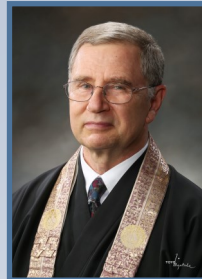


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We Showed 'Em

Rev. Jundo Gregory Gibbs



Last month I suggested that just surviving this pandemic as long as we have constitutes the flourishing of our lives. We have the space and the basic conditions to flourish. There is room for us here. There is plenty of room on this planet for some billions of mammals, trillions of insects, trillions of bacteria and viruses. Plenty of room for them to flourish on this planet, but not in our bodies. Not some of them. Not the COVID strains of virus. We will vaccinate, mask, distance and deny entrance to those life-seeking little viruses. I will gobble "C" "D" and zinc supplements. And we will one day be able to say, regarding all variants of the COVID virus – "We showed 'em!"

Buddhist tradition includes 100,000 pages or more of scriptural material. Most of it is written for monks, by monks, about how to be a monk. It might be hard to find the phrase "we showed 'em" in that literature. But we members of the

Buddhist Temple of San Diego are not monks, nor are we living Bodhisattvas. I, personally, am just some guy from Fresno. Everly now and then a phrase like, "we showed 'em" pops to mind.

People told me and my friends, "degrees in the Liberal Arts will not get you employment." Well, I ended up with one of these lucrative Ministerial jobs. So, ... my fellow ministers and I, so far as those disparaging the Liberal Arts go, - we showed 'em.

Fifty years ago there were voices saying, "People will not recycle cans and bottles. It would just be too much trouble!" Well, it would be hard to find a community on the West coast that does not have regular pick up of recyclables. ... "We showed 'em."

Let us live both fully and carefully. It may not be the most spiritual phrase in the world, but I am encouraging you to say "We showed 'em" this month. The anti-vaxers, those who don't believe in global, catastrophic climate change; ... we showed 'em. The viruses thinning out our herd, ... we showed them. Those who don't believe in the nembutsu path; ... we will continue to show them. ... To show them what the Buddha is showing us: Oneness, acceptance, kindness.

Take Refuge in the Light of Joy

Pure light, joyful light, the light of wisdom,

Light constant, inconceivable, light beyond speaking,

Light excelling sun and moon he sends forth, illumining countless worlds;

The multitudes of beings all receive the radiance.

- Fourth Verse of *Shoshinge*

This past February 2nd, Groundhog Day, Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow, thereby predicting six more weeks of winter. So, Phil says we won't have bright and sunny days coming early this year, instead we'll slowly emerge from the cool and cloudy San Diego winter right around the Vernal Equinox – which we celebrate as Spring Ohigan. I can tell that we're slowly coming out of winter and heading to the point when daylight hours balance with nighttime hours by looking at my solar panel app on my phone. During the months of December, January, and February, my solar panels don't receive as much sunlight as the other months of the year, and power production is usually a little bit less than power usage. But during the other nine months the sunlight produces so much power that I send ex-

cess energy to the grid so others can use it. Bottom line is that my solar panel system needs bright, sunny days to power my home, to light the lights in my house, to illuminate the paths I walk.

Unlike the sunlight that shines on my solar panels, the indescribable Light of Wisdom that is Amida Buddha is always shining on all of us. The "constant, inconceivable" light of Amida doesn't illumine us less in the winter months than the rest of the year. Light that is "immeasurable, boundless, unhindered, [and] unequaled" grasps us always, illuminating our lives and revealing the true and real path. No breaks for nighttime, no reduced illumination on cloudy days. The compassionate Light of Wisdom, which outshines the sun and the moon, breaks through my cloudy and dark mind, which is filled with greed, anger, selfishness, hatred, fears, and ignorance. In gratitude I respond with "Namo Amida Butsu," taking refuge in the Light of Joy.

Namandabu – Rev Smitty

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MARCH CALENDAR

Many activities will continue to be offered virtually on the temple's Zoom (Z) live and YouTube (YT) pre-recorded channel platforms during this month. Please take advantage of the opportunities and share the sessions with individuals who do not have computer internet access. Here is the March calendar (some events, dates and times are subject to change):

2 - Taiko practice, 6:45 p.m. (Annex), Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.m. (Z)

3 - Tai Chi, 10 a.m. (Annex Hall)

4-5 - BCA National Council Meetings (Z) host Central District

4 - Ministers Association Meeting, 10 a.m.

5 - Virtual presentations, all day (open to all interested viewers. Registration not required. More information:

<https://www.bcancm.org/schedule>)

5 - Sutra Chanting, 1 p.m. (Z)

6 - DS Staff meeting, 9 a.m. (Z), Qigong, 8:45 a.m. (Z), Shotsuki Hoyo monthly memorial service, Dharma messages - English: Rev. Smitty; Japanese: Yukari Williams, (YT), Vista Buddhist Temple hosts BTSD/Dharma School service, 10 a.m., (Z), BWA meeting, 10:30 a.m., (Z), Taiko practice, 11:30 a.m., (AH), JFG Odori dance practice, 2 p.m. (Outdoor terrace)

8 - Ways and Means meeting, 7 p.m. (Z)

9 - Taiko practice, 6:45 p.m. (AH), Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.m. (Z)

10 - Tai Chi, 10 a.m. (AH), Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m. (Z)

11-13 - BCA National Council Meetings (Z) host Central District,

11-12 - Delegates meetings and general assembly,

13 - BCA National Eitaiyo service. Guest speaker: Rev. Dr.

Kenji Akahoshi, BCA Minister Emeritus (More information: <https://www.bcancm.org>)

12 - Japanese Friendship Garden Cherry Blossom Festival at Balboa Park, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., BTSD food sales, all day, BTSD odori dancers at Inamori Pavilion, 11 a.m., BTSD taiko at Inamori Pavilion, 3 p.m., (JFG Cherry Blossom Festival is March 11-13. Information: <https://www.niwa.org/jfgevents>), Sutra Chanting, 1 p.m. (Z), Book Club, 2 p.m. (Z)

13 - Dharma message (YT), Qigong, 8:45 a.m. (Z), Jr. YBA meeting, 11 a.m. (Z), Taiko practice, 11:30 a.m. (AH)

16 - Taiko practice, 6:45 pm (AH), Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm (Z)

17 - Tai Chi, 10 a.m. (AH)

19 - Sutra Chanting, 1 p.m. (Z)

20 - **SPRING O HIGAN**, 10 a.m. (Z), Qigong, 8:45 a.m. (Z), Taiko practice, 11:30 a.m. (AH)

23 - Bussei Script mailing, 9:30 a.m., Taiko practice, 6:45 p.m. (AH), Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.m. (Z)

24 - Tai Chi, 10 a.m. (AH), Activities Meeting, 7 p.m. (Z)

26 - Sutra Chanting, 1 p.m. (Z)

27 - Dharma message (YT), Qigong, 8:45 a.m. (Z), Intro to Buddhism, 9 a.m. (Z), All-Dharma School service, 10 a.m. (Z)



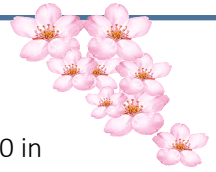
The Spanish-language Dharma message, presented by Arturo Rubio, will be posted on the temple's YouTube channel.

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 soon as possible. Email the temple at info@btsd.net or check

the BTSD website <http://www.buddhisttemplesandiego.org> for updates.

ACTIVITIES NEWS



Our committee has decided to change the Temple New Year Party date to April 10 in conjunction with the Hanamatsuri Service. You will find more information and the order form inserted in this issue or on the Temple Website. The intention is to have an in-person service and bento lunch, we will make that final decision with the recommendation of our Temple Reopening Committee. We are asking you to help us decide on whether or not to have an in-person or "to go" bento luncheon. There is a brief questionnaire as part of the order form asking for your preference. Everyone's health and safety continues to be a primary concern on our minds while planning events.

We continue to work on Bazaar 2022 to be held this summer, other fundraising events we have created during the pandemic and newly created fundraisers! Although the Temple's 100th Anniversary is four years away, we are adding to our planning committee as tasks arise so if interested, give a holler and join us!

Golfers will tee-it-up for the 26th Annual BTSD Golf Tournament on Sunday, June 26 at Riverwalk Golf Club in Mission Valley starting at 8 a.m. Registration fee is \$125 per golfer and includes a round of golf, cart, range balls, coffee, donuts, beverages on the course, post tournament lunch and a lot of fun! For an additional \$20 golfers may purchase an extras package that includes three mulligans and drawing tickets. The format is a four-person team scramble best-ball, allowing players of all skill levels to participate. Monetary sponsorships and merchandise donations are being accepted for the Opportunity Drawing. Player registration deadline is June 6. Donations will be accepted until June 20. More details to come. Last year's tournament was a huge success!

In Gassho, Glenn Torio and Ann Ong

The Annual Japanese Friendship Garden's

Cherry Blossom Festival

March 11-13 10am - 6pm



EXPIRING: Coronado Island Gas Station Certificates
If you have a gift certificate for gas, your certificate **must be used before the end of March**. There isn't an expiration date on the certificates, but the station will have a new owner and **certificates will not be transferrable**.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

February is a short month but this year, it seemed to be over in warp speed.

It could have been that I was extra busy preparing to go on out of town to attend a wedding, purchasing birthday gifts for my daughter who was born on Valentine's Day or prepping for the Temple general meeting at the end of January.

I want to thank all who joined us on zoom for our annual general meeting, we were able to make our quorum and conduct the business of the Temple. Also thank you to all that submitted reports that were very detailed and time consuming. If anyone would like to receive the meeting information via e-mail or hard copy, please let Linda (temple Admin. Assistant) know or any board member.

While I was out of town in mid-February, I missed the Nirvana Day service and speaker Reverend Naomi Nakano. We give our appreciation to Sensei for being a part of our Zoom service and sharing her message "Live" to the Dharma School and Sangha. Also, thank you to all who put the zoom together and to Glenn Torino for filling in for me at this service and conducting the Board meeting the previous Thursday. Thanks to Bill Teague, Ralph Honda, Rev. Smitty and Rev. Gibbs for attending the Southern District meeting in my absence. It is comforting to know that when one of us is unable to be there, so many others step up and represent the Temple without hesitation.

Looking forward to March, we are making plans to re-open slowly and safely. In this edition of the Kaiho, please check for more detailed information and recommendations from the re-opening committee and Board of Directors/Ministerial team on page 8. We thank you Sangha and friends for your patience, understanding and support.

In Gassho,
LuAnn Lee

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met on February 10th -

1. Rev. Maribeth Smith and Rev. Laverne Imori provided a report on the Minister's Assistants activities and assignments for February and the upcoming month.
2. Funds will be transferred from the Operating account to the Improvements account to cover the anticipated costs of the planned improvement projects.
3. The January 17th Panda Express fundraiser was successful and future events will be planned.
4. The temple New Year Party was rescheduled from March 16th to April 10th, Hanamatsuri.
5. The Activities Committee is seeking volunteers for planned participation in the Japanese Friendship Garden's Cherry Blossom Festival. Besides performances by our Taiko and Odori groups, the temple will have a food booth.
6. The Social Well-Care group has developed a master list of Keiro members as well as a "needs attention" list. If you are aware of anyone who might benefit from a visit or phone call, please contact the temple office.
7. The Board of Directors installation is scheduled for the March meeting. The Executive Board for 2022 was approved. Ann Ong will serve as 2nd Vice President, chairing the Activities Committee.
8. The Board approved funds for four members to attend the March 11-12 BCA National Council meeting.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING REPORT

A meeting of the membership convened on January 30th

1. Over 40 temple members joined the meeting conducted over Zoom video conferencing.
2. All affiliated organizations (BWA, Dharma School, Jr. YBA, Taiko) and all standing committees (Treasurers, Ways & Means, Activities, Membership, Scholarship, Buddhist Education, Operations, Temple Affairs, Improvements, Dana, EcoSangha. Well-Care, Social Media, Website) provided reports on their activities for 2021.
3. Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi reported on his duties as minister January through October 2021. The Minister Assistants report and Supervising Minister Report covered November and December.
4. Kenji Sensei expressed his appreciation to the Sangha for its support for the eight years he served as San Diego's resident minister. On behalf of Mrs. Karen and himself, he thanked the many well-wishers for the retirement drive-through event.
5. The Operating Budget for 2022 was reviewed and approved.
7. The Improvements budget and planned projects for 2022 were reviewed and approved.
8. The slate of the Board of Directors for 2022 was approved. Brian Sasaki and Mike Ong were elected as new Directors. Director Carol Baker is stepping down - the President thanked Carol for her service.
9. The 2022 tentative calendar of events was approved. Upon request, a copy of the membership meeting packet or a draft of the meeting minutes will be available if requested, by email or mail by contacting the temple office.

BWA NEWS

The lovely spring like weather has arrived early for us. We had enjoyed many warm and sunny days during the month of February. Although we need rain, the warm weather came as a welcome change from the cold days of January and early February.

The BWA and Lady Takeko Kujo Memorial service held on February 27 was a first for our organization this year. To emphasize the importance of Lady Kujo and the BWA women of our past, we had decided to conduct a separate service to highlight its importance. Reverend Laverne Imori organized and conducted the service with Reverend Irene Goto from the Seattle Betsuin as our guest speaker. A reading of the names of the women who have passed away was given which honored their service and support for our Temple.

In the January issue of Wheel of Dharma, the life of Mrs. Joyce Terao mother of our former resident minister's wife, Karen Akahoshi, was featured. She just celebrated her 102nd birthday, and the article describes how she had established and supported the Fujinkai, Sunday school and YBA at the Spokane Buddhist Temple when it first opened right after World War II. She supported her husband Reverend Eiyu Terao who became the minister of this Temple which, at the time, had no physical building. It was created in memory of those who had died in the bombing of Hiroshima.

The author of the article had special ties with Mrs. Terao and felt that she was so important to him in his efforts to become a minister. He said she had often invited him for coffee just to let him know that she was always there to support him.

He later found out that his grandparents were instrumental in the meeting and marriage of Mrs. Terao to her husband, Reverend Eiyu Terao. We hope you will be able to read this special article which highlights the life of this remarkable woman.

In gassho, Mani Ryan

DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

Last month, the Dharma School had a Scout Sunday Service on February 20, where scouts from first grade through high school participated and led the service. Scouting Sunday acknowledges the day Scouting began in the USA. Dharma School families joined two all-temple Zoom services: on February 13 we observed Nirvana Day, the passing of Sakyamuni Buddha and on February 27, we attended the BWA and Lady Takeko Kujo Memorial Service. We will have our annual DS Exchange with Vista Buddhist Temple where they will host us via Zoom on March 6th. A small committee of DS staff have started planning the Southern District Dharma School Teachers League mini-workshop that we will host in May. We have been planning for the temple reopening and we hope to see Dharma School families in person in the near future.

In Gassho, Lisa Umekubo

JR YBA

Hello,

Our Jr YBA members have been keeping busy leading Family Services, attending Dharma School, and meeting with their advisors to discuss Jr YBA agenda items: virtually, of course. Additionally, Officers Andrea and Ava continue to meet online with Southern District's (SD) Jr YBL Cabinet members to plan upcoming activities. On February 5, members participated in SD's Virtual Volleyball event and on February 20, Jr YBA had a successful and fun virtual meet and greet with other chapter members during the Jr YBL Snack Break. We look forward to seeing everyone in-person soon!

BUDDHIST EDUCATION

Bill Teague, Buddhist Education Chair

Spring Ohigan: Our Uncertain Transition

As you are reading in this issue, the Temple Board is hopeful we can ease back into live services in March, looking first at our Spring Ohigan observance on March 20. Doing so includes uncertainty.

Because the COVID environment changes from week to week, please be prepared for **either** an event in person at the Temple, **or** for a live virtual service. It's possible the situation could change just a few days before the Sunday of the Service.

If Live: The proceedings will be livestreamed for all, and up to 100 people will be able to register to attend in person with prior registration.

If by Zoom: Those who had registered for the in-person event will receive the login, along with all others who have registered for Zoom link to the service recently, as well as all members.

Who Will Share Dharma for Ohigan? We are awaiting confirmation of our guest speaker.

Stay Tuned. We will keep the Sangha up to date by email and on our website.

Other Programs

Until further notice, our other educational classes will continue as virtual events offered via Zoom:

- Introduction to Buddhism (one-time orientation class, questions welcome)
- Buddhism Zero (twice-monthly class for your questions only)
- Buddhism 1-2-3 (weekly discussion class, questions welcome)



SCRIP NEWS

Gift cards are available. You can see what Great Lakes Scrip Center has to offer by going to their website. You don't have to sign in. You can just go to the bottom of the page and click on retailer list and it will open up to show you all the gift cards that they have to offer.

Hope this month finds you healthy, safe and well!! Take care and remember that we are all in this together! Wear your mask and get vaccinated when it's your turn!

DONATIONS

The Buddhist Temple of San Diego is grateful to the following individuals for their recent donations to the Temple and its affiliated organizations. "IMO" means "In memory of." For a corrections or questions, please contact the temple office at 619-239-0896 or info@btsd.net.

BTSD

Hill, Edwin - Estate of
Gail Miyo Hill
Anonymous
Nakamura, Shari - In support
(in lieu of Panda Express)
Jimenez, Suzane
Ryan, Mani
Yamauchi, Victor
Lyons, Lisa
Sasaki, Sharon - where it's
needed most
Hidinger, Holly
IMO Hatsue Kimura
Nimura, Family
IMO Mr. Saburo Nimura
Wood, Carolyn
Morinaka Family
Ota, Laurine - (from Lee & Sue
Moribe IMO Tomiyo Ota)
IMO Tomiyo Ota
Hashiguchi, Tsuneko & John
IMO Steve Schraeder
Ochi-Fontanott, Janet
Sugiyama, Chiyeko
IMO Yasu Akiyama
Honda, Mikiye - 27th Yr. Mem.
IMO Tetsuyo Kashima
Teague, Bill - Gratitude for
Ken Tanaka Seminar

95th ANNIVERSARY

Moribe, Susan

COVID-19

Sasaki, Brian & Lorin

BODHI DAY SERVICE

Hill, Edwin
Hidinger, Holly

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

Kaneshiro, Gale
Hill, Edwin

DHARMA SCHOOL

Torio, Betty
Liss, Kathryn Moriyama
Honda, Ralph & Avis
Muraoka, Ken & Sharyn
Bull, Gregory & Julie Watson
Hara, Ruby
Hidinger, Holly
Yanagihara, Sumiko
Isakari, Henry & Marcia

FLORAL OFFERING

Muraoka, Ken & Sharyn
Hara, Ruby
Hidinger, Holly
Yanagihara, Sumiko
Isakari, Henry & Marcia
Torio, Betty
Liss, Kathryn Moriyama

GEN MAINTENANCE

Muraoka, Ken & Sharyn
Hara, Ruby
Hidinger, Holly
Yanagihara, Sumiko
Isakari, Henry & Marcia
Torio, Betty

GOLF

Hidinger, Holly

HOONKO SERVICE

Moribe, Susan
Tsukamoto, Wayne
Moncrief, Mayko
Ohara, Fumiko
Hill, Edwin
Ogasawara, Michiko
Koga, Florence
Aoyama, K. Alice
Hidinger, Holly
Yanagihara, Sumiko
Yamamoto, Jane
Hidinger, Holly

SPRING O HIGAN

Ryan, Mani
Yamaguchi, Laura
Yonekura, Susan
Ryan, Mani
Yamaguchi, Laura
Ohara, Ann
Hill, Edwin
Hidinger, Holly

MAP

Muraoka, Ken & Sharyn
Hara, Ruby

MEMBERSHIP

Muraoka, Ken & Sharyn
Kaneshiro, Gale
Bull, Gregory & Julie Watson
Hara, Ruby
Araki-Kawaguchi, Corinne
Ogasawara, Michiko
Yamada, Jean
Bradford, Qamar A.
Kinoshita, Michael & Yasuko
Lund, Ron
Hidinger, Holly
Hotta, JoAnn Katsuda &
Eugene
Williams, Yukari
Tanaka, Kelvin & Lara
Yanagihara, Sumiko
Ohara, Fumiko
Isakari, Henry & Marcia
Torio, Betty
Liss, Kathryn Moriyama
Honda, Ralph & Avis
NIRVANA DAY
Kuwada, Howard & Kaneko
Hidinger, Holly
Hashiguchi, Tsuneko & John

Hill, Edwin
Suyenaga, Irene
Yamamoto, Koichi & Joyce
Nogata, Yuriko & Sumihiro
Kida, Katsumi
Estes, Carol
Otsuji, Dennis & Elaine
Hendrix, Hiroko
Yanagihara, Sumiko
Jones, Mikako & Morton
Tanaka, Kelvin & Lara
Masumoto, Chiyoko
Ohara, Fumiko
Sumida, Floyd & Kaytee
Shigehara, Wilbur & Janice
Yamamoto, Jane
Sugiyama, Yukiko
Tsuji, Masako
Okuhara, Roy & Karen
Hagio, Quimico
Aoyama, K. Alice
Torio, Betty
Honda, Ralph & Avis
Honda, Mikiye

OSEIBO

Moribe, Susan
Hidinger, Holly

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Muraoka, Ken & Sharyn
Hill, Edwin
Hara, Ruby
Hidinger, Holly

Yanagihara, Sumiko
Isakari, Henry & Marcia
Torio, Betty
Liss, Kathryn Moriyama

SHOTSUKI HOYO

Ohara, Fumiko - January
Yonekura, Susan
IMO Karen Kawasaki
Fuchigami, Lynn S.
IMO Osao Himaka
Hidinger, Holly
IMO Hideo Ochi - July
Kiyoko Ochi - August
Takashima, Wilbur
IMO Kisouyemon Sato
IMO Bunshiro Takashima
IMO Patsy Harue Yanagihara
Estes, Carol
IMO Aiko Muraoka
IMO Patsy Yanagihara
Yanagihara, Sumiko
IMO Patsy Yanagihara
IMO Mariko Tanizaki
IMO Rino Yanagihara
Ohara, Fumiko - February
Masumoto, Chiyoko
IMO Yuki Masumoto
Yagura, Ronald & Sheila
IMO Iwao Yagura
Ryan, Mani
IMO Ronald Nishinaga
Honda, Ralph & Avis - February
Honda, Mikiye - February

ANNUAL BCA NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING SET FOR TWO WEEKENDS IN MARCH

Strength in Sangha is the theme for this year's Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) Ministers' Association and National Council meetings (NCM).

Temple leaders and ministers from throughout the BCA will gather for the annual gathering March 4-5 and 11-13. All activities will be presented virtually on Zoom. The Central District will serve as host.

The Ministers' meetings will be on March 4 and the NCM will take place March 11 and 12.

San Diego's delegates will be LuAnn Lee, Bill Teague and supervising minister, Rev. Gregory Jundo Gibbs of the Pasadena Buddhist Temple.

In past years, the NCM has invited non-delegates to participate in activities offered during the meetings. This year will be no exception.

The Sangha is encouraged to participate in featured workshops and Dharma-themed sessions on Saturday, March 5.

On Sunday, March 13 the National Eitaikyo service will be observed starting at 10 a.m. Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi will deliver the Dharma message. Traditionally, ministers who retire in the previous year are invited to share their message.

For more information related to NCM activities, including a schedule of workshops and the Eitaikyo Service, please check the <https://www.bcancm.org> website.



MARCH SHOTSUKI LIST

The monthly memorial service will be posted to the temple's YouTube channel on Sunday, March 6. Families and friends of anyone who passed away in March 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.

DECEASED

FAMILY MEMBER

Tsugiyo Ishisaki (3-16-1913)..... Florence Koga
 Tomiye Torimaru (3-18-1923) Torimaru Family
 Sadao Kinoshita (3-28-1923) Kinoshita Family
 Senkichi Yanagihara (3-12-1924) Yanagihara Family
 Iwakichi Okumura (3-23-1934)..... Yamashita Family
 Matsu Yamanishi (3-26-1945)..... Miyoko Yamanishi
 Sakuhichi Yano (3-2-1954)..... Kathryn Moriyama-Liss
 Yonekichi Tsubakihara (3-27-1959) Kent Tsubakihara
 Mizuno Nakano (3-28-1959) Nakano Family
 Shina Shindo (3-28-1959) Friends
 Tokumatsu Shiosaki (3-14-1960) Iwata Family
 Yoshigoro Mamiya (3-8-1961) David Kawamoto
 Kura Hashimoto (3-16-1961) Kuko Mayeda
 Dennis Suyenaga (3-24-1961) Suyenaga Family
 Sawa Yamanishi (3-18-1962) Miyoko Yamanishi
 Taiki Ikemi (3-22-1964) Charles Ikemi
 Ichinosuke Kiyono (3-7-1965) Norman Kiyono
 Tsune Haseyama (3-5-1966) Noboru Haseyama
 Fude Hirai (3-9-1967)..... Dorothy Mansfield
 Shuji Kaneko (3-17-1967) Kaneko Family
 Zenkichi Iwashita (3-8-1968)..... Iwashita Family
 Yoshito Yamamoto (3-9-1969) Kanji Kuwada
 Akira Date (3-18-1969) Shirley Umekubo
 Fusamatsu Morimoto (3-19-1971) Morimoto Family
 Motono Oto (3-22-1972) Oto Family
 Matsu Higuchi (3-26-1972) Yasuko Higuchi
 Shina Nishiuye (3-18-1975) Nishiuye Family
 Shimeno Nabeta (3-30-1975) Joyce Teague
 Shunzo Sakamoto (3-29-1976) Amano Family
 Buyemon Ohara (3-1-1977) Ohara Family
 Roy Yamada (3-10-1977) Kimi Yamada
 Teru Kiyono (3-27-1978) Kiyono Family
 Kiyotaro Osaki (3-13-1979) Tomiyama Family
 Yuku Hosaka (3-20-1980) Hosaka Family
 Masaaki Tanizaki (3-25-1981) Friends
 Hanano Matsui (3-11-1983) Imori & Curtis Family
 Tets Tachiki (3-18-1983) Tachiki Family
 Masaru Yanagihara (3-9-1984)..... Yanagihara Family
 Suna Torio (3-24-1985) Betty Torio
 Haruhiko Otsuji (3-3-1986) Otsuji Family
 Sukeichi Yamada (3-16-1986) Keisuke Yamada

DECEASED

FAMILY MEMBER

Grace Hosaka (3-6-1987) Hosaka Family
 Kimi Terada (3-24-1987) Etsuko Smith
 Shiro Takahashi (3-19-1988) Sugioka Family
 Susumu Yagi (3-23-1989)..... Yagi Family
 Zenpachi Kubota (3-28-1989)..... Kubota Family
 Tsune Yamasaki Atsuko Thomas
 Hideo B. Watamura (3-10-1990) Elizabeth Takasaki
 Hisaji Taniguchi (3-15-1993) Robert Taniguchi
 Miyuki Takanashi (3-31-1994) Minoru Takanashi
 Thomas Yonekura (3-1-1995) Yonekura Family
 Haruki Koba (3-25-1995) Duane Koba
 Mieko Holt (3-29-1995) Joe Holt
 Masaru Niwata (3-29-1995) Joe Niwata
 Shoichi Nomura (3-28-1997) Kiyoko Nomura
 Chisato Kuroye (3-18-1998) Roy Kuroye
 Kiyu Kawasaki (3-22-1998) Trace Kawasaki
 Rosie Yamada (3-4-2001) Laurence Yamada
 Fumie A. Martin (3-23-2001) Tazuno Lowell
 Masahito Iwanaga (3-6-2002) Masami Iwanaga
 Kiyoko Hazel Baker (3-10-2002) Miyo Tanaka
 Michael S. Kawamoto (3-13-2003) Mitsuko Kawamoto
 Misao Kawasaki (3-5-2005) Kawasaki Family
 Mark Isao Kasubuchi (3-27-2005) Naoye Kasubuchi
 Rui Nemoto (3-11-2007) Fumiko Hayashi
 Fred Nabeta (3-14-2007) Joyce Teague
 Sam Amano (3-6-2008) Amano Family
 Yoshiko Kawato (3-28-2009) Nancy Nakatani
 Susumu Kawato (3-22-2010) Nancy Nakatani
 Tadami Maruyama (3-12-2011) Michi Maruyama
 Katie Tomoe Krause (3-28-2011) Pamela Lopez
 Shizuko Tsukamoto (3-3-2012) Wayne Tsukamoto
 Mary Haruko Yagura (3-5-2013) Ron Yagura
 Ben Shizuto Sekishiro (3-30-2013) Victor Sekishiro
 Bruce Riyou Moriyama (3-24-2014) Moriyama Family
 Gilbert Shuji Wakisaka (3-27-2015)..... Gail Susan Wakisaka
 Tohoru Hidutsu Shimizu (3-1-2016)..... Paula Shimizu
 Richard Iwao Ito Sr. (3-21-2016)..... Richard Ito
 Ayako Otsuji (3-27-2017)..... Otsuji Family
 Emiko Ishisaki (3-12-19)..... Florence Koga
 Mary Sayoko Tomiyama (3-31-21)..... Tomiyama Family

MEMORIAL SERVICES

MEMORIAL SERVICES allow us to pay homage to loved ones who have passed away. In our Jodo Shinshu tradition, family members hold a service at certain intervals following a relative's death to express gratitude 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	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」 二〇二二年三月法話

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駐在開教使 向嶋裕史

来年、本山において親鸞聖人御生誕八五〇年並びに立教開宗八〇〇年慶讃法要が盛大に行われる予定です。現在、当仏教会では約三〇名ほどの団体参拝旅行を計画している真つ最中なのですが、パンデミックによる中止だけは何としても避けたいところです。この旅行で小浜市にある自坊、蓮興寺にも参拝する予定となっているので、父もアメリカからの団参を今から楽しみにしています。ぜひ年内には、パンデミックが収束し、安全な団参が実現できるような心から願っています。

さて、約二六〇〇年に渡る日本の歴史を振り返ってみますと、数多くの偉人を見ることが出来ます。しかし、来年の慶讃法要の規模を考えてみますと、日本において親鸞聖人ほど多くの人々を魅了し、人々の心を常に反映し続けてきたお方は中々ないように思います。今や世界各国で浄土真宗の開祖としてその名を知られているその理由の一つには、聖人の類まれな人柄にあります。徹底した自己反省から生まれた聖人の謙虚な人生態度が、多くの人々の信望と尊敬を集め、聖人のご生涯に深く共感しているのだと思います。親鸞聖人の有名なお言葉に「親鸞は弟子一人ももたずさうろう」とあります。宗祖という身でありながら、「弟子を一人も持たない」とおっしゃっておられるのですが、このお言葉は、当時の門弟達のある騒動をきっかけに発せられた真実のお言葉です。

当時、関東に残された門弟達が、入信してくる者を我が弟子、人の弟子という形で無意味に振り分けたり、私利私欲にまかせて、弟子を一人でも増やすための勢力争いに奔走したりと、弟子に対する強い執着心を深めていくうちに、遂には「師の下を離れて、他の人について念仏を称えるような者は絶対に浄土に往生できない」と本来の念仏の教えを曲げるようにまでなり、多くの同行達に不安と混乱を招きました。

この一連の騒動は、京都に帰られた親鸞聖人の耳に入り、仏教で一番慎まねばならない我執にとらわれた門弟達の邪まな考え方に肩を落とされました。そこで親鸞聖人は歎異抄の第六条で次のように述べられておられます。

「親鸞は一人の弟子も持っていません。なぜなら、私の方で人々に念仏を称えさせるようになったというのなら、私の弟子ということもできるが、阿弥陀仏のお導きによつて念仏を称えている人を私の弟子などというのは、全くとんでもない思い違いです。この世は全て縁によつて結ばれていますから、人も縁があれば共に歩み、逆に去らなければならぬ縁であれば、離れることも当然のことです。それなのに、「師に背き、他人について念仏するようでは浄土に往生することはできない」と言つことは、言語道断です。阿弥陀仏からいただいた信心を、自分が与えたかのように考え、取り返そうとでもいうのですか。こんなことは、あつてはならないことなのです」と、善知識として多くの同行を導かなくてはならない門弟達の弟子にくだわる醜い執着心をきつく戒められておられます。

親鸞聖人は、阿弥陀仏のはからいによって全ての者は念仏の教えに出遇い、念仏を称えさせていたたいのだから、念仏を慶ぶ者は全て、阿弥陀仏の弟子であつて、私達は決して弟子を持てるような立場でもなければ、身分でもないというのです。

親鸞聖人が在世の頃、聖人の教化を受けた数多くの門弟達は親鸞聖人を師と仰いでおりましたが、この「弟子一人ももたず」というお言葉から伺えてくるのは、我執にとらわれている自らの驕りの心を戒めて、謙虚な姿であつて、聖人自身はあくまで、自分を師と考へたこともなかったでしょうし、弟子を持ったという意識もなかったことと思います。自分は、どこまでいっても「仏弟子」であり、唯一、師と呼べるお方は、釈尊であり、阿弥陀仏だけだと受け止めておられました。ですから逆に、全ての者が仏の前では老若男女を問わない同じ仏弟子なのだといふ、その平等性を見出された親鸞聖人だからこそ、多くの人から師として慕われ、仰がれ続けてきたのだと思います。

このように、親鸞聖人は、多くの門弟達に慕われ、師と仰がれながらも、「弟子一人ももたず」と自らの心を戒めつつ、同じ仏弟子という立場で、多くの門弟と共に念仏の道を歩む「御同朋・御同行」の精神を大切にされました。

しかし親鸞聖人は、決して師を持つことを否定しているわけではありません。私達が人生を歩む上で、何をやるにしても、何を学ぶにしても師を持つということは必要なことであり、また、歩むべき道を示してくれる師を持つということは何よりも大切なことです。

親鸞聖人は、弟子はいないと言われておられますが、聖人自身は法然上人を善き師と仰いで一生涯を通して絶大な信頼をよせておられました。「たとえ、師に騙されて地獄に落ちたとしても、少しも後悔することは無い」とまで言い切られた聖人のお言葉からは、どれほど法然上人を敬愛し、敬慕されていたかが伺えます。

このように、どこまでも、自分は師を仰ぎながら、念仏を喜び、全ての者を仏弟子と敬い合う「御同朋・御同行」の精神を大切に受け継いでいくところに真の念仏者としての生き方があるのではないのでしょうか。

BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IN-PERSON REOPENING

In anticipation to establish the return to in-person religious gatherings, the temple will focus on Sunday, March 20, the observance of the Spring O Higan, as a target date to reopen.

The Board of Directors have approved the following protocols and procedures as recommended by the temple's Reopening Committee for the return of in-person services:

1. County of San Diego's COVID-19 trigger dashboard data for the following: Increasing Hospitalizations and Testing Positivity. Both metrics must be in the green category in order to return to in-person services. The reopening committee will monitor the numbers.
2. Vaccinations are strongly recommended for individuals who are eligible to receive one, but not required.
3. Reservations are necessary in advance of attending a service. This will aid in contact tracing if needed.
4. Capacity of the Hondo will be limited to 100 attendees.
5. Face coverings must be worn at all times inside the facilities, regardless of vaccination status. (Masks will be available for those who do not have one)
6. If you are experiencing symptoms of any type of illness, please do not attend the service. The health and safety of the entire Sangha is first and foremost.
7. Limited seating in the Hondo will be created for attendees who feel more comfortable with physical distancing. Sections for traditional open seating will also be allowed.
8. In-person services will also be livestreamed (see explanation in next column).

9. Hand sanitizers will be available throughout the facility, including the Hondo. The Hondo will be properly ventilated with open windows.

10. Dharma School classes will be conducted under their own guidance.

A livestream will be broadcast from the Hondo to allow viewers to join the service if they do not wish to attend in-person. Unlike Zoom, livestreaming is a one-way viewing platform with no interaction among participants. Example: Dharma School students who livestream a service will not be able to interact with classmates.

If the County of San Diego's COVID-19 trigger data for either of the two categories mentioned in section one moves in a negative direction, the in-person service will be canceled on the Friday prior to the event and will return to a Zoom or YouTube platform. All registered attendees will be notified.

Requirements for having in-person services will also apply to funerals and memorial services, as well as group activities in the Annex Hall.

The Reopening Committee continues to monitor the county's COVID-19 trigger dashboard numbers and is updating its protocols and procedures for a safe return to indoor religious gatherings and other activities. It is the efforts of the committee to ensure a safe and comfortable return for everyone.

Please contact a temple board member with any questions and concerns, and check the website for updates.

Thank you very much for your patience and understanding.

In Gassho,
BTSD Board of Directors

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Kampai! Temple New Year's Bento Order Form

Pick-up order: Sunday, April 10, 2022, 12:00noon, following the Hanamatsuri Service at the Buddhist Temple of San Diego

Bento Order/Payment due: Monday, March 21, 2022

Payment options: PayPal, credit card or check



Please submit orders online at the following link by Monday, March 21, 2022 <https://forms.gle/ZnK2pu4SDgpG1GPP7>

Make payment via PayPal.Me at the following link: https://paypal.me/buddhisttemplesd?locale.x=en_US or mail check to Buddhist Temple of San Diego, 2929 Market Street, San Diego, CA 92102. We can match your check up to the online order submitted. **PLEASE SELECT "SEND," NOT "REQUEST"**

Or send this completed form and payment to the "Buddhist Temple of San Diego, Attn: New Year Bento," 2929 Market St., San Diego, CA 92102. **Form and payment must be received by March 21, 2022.**

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Name _____ Date _____

Email Address _____ Phone #: _____

If we can dine at the temple, I would prefer ___ Indoor dining ___ Outdoor dining ___ Bento to-go

Ichiban Restaurant Bento

	Quantity (enter #)	Total
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular - \$25.00 *May contain beef, chicken, shrimp tempura futomaki, nimono, potato salad 	_____	\$_____
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vegetarian - \$25.00 *Vegetarian version of bento (No meat), may contain tofu, vegetable tempura, futomaki, nimono, potato salad 	_____	\$_____
Total order		\$_____

***Exact items subject to change**

If you prefer that we manually run your credit or debit card, please complete this authorization form.

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

Billing Address: _____ ZIP _____

Payor's Authorized Signature Required _____