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Valuing

Rev. Jundo Gregory Gibbs



Last month I spoke to you about valuing gentleness. It is important to value gentleness, kindness, ... fundamental decency. It is important to, ... value. What do you truly value? I am sure you value your friends and family. I suspect you value your participation at the Buddhist Temple of San Diego. I suspect you value the Buddha-dharma, quite highly. What, within the teachings we call Dharma, do you value most highly?

The Jodo Shinshu path is a mature Buddhist approach to living. We encounter Truth and Goodness in the Nembutsu, and in the Buddha-dharma more generally speaking. This inspires us to live well, despite our recognizing that we are not, each of us, at all times, extraordinary people. Some of you may be, but I am not extraordinarily intelligent or insightful. So you don't want to take refuge in me, you want to take refuge in the Dharma.

In Nishi Hongwanji there has been a long discussion

about excessive reliance on the teacher. One can learn the Dharma without a teacher, with a competent teacher, or with a marginally informed party who teaches the Buddha-dharma. The first teacher I had for yoga, Hinduism and Buddhism, was alcoholic (Robert Elder). The second was an undertrained lightweight (Elton Hall), yet I learned a thing or two from them. The third person I studied the Dharma with was Rev. Carol Himaka, who was well-trained, insightful and helpful.

The first teacher I had for the Buddha-dharma was highly unreliable, the second superficial but the third, and then a dozen or so teachers since then have been quite helpful in my walking this path of Light. Value everyone who helps you. Do not over-value teachers of the Dharma. Most of us have something to offer, but we all have limitations and quirks. Value the Dharma above the teacher of the Dharma. Value biological life, which is the source for all this, good and bad, Dharmic and not; - above all. Value. That's what we have to offer. Human beings come to this life and are capable of - appreciation, positive evaluation, thankfulness; valuing. I value your support of me and of the Buddha-dharma. Thank you for reading this in the Bussei Script. Be well!

MEMORIAL WEEKEND ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

After nearly a two-year absence, in-person Memorial Day weekend activities will return.

On Saturday, May 28, Rev. Laverne Imori will conduct the Imperial Valley cemetery services at Calexico at 9 a.m., El Centro at 10:30 a.m. and Brawley at 11:30 a.m. If you wish to travel and participate in the services, contact Ralph Honda at rk honda205@gmail.com or the temple.

Rev. Maribeth Smith will conduct a memorial service at Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery in Point Loma on Sunday, May 29. Check with the temple on the time and location of the service.

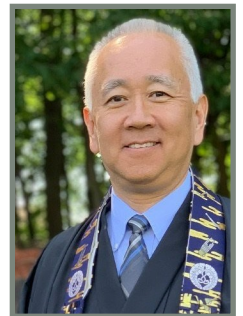
The temple will host the community interfaith memorial service on Monday, May 30 at Mt. Hope Cemetery along with the Pioneer Ocean View United Church of Christ and San Diego Japanese Christian Church. The Sangha is invited to attend the gathering that begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Japanese section next to the Japanese American Veterans Memorial and flagpole. Rev. Laverne will serve as the host minister.

Rev. Laverne will officiate the temple's memorial service at Cypress View Mausoleum and Mortuary at 11:30 a.m.

The Sangha is encouraged to participate in all of the Memorial weekend activities and to pause in a moment of reflection honoring deceased loved ones and military personnel who served our country

Rev. Dr. Todd Tsuchiya Gotan-e Guest Speaker on May 15 Commemorating the birth of Shinran Shonin

Rev. Dr. Todd Tsuchiya is a Tokudo Minister's Assistant for the Twin Cities Buddhist Association (TCBA) Sangha. He is a sansei (third generation Japanese-American), born and raised in Minneapolis, and a life-long member of the TCBA. Rev. Todd studied Economics and Dentistry at University of Minnesota – Twin Cities, where he received his DDS degree in 1987. He practiced dentistry in the Twin Cities area for 27 years at Bassett Creek Dental, retiring in 2017. Rev. Todd received tokudo ordination in 2019 and graduated from the Institute of Buddhist Studies in 2020 with a Master of Divinity degree. Tsuchiya Sensei is a founding and current member of Kogen Taiko, where he both drums and plays the shinobue (transverse bamboo flute). Rev. Tsuchiya's message will be pre-recorded.



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MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Mother's Day/Shotsuki Hoyo service, May 8, and Gotan-E observance of Shinran Shonin's birth, May 15, will be offered as hybrid services. Guests will have the option to attend in-person or follow the services online on the temple's YouTube livestream video. Reservations are required for in-person services. Seating capacity for the hondo is limited to 100 and mask-wearing is required. Please contact the temple to secure a reservation. In the event of a change due to COVID-19 conditions, in-person services will be re-evaluated.

Non-religious activities will continue to be offered in-person and virtually on the temple's Zoom (Z) and YouTube (YT) channel platforms.

- 1 - Dharma talk, YT video pre-recorded, DS Staff meeting, 9 am, Z, Dharma School service, 10 am, Z, BWA meeting, 10:30 a.m., Z; Taiko practice, 12:30 pm, Annex Hall
- 4 - Taiko practice, 6:45 pm, AH, Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm, Z
- 5 - Tai Chi, 10 am, AH
- 7 - Sutra chanting, 1 pm, Z
- 8 - Mother's Day breakfast, 8:30 am, AH, **Family/Shotsuki Hoyo service**, 10 am, hybrid: in-person and YT livestream video, Jr. YBA meeting, 11:30 am, AH, Taiko, 12:30 pm, AH
- 9 - Ways & Means meeting, 7 pm, Z
- 11 - Taiko practice, 6:45 pm, AH, Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm, Z
- 12 - Tai Chi, 10 am, AH, Board of Directors meeting, 7 pm Z
- 13 - Southern District Council meeting, 7 pm, Z
- 14 - Sutra chanting, 1 pm, Z, Book Club, 2 pm, Z
- 15 - **GOTAN-E**, 10 am, hybrid: in-person and YT livestream video; Guest speaker: Rev. Dr. Todd Tsuchiya, MA, Twin-Cities Buddhist Sangha, pre-recorded message.
- 18 - Taiko practice, 6:45 pm, AH, Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm, Z
- 19 - Tai Chi, 10 am, AH
- 21 - Southern District Dharma School Teachers' Mini Workshop, 10 a.m. Z (host: BTSD); Sutra chanting, 1 pm, Z
- 22 - Dharma message, YT: pre-recorded, Intro to Buddhism, 9 am, Z, DS service, 10 am, Z, Taiko practice, 12:30 pm, AH
- 25 - Kaiho mailing, 9:30 am, DR, Taiko practice, 6:45 pm, AH, Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm, Z
- 26 - Tai Chi, 10 am, AH
- 27-29 - DS camping at Paso Picacho campgrounds, Cuyamaca Rancho State Park
- 28 - Imperial Valley Cemetery services: Calexico, 9 am; El Centro, 10:30 am; Brawley, 11:30 am, Sutra chanting, 1 pm, Z
- 29 - Dharma message, YT: pre-recorded, Ft. Rosecrans Cemetery service, 11 a.m., Taiko practice, 12:30 pm, AH
- 30 - Community Interfaith service Mt. Hope Cemetery, 9:30 am, Memorial service at Cypress View Mortuary, 11:30 am.

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 NEWS

April started with the in-person Hanamatsuri service and the Temple New Year Party including a bento lunch and celebratory dessert. Both were nice events and well attended. All of the New Year Party guests sat indoors around spaced out round tables keeping safety in mind. During lunch we were treated to slide show of events from members during the past couple of years of the pandemic. As lunch was being finished up, our own Taiko Group treated us to a thunderous performance. To end the party, attendees were able to take the beautiful orchids, carnations and other flowers used in the Hanamatsuri service to enjoy at home!

Bazaar 2022 is back!! The committee is busy planning bazaar '22 scheduled for June 5th. We plan to have all of your favorite foods, games, drawing and entertainment! The drawing tickets are available at the temple office, any remaining tickets will be mailed out. Please see the flier on page 8.

Also coming up in June '22; the second Panda Express Fund Raiser on the 17th; Temple Golf Tournament is the 26th registration is open now for all players, you do not need to have your own foursome to play. Other events down the road are the Temple Obon in July, and the "mini" rummage sale in August.

In Gassho, Activities Committee



HAPPY
MOTHER'S
DAY

Don't miss the Mother's Day
Breakfast on May 8th

TEMPLE GOLF TOURNAMENT IS SET FOR JUNE 26

The 26th Annual BTSD Golf Tournament will take place on Sunday, June 26 at Riverwalk Golf Club in Mission Valley.

Up to 60 players will take part in the four-person scramble, bringing together local and out of town golfers.

Registration fee is \$125 which includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart, practice range balls, coffee & donuts, post-tournament luncheon and rekindling of friendships. Interested golfers are encouraged to fill out the registration form by contacting the temple or downloading the form found on the temple's website. Registration deadline is June 7.

Non-golfers are encouraged to participate in the tournament by considering an in-kind or monetary donation. In-kind gifts may be in the form of a gift cards or merchandise. Donations will be received up until June 24.

Net proceeds will benefit the temple's numerous activities.

This year's tournament co-chairs are Ralph Honda, Rich Kaneko and Ron Yagura.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By LuAnn Lee, Board President

As the Temple opened up in March for Ohigan and then again in April for Hanamatsuri with guest speaker Blayne Higa from Hawaii (live streamed) we even had a New Year party, there

was a lot of prep and trying to remember what we did two years ago. Appreciation goes to Ann Ong and Glenn Torio for heading up the party and to all those that helped out with set up, serving tea, passing out bento's and to folks that cleaned up. Thank you to Taiko for providing the entertainment and to Ruth Voorhies for giving the toast even if it was after lunch. Year of the Tiger is off to a good start thanks to our Sangha and friends.

Even though the service was on a smaller scale, it was nice to sit in the Hondo at Hanamatsuri to hear the birds chirping outside and to see all the beautiful orchids donated by the Morinaka family and the Hanamido decorated with carnations thanks to the Dharma school students, staff and friends.

We appreciate Sensei Smitty, Sensei Laverne and the Ministerial Assistants for planning and delivering such wonderful Dharma messages. Also, thanks to all the lay people that have stepped up to give meaningful talks as well.

On April 16th, four of us attended San Fernando's 100th Anniversary. I along with Sensei Laverne, Roy and Karen Okuhara enjoyed the festivities and came back with some good ideas as we start planning our 100th Anniversary in 2026. The celebration started out with a special service featuring guest speaker Bishop Harada at the San Fernando Hongwanji Buddhist Temple followed by the group photo taken by long time Toyo Miyatake Studios. Then it was onward to a luncheon at a nearby venue where they honored Reverend Patti Usuki's retirement. The program included singing by their choir and a video that brought people to tears. They stressed that we remember and honor the founding members that had the vision to build a place to gather, listen to the Dharma and socialize among family and friends. We look forward to remembering those that made San Diego a place that has lasted almost 100 years and we make the commitment to find ways to be here for at least another one hundred years and beyond.

We are very excited to have the First Women BCA President come from San Diego. Terri Omori, a member at Vista Buddhist Temple grew up in the Clairemont and Serra Mesa areas where her Mom, Brother and family still live. Thank you to Terri for taking time out of her busy schedule to attend our last Board meeting. She shared her thoughts on her goals as a representative of the BCA and to attend as many other BCA Board meetings. She also opened up the meeting with a question and answer session. We know she will do a great job and know everyone will support her.

As we get into the spring and summer months, we hope you will think about volunteering for our Bazaar on Sunday, June 5

and other events in August. Be on the lookout for the sign up sheets.

We give gratitude to you all for your support and patience and look forward to seeing you soon.

In Gassho, LuAnn Lee

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors met on April 14, 2022

1. Condolences to the family of the late Mrs. Joyce M. Terao, Mrs. Terao, mother of Mrs. Karen Akahoshi, passed away on April 5th at the age of 102. Koden will be sent from the temple.
2. Condolences to the family of the late Mrs. Asako Morinaka. Mrs. Morinaka passed away on April 10th at the age of 103.
3. Newly elected BCA Board of Directors President Teri Omori was the special guest for the meeting. President Omori shared her goals for her term of President as improving communication between the BCA and the member temples and increasing membership by sharing the strengths of Jodo Shin Shu.
4. The Board approved funds for the purchase of software needed for Treasurer and Membership functions.
5. The installation of light fixtures to illuminate the 29th Street side yard and sidewalk was approved.
6. Funds needed for registration for and compliance with the AB 506 law were approved. A committee is working on a temple policy.
7. All affiliated organizations and standing committees provided updates on their activities.

BWA NEWS

Asako Morinaka was a dedicated member of the Buddhist Temple of San Diego and the Buddhist Women's Association.

Each year during Hanamatsuri, she and her family donated beautiful orchids that decorated the entire temple. Through its exquisite beauty, the flowers reminded us of the significance of the Hanamatsuri service and Buddha's birthday. She had been donating these orchids as a request that her husband had made before he passed away.

Asako was born in Sedgwick, Colorado in a farming town called Ovid where her family grew sugar beets. In this town, a small Japanese community existed and each month, Tamae Sensei from the Denver Betsuin would come to preside over services for the community of Buddhist families.

During the war, she married and in 1945 she gave birth to her first son. In 1947 and 1949, she gave birth to two more sons. In 1949, she and her family moved to San Diego where her husband worked on the tuna boats as a fisherman. He did this for a while but because the fishing industry in San Diego was diminishing, he eventually decided to get into gardening and began growing orchids in 1957.

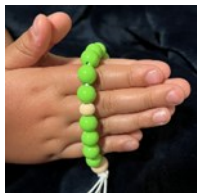
During this time, Asako also had developed her own business and operated a neighborhood beauty shop which she did for the next 40 years! She continued to work until she finally retired at the young age of 82! (Cont. Next Page)

(BWA continued)

Remarkably optimistic and healthy during the pandemic, Asako, over 103, continued to be involved in BWA, attending the monthly Zoom meetings. With the help of her son, Ron, she continued to provide these beautiful orchids for our Hanamatsuri services which were also delivered to the elder members of the Temple during the pandemic. They were a beautiful memory of her presence and of her remarkable life. Namo Amida Butsu

DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

Dharma School students and staff have been busy! A huge thank you to one of our primary Dharma School teachers, Leslie Seymour, for teaching students how to make their own Onenju and to a high school teacher, Sharon Sasaki, for teaching students the significance of their Onenju.



Students also had fun making a den den daiko pellet drum at our last in-person class. Thank you to Nancy Martinez for coordinating this special project!



We had a wonderful time decorating the Hanamido for Hanamatsuri this year! It was great to see some of the Dharma School students and Sangha members who came out to help. We would like to thank Paulina and Andrea Covarrubias, Katie Hysons, Juliana and Jaden Kruse, Breven Honda, Junko Kajita, Kimberly Kruse, Karen and Roy Okuhara, Jamie Shimizu, Lorena Covarrubias, Hiroko Hysons, Norman Kiyono, Shirley Omori, Kaytee Sumida, Yukari Williams, and Sue Yamasaki for decorating the Hanamido and making floral arrangements. Everyone did an awesome job! Thank you to Breven Honda, Hiroko and Katie Hysons, Norman Kiyono, and Kaytee Sumida for your floral donations. Thank you to our Dharma School supporters for your monetary donations. Thank you to Gregg Yonekura for making the sweet tea and to Avis Honda for coordinating this special project!



Buddhist Education in May

Bill Teague, BEC Chair

Our Shin Buddhist tradition is a beautiful and broad gate for people coming to the Buddhist tradition. Created specifically for everyday people centuries back, with roots in India, China, and Japan, it is a wise and compassionate tradition accepting us, just as we are.

For those of us who like to continue to deepen our understanding of the Dharma, or who are just getting started and looking for information, the Temple now has many ongoing programs to meet your needs.

Buddhism Zero

For those who feel they have questions and may not know even how or who to ask, we offer Buddhism Zero. Hosted by one of our Ministerial Assistants (MAs) and may include other Temple members, twice a month as follows:

Second Sunday Evening Sessions at 6 p.m.

Fourth Saturday Morning Sessions at 10 a.m.

Find the Zoom login information on our website at <https://www.buddhisttemplesandiego.org/buddhism-zero> or email the Temple for the links.

Introduction to Buddhism, aka Buddhism 101

This is a one-hour class at 9 a.m. During the Pandemic we will hold it at the Temple *IF followed by an onsite service*. Hosted by MA Kaytee Sumida or another MA, it provides a sketch of the history of Buddhism, our Temple, and Temple Etiquette. In May, **Intro to Buddhism will be held on Zoom on May 21** to avoid conflicts with the Memorial Day Weekend. We will post more information on the BTSD website soon.

Buddhism 1-2-3

Most Wednesday nights we have our open discussion class, including the 1-2-3 of Meditation, Chanting, and Dharma. Currently on Zoom, sessions are led by MAs or seasoned Temple Members and start at 7 p.m., ending by 8:30 p.m. For more information on any of these programs, email me at btcomms@cox.net, or the Temple.

2022-2023 Academic Scholarship Applications

Scholarships Available for Temple Scholars

It's already that time of year! The Temple is offering two types of scholarships to applicants who are children or grandchildren of Temple members, or dues-paying members themselves.

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

For students entering college: The Ben Honda Memorial Graduating High School Graduate Scholarship is a one-page online form.

For students beyond freshman year: The Tetsuyo Kashima Memorial Continuing Education Scholarship application includes a one-page online form and an informal essay requirement.

How: Once forms are available, they can be emailed by a committee member upon request and will also be posted on the Temple's website. The Scholarship Committee will also be contacting likely candidates among the Sangha.

More information to come: Please be on the lookout in next month's newsletter for additional information.

DONATIONS

We are grateful for the recent donations to the Temple and its affiliated organizations. "IMO" means "In memory of." For a correction, please inform our secretary at (619) 239-0896 or info@btsd.net. For donations for upcoming services, they will be listed in the month of that service. The donation list is through April 25.

BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Armitstead, Donna - 1 yr. serv.
IMO Sayoko Tomiyama
Furuya, George Jr. - 1 yr. serv.
IMO Sayoko Tomiyama
Shimono, Carol & Mel - 1 yr.
IMO Sayoko Tomiyama
Hashiguchi, Tsuneko & John
IMO Miyo Hill
Estes, Carol
IMO Jeanne Inouye
Tomiyama Family - 1 yr. serv.
IMO Sayoko Tomiyama
Uyeji, Masako
IMO Magotsugu "Kottie"
Uyeji
Morinaka, Ron
Morinaka Family
Sasaki, Sharon
Jensen, Richard
Williams, Yukari - toward
Membership
Honda, Ralph & Avis -
Ukrainian Relief
Dirks, Harry J, Ph.D.
IMO Ryan
Voorhies, Ruth
IMO Masato Bruce Asakawa
Yamaguchi, Sanae
Doami, Koko - In honor of
Mikiye Honda
Mori, Laverne
Ryan, Mani

BAZAAR DONATION

Martinez, Isaac T.

DHARMA SCHOOL

Ring, Linda
Kawasaki, Mildred & Trace
Yamamoto, June
Kawamoto, David H.
Tanizaki, Gary
Smith, Maribeth "Smitty"
Umekubo, Lisa
Kajita, Timothy & Junko
Kuwada, Howard K. & Kaneko

FLORAL OFFERING

Ring, Linda
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Kawamoto, David H.
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Umekubo, Lisa
Kajita, Timothy & Junko
Kuwada, Howard K. & Kaneko
Honda, Mikiye

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GOLF TOURNAMENT

Kaneko, Richard
Masumoto, Chiyoko
Iwashita, Setsuo & Jan -
Beverage Cart Sponsor
Yonekura, Susan -
Hole Sponsor

GOTAN E

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

HANAMATSURI SERVICE

Hill, Edwin
Hidinger, Holly
Hashiguchi, Tsuneko & John
Estes, Toshiye
Yamamoto, Jane
Tanaka, Kelvin & Lara
Jones, Mikako & Morton
Omori, Shirley &
Efton Woodford

Otsuji, Dennis
Suyenaga, Irene
Nogata, Yuriko
Voorhies, Ruth
Himaka, Michio & Naomi
Yonekura, Gregg
Negoro, Glenn
Kawamoto, Mitsuko
Honda, Mikiye
Kajita, Timothy & Junko
Kashima, Jeanie
Nakatani, Nancy & Fred
Nakamura, Jake K. & Patty
Ong, Mike & Ann
Aoyama, K. Alice
Shigehara, Wilbur & Janice
Driscoll, Christine
Kuwada, Howard K. & Kaneko
Monji, Yoshiko
Okuhara, Karen & Roy
Sumida, Floyd & Kaytee
Yamanishi, Miyoko
Graeber, Kiku
Hagio, Quimico
Ogasawara, Michiko

Hendrix, Hiroko
Masumoto, Chiyoko
Yamada, Patrick
Kida, Katsumi
Kasubuchi, Naoye
Sugiyama, Yukiko
Torio, Betty
Honda, Ralph & Avis

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Graeber, Kiku

MAP (Ministers Assist.)

Kajita, Timothy & Junko
Kuwada, Howard K. & Kaneko
Honda, Mikiye

MEMBERSHIP

Negoro, Glenn
Rubio-Torres, Arturo
Seymour, Leslie
Ring, Linda
Ochi, K Kay
Moribe, Susan
Maruyama, Karly
Kaneshiro, Gale
Kaneko, Wendy
Bradford, Qamar A.
Kawamoto, David H.
Smith, Maribeth "Smitty"
Goor, Jackie
Yokotobi, Fusako
Tanaka, Kelvin & Lara
Williams, Yukari
Kawasaki, Mildred & Trace
Amano, Takeko
Monji, Yoshiko
Umekubo, Lisa
Williams, Yukari
Kajita, Timothy & Junko
Kuwada, Howard K. & Kaneko
Sumida-Johnson, Ann & Ted
Fuchigami, Lynn S. & Stephen

OHIGAN

Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen
Tomiyama, Aki
Teague, Joyce & Bill
Yamanishi, Alan
Tanaka, Kelvin & Lara
Suyenaga, Irene
Nogata, Yuriko
Otsuji, Dennis & Elaine
Jones, Mikako & Morton
Honda, Mikiye
Shigehara, Wilbur & Janice
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Kawasaki, Mildred & Trace
Oyama, Garrick
Kida, Katsumi

Yamanishi, Miyoko
Hendrix, Hiroko
Kuwada, Howard K. & Kaneko
Gladsjo, Julie
Tsuji, Masako
Okuhara, Roy & Karen
Sumida, Floyd & Kaytee
Kawamoto, Mitsuko
Ong, Mike & Ann
Cheeks Family
Voorhies, Ruth
Morikawa, Kazuhiko
Aoyama, K. Alice
Masumoto, Chiyoko
Ogasawara, Michiko
Nakamura, Jake & Patty
Shigeoka, Blanche
Kajita, Junko & Tim
Kashima, Jeanie

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Ring, Linda
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Smith, Maribeth "Smitty"
Tomiyama, Aki
Tomiyama, Alan
Umekubo, Lisa
McDonald, Marianne
Kajita, Timothy & Junko
Kuwada, Howard K. & Kaneko

SHOTSUKI HOYO

Pang, Valerie - 5-19-1991
IMO Carl M. Ooka
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen
Honda, Mikiye - April
Driscoll, Christine
IMO Susumu Yagi - March
Graeber, Kiku
IMO Masao Santohigashi
Takashima, Wilbur
IMO Yoshiko Takashima
IMO Setsugo Taniguchi
IMO Kikuko Takashima
IMO Benso Tsuji
Kida, Katsumi - April
Nakatani, Nancy
IMO Yoshiko &
Susumu Kawato
Kasubuchi, Naoye - April
IMO Kuzo Sugiyama
IMO Saburo Sugiyama
IMO James Kasubuchi
IMO Shizuko Kasubuchi
Fuchigami, Lynn & Stephen
IMO Sets Himaka
Torio, Betty - April



MAY SHOTSUKI LIST

This month's memorial service will be offered as an in-person/hybrid on Sunday, May 8 at 10:00 a.m. Families and friends of anyone who passed away in May 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 access to the internet, burn incense at your home O Butsudan and Gassho in memory of your deceased loved one. If you find an error, wish to add a name to the list, make a reservation to attend 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

Mrs. Joyce Terao ~ April 5, 2022

Mrs. Alyce Asako Morinaka ~ April 10, 2022

DECEASED

FAMILY MEMBER

Mary Koba (5-17-1939).....	Duane Koba
Nasuemon Ishizuka (5-26-1942).....	Tachiki Family
Tsuneko Masumoto (5-13-1948).....	Bert Masumoto
Kumataro Kimura (5-30-1949).....	Ochi Family
Jirosuke Nishiuye (5-27-1953).....	Nishiuye Family
Yasukichi Fujimoto (5-16-1956).....	Fujimoto Family
Gohei Tomiyama (5-15-1958).....	Tomiyama Family
Fujiye Oya (5-18-1958).....	Oya Family
Kisaemon Kato (5-18-1964).....	Dennis Otsuji
Yoshimatsu Yagura (5-24-1966).....	Yagura Family
Richard Eejima Jr. (5-31-1969).....	Eejima Family
Osamu Amano (5-19-1970).....	Mikiye Honda
Moritaka Tsuneyoshi (5-29-1971).....	Miki Tsuneyoshi
Yoshi Morimoto (5-31-1971).....	Morimoto Family
Asao Tanaka (5-18-1972).....	Tanaka Family
Hiroshi Mayumi (5-6-1973).....	Mayumi Family
Tamiko Mamiya (5-10-1973).....	Kawamoto Family
Seiko Fujimoto (5-20-1973).....	Fujimoto Family
Shoichi Hamatake (5-17-1974).....	Masako Prestidge
Magotaro Adachi (5-6-1975).....	Yoshioka Family
Tsume Takashima (5-14-1976).....	Wilbur Takashima
Rev. Gikan Nishinaga (5-2-1978).....	Mani Ryan
Mitsuko Iguchi (5-7-1978).....	Iguchi Family
Hatsuko Miyamoto (5-15-1979).....	Fumiko Miyamoto
Shizuye Saito (5-2-1981).....	Saito Family
Kakuye Yamada (5-11-1981).....	Yamada Family
Hisayo Fujimoto (5-29-1982).....	Fujimoto Family
Kuni Higuchi (5-8-1989).....	Yasuko Higuchi
Carl M. Ooka (5-19-1991).....	Valerie & Gerald Pang
Carol James (5- -).....	Etsuko Smith
Hiroko Kitada (5-17-1992).....	Yoshitsugu Kitada
Hisashi Ozaki (5-14-1993).....	Ozaki Family
Shizue Koba (5-15-1994).....	Duane Koba
Morizo Fujimoto (5-30-1994).....	Fujimoto Family
Kazu L. Scott (5-15-1996).....	Lee Scott
Momoyo Amano (5-6-1998).....	Mikiye Honda

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FAMILY MEMBER

Yoshio Koike (5-25-1999).....	Kikuko Koike
James Yamaguchi (5-25-1999).....	Fusako Yamaguchi
Ichiye Ochi (5-28-1999).....	Ochi Family
Agnes Masae Kishi (5-9-2000).....	Masao Kishi
Harumi Hokanson (5-9-2001).....	Raymond Hokanson
Mikazu Kaminaka (5-10-2001).....	Kaminaka Family
Paul Yoshimasa Naitoh (5-1-2002).....	Masako Naitoh
Yukie Yagade (5-8-2002).....	Steven Yagade
Roy Morinaka (5-11-2002).....	Barry Morinaka
Tamiko Iwashita (5-13-2002).....	Iwashita Family
George Higuchi (5-25-2002).....	Yasuko Higuchi
Noboru Yamamoto (5-31-2002).....	Yamamoto Family
Sanae Gutzman (5-8-2003).....	Gutzman Family
Matsue Ishino (5-9-2003).....	Hiroko Ishino
Jane Akemi Obayashi (5-19-2003).....	Glenn Obayashi
Katsumi Takashima (5-3-2005).....	Wilbur Takashima
Donald Hamilton Estes (5-7-2005).....	Carol Estes
Misao Nakagawa Moriyama (5-2-2006).....	Moriyama Family
Masako Falk (5-27-2006).....	James F. Falk
Horace Shigeto Koga (5-10-2007).....	Katsuko Koga
Tiffany Wadzinski (5-19-2008).....	Mellissa Wadzinski
Phoebe Wadzinski (5-19-2008).....	Mellissa Wadzinski
John Ernest Benson (5-20-2010).....	Agnes Benson
Chonja Lee Haruko Bolick (5-8-2011).....	Jack Tetsuo Bolick
George Masato Uda (5-11-2001).....	Georgiana Uda
Arlene Shizue Hirata (5-4-2012).....	Jason Hirata
William Perkinson Jr. (5-6-2014).....	Michiko Perkinson
George Yada (5-18-2014).....	Shinzo Yada
Setsuko Yada (5-18-2014).....	Miyoko Hashiguchi
Jane Kozuye Yagade (5-23-2014).....	Steven Yagade
Peggy Fumiko Tsurudome (5-26-2014).....	Carly Tsurudome
Kuniko Denton (5-27-2014).....	Charles Denton
Leora Chiyeko Hamada (5-2-2016).....	Gary Hamada
Frederick Ichiro Tsuji (5-7-2016).....	Masako Tsuji
Steve Tomiyama (5-7-2021).....	Aki Tomiyama

MEMORIAL SERVICES

MEMORIAL SERVICES allow us to pay homage to loved ones who have passed away. In our Jodo Shinshu tradition, family members hold a service at certain intervals following a relative's death to express gratitude and acknowledge their continued influence in our lives. Check on memorial services for a loved one by calling during weekly office hours.

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	1971

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」 二〇二二年五月法話

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一 非暴力への願い

駐在開教使 向嶋裕史

先の三月に開かれたアカデミー賞授賞式のある騒動が大変話題になっています。それは授賞式の際、ステージ上でプレゼンターを務めていたクリス・ロック氏に対してウィル・スミス氏が平手打ちをするというもので、この前代未聞の出来事は全世界に大きな衝撃を与えました。事の発端は、ロック氏がスミスの妻であるジェイダ夫人の脱毛症を揶揄う発言にあったのですが、権威あるアカデミー賞授賞式の歴史にこのような汚点を残してしまったことは残念でなりません。

そして、この事件をきっかけに世界中でどちらが悪いかという激しい議論が交わされています。「相手の大切な人を公共の面前で侮辱した方が悪い」という意見と「何があったとしても暴力に訴えた方が悪い」という意見に分かれています。どちらにも非があったことは否めませんが、差別や暴力が深刻な社会問題として扱われているアメリカ社会において、怒りに任せて暴力を働いてしまったスミスの行動には世間からの風当たりが強くなることは当然のことだと思えます。しかし、それと同様、言葉の暴力も決して見過ごしてはなりません。ロック氏の発言は、ジェイダ夫人の脱毛症を揶揄したものであり、女性にとって髪を失うことのつらさを考えれば到底受け入れ難いものです。また世界中で脱毛症で苦しんでいる人も多く、子供達も決して少なくないと聞きます。その人達もこの発言を聞いて、自分のことのように傷ついたことだと思えます。

言葉は私達が生きていくうえで欠かせない大きな役割を果たします。言葉ほど人の心に深く響くものはありません。例えば、ある言葉で人は幸せになり、喜び癒されます。人を泣かせたり、悲しませたり、怒らせる言葉もあります。更には、ある言葉で人を自殺に追い込むことさえあります。それほど言葉というのは人の心に大きな影響を与えるものなのです。

日本では「言葉は刃物」だと言われています。人とコミニケーションをとることのできる言葉は大変便利で生きていくうえで欠かせないものですが、言葉の使い方を間違えてしまうと刃物のように人を傷つけてしまう恐れがあります。それ故、刃物を扱う時と同じように、言葉には十分気を付けてはならないのです。

たとえ自分の発した言葉が悪気もなく冗談だったとしても、言われた相手が傷つければ冗談では済まされません。いじめの大半は、いじめた側は相手を揶揄ったことを冗談で済ますことが多く、何を言ったかも忘れてしまいがちですが、いじめられた方は相手の心ない言葉に心は傷つき、身体的暴力と同じようにトラウマとなつて苦しみます。現在、LGBTQやある特定の人種に対する差別的発言が大きな社会問題になっているように、刃物という言葉が、相手の尊敬や価値を否定し、相手の心の奥底まで傷つけるのです。

今回のロック氏はジェイダ氏の病気を知らないで発言したので悪くはないという意見も耳にします。昔、大学の授業で先生から「仏教では、悪いと分かっているがする悪いことと、知らずにする悪いこととどちらが罪が重いと思うか」という質問をされたことがあります。私は、悪いと知ってしているの方がより悪いことだと思っていました。その答えは逆でした。確かに悪いと分かっているながら行うの方が刑罰や道義上の責任は重いかも知れません。しかし、悪いと分かっているが、悪いことをしたという意識が少なからずどこに残っています。それは結果的に後悔や反省の心を促すきっかけとなります。しかし、自分が知らないでしてしまった悪いことには、悪いことをしたという意識がないため、反省することもなければ、謝ることもできません。悪い行為を自覚できていないことほど恐ろしいことはありません。ですから仏教では、無知ということが如何に重い罪であるかということも教えています。

スミス氏は誰もが認める偉大な俳優であるだけに、彼がとった軽率な行動に多くの人が失望しました。ロック氏の発言に抗議する方法は暴力以外にあってははず。怒りの感情によって自分を見失ってしまったスミス氏の行動は非常に残念であり、悲しいものでした。

ティク・ナット・ハン師の教えの中に、「誰かが自分の家に火をつけたら、最初にすべきことはその火を真つ先に消すことだ」とあります。これは、今回のスミス氏のように、相手の言動が感情を害したからといって、怒りに任せて暴力を振るうことは、家に燃え盛る火を消すのを忘れて放火魔を追いかけているのと同じぐらい愚かな行為だということを教えています。怒りの炎で大切なものを失うようなことがあってはいけません。

また、相手の病気に對するロック氏の軽率な発言は、たとえ冗談であつたとしても罪深い行為であるということも皆で認識することが大切です。身体的暴力だけではなく、言葉も使い方次第で他人を傷つける凶器にもなり、自身の人格や尊敬を傷つける結果を招いてしまうことを私達は学ばなくてはなりません。

この度の騒動は、映画界の最高峰であるアカデミー賞授賞式を通じて、スミス氏とロック氏が私達に、暴力根絶について今一度考えざるを得ない機会を与えてくれました。そう考えると、仏教が教える非暴力の大切さを気づかせるために、お二人が教えてくれたような難しい役を演じて下さった尊い菩薩さま(権化の仁)であつたことだかすにはいられません。

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JR YBA NEWS

April has been a very busy month for our very busy Jr YBA! On April 2, members attended the Southern District's Jr YBA Basketball event, and everyone had a great time playing games. Members also participated in the Jr YBA Leadership Summit, held on April 16, where strategies to continue to engage our organizations were shared. Lastly, on April 23, our Jrs attended Seminar 2. Although each of these events were held virtually, it was joyful seeing familiar faces and sharing and learning about the teachings of the Buddha. Looking forward to seeing you at the temple for our **Mother's Day breakfast** on Sunday, May 8. Breakfast will be miso soup, eggs, sausage, rice, fruit, and a beverage, and will be served beginning at 8:30 am – 9:45 am. Pay at the door, mothers are free, all others are \$7.



SCRIP NEWS

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

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