that the teaching will guide me, and hopefully all of you who have not still encountered our tradition, to a greater journey and meaningful life."

Intro to Buddhism, Buddhism Zero, & Buddhism 1-2-3

The Temple plans to offer all three of these programs in 2022 as Zoom sessions. More information will be on the website.

BODHI DAY SERVICE

Rev. Noriko Kawai shares her Japanese message with the Sangha during the Bodhi Day



service on December 5. Senior members were invited to participate in the combined in-person and Zoom presentation. Approximately 20 people were in attendance while over 40 devices viewed the service remotely. (Photo credit: Ralph Honda)

BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Miyazaki, Saori
 Ryan, Mani
 Tomiyama, Akie
 IMO Tomiyo Ota
 Kinoshita, Michael & Yasuko
 IMO Tomiyo Ota
 Kajita, Junko & Tim
 IMO Tomiyo Ota
 Martinez, Nancy
 IMO Tomiyo Ota
 BWA
 IMO Tomiyo Ota
 Kruse, Kimberly & Jeff
 IMO Tomiyo Ota
 Gladsjo, Julie
 Yamamoto, Jane
 IMO Sachiye Yamamoto
 Okuhara, Roy & Karen
 Nimura, Saburo
 Martinez, Nancy
 Quick Books et. al.
 Ryan, Mani
 Sasaki, Brian & Lorin
 Koide, Nancy - Service and
 Receiving of ashes of
 Mother, Janet
 Araki-Kawaguchi, Corinne
 IMO Miyo Hill
 -Donation where it is needed
 Ota, Laurine & Kenneth
 Tomiyo Ota Service
 Tomiyama, Akie
 IMO Roy Yonekura
 Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen
 IMO Miyo Hill
 Yamamoto, Jane
 IMO Mrs. Yamamoto
 Kawasaki, Mildred & Trace
 IMO Roy Yonekura
 IMO Koton Takahashi
 Morinaka Family
 Okuhara, Roy & Karen
 Schraeder, Susan
 IMO Tom Yanagihara
 Omori, Terri & Ford -
 27th Mem. For Ben Honda
 In Appreciation
 Honda, Mikiye
 27th Mem. For Ben Honda
 Uyeji, Masako
 Martinez, Nancy - In gratitude
 to Little Girl, Bailey
95th ANNIVERSARY
 Kawasaki, Trace & Mildred
COVID-19
 Sasaki, Brian & Lorin

BODHI DAY SERVICE

Suyenaga, Irene
 Jones, Mikako & Morton
 Kuwada, Howard Kanji &
 Kaneko
 Nogata, Yuriko
 Ring, Linda
 Sumida, Floyd & Kaytee
 Yamanishi, Miyoko
 Honda, Ralph & Avis
 Ogasawara, Michiko
 Torio, Betty
 Yanagihara, Sumiko

Driscoll, Christine & David
 Hashiguchi, John & Tsune
 Yamamoto, Jane
 Otsuji, Elaine & Dennis
 Iwashita, Setsuo and Jan
 Kida, Katsumi
 Graeber, Kiku
 Aoyama, K. Alice
 Tsuneyoshi, Motoo & Angie
 Kawamoto, Mitsuko
 Kawasaki, Trace & Mildred
 Honda, Mikiye
 Shigehara, Wilbur & Janice
 Tanaka, Kelvin & Lara
 Sugiyama, Yukiko
 Moncrief, Mayko
 Voorhies, Ruth
 Yonekura, Susan
 Tsukamoto, Wayne
 Yamanishi, Alan & Karen
 Teague, Bill & Joyce
 Moribe, Susan
 Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen
 Ryan, Mani
 Yamaguchi, Laura

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

Sumida, Floyd & Kaytee
 Ochi-Fontanott, Janet
 Kaneshiro, Gale
 Kawasaki, Trace & Mildred

DHARMA SCHOOL

Koga, Bobby & Chelsey
 Yamamoto, June
 Copeland, Karen Matsumoto
 Ring, Linda
 Ryan, Mani
 Yamaguchi, Laura

EITAIKYO FUND

Yamamoto, Koichi & Joyce
 IMO Haruhiko Otsuji
 IMO Ayako Otsuji
 IMO Noboru Yamamoto
 IMO Shizue Yamamoto
 IMO Sachiye Yamamoto
 Otsuji, Dennis & Elaine
 Tanaka, Kelvin & Lara
 Okuhara, Karen
 IMO Miyo Hill
 Lee, LuAnn & Harold
 IMO Miyo Hill
 Anonymous
 IMO Miyo Hill
 Martinez, Nancy
 IMO Miyo Hill
 Redenbaugh, Linda
 IMO Miyo Hill
 Sugiyama, Yukiko
 IMO Yasaku Nakamura
 IMO Hamako Nakamura
 IMO Yasayuki Sugiyama
 IMO Self
 Takashima, Wilbur
 IMO Katsumi J. Takashima
 IMO Yoshiko Takashima
 Katsue Takashima
 IMO Tsume Takashima
 IMO Rev. Jim Yanagihara
 IMO Patsy Yanagihara
 Himaka, Norman & Katharine

Copeland, Karen Matsumoto
 And Troy Matsumoto
 IMO Hajime Yano
 IMO Yoshiharu Yano
 IMO Hatsuyo Yano
 IMO Chiyoji (George) Yano
 Harry T. Matsumoto
 IMO Dorothy S. Matsumoto
 IMO Elaine T. Barrett
 Himaka, Michio & Naomi
 IMO Himaka Family
 Ishino, Isabel
 IMO Kosaburo Ishino
 IMO Matsue Ishino
 Shigehara, Wilbur & Janice
 IMO Self
 Benson, Agnes
 IMO John E. Benson
 Aoyama, K. Alice
 IMO Satoshi Takagi
 IMO Toshiko Takagi
 Tomiyama, Akie
 IMO Steven Tomiyama
 IMO Sayoko Mary Tomiyama
 IMO Noboru Tomiyama
 IMO Taiji Santohigashi
 IMO Sachiko Santohigashi
 Koga, Florence
 IMO Toriyo Ishisaki
 IMO Ronnie Ishisaki
 IMO Irene and Kazuo Koga
 IMO Emiko Ishisaki
 Estes, Carol
 Iwashita, Setsuo and Jan
 Honda, Mikiye
 IMO Ben Honda
 Honda, Mikiye

EITAIKYO SERVICE

Hagio, Quimico
 Sugiyama, Yukiko
 Sumida, Floyd & Kaytee
 Yamamoto, Jane
 Sakai, Jeffery & Kathy
 Omori, Shirley
 Ishino, Isabel
 Shigehara, Wilbur & Janice
 Benson, Agnes
 Ohara, Fumiko
 Tsuji, Masako
 Tomiyama, Akie
 Tsukamoto, Wayne
 Teague, Bill & Joyce
 Moribe, Susan
 Yamanishi, Alan
 Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen
 Aoyama, K. Alice
 Estes, Carol
 Ryan, Mani
 Yamaguchi, Laura

END OF YEAR (JOYA-E)

Hashiguchi, John & Tsune
 Tsukamoto, Wayne
 Yamanishi, Alan & Karen
 Teague, Bill & Joyce
 Moribe, Susan
 Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen
 Ryan, Mani
 Yamaguchi, Laura

FLORAL OFFERING

Koga, Bobby & Chelsey
 Yamamoto, June
 Copeland, Karen Matsumoto
 Ring, Linda
 Ota, Laurine
 Ryan, Mani

GENERAL MAINTENANCE

Koga, Bobby & Chelsey
 Yamamoto, June
 Copeland, Karen Matsumoto
 Ring, Linda
 Sakow, Toshiko
 Ryan, Mani
 Yamaguchi, Laura

HO ONKO SERVICE

Tsuji, Masako
 Ryan, Mani
 Yamaguchi, Laura

MAP

Copeland, Karen Matsumoto
 Ring, Linda
 Ryan, Mani
 Yamaguchi, Laura

MEMBERSHIP

*We thank the following
 for their recent renewals:*
 Koga, Robert & Chelsey
 Masuda, Peter & Amy
 Guiang, Cynthia & Orlando
 Rubio-Torres, Arturo
 Seymour, Leslie
 Copeland, Karen Matsumoto
 Tomiyama, Akie
 Sakow, Toshiko
 Negoro, Glenn
 Rubio-Torres, Arturo
 Ryan, Mani
 Yamaguchi, Laura
 Yasuhara, Curt

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Ryan, Mani
 Yamaguchi, Laura

OBON

Benson, Agnes

OHIGAN

Benson, Agnes

OSEIBO

Sugiyama, Chiyeko
 Suyenaga, Irene
 Tomiyama, Akie
 Nogata, Yuriko
 Kuwada, Howard Kanji &
 Kaneko
 Omori, Shirley
 Sumida, Floyd & Kaytee
 Ring, Linda
 Yamanishi, Miyoko
 Honda, Ralph & Avis
 Masumoto, Chiyoko
 Torio, Betty
 Yanagihara, Sumiko
 Driscoll, Christine & David
 Hashiguchi, John & Tsune
 Estes, Carol
 Yamamoto, Jane

DONATIONS, Cont. from pg. 7

Otsuji, Dennis & Elaine
Kida, Katsumi
Kawamoto, Mitsuko
Kawasaki, Trace & Mildred
Honda, Mikiye
Shigehara, Wilbur & Janice
Tanaka, Kelvin & Lara
Negoro, Glenn
Sugiyama, Yukiko
Moncrief, Mayko
Ryan, Mani and
Yamaguchi, Laura
Tsuneyoshi, Motoo & Angie
Tsuji, Masako
Yonekura, Susan
Wiederkehr, Jeff & Laura
Nakatani, Nancy & Fred

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Koga, Robert & Chelsey

Yamamoto, June
Copeland, Karen Matsumoto
Ring, Linda
Tomiyama, Akie
Ryan, Mani
Yamaguchi, Laura

SHOTSUKI HOYO

Yano, Michael
IMO Toki Yano
IMO Tad Yano
IMO Tai Yano
IMO Betty Yano
Nakamura, Jake K. & Patty
IMO Yoshiko Nakamura
Copeland, Karen Matsumoto
IMO Harry t Matsumoto
IMO Dorothy S
Matsumoto
IMO Elaine T Barrett
Ring, Linda

Honda, Mikiye - November
IMO Ben Honda
IMO Shigeo Amano - Dec.
Benson, Agnes
July & August
September & October
November & December
Copeland, Karen Matsumoto
IMO of Harry T. Matsumoto
IMO Dorothy S. Matsumoto
IMO Elaine T. Barrett
Martinez, Nancy
IMO Ritsu Nabeta
IMO Hatsuye Uyeno
IMO Betty Yoshioka
IMO Fred Kuwahara
IMO Charles Yoshida
Tomiyama, Akie
IMO Taiji Santohigashi
IMO Sachiki Santohigashi
IMO Kiyoko

Omori, Shirley
IMO Gilchi Omori
Honda, Ralph & Avis
IMO Ben Honda
Nakagawa, Mami
IMO Masako Nadahara
IMO Nobuo Nadahara - Dec.
Driscoll, Christine & David
IMO Chiyeko Yagi - Dec.
Tsukamoto, Mitsuko
IMO Manae Mayumi - Dec
Nakamura, Sheri - Dec.
IMO Sam Nakamura
IMO Pauline Nakamura
Takashima, Wilbur
IMO Ben Honda
Yonekura, Susan
IMO Frank Yonekura
Martinez, Nancy
IMO Mary E. Root



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BTSD TEAMS UP WITH PANDA EXPRESS FOR ONLINE FUNDRAISER

Check out the newest fundraiser the Buddhist Temple of San Diego will offer to its members and friends.

On Friday, January 21, this unique fundraising event will be an all-day opportunity at one of the more popular Asian restaurants across the United States. Download the Panda Express link found on the temple website or Facebook page and follow the steps. Don't forget to include the online order code 906073. BTSD will receive 28% of the net sales when you place your order online. Unfortunately, the program is not available for walk-in orders.

Share the fundraiser with family and friends, and your neighbors, with the opportunity to support BTSD. Panda Express has over 2,000 restaurants nationwide. Contact the temple for more information.

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JANUARY SHOTSUKI LIST



The January memorial service will be posted to the BTSD YouTube channel on Sunday, January 9. Families and friends of anyone who passed away in January are urged to view the video, burn incense at your home O Butsudan and Gassho in memory of your deceased loved ones. If you find an error, wish to add a name to the list or have questions on accessing the YouTube video, please contact the temple at 619-239-0896 or email info@btsd.net Gassho.

The Temple and Sangha offers sincere condolences to the family and friends of:
Mary Amemiya ~ December 16, 2021

DECEASED	FAMILY MEMBER	DECEASED	FAMILY MEMBER
Kotake Kondo (1-14-1923)	Ruth Voorhies	Setsuko Uchida (1-24-1992)	Kashima Family
Mitsuko Kuwada (1-28-1938)	Kanji Kuwada	Noboru Nakada (1-18-1993)	Ted Nakada
Sutematsu Iwata (1-4-1941)	Frances A. Burton	Elaine Matsumoto Barrett (1-26-1993)	Matsumoto Family
Tsunekichi Higuchi (1-7-1942)	Higuchi Family	Masako Nadahara (1-12-1994)	Mami Nakagawa
Jiro Niizawa (1-13-1942)	Norman Kiyono	Frank T. Torio (1-6-1995)	Juliana M. Torio
Chosaburo Yamashita (1-27-1954)	Emiko Yamashita	Chieno Okuma Moribe (1-20-1995)	Lee Moribe
Bill Koga (1-22-1956)	Florence Koga	Tetsuyo Kashima (1-4-1996)	Jeanie Kashima
Matsuno Fujimoto (1-5-1957)	Amano Family	Frank Akira Kajita (1-6-1996)	Tim Kajita
Chiyono Tomiyama (1-15-1957)	Tomiyama Family	Kesao Muraoka (1-29-1997)	Yoshiko Muraoka
Hisaichi Taniguchi (1-31-1959)	Wilbur Takashima	Kiyoko Santohigashi (1-3-1998)	Kiku Graeber
Mitsuyoshi Shindo (1-14-1959)	Ochi Family	Haruko Iguchi (1-15-1998)	Iguchi Family
Teiichiro Miyoshi (1-4-1960)	Miyoshi Family	George Furuya (1-16-1998)	George Furuya Jr.
Usaburo Ito (1-26-1961)	Masako Nagata	Yukiko Wutzke (1-14-1999)	Wutzke Family
Shokichi Kodama (1-21-1961)	Masako Uyeji	Miwako Kosaka (1-19-1999)	Emi Killeri
Nobuo Hagio (1-6-1961)	Hagio Family	Kazumi Yamada (1-20-1999)	Carol Yamada
Harue Okumura (1-19-1962)	Yamashita Family	Robbie Jon Nishiguchi (1-5-2001)	Nishiguchi Family
Shigeko Takeguchi (1-24-1962)	Takeguchi Family	Seiji Saito (1-7-2001)	Ayako Saito
Satoru Hata (1-25-1963)	Hamada Family	Takenori Ohara (1-28-2001)	Fumiko Ohara
Masakichi Saito (1-30-1964)	Takashi Saito	Sumiko Kendall (1-1-2003)	Bennie P. Kendall
Hashio Yonekura (1-4-1969)	Yonekura Family	Mitsuko Kodama (1-11-2004)	Jay Kodama
Toshiko Funaki (1-18-1971)	Funaki Family	Yoshiko N. Kusumoto (1-31-2004)	Chiyo Nakagawa
Sojiro Torimaru (1-18-1973)	Otsuka Family	Sumiko Tsubakihara (1-31-2005)	Kent Tsubakihara
Kiyotaka Kusumoto (1-9-1973)	Yoshiko Kusumoto	Harry Yamada (1-8-2006)	Yamada Family
Shinhichi Kawamoto (1-16-1974)	Kawamoto Family	Kimie Fukamizu (1-18-2006)	Rochelle Carroll
Hisayo Ogawa (1-22-1975)	Steven Yagade	Pro Takanori Nimura (1-28-2006)	Saburo Nimura
Hachiro Honda (1-5-1976)	Honda Family	Isen Iguchi (1-05-2007)	Iguchi Family
Motoo Kobayashi (1-16-1976)	Wayne Takuya	Yoshinobu Sueyoshi (1-02-2008)	Annie Yumiko Gristina
Mitsutaro Shimizu (1-25-1976)	Miyoko Hashiguchi	Osao Himaka (1-31-2008)	Lynn Fuchigami
Mitsuyo Urata (1-2-1977)	Urata Family	Dorothy Alroy (1-8-2011)	Evelyn Alroy
Kuni Kawamoto (1-12-1978)	Kiku Koga	Mitsuru Amano (1-5-2012)	Mike Amano
Saye Tsurudome (1-28-1978)	Mitsuo Tsurudome	Dorothy Matsumoto (1-10-2012)	Matsumoto Family
Seki Kawasaki (1-30-1943)	Ohara family	Gary Yukio Kodama (1-4-2013)	Vivianne Jones
Kiyo Muraoka (1-10-1979)	Yoko Shinohara	Leonard Joseph Allison (1-21-2013)	Elizabeth Dawn Homah
Ryu Yonekura (1-9-1980)	Yonekura Family	Mitsuyo "Mitsi" Ota (1-23-2013)	Kenneth Ota
Harry Pokio Matsumoto (1-9-1982)	Matsumoto Family	Michiko Causey (1-12-2014)	Robert Causey
Claude Holt (1-30-1981)	John Holt	Toru Shiraishi (1-17-2015)	Shiraishi Family
Jon Konishi (1-19-1983)	Steven Konishi	Masami Iwataki (1-5-2016)	Patricia Iwataki
Nobuo Honda (1-31-1984)	Amy Honda	Maria Del Rufugio Gonzalez (1-13-16)	Covarrubias Family
Ikuyo Takeshita (1-5-1985)	Akira Takeshita	Priscilla Ishizaki (1-30-2017)	Sheryl Ishizaki
Oshie Shimizu (1-1-1988)	Miyoko Hashiguchi	Teruko Iwata (1-5-2018)	Frances A. Burton
Shizuko Shimizu (1-11-1989)	Shimizu Family	Jeffery Akira Oto (1-25-2018)	Junko Oto
Shigeru Tabata (1-20-1989)	Takako Tabata	Karen Kawasaki (1-1-2021)	Kawasaki Family

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

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

2022 is the memorial year for those who passed away in:					
1st Year Memorial	2021	3rd Year Memorial	2020	7th Year Memorial	2016
13th Year Memorial	2010	17th Year Memorial	2006	25th Year Memorial	1998
27th Year Memorial	1996	33rd Year Memorial	1990	50th Year Memorial	1973

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」 二〇二二年一月法話

— 信心をいただく(一) —

駐在開教使 向嶋裕史

新年明けましておめでとうございます。旧年中はご門徒の皆様にご大変お世話になりましたこと、心より御礼申し上げます。本年も家族共々宜しくお願い申し上げます。

さて早速ではありますが、皆さんもご存知のように、浄土真宗の宗祖である親鸞聖人がお勧め下さったお念仏のみ教えは、信心を根本とする「信心正因・称名報恩」の教えであります。つまり、信心をいただくことが浄土へ生まれて仏になることのできる正しい道であり、私達が「南無阿彌陀仏」と称えることは、阿彌陀仏のご本願への報恩感謝を表すお念仏であるということです。このみ教えを一言で説明しますと、「本願を信じて、念仏を申せば必ず仏になる」となります。

ですから私達は日頃からよく「信心をいただくなさいよ」と聞かされています。しかし、そもそもこの信心とはいったい何のことでしょうか？という心の状態を信心をいただいたというのでしようか？皆さんの多くがこの疑問を抱きつつお念仏を称えておられることと思います。恥ずかしながら、私自身「先生は信心をいただきましたか」とご門徒さんに問われても「もちろん、いただいていますよ」と自信を持って答えることはできません。

そこで、年始めということで、浄土真宗のみ教えの要となる信心について皆さんと共に味わってまいりたいと思います。

まず、親鸞聖人は信心について「無信心」という言い方をされています。疑いというのは私達の「はからい」を表しているのですが、この「はからい」を別の言葉で親鸞聖人は「信罪福心」とおっしゃっています。信罪福心というのは、自らの罪を恐れ、自らの功德(善い行い)をあてにする心をいいます。このような心を持つ人は、善い事をすれば必ず善い結果が生まれ、悪い事をすれば必ず悪い報いを受けるという「善因善果・悪因悪果」、つまり、仏教の因果の道理を熟知されておられる方です。

親鸞聖人も因果の法則を無視した宗教は偽物ではないと厳しく批判されています。しかし、浄土真宗では、信罪福心のような悪を犯した者は浄土に往生できないと考えたり、善を積んだ者は必ず浄土に往生できるであろうという因果律は否定しています。

なぜなら、浄土真宗は、阿彌陀仏の智慧と慈悲の結晶である名号(南無阿彌陀仏)が私達に至り届いた「信心」という因によって、私達は「往生成仏」の果を得ることができるといふ因果の法則に従った教えだからです。そして、往生の因である信心とは、自分の力が浄土往生について何の役にも立たないのだと認識することであり、浄土往生はひとえに阿彌陀仏の本願力にあると信知することです。すなわち、信心とは、自らはからいを捨てさり、阿彌陀仏の本願力にすべてお任せするということなのです。このことを「二種深信」といいますが、自力のはからいを持つ信罪福心とは大きく異なります。

皆さんの中にも、悪いことをすると地獄に落ちると思つて、自分の日常生活を省みては、本当にお浄土に行けるのだろうか？と心配している方がおられると思います。また、善行を積むことがお浄土参りをもたらすのだと考えて、お念仏に励んでおられる方もいるはずですが、しかし、このような心を自力のはからいといふので

す。お念仏しているから、お浄土に生まれることは間違いないと思つこともはからい。感謝のお念仏はしているけれども、腹を立てたり、人を妬む心を捨てられないでいる自分は、ひよっとするとお浄土に行けないのではなにかと思つ心もはからい。このような心の状態であつたら、信心をいただいたとは言わないのです。皆さんの中で、「私はお念仏しているから大丈夫」と思っている人はいませんか？残念ながら、これは信心をいただいた人の言葉ではありません。

信心をいただくということは、信罪福心がない、つまり、自力のはからいのない世界をいいます。阿彌陀仏のおはからいでお浄土に参つて、仏にならせていただくのですから、自らはからいは必要ありません。

しかし、私達人間は生まれてきてから死ぬまでずっと、自らはからいばかりの生活です。つねに理屈をならべ、自分の限られた物差しだけで物事を見ています。ですから、私達は自らはからいを否定するのを嫌がります。しかし、善いことをする者が助かって幸せになり、悪いことをする者が悪い報いを受けると考えるのであれば、正直言つて私達は誰一人としてお浄土には行けないのではないのでしょうか。なぜなら、たとえ善いことをしたとしても、その心の奥底には自己中心の根っこがあつて、自分の算盤勘定をもとに、善い報いを得たいという心で善いことをしているのにすぎません。痛いところをついています、真の智慧をそなえた仏さまから見れば、私達のはからいは非常に不純で不完全なものなのです。

ですから、親鸞聖人は、不完全な自力のはからいを捨て、阿彌陀仏のおはからい(本願)の中に身を委ねて、真の安らぎを得なさいと教えて下さっているのです。この続きについては来月の寺報法話でお話しさせていただきます。

BUDDHIST TEMPLE of SAN DIEGO 2022 Membership Renewal (v.1.0)

A. RENEWING MEMBER NAME(S)

Member 1: Mr Ms Mrs _____

Member 2: Mr Ms Mrs _____

If you have changes in contact information - just mail or email your changes separately. Thanks!

B. MEMBERSHIP PLEDGE for 2022

LEVEL	CATEGORY	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	Q'LY	NOTES
Bodhi	Family/Couple				For generous donations above Wisteria level please write-in your amount.
	Individual				
Wisteria	Family/Couple	1200	100	300	Our next most generous level.
	Individual	600	50	150	
Dana	Family/Couple	576	48	144	This is our most popular level of membership.
	Individual	336	28	84	
Senior(s) 75 or older	Two Seniors	360	30	90	This optional discount shows appreciation to our elders for their wisdom and support.
	One Senior	180	15	45	

C. TEMPLE PROGRAMS - Circle the Amount or Write In

Minister's Assistants	Recommended	40	3	10	For fees and costs of ongoing training of the Minister's Assistants.
	Your Choice				
Landscape Maintenance	Recommended	40	3	10	For gardening and landscaping at both the Temple and the Minister's residence.
	Your Choice				
Floral Offerings	Recommended	40	3	10	For beautiful flower offerings in the altar area (<i>onajin</i>) for the Buddha, Shinran Shonin, and Rennyō Shonin.
	Your Choice				
Dharma School	Recommended	20	2	5	For support of the programs initiated by the Dharma School for our children.
	Your Choice				
Scholarships	Recommended	20	2	5	For graduating high school seniors and continuing education students plus individual study grants.
	Your Choice				

Totals of Amounts (B and C)

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Note: Options shown are the most common; you can schedule partial payments as convenient.

BUDDHIST TEMPLE of SAN DIEGO 2022 Membership Renewal (v. 1.1)

D. Timing of Pledge

- I plan on renewing membership for 2022 in full by check, in the month of _____.
- I plan on renewing membership for 2022 in full by credit card, in the month of _____.
- I plan on renewing membership for 2022 in installments, by check, on the following payment plan:

- I plan on renewing membership for 2022 in installments, by credit card, on the following payment plan:

E. NEWSLETTER/KAIHO PREFERENCES Same Changes as follows:

F. Constructive Notice

- Membership dues will be renewed each year, and you can change levels or preferences at any time.
- In future years we hope to send members a statement of assumed dues and program donations for the coming term (based on previous dues and donations) for review and modification as needed.

G. IF by CREDIT CARD, AUTHORIZATION (REQUIRED)

I/We understand that

- **Members or sponsors paying by credit or debit card** are authorizing its use for renewal on an ongoing basis. Members are free to make changes in the program at any time as noted above.

If you have earlier authorized paying by credit or debit card and the card is still valid, do not fill out. Otherwise, please complete this part of the authorization.

Mastercard / Visa / AMEX. Acct # _____ Expires (MM/YY) ___/___

Billing Address (if different from your mailing address on the reverse, write street address and ZIP code.)

Street Address: _____ **ZIP** _____

Payor's Authorized Signature Required (if modified above.)

Member 1. _____

Member 2. _____

Benefits of membership include free attendance at most Buddhist Education Committee events at the Temple, free subscriptions to our monthly newsletter, the *Bussei Script*, and the BCA national newsletter, *Wheel of Dharma*, among other discounts and benefits. A percentage of your dues supports the Buddhist Churches of America and is remitted annually to the BCA via the Temple. THANK YOU!

Questions? Other arrangements? *Just let us know. We will work with you to make joining or renewal easy. Contact the Buddhist Temple of San Diego at 619-239-0896 or Bill Teague, Membership Chair, 619-248-3749, btcomms@cox.net.*

BTSD Special Service Credit Card Donations 2022

ENVELOPE FREE DONATION: BTSD is offering the opportunity to conveniently plan your special service donation (s) by using your credit card. Please indicate the amount you wish to donate for each service and the treasurers' committee will take care of your transaction(s).

Name _____ E-mail _____
Address _____ Unit Number _____
City _____ State _____ Zip code _____
Phone () _____ Work Phone () _____

Credit Card: Visa Mastercard Amex (credit cards will be charged during the month of each special service).

Acct #: _____ Expires (MM/YY): _____/_____

Authorized Signature (if charging): _____

SPECIAL SERVICES 2022

- \$ **New Year's Day (Shusho-e) -- January 1**
This is a day of dedication. With renewed resolution, we dedicate ourselves to the way of the Nembutsu.
- \$ **Ho-Onko (Shinran Shonin Memorial Day) -- January 16**
Commemorating the memory of Shinran Shonin (May 21, 1173 - January 16, 1262), the Founder of Jodo Shinshu (True Pure Land sect). Shinran Shonin was the first to teach absolute faith in Amida Buddha.
- \$ **Nirvana Day (Nehan-e) -- February 13**
On this day we solemnly observe the passing of Sakyamuni Buddha into Pari-nirvana.
- \$ **Spring Higan (Higan-e) -- March 20**
Higan ("other Shore") is observed on or around the Spring Equinox. During this time, harmony rules throughout the universe. Therefore, we gather before the shrine of Amida Buddha to devote ourselves to the realization of this harmony in our inner lives.
- \$ **Hanamatsuri (Buddha Day) -- April 10**
Celebrating the birth of Gautama (the historical Buddha) in Lumbini Garden. A flower shrine ("Hanamido") is set up in front of the main altar representing Lumbini Garden. The sangha offers flowers and pours sweet tea over a statue of the infant Buddha.
- \$ **Gotan-e / ~~Fujimatsuri~~ (Shinran Shonin Day) -- May 15**
Shinran Shonin was born near Kyoto, Japan on May 21, 1173. On this day we observe his birth as the founder of the Jodo Shinshu sect.
- \$ **O Bon (Bon) -- July 31**
Bon is a Buddhist Memorial Day. It is an occasion for rejoicing in the enlightenment offered by the Buddha. It is often referred to as the "Gathering of Joy."
- \$ **Fall Higan (Higan-e) -- September 18**
The sangha gathers once again, on or around the Fall equinox to recall the practice of the Six Parmitas.
- \$ **Eitai-kyo (Perpetual Memorial) -- November 13**
On this day, all dedicated members and Dharma friends who devoted themselves to the spiritual welfare of the temple, whether known or unknown, are honored so that we may continue to practice the Buddha's teachings.
- \$ **Bodhi Day (Jodo-e) -- December 4**
Gautama meditated under the Bodhi Tree (Tree of Enlightenment) and became a Buddha; perfect in Wisdom and Compassion.
- \$ **Joya-e (Year-end Service) -- December 31**
On New Year's Eve we meditate on the countless blessings we have received throughout the year and

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For any question about Special Service credit card donation, please call the Temple at 619-239-0896,
or send inquiries to the Treasurer at info@btsd.net