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“Becoming Our Foolish Selves”

Rev. Jundo Gregory Gibbs

I have had the privilege of writing these articles for the Bussei Script for just over half a year now. Last month, in the May issue, I spoke with you about valuing. Rocks seem indifferent to changes in conditions. Living beings bring value to the world. To us it matters a great deal what happens in this world.

This month I want to take a very Shinshu-centered approach, and my topic is Honen and Shinran’s advice, “Persons in the Pure Land Tradition attain birth into the Pure Land by becoming their foolish selves.” This is a value axiomatic in our stream of Pure Land Mahayana Buddhism, yet, unique to it.

All the other Buddhists are trying to perfect, or at least improve themselves. We, Jodo and Jodo Shinshu Buddhists try to become less of a bother by realizing how imperfect we truly are. Rather than perfect our current state we connect with the Buddha, the transformative energy the Buddha sends into our lives and the secure hope this all produces about the future. As we are not fearing for our ultimate destiny, yet, not presuming to be any better than others just now, we have a chance for humility.

About a quarter of a century ago, a well-known scholar of Zen Buddhism heard me read a paper at a conference. He does not remember the conversation, but he came up to me and said, “Usually I can’t stand to listen to Jodo Shinshu Ministers speak. They are all so humble. It drives me crazy how humble they always are. ... But I like you.” I don’t think he saw the irony in his comment.



While I may not be the best exemplar of humility in the Ministerial Association, I am at least average at “becoming my foolish self.” The Buddha is not surprised by my naivete. [Like I was supposed to be sharper?] The Buddha is not put off by my self-centeredness [most apes are like this]. The Buddha is not irritated by my weakness and ineptitudes [why would a wise person expect me to be doing any better with what I have going for me?] If we picture the Buddha distinguishing between us at all; - the Buddha is especially concerned about the weak, the irritable, the deluded. Amida must spend a lot of time concerned with me. How about you. On a humble perusal do you find yourself needing acceptance and support? Follow my lead. Become your foolish self, with all the warts and imperfections, and be assured that the Buddha cares for foolish folks like us. We just have to honestly become those foolish persons whom we are. *Gassho*

SECOND PANDA EXPRESS COMMUNITY VIRTUAL FUNDRAISER SET FOR JUNE 17

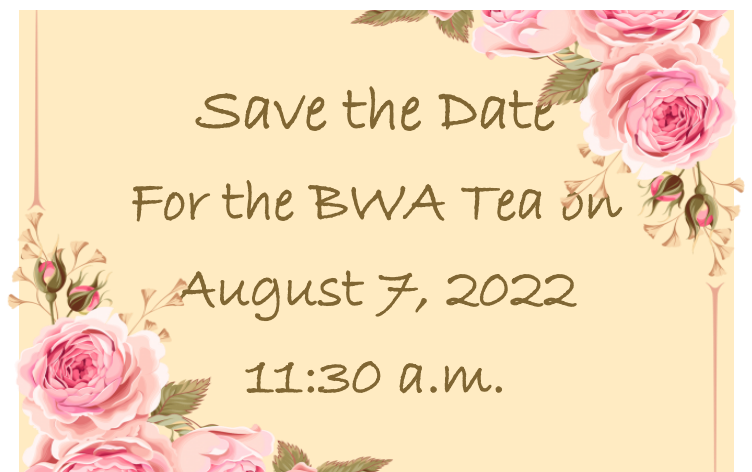
The Buddhist Temple will once again team with Panda Express for its second virtual community fundraiser. The benefit will take place on Friday, June 17, all day, at restaurants throughout the United States.

Customers must place their order online using the special code specific to BTSO. The code to use is: **908377**. Walk-in orders will not benefit the fundraiser. The temple will receive 28% of net sales.

Read the Panda Express insert in this month’s Bussei Script for complete details.

Share the information with family, relatives and friends locally and throughout the U.S. in support of the fundraiser.

Panda Express has over 2,000 restaurants nationwide.



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JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The return of the Japanese Cultural Bazaar on June 5, Family service/Shotsuki Hoyo monthly memorial on June 12, temple picnic on June 19, and golf tournament on June 26 highlight activities for the month.

For the service on June 12, guests will have the option to attend in-person or view on the temple's YouTube livestream video. Reservations are required for the in-person service with seating capacity for the hondo limited to 100 and mask-wearing is required. Sign up on the temple's website to ensure a reservation. In-person activities will be re-evaluated in the event of a change due to COVID-19 conditions.

More activities will continue to be offered in-person and virtually on the temple's Zoom (Z) and YouTube (YT) channel platforms. Here is the June calendar. Please note that dates and times are subject to change:

- 1 – Taiko practice, 6:45 pm (Annex Hall), Bud. 1-2-3, 7 pm (Z)
- 2 – Tai Chi, 10 am (AH)
- 3 and 4 – Bazaar preparations, 9 am
- 5 – **"It's Back!" Japanese Cultural Bazaar**, 11 am to 4 pm (see insert for details)
- 7 – Ways & Means Committee, 7 pm (Z)
- 8 – Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm (Z), Taiko practice, 6:45 pm (AH)
- 9 – Tai Chi, 10 am (AH), Board of Directors Meeting, 7 pm (Z)
- 11 – Sutra Chanting: Shoshinge, 1 pm (Z,) Book Club, 2 pm (Z)
- 12 – Family Service/Shotsuki Hoyo, 10 am (in-person/hybrid. Reservations required to attend), Jr. YBA meeting, 11 am, Taiko practice, 12:30 pm (AH)
- 15 – Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm (Z), Taiko practice, 6:45 pm (AH)
- 16 – Tai Chi, 10 am (AH)
- 17 – Panda Express Community Virtual Fundraiser, nationwide program, all day (See insert for details).
- 18 – Sutra Chanting: Shoshinge, 1 pm (Z)
- 19 – Temple Picnic at Rohr Park, Chula Vista, 10 am
- 22 – Buddhism, 1-2-3, 7 pm (Z), Taiko practice, 6:45 pm (AH)
- 23 – Tai Chi, 10 a.m. (AH), Activities Meeting, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 25 – SD Buddhist Conference at OCBC and online, 9 am, Sutra Chanting: Shoshinge, 1 pm (Z)
- 26 – Dharma message, (YT), Taiko practice, 11:30 am (AH), 26th Annual Golf Tournament at Riverwalk Golf Club, 8 am
- 29 – Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm (Z), Taiko practice, 6:45 pm (AH)
- 30 – Tai Chi, 10 am (AH)



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@btسد.net or check the BTSD website <http://www.buddhisttemplesandiego.org> for updates.

ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Bazaar '22 is just around the corner scheduled for June 5. We plan to have a variety of your favorite foods, beer garden, children's games, drawings and entertainment! If you haven't picked up your drawing tickets and if you haven't received them in the mail, they are available in the temple office (call to verify).

The second Temple Panda Express fundraiser is on June 17. Read the notice on the front page and insert in this month's edition for complete details, including the special code **908377** to order. This is a nationwide fundraiser so tell your family and friends from California to New York and everywhere in between!

The Temple Golf Tournament on June 26: See information box below for more details.

Coming up in July is the resumption of Temple Bingo, two possible starting dates are the 9 or 16. More information will be published when the date is finalized. The Temple O Bon is currently scheduled for July 31, more details will be provided in the next issue with an updated schedule and format. O Bon Odori practices will begin after July 4' so break out your kachi kachi's and dancing shoes!! As an FYI, there will not be a Balboa Park O Bon this year.

Bon Odori practice schedule: Wednesdays—July 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 7 p.m. and Sundays—July 10, 17 and 24 at 11 a.m.

August 20-21 will bring the Rummage Sale back one last time. Read the details in the article on Page 3.

In Gassho, Activities Committee

DONATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR GOLF TOURNAMENT

Golfers will tee-it-up at the 26th annual BTSD Golf Tournament on Sunday, June 26 at Riverwalk Golf Club in Mission Valley.

For non-golfers who wish to support the tournament, the event is accepting monetary hole sponsorships and in-kind donations including gift cards. Donations are being accepted until June 19. Please contact the temple if you wish to make a contribution.

There are still a few openings for golfers who wish to participate in the four-person scramble. Registration fee is \$125.





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By LuAnn Lee

Re-opening is back for sure, everywhere.

I compared my calendar from 2020, 2021 to the last two months and I see that in 2022, most days and nights have something scribbled in each box including in person meetings, plays, Temple event planning/services and community gatherings, restaurant meals. We even had a "Sprinkle" (a mini baby shower) with family and a few friends. We are currently on baby watch since our daughter is due any day now.

Needless to say, it has been very busy and really made me realize just how much more time I had to reply to e-mails, organize my brain and just relax a bit more. Gearing up to what we were doing before Covid restrictions is going to take some extra effort and mindfulness to transition slowly and safely but most importantly to take care of ourselves and keep our immunity strong.

Four times a year, I represent the Temple at Southern District meetings and since the pandemic, they have all been on zoom but before that, they were on Friday nights at 7 pm at the Temple where the Chair is a member. Kenji Sensei and I were recently reminiscing on our drives to and from those meetings. For us, Venice and West LA were the host temples and although it would take us about 5 hours of driving there for 3 hours and 2 hours back, we really enjoyed our talks back and forth. What we liked about the meetings is that we were able to visit with other Temple leaders and share ideas on events. I'm grateful that they have continued with the quarterly meetings via zoom and have addressed many issues we have here locally.

At last week's meeting, we found out that all Temples have re-opened in one form or another. Some holding in person funerals, memorials and Sunday services and have started Dharma school.

Each Southern District temple stated they are also referring to medical and scientific resources to help with re-opening process and policies while providing a safe environment for their Sangha's.

We also received help from OCBC on developing our AB506 policy, the Youth Protection bill. All organizations are required to provide training and screening of staff and or volunteers that come in contact with young people under 18. Thank you to the committee who has been working weekly on it and completion of the policy is near for Board approval and then on to implementation of the plan.

Although we are opening up with services and events, please remember that masks are recommended inside and when preparing or serving food. Respect others as they may feel more comfortable wearing a mask at all times. Looking forward to seeing you at one of the upcoming events and until then, stay safe.

As Memorial Day approaches, I want to remember all of our Temple members and friends who have passed away this year and in the years past and also reflect on the unfortunate milestone of one million people passing away from COVID 19 in the U.S.

Namo Amida Butsu,
LuAnn Lee

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors met on May 12, 2022

1. Supervising Minister Rev. Gregory Gibbs and our Minister's Assistants provide reports on their ministerial work - Dharma talks and recorded videos, family services and major services, memorial services and funerals. Thank you to all in the Ministerial Team who provide support for the temple's religious activities.
2. Southern District will hold a 850th Commemorative service for Shinran Shonin tentatively scheduled for October of this year.
3. San Diego is scheduled to host the 2024 Southern District Conference.
4. Condolences to the family of Motoo Tsuneyoshi who passed away on May 8,
5. A committee that was formed to develop a Youth Protection Policy to address compliance with AB 506 presented their initial policy draft for the Board's review.
6. All affiliated organizations and standing committees provided reports on their recent and upcoming activities.

RUMMAGE SALE

Thanks to the generosity of our Sangha and friends, the Rummage Sale has been an important fundraiser for many years. From the donations, we often found items for the Bazaar's Silent Auction (benefitting the temple's building improvement fund) and for the O Bon Again Shop (that raises funds for the scholarship program).

This year's Rummage Sale will be the temple's last - we no longer have the volunteers or the energy to coordinate and manage the event as we know it. We will accept donations through July 31 - this will allow volunteers to sort and price donations.

Sorry, no furniture donations will be accepted. No CRT televisions or dated, non-working electronics will be accepted.

A sale prep schedule will be decided upon and posted after the Bazaar if you'd be interested in volunteering.

PLEASE continue to support the O Bon Again Shop with donations of Asian ware and clothing **and** the Bazaar's **Silent Auction** with appropriate items.

If you have any questions, please contact the temple office or Nancy Martinez, nabetamartinez@gmail.com. Gassho.

BWA NEWS

First of all, I would like to extend our deepest appreciation and thank you to all of you who helped with the funeral arrangements, brunch, luncheon, and clean up for Asako Morinaka's memorial service. Ron, her son, personally expressed his gratitude to the BWA for its support during this difficult time for

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him and his family. The funeral was very moving and memorable. We will dearly miss Asako, but will remember her for her kindness, generosity and optimism.

Our inarizushi/chirashi practice-making session went well and we were able to obtain some very helpful comments on it. This practice session was to test the flavors and the packaging of the items to be sold at the June bazaar. Thank you for your help in participating in this project and for delivering the chirashi/inarizushi to our members who are not able to easily come out to Temple. We were able to make chirashi at the Gotan-E service on May 15. With the help of many of you, the temple membership enjoyed a nice take-home chirashi lunch. Thank you again for your help and support.

Lastly, we hope you have signed up to attend the OCBC conference, the theme of which is Peace, Harmony, Co-Existence Today. It will be held both virtually (via Zoom) and in-person on June 25. The guest speaker in both English and Japanese is Rev. Kodo Umezu.

Please be sure to contact Sue Moribe (858-699-8876 or email: suzbandaid@yahoo.com) who is in charge of the registration for this conference. Also, you can visit the Temple's website for more information.

In gassho, Mani Ryan

JR YBA NEWS

On the last Sunday in April, which was an in-person temple service, our Jrs demonstrated their great leadership abilities as they led Dharma School students in creating a Mother's Day card and Children's Day craft! :-). Thank you for attending our Jr YBA Mother's Day Breakfast on May 8. It was great seeing everyone enjoy the return of this Mother's Day tradition. A huge shout out and thank you to Ralph and Avis for taking the lead in making this event happen, and to the many helping hands who pitched in to prep on Saturday and cook, serve, and clean on Sunday. On May 21, our Jrs attended an in-person Seminar 3, hosted by the Gardena and San Fernando Valley temples. Participants focused on activities centered around the theme "De-Stressing with the Dharma." Happy Summer, everyone!



Scrip News

Graduation, Father's Day or for any special occasion, the temple has gift cards available for everyone. Amazon, Apple, Target, Starbucks, Home Goods, Home Depot, Panda Express - just to name a few. If we don't have it, we will order it for you. Please contact Linda in the office or Laura Yoshida at laura.r.yoshida@gmail.com. Thank you. (You get the full value of the card and the temple receives a percentage through the Shop with Scrip program)

DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS



Thank you to Leslie Seymour for leading a special project where students made a special shrink-a-dink keychain for their mom for Mother's Day. At the end of the month,

DS families enjoyed our annual DS camping trip to Paso Pico, near Ramona

We also hosted the Southern District Dharma School Teacher's League Mini-Workshop on May 21 over Zoom. The theme of the Mini-Workshop is "Kata-lyst to Nembutsu". We invited Dharma School teachers across Southern California and Arizona to participate in our workshop and discussion about Buddhist Katas in our Dharma School.

The end of the 2021-22 Dharma School year is quickly approaching. In June, as we close the year, our last DS service will be on Father's Day, June 19 at Rohr Park. DS families as well as the Sangha are invited to enjoy service followed by a pot-luck lunch, and the Jr. YBA will conduct fun games for students. We will commemorate all of the hard work



everyone has put into this year. Congratulations to our graduates, the Class of 2022, and good luck in your future endeavors!

We hope everyone gets lots of rest and enjoys their summer break!

In Gassho, Lisa Umekubo



Dharma School students (left) gathered for a crafts project, creating cards for Mother's Day (top) and paper fish (above) for Boys Day.

DONATIONS

The Buddhist Temple of San Diego is grateful to the following individuals and organizations for their recent donations to the Temple and its affiliated organizations. "IMO" means "In memory of." For a correction, please inform our secretary at (619) 239-0896 or info@btsd.net.

BTSD

Seymour, Leslie
 Ohara, Fumiko - Thank you
 For flower arrangement
 Schell Family - 1 year Mem.
 IMO Jeanne Inouye
 Sasaki, Brian & Lorin
 Inouye, Craig - 1 Year Service
 Teague, Joyce & Bill
 IMO Jeanne Inouye
 Schell Family - Ukraine
 UNICEF Fund
 Martinez Family - 1st Year
 Serv. IMO Jeanne Inouye
 Tomiyama, Akie -
 Ukraine Relief
 Teague, Bill & Joyce -
 Ukraine Relief
 Smith, Maribeth -
 Ukraine Relief
 Tanamachi, Jane - for Weds.
 Japanese Odori class
 To BWA, Sunday Qigong
 Teague, Bill & Joyce - Dharma
 Sch., thanks for Hanamatsuri
 Canada, Linda - thank you
 Yamada-Amos, Karen
 Cross, Joe
 IMO Joyce M. Terao
 Sasaki-Yamamoto Family
 Morinaka, Ron
 Voorhies, Ruth
 IMO Alyce Asako Morinaka
 Morinaka, Barry
 Alyce Asako Morinaka
 Kaneshiro, Gale -
 Improvements
 Anonymous - Maintenance
 Electrical
 Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen
 IMO Ayako Morinaka
 Kobayashi, Naomi - Service for
 Dr. Ronald Kobayashi
 Sasaki, Brian & Lorin
 Sasaki-Yamamoto, Sharon &
 Robert
 Inouye, Derek
 Negoro, Glenn
 Masumoto, Chiyoko - Bazaar
 Yokotobi, Fusako
 Ochi-Fontanott, Janet -
 Improvements
 Armistead, Donna - 1 Yr. Mem.
 Serv. Steven Tomiyama
 Tsuji, Masako - 7 Year Mem.
 Serv. Frederick I. Tsuji
 Cross, Joe - SD Japanese
 Language School,
 Soran Bushi Dancers
 IMO Toshiko Hasegawa
 Tomiyama, Bruce & Doreen
 IMO Steven Tomiyama
 Shmono, Mel & Carol
 IMO Steven Tomiyama

Furuya, George & Gail
 IMO Steven Tomiyama
 Yamamoto, Ann - 1 Year
 IMO Steven Tomiyama
 Yonekura, Susan - 1 Year
 IMO Steven Tomiyama
 Santohigashi, K & M
 IMO Steven Tomiyama
 Tomiyama, Alan & Akiko
 IMO Steven Tomiyama
 Kuwada, Howard & Kaneko
 Yonekura, Gregg - 1 Year
 IMO Steven Tomiyama
 Masumoto, Glenn
 United Way Campaign

DHARMA SCHOOL

Yamamoto, Koichi & Joyce
 Malmgren, Jeffrey B.
 Honda, Mikiye

FLORAL OFFERING

Yamamoto, Koichi & Joyce
 Malmgren, Jeffrey B

GEN. MAINTENANCE

Yamamoto, Koichi & Joyce
 Anonymous
 Malmgren, Jeffrey B

GOLF

Hiji, Ken & Akiko
 Otsuji, Dennis & Elaine
 Yanagihara, Sumiko
 Honda, Mikiye
 Hill, Ed
 Terada, Keiju
 Yagura, Ron & Sheila
 Tomiyama, Alan
 Hashiguchi, Tsune & John

GOTAN-E SERVICE

Shigehara, Wilbur & Janice
 Hashiguchi, Tsuneko & John
 Hendrix, Hiroko
 Yamamoto, Jane
 Yamanishi, Miyoko
 Otsuji, Dennis & Elaine
 Suyenaga, Irene
 Driscoll, Christine
 Moncrief, Mayko
 Martinez, Nancy
 Tsukamoto, Wayne
 Moribe, Susan & Lee
 Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen
 Teague, Bill & Joyce
 Yamanishi, Alan
 Sumida, Floyd & Kaytee
 Kida, Katsumi
 Torio, Betty
 Voorhies, Ruth
 Kashima, Jeanie
 Honda, Ralph & Avis

Honda, Mikiye
 Aoyama, Alice
 Okuhara, Roy & Karen
 Tanaka, Kelvin & Lara
 Monji, Yoshiko
 Jones, Mikako & Morton
 Tsuji, Masako
 Yanagihara, Sumi
 Masumoto, Chiyoko

HANAMATSURI

Yamanishi, Alan & Karen
 Teague, Bill & Joyce
 Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen
 Tomiyama, Akie
 Spears, Margo
 Tsukamoto, Wayne
 Moribe, Susan
 Martinez, Nancy
 Moncrief, Mayko
 Tsuneyoshi, Motoo & Angie
 Ohara, Fumiko
 Yamamoto, Koichi & Joyce
 Koga, Florence
 Masumoto, Jodi
 Fuchigami, Lynn S. & Stephen
 Shintaku, Robert
 Gladsjo, Julie
 Yanagihara, Sumiko

MEMBERSHIP PLEDGES

Thank you for your renewal:
 Yamamoto, June
 Sakai, Jeffery
 Azuma, Adam
 Yamamoto, Koichi
 Malmgren, Jeffrey B
 Nogata, Sumihiro & Yuriko

O HIGAN

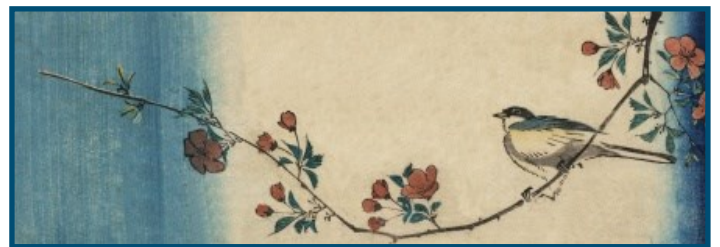
Koga, Florence

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Yamamoto, Koichi
 Malmgren, Jeffrey B
 Honda, Mikiye

SHOTSUKI HOYO

(Monthly Memorial)
 Hagio, Quimico
 Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen -
 May
 Yanagihara, Sumiko
 IMO Toyo Saburo Yanagihara
 IMO Shizuko Izumi
 IMO Shizuko Yanagihara
 Koga, Florence
 IMO Emiko Ishisaki 3/12/19
 Yamada, Pat & Diane
 IMO Jane Yagade
 IMO Yukie Yagade
 Ishino, Isabel
 IMO Matsue Ishino
 Estes, Carol
 IMO Don Estes
 IMO John Benson
 Honda, Ralph & Avis - May
 Honda, Mikiye
 IMO Momoyo Amano
 IMO Osamu Amano
 Takashima, Wilbur
 IMO Katsumi J. Takashima
 IMO Tsume Takashima
 IMO Steven Tomiyama
 Himaka, Norman & Katherine
 IMO Sets Himaka
 Kawamoto, Mitsuko
 IMO Hiroshi Mayumi



To All the Dads
 & Jii'chans (grandfathers),

Happy Father's Day



JUNE SHOTSUKI LIST

This month's memorial service will be offered as an in-person/hybrid on Sunday, June 12 at 10:00 a.m. Families and friends of anyone who passed away in June are urged to attend the service or view the livestream video on the temple's YouTube Channel. Registration is required if you plan to attend in-person. Share the livestream video with family members and friends who do not have internet access, burn incense at your home O Butsudan and Gassho in memory of your deceased loved one. If you find an error in the listing below, wish to add a name to the list, make a reservation to attend the service 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
Motoo Tsuneyoshi ~ May 8, 2022*

DECEASED

FAMILY MEMBER

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

DECEASED

FAMILY MEMBER

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

MEMORIAL SERVICES

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

2022 is the memorial year for those who passed away in:

1st Year Memorial	2021	13th Year Memorial	2010	27th Year Memorial	1996
3rd Year Memorial	2020	17th Year Memorial	2006	33rd Year Memorial	1990
7th Year Memorial	2016	25th Year Memorial	1998	50th Year Memorial	1973

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」 二〇二二年六月法話

―五逆の悪人って誰?―

駐在開教使 向嶋裕史

先月、母を失って初めて母の日を迎えました。この特別な日に母がいないということがどれほど悲しいことか痛感しました。日本に「親孝行したい時分に親はなし」ということわざがありますが、今になってようやくその本当の意味を理解し、息子として母親に何もしてあげられなかったことを深く後悔しています。

皆さんは、五逆罪という言葉を知っていますか。これは仏教における重罪で、一つでも犯せば無間地獄に落ちると説かれています。その五つの罪とは、
(一)父親を殺す。(二)母親を殺す。(三)求道者を殺す。
(四)仏さまに傷を付ける。(五)教団を破壊する。というものです。阿彌陀仏もこの五逆罪だけは犯すことがないようにと十八願の中で戒めておられます。しかし、私達がこの逆罪を耳にしても、自分とは関係のない罪であるように思っているのではないのでしょうか。

私も学生の頃、「五逆罪」、特に「両親を殺める」という逆罪に対して全く気にも留めていませんでした。しかし、私がブラジルで開教使をしていた頃、当時の教団総長であった中西智海師が法話の中で「私達は親に心配やストレスをかけないで生きることはできない。ある意味、私達は親のいのちを縮めながら生きていくのだ」とおっしゃった衝撃的な言葉が、五逆罪にある「親殺し」の本当の意味を明らかにして下さいました。確かに、妻と私が親になって以来、子供のことを思わない日は一日もありませんでした。特に子供が病気や

けがをした時は気が気でありません。また、母親の子に対する愛情は誰よりも深いもので、子供達が赤ん坊の頃、風邪を引いてひどい咳と高熱でうなされる度、妻は二十四時間付きっきりで看病していました。そのお陰で子供達はすぐに完治するのですが、その後妻は心労と寝不足で憔悴しきっていました。その姿を思い出す度に我が子を案じる母親の深い愛情を感じます。

また、息子が三歳の時、口内に瘻が見つかり、医師から腫瘍の疑いがあると言われ、緊急病院へ駆け込んだことがありました。検査結果を待つ三日間、妻と私は不安と恐怖で眠ることができませんでした。幸い、瘻は膿瘍だったと医師から告げられたのですが、その瞬間、極度のストレスから解放され深い安堵に包まれたのを今でも鮮明に覚えています。また昨年、息子は食道の狭窄症と診断され、バルーン内視鏡を使って食道の狭い部分を少しずつ拡張していくという治療を受けています。子供にはリスクのある治療なので何かと不安の多い一年でしたが、すでに内視鏡治療を無事に八回終えました。術後は胸の痛みにも耐えなくてはいけないのですが、改善に向けて治療に励む息子を誇りに思います。

今改めて、私自身の過去を振り返って見ますと、今年で五〇歳を迎える私は、我が子以上に幼い頃から病気や怪我をしては両親に大きな心配をかけてきたまじりました。また、これまで数えきれないほど両親に口答えをして怒らせ、失望もさせてきました。時には酷い言葉で母を泣かせたこともはっきりと覚えています。この約五〇年間、両親に身体的だけでなく精神的にも多大な苦勞をかけて生きてきました。

確かに、これまで両親に向かって毒を盛るようなことは決してありませんでしたが、私が生まれてから今日に至るまで、一体どれほど両親にいのちの縮むような思いをさせながら生きてきたかを仏法に照らして問いつめてみた時、「五逆」の罪人が他人事の話ではすま

されなくなってきました。それは、自分が親になって、そして母を失って初めて気づかされたことです。

もし母親が生きていれば、「全くそんなことはないわよ!」と笑い飛ばはしてくるでしょうが、息子である私の思いとして、両親のいのちを縮めながら生きてきた勝手に傲慢な自分自身を反省せずにはおれません。

また、この深い反省が、自分中心の生き方では仏さまの願いに適うどころか、仏さまにいのちの縮むような思いをさせてしまっているという我が身の愚かさを改めて気づかせてくれました。これは、五逆罪の「仏さまに傷をつける逆罪」そのものだと言えます。もちろん、阿彌陀仏は無量寿の仏さまですから、いのちを縮めるという表現はありえないのですが、こちら側の思いとして、その限りない阿彌陀仏のいのちでさえ縮めかねない私の傲慢な生き方を反省せざるを得ません。

五逆の罪人は凡夫の中でも最も救い難い一闍提の極悪人だとされていますが、決して他人事でない私も阿彌陀仏の救いから外れてしまうのでしょうか?

親鸞聖人は、「阿彌陀仏は全ての衆生を分けへだてなく、かけがえない一人子を慈しむように見ておられる」と教えて下さっています。縁がもよおせば何をしてくるか分からない危なっかしい凡夫だからこそ、必ず救うと本願を建てられたのです。阿彌陀仏は、自己中心的な生き方しかできない私を見抜いたうえで、「そのまま来なさい」と呼び掛けて下さっています。その呼び声こそが「南無阿彌陀仏」のお念仏なのです。

七高僧の一人、善導大師は、五逆の悪人であろうとも誰一人決して見捨てることのない阿彌陀仏の親心を知ることが、「学仏大悲心」と言われ、ここに仏教のもっとも大切な心があると示されています。

今は亡き母と過ごした懐かしい日々を思いを馳せながら、この身にいたたく阿彌陀仏のお慈悲の深さを味わわせていただいた特別な母の日でありました。

JUNE MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Membership: Six Month, Slightly Behind

Bill Teague, Membership Chair

The two key points affecting the Temple membership as of the end of May, going into June, have to do with the rate of renewals and our newest members.

Easy Way to Renew: No Change in Dues

Our membership renewals are healthy but slightly behind previous years as of the end of May. However, the Board is planning to reach out with an appeal for a special donation, and you are welcome to make the donation and ask us to renew your dues from the donation.

When you make the donation, just ask us to match what you did last year, and we will separate out your membership dues at the same amount as in 2021. The rest would go to help the Temple catch up its 2022 expenses. (Why the request for a special donation? In 2022 we have not been able to conduct almost half of our fundraisers for the year.)

If you have questions about your membership status, please drop the Temple a note or phone, so we can answer your questions. You are welcome to email me or call directly, btcomms@cox.net or 619-248-3749. We also update the list of 2022 renewals on the password-protected page on our website. (Just ask if you need the password.)

We Continue to Grow

We welcome new members this year so far in 2020. They include

Karen Copeland, Megan Dixon & Phillip Kao, John MacAlpine, Jeffrey Malmgren, Kat Moriyama-Liss, Garrick Oyama, and Erika Williams.

These include adult children of Temple members and others attracted by the Buddhadharma. Welcome all!

Help Us Grow Stronger. To the many of you in our Sangha who are not yet members, you are now steeped in the Dharma and ready to help us grow our community for the future. You can download our 2022 form from the Website (see Members>Join) or contact the Temple.



Bon Odori
practice schedule:

Wednesdays—July 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 7 p.m.

Sundays—July 10, 17 and 24 at 11 a.m.

Looking for Special Document

Several years ago, long-time Temple Member Ruth Voorhies typed her memories of growing up in San Diego and earlier days of the Buddhist Temple. A Temple member asked to read it before she gave it to her sons, but the history was never returned.

Ruth does not remember which Temple member, and as she hopes to get the history back, is putting out this request.

Does this ring a bell? If you have a hand-typed history of the Japanese American community in San Diego, please let us know and bring it into the Temple. We will get you a copy and return the original to Ruth.

** It's possible you've come across this clearing our your parent's home. Please, if you have, bring it into the temple so we can see if it belonged to Ruth.*

BTSD Scholarship Committee

2022-2023 Academic Scholarship Applications are due July 1

The Temple's Academic Scholarship Applications are now available to those who are children or grandchildren of Temple members, or dues-paying members themselves.

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

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

Applications are due on **July 1** and have been posted on the Temple's website – likely candidates were also contacted at the end of May. If you are unable to locate the application form(s) on the website or prefer the application in a different format (hard copy, electronic PDF format, etc.), please contact the Temple, and one of the committee members will assist you.

The committee is planning to present the scholarship awards at the O Bon Service, but if anything changes, we will be sure to let everyone know.



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