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Becoming

Rev. Jundo Gregory Gibbs



It is September and we are gearing back up a bit at the Buddhist Temple of San Diego. We hope to continue to have progressively more events open to the public. We appreciate those of you who came out for our Obon and Hatsubon commemorations on July 31st. We were a bit attenuated compared to what Obon celebration was like several years ago. Nonetheless, it was a great day and we are back. The Bussei Script is a place where we engage with the public, but not in person. In last month's issue I discussed what it might mean to be all persons, to become all things. This month I simply want to look at what it means to become.

Reality is matter in motion, yet we tend to attach to things and not the motion, not processes. Baseball is a process and we see it as such. A baseball bat is a thing. However, that thing is produced by physical forces bearing on particles in motion. Things as we know them, ourselves included, are the patterns that matter in motion presents to us. Those patterns can be repeated. A person can be resumed in a fu-

ture life. Those patterns can change. We don't have fixed natures or unchanging souls. We can become nicer, more insightful, more patient. Those patterns, just exactly as they are, must end one day. All this was clarified for us by the Buddha long ago.

We are always moving, so let's make sure that the direction we are going is forward. Let's make sure that we take as many friends and acquaintances along ; as ours is a wholesome and nurturing destination. Our motion is not random, we are on our way somewhere, somewhere very nice. When we pull into the station in Amida Buddha's Pure Land we will find all dreams coming true. That too will be a process, as best as we can imaging it. We become Buddha's immediately but our careers as liberators of others and joyous players in the multiverse are just starting.

Sometimes I think we need to get over the idea of having it made. "Having it made" is static and of little value to others. The process of liberating others never ends and we may expect a really great ride. We will more and more become who we need to be while helping others to become better versions of themselves. This is what becoming means to a Buddhist in the Pure Land stream of Mahayana tradition.

Thank you, Bon Odori Instructors

Thank you to our dedicated Bon Odori instructors Avis Honda, Breven Honda, Eugene Hotta, Maya Hotta, Junko Kajita, Kimberly Kruse, Sue Moribe, Shirley Omori, and Jamie Shimizu. We met in May to get information about the new Southern District dances for the year, adding on our BTSD favorites to finalize our list of 18 dances. Following hours of practicing and learning the new dances ourselves, we were ready to teach them to the Sangha. After 6 sessions of practicing at the Temple, it was extremely gratifying to see the Sangha dancing and enjoying the Bon Odori. Our gratitude also goes to Yukari Williams, Shirley Omori, Roger Coppock, Stephen Smith, and Elaine Werner of the Oregon Buddhist Temple for their help in translating into English some of our Bon Odori songs. We appreciate our instructors for teaching the dances, allowing us to dance and move as one and reflect on the true meaning of Obon.

BEC Programs in September

Programs, including Buddhism 1-2-3, Intro to Buddhism, and Buddhism Zero, will resume after Labor Day

Welcome Back All!

Two Live Services in September

We hope you all had a good summer. With the first Sunday after Labor Day our Temple is once again open for several services each month.

Sunday, Sept. 11, *Shotsuki Hoyo*, Monthly Memorial
With Rev. Laverne Imori officiating and Bill Teague providing Dharma messages, we will honor loved ones we lost over all our Septembers. And we will remind ourselves why every individual matters in our tradition.

Sunday, Sept. 18, *Fall Ohigan (Equinox Service)*
With Rev. Maribeth Smith officiating and providing Dharma messages, we will observe the balance of nature at the autumnal equinox and celebrate the virtues of the Bodhisattva by contemplating the Six Perfections.

More Details to Come by Email and on the Web
We will update you on the services as we get closer. **Protocols Remain.** We anticipate the same protocols as before the summer: Please reserve your spots on the website, and masks are required indoors.

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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Shotsuki Hoyo/Dharma School (Sept. 11) and fall O Higan (Sept. 18) services, along with the taiko workshops will highlight in-person activities this month.

All other activities will continue to be offered either in-person or virtually on the temple's Zoom (Z) and livestream YouTube (YT) platforms. Here is the September calendar (activities and times subject to change):

- 1 – Tai Chi, 10 a.m. (Annex Hall)
- 3 – Sutra Chanting, 1 p.m. (Zoom)
- 4 – Dharma Message (YouTube pre-recorded)
BWA meeting, 10:30 a.m. (Conference Room)
- 6 – Ways and Means Meeting, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 7 – Taiko practice, 6:45 p.m. (AH)
Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 8 – Tai Chi, 10 a.m. (AH)
Board of Directors Meeting, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 10 – Sutra Chanting, 1 p.m. (Z)
Book Club, 2 p.m. (Z)
- 11 – Dharma School/Family and Shotsuki (monthly memorial) service, 10 a.m. (Hondo and YouTube livestream)
Taiko Workshop – 9:15 to 9:45 a.m. (4-8 years-old),
11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. (9-13 years-old),
12:30-1:30 p.m. (14-years and up and adults) (AH)
- 14 – Taiko practice, 6:45 p.m. (AH)
Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 15 – Tai Chi, 10 a.m. (AH)
- 17 – Sutra Chanting, 1 p.m. (Z)
- 18 – FALL O HIGAN service, 10 a.m. (Hondo and livestream)
- 21 – Taiko practice, 6:45 p.m. (AH)
Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 22 – Tai Chi, 10 a.m. (AH)
- 24 – Sutra Chanting, 1 p.m. (Z)
- 25 – Dharma message (YouTube pre-recorded)
Intro to Buddhism, 9 a.m. (Z)
Taiko Workshop – 9:15 to 9:45 a.m. (4-8 years-old),
11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. (9-13 years-old),
12:30-1:30 p.m. (14-years and up and adults) (AH)
- 28 – October Bussei Script mailing
Taiko practice, 6:45 p.m. (AH)
Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 29 – Tai Chi, 10 a.m. (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 soon as possible. Email the temple at info@btbsd.net or check the BTSD website <http://www.buddhisttemplesandiego.org> for updates.

ACTIVITIES

The 2022 Temple Obon turned out to be a very nice event. The day began with the Hatsubon families making paper lanterns honoring the loved ones that had passed away the year before. Those families and others joined the combined Hatsubon and Obon service that followed. The Obon Odori began with a brief message from Reverend Gibbs and presentation of Temple sponsored scholarships prior to the dancing. It was such a pleasure to see the dance circles full of folks dressed in their colorful attire and kachi kachi's enjoying such a joyous event!

We hope everyone enjoyed this year's outside food vendors and Temple hot dogs to snack on. The outside vendors were surprised with the great turn out and honestly were overwhelmed causing delays in getting their foods out and others to sell out fairly early. One thing for sure is the foods were delicious! We hope to continue to use outside vendors to help ease our workload at certain events like the Temple Obon so our members will be able to enjoy themselves without working a booth.

In Gassho, Activities Committee



BWA

Makizushi Fundraiser

Pick up on November 13 starting at 11am
After Eitaikyo Service

Name: _____

Contact Info: _____

Order: _____ X \$7 per roll _____

Total Purchase/Payment _____
(check/cash/credit card)

Card: Visa MC AM Ep. (Circle One)

No.: _____ Exp. _____

Or, use PayPal on our Website and be
sure to note what the payment is for.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By LuAnn Lee, Board President

Our Temple Obon service and Odori has come and gone but not before we were able to gather in person and remember our loved ones that have passed away. Although it is a time to reflect and feelings of sadness may come upon us, when one hears the Odori music, it can sometimes trigger your mind and body to stand up and join in to just dance. Smiling can also occur especially when songs like one plus one or Pokémon play.

It was nice to spend time with my family especially my grandkids and fun to share the evening with other members and friends. I hope you were able to enjoy the Odori too.

Thank you to Junko Kajita and volunteers as they hosted the Hatsubon families to make lanterns to honor their loved ones and were displayed for all to admire. We give our deepest condolences to these families and to all that have lost loved ones.

In planning the Obon, we realized and truly appreciate how much a full-time Minister does to prepare for these services and all that goes along with it. Gratefully, we have many Sangha members and friends that worked together to have another successful Obon. We give appreciation to all who had a part in the Obon/Odori event. Please know that you are invaluable to the temple whether you volunteered a few minutes or all day. Also thanks to all of you that purchased food and supported the Obon by making a donation to the Temple.

I would like to thank the Dharma School and the leadership of Lisa Umekubo and staff for inviting the Sangha to a fun potluck and bonfire on Friday, August 12. It was well attended and I noticed that although there were many different aged students there, they included each other and looked like they were having a great time. Parents and staff were chatting and many had gone camping together on Memorial Day weekend.

Please spread the word and invite families that would like to join in.

As of now, we are moving forward with plans to start services and Dharma school in September.

Please know we understand if you are not comfortable with being around larger crowds. As always, our ultimate concern is to keep our Sangha safe while keeping the option to meet in person at the Temple for those that chose to. Continue to respect others that may feel more comfortable wearing a mask at all times.

Until next time, take care.

In Gassho,
LuAnn Lee

The temple Board of Directors met on August 11th -

1. Rev. Ellen Crane, Minister Assistant at OCBC made a presentation on the Everyday Buddhist education program developed by OCBC about 4 years ago. After the presentation and discussion, the Board approved the motion to become an affiliate member of the Everyday Buddhist program .
2. The Board approved an honorarium to Rev. Maribeth Smith for registration costs for Kiyoshi ordination.
3. The Board approved that stipends be available to the 8 minister assistants to help with costs if they choose to attend the 850th year celebration for Shinran Shonin and 800th Year of the founding of Jodo Shin Shu in Japan in 2023.
4. Bi-weekly yard maintenance will be contracted for the Bay Leaf property.
5. MA Arturo Rubio is working with Bishop Harada for Spanish -language translations for the BCA Dial the Dharma program.
6. Qamar Bradford tendered his resignation from the Board. Qamar's efforts on social media and technology were appreciated.
7. Affiliated organizations and standing committees updated the Board on their activities.

RUMMAGE SALE

We are grateful for the many hard-working volunteers and generous donors who made this year's sale a success. The Bussei Script article deadline preceded the sale - the October issue will provide more detail and thank our wonderful volunteers - we could not have done it without everyone's effort. Please continue to support the other temple fundraising or outreach efforts - Silent Auction (Improvements), Obon Again (Scholarship), White Elephant (Operating Account), Dana Group (outreach to the community).

Thank you also to donors for the Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food Drive - goods were collected by partners in the Interfaith Community to benefit the San Diego Food Bank. The Food Bank serves over 50,000 San Diegans monthly. The drive thru drop off event coincided with the Saturday sale.

BWA NEWS

I want to express my thanks to all of you who helped during the Obon/Hatsubon this past July. As always, Junko Kajita with her Odori teachers diligently taught the many dances including some new ones to the Sangha and friends this year. She also provided the opportunity for members to make paper lanterns to honor those who have passed away. Miko Osada helped her by writing in Japanese the names of some of these individuals on tags that were attached to the lanterns. It must have been a very beautiful display honoring our loved ones. In addition, I want to extend a thank you to those who helped with the sale of hotdogs for the BWA at the Obon. Sue was very busy organizing this and I am hoping it was a successful fundraiser for our BWA and Temple. Also, thank you all for supporting Joyce Teague in the Obon Again sales which was very successful in raising close to \$3000 for the scholarship fund. We greatly appreciate your tremendous help and support in making these events and fundraisers so memorable and successful.

BWA Cont. from Pg. 3

There was no Book Club meeting in August due to the Temple Rummage Sale.

Thank you all for volunteering and donating to this very last rummage sale by the Temple. It will be an end of a tradition that began as early as the 1970's. A very interesting article of its history is on the Temple's website.

Margo Spears and others are organizing and ordering a variety of delicious Almond Brittle treats for our annual Paso Almond Brittle Sale. We hope that you will order these delicious snacks for the holiday, while supporting the BWA. The order form is included on page 8 in this Kaiho newsletter. Thank you, Margo, for spearheading this project.

Lastly, the BWA English Tea has been postponed to Spring, 2023. We greatly appreciate Karen Akahoshi's leadership and guidance in this new event our organization was planning. Unfortunately, because of the increase in the infection rate due to the COVID variants, we decided to reschedule to, hopefully, a safer time.

In gassho, Mani Ryan



DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

On behalf of the Dharma School staff, we would like to extend a warm welcome to all returning and new students and their families! On August 13th, we kicked off the year with a Dharma School bonfire get-together at Vacation Isle Park. Families who attended enjoyed re-connecting in person, with yummy food (pizza, Panda Express, salads, desserts), S'more-making around the fire, great conversation, and fellowship. Thank you, Lisa Umekubo, Laverne Imori Sensei, and Kimberly Kruse for organizing!

Our theme for this year is Resilience." This year, some Sunday services/classes will be held in person, and others will be on Zoom. Our first day of Dharma School will be **in-person at the temple on Sunday, September 11th at 10:00 am. On Sunday, September 18th, our service, and craft activity will also be in person at 10:00 am, commemorating Fall Ohigan. The schedule will be continually updated and announced via e-mail, so please keep an eye out for those.**

Dharma School is open to children ages 3 through 12th grade, and the registration form can be found on the BTSD website. The purpose of the Dharma School is to provide students with a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist foundation by teaching concepts such as Compassion, Gratitude, Interdependence, and Mindfulness to help guide them through their daily lives. For those who are new and have questions, please feel free to contact the BTSD Dharma School at btsd.dharmaschool@gmail.com We are looking forward to seeing everyone very soon!

HATSUBON LANTERNS

A heartfelt thank you to the individuals who gave of themselves to help our Hatsubon families make their lanterns in gratitude and remembrance of their loved ones who had passed away in the recent Obon year. Our appreciation goes to Carol Baker, Junko Kajita, Jeanie Kashima, Norman Kiyono, Nancy Martinez, Fred Nakatani, and Laura Yoshida who met with the 8 families in the annex from 11:30 to 2:00 on Sunday, July 31 to guide the family members on how to fold, cut, draw, and staple their construction paper to create unique and meaningful lanterns. Our gratitude, also, goes to Miko Osada who created the tags with the names of the Hatsubon individuals written in hiragana on one side and English on the reverse side along with the date of death. Later, at the start of the Bon Odori, the beautiful lanterns were raised above the odori circle to sway in the breeze as we danced. It was a moving sight as Rev. Gibbs led us in Gassho, and a deep sense of gratitude arose in our hearts.

Because of the long day into evening for the families, a light lunch was also provided. A big thank you to Nancy Martinez, Laura Yoshida, Junko Kajita, and Karen Okuhara for preparing delicious food items and for helping with clean up. Thank you, also, to Tim and Gary Kajita for helping with the set up and putting away of the supplies and equipment.

The Hatsubon families expressed their appreciation for this opportunity to make these lanterns for their loved ones. It was heartwarming to hear family members share memories of their loved ones as they decorated their lanterns. Hopefully, this activity was able to aid in their overcoming of the loss of their loved ones.

POSTON COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OPENS REGISTRATION FOR OCTOBER 21-22 PILGRIMAGE



The Poston Community Alliance Annual Pilgrimage returns this year with an in-person event, October 21-22, hosted at the Blue Water Casino and other nearby sites in Parker, Arizona.

The discounted early-bird registration deadline is August 30.

A new Poston exhibit created within donated space at the Museum of the Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) will be featured at this year's gathering. The exhibit includes a map of Poston's three camps for visitors to locate the exact barrack and apartment where their family resided. Exhibit viewings will be offered by timed entry only as part of attendees' registration package. The pilgrimage will also feature educational workshops and bus tours of the Poston Monument and Camp 1 school sites. A banquet with keynote speaker Janice Munemitsu, author of *The Kindness of Color*, will conclude the weekend's activities.

Pilgrimage capacity is limited to 150 attendees this year due to facility space. Early Bird registration is \$150 through August 30. Regular registration is \$225 from August 31 and will end on October 1. To register for the pilgrimage, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2022-poston-pilgrimage-tickets-326676537317>. Attendees will select their workshops and timed exhibit entry during the online registration process.

SEPTEMBER SHOTSUKI LIST

The Shotsuki Hoyo (MEMORIAL SERVICE) is scheduled for September 11th. Families and friends of anyone who passed away during the month of September are urged to burn incense at your home O Butsudan and Gassho in memory of your deceased loved ones. If there are any errors in the list, please notify the temple at 619-239-0896 or info@btsd.net.



*The Temple and Sangha offers sincere condolences to the family and friends of
Miyoshi Ikeda ~ August 3, 2022
Agnes Benson ~ August 8, 2022*

<u>DECEASED</u>	<u>FAMILY MEMBER</u>
Kisako Kishi (9-2-1939)	Masao Kishi
Haru Takashima (9-14-1943)	Takashima Family
Fumi Ishizuka (9-9-1951)	Kimie Family
Masao Nimura (9-8-1952)	Nimura Family
Rev. Tetsuro Kashima (9-19-1953)	Kashima Family
Kiyono Fujimoto (9-21-1954)	Fujimoto Family
Usaburo Tsuji (9-4-1957)	Laura Tsuji
Isa Kasubuchi (9-12-1968)	Naoye Kasubuchi
Seikichi Moriyama (9-15-1968)	Moriyama Family
Ikuji Oto (9-29-1971)	Oto Family
Uta Sugiyama (9-2-1979)	Sugiyama Family
Midori Nishiuye (9-4-1979)	Nishiuye Family
Yuji Funaki (9-6-1980)	Funaki Family
Ruth Honda (9-12-1980)	Amy Honda
Noboru Tomiyama (9-9-1982)	Tomiyama Family
Tamio Mayumi (9-27-1983)	Mitsuko Kawamoto Family
Michiko Obayashi (9-20-1988)	Obayashi Family
Ko Nakagawa (9-4-1992)	Nakagawa Family
Yasuyuki Sugiyama (9-22-1994)	Yukiko Sugiyama
Shin Araumi (9-14-1995)	Shizuka Azuma
Suzuko Davey (9-29-1996)	John Davey
George Kudo (9-8-1998)	Will Kudo
Kiichiro Osaki (9-26-1998)	Tomiyama Family
Takashi Hamabata (9-16-1999)	Hamabata Family
Takaye Furuya (9-30-2001)	George Furuya, Jr.
Fujiko Tsujimura (9-5-2002)	Roy Tsujimura

<u>DECEASED</u>	<u>FAMILY MEMBER</u>
Vyvyanne Owashi (9-16-2002)	Bruce Owashi
Yoshie Yonekura (9-28-2002)	Yonekura Family
Tokihiro Yano (9-11-2003)	Michael Yano
Yaeko Hamabata (9-12-2003)	Hamabata Family
Takeno Hayashi (9-7-2005)	George Hayashi
Takeshi Mike Sonoda (9-22-2005)	Takeshi Sonoda
Katherine Taylor (9-24-2006)	Martin Taylor
Shunsuke Hanaoka (9-25-2006)	Kaeko Hanaoka
Mary Iguchi (9-18-2007)	June Hosaka
Irene Yamamoto (9-21-2008)	Yamamoto Family
Mitsuye Hanano (9-29-2009)	Gerald Hanano
Peter Rex Adkins (9-13-2010)	Yoshiko Adkins
So Yamada (9-17-2011)	Yamada Family
Masamitsu Mayekawa (9-7-2012)	Ahren Mayekawa
Yoshiko Ruthenburg (9-29-2012)	Andrew Ruthenburg
Leo Noriyoshi Hagio (9-23-2014)	Hagio Family
Margaret Ikeda (9- 2015)	Paul Arakawa
Shozo Yamashita	Emiko Yamashita
Cynthia Kashiwagi (9-2-17)	Kuniyuki & Angeline Kashiwagi
Tom Yanagihara Sr. (9-3-2017)	Yanagihara Family
Rev. Jim Yanagihara (9-19-2017)	Yanagihara Family
Sumiye Nakashima (9-11-2019)	Mikiye Honda
Sumi Otani Cheeks (9-23-2019)	Ricky Cheeks
Masato Asakawa (9-24-2021)	Patty Asakawa

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

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 call or email the temple 619-239-0896 or info@btsd.net.

BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Akahoshi, Karen & Rev. Kenji
With deep gratitude for thoughtfulness & generosity
Anzai, Ronald & Mayumi
Bridges, Melissa - Memorial Service
Heyamoto, Norman - In Memory of Patricia Heyamoto
Bull, Gregory - Dr. Tanaka's class
Mori, Darryl
IMO Motoo Tsuneyoshi
Yamauchi, Victor
Teague, Bill
IMO Motoo Tsuneyoshi
Ryan, Mani
Sakagawa, Gary
Anonymous
Jensen, Richard
IMO Motoo Tsuneyoshi
Sasaki, Sharon & Robert
Yamamoto - for most needed
Morinaka, Ron
Matsumoto, Jodi Naomi
IMO Motoo Tsuneyoshi
Matsumoto, Akiko and Ken - General Operations
Imori, Laverne
Mills, Dr. H. Vance - In Honor of Gail Miyo Hill

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

Kuwada, Howard Kanji & Kaneko

COVID-19

Ota, Laurine

EITAIKYO SERVICE

Ota, Laurine

HATSUBON SERVICE

Hadden, Jodi & Nell
IMO Miyo Hill
Konishi, Patti and Steve
IMO Miyo Hill
Kinoshita, Yasuko
IMO Toshiko Ogata
Nicho, Leslie
IMO Kengo Yamamoto
Yamamoto, Darrin
IMO Kengo Yamamoto
Yamamoto, Mae
IMO Kengo Yamamoto
Yamamoto Family
IMO Kengo Yamamoto
Nakamura, Jake K. & Patty
IMO Miyo Hill
Tsuneyoshi Family
IMO Motoo Tsuneyoshi
Anzai, Ronald & Mayumi
IMO Hiroko Tanaka

MAP

Ong, Ann & Mike
Kawamoto, Mitsuko
Ota, Laurine
Honda, Mikiye
Ochi-Watson, Shirley

MEMBERSHIP PLEDGES

We thank you for renewals:

Brown, Jaime & Peter
Hara, Hanae
Ochi-Watson, Shirley

OBON

Himaka, Norman
Torio, Betty
Tsuneyoshi, Angelina
Oyama, Candice
Driscoll, Christine

Ota, Laurine
Nakamura, Jake K. & Patty
Himaka, Michio & Naomi
Kashima, Jeanie
Hadden, Jodi & Neil
Konishi, Patti and Steve
Fuchigami, Lynn S. & Stephen
Majano, Yanira
Nakatani, Nancy & Fred
Negoro, Glenn
Jensen, Richard
Kida, Katsumi
Koga, Florence
Carter, Takeshi
Ogasawara, Michiko
Kawamoto, Mitsuko
Ong, Mike & Ann
Yamada, Patrick & Diane
Monji, Yoshiko
Yagura, Ronald & Sheila
Graeber, Kiku
Gibbs, Gregory
Tsuji, Masako
Hagio, Quimico
Sugiyama, Yukiko
Sumida, Floyd & Kaytee
D'Orsi, Ruby

O HIGAN

Ryan, Mani
Yamaguchi, Laura
Yonekura, Susan
Hill, Edwin
Hidinger, Holly
Kawasaki, Mildred & Trace
Ota, Laurine

REQUEST 2022- Min. Residence

Guiang, Orlando & Cynthia
Takashima, Wilbur
Schraeder, Susan

Uchiyama, Tissa & Chris
Ishino, Isabel
Shigehara, Wilbur & Janice
Yamanouchi, Aya
Yamamoto, Peggy and Steve
Sugiyama, Chiyeiko
Hashiguchi, Tsuneko & John
Torio, Betty
Otsuji, Dennis & Elaine
Matsumoto, Akiko and Ken
Nishiguchi, Richard
Himaka, Norman & Kathy
Tanaka, Kelvin
Pang, Valerie
Honda, Mikiye
McDonald, Marianne
Hendrix, Hiroko
Anonymous
Masumoto, Chiyoko
Moncrief, Mayko
Uyeji, Masako
Sumida, Floyd & Kaytee
Kuwada, Howard Kanji & Kaneko
Benson, Agnes
Tanaka, Terry & Naomi
Ohara, Fumiko

SHOTSUKI HOYO

Kawamoto, Mitsuko
IMO Sakayo Kawamoto
Honda, Mikiye - July & August
Nakatani, Nancy & Fred
IMO Mr. & Mrs. Roy Nakatani
Kida, Katsumi - August
Koga, Florence
IMO Torio Ishisaki
Ishino, Isabel - July
IMO Kosaburo Ishino
IMO En Nishiguchi

TEMPLE AWARDS ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023

Jaime Shimizu - Scholarship Committee Member

We would like to congratulate the eight scholars receiving Temple scholarships for the coming academic year!

The Temple Scholarship Committee awarded academic scholarships to eight, very deserving Temple youths in both the undergraduate and graduate levels. All recipients submitted an essay from a prompt given by the committee sharing their personal experiences on the topic of mental health during the pandemic, and how Buddhism has helped them navigate through it. **Kashima Memorial Continued Higher Education Scholarship** - This scholarship, in memory of the late and beloved Temple leader Tetsuyo Kashima, was awarded to Kyle Baker, Sara Matsumoto, Evan Ong, Chad Sasaki, Jenna Sasaki, Sean Tokunaga, Mark Torio, and Zoe Yamamoto. More details on each scholar follows: **Kyle Baker** is the son of Mike and Carol Baker and is Junior majoring in Business at San Diego State University. **Sara Matsumoto**, daughter of Richard and Roselinda Matsumoto, will be cruising into her Second Year as a Graduate Student at Northwestern University, majoring in Physical Therapy. **Evan Ong** is continuing his studies at Mesa Community College towards a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Evan's parents are Ann and Mike Ong. **Chad Sasaki** is majoring in Communications at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Chad is the son of Brian and Lorin Sasaki. **Jenna Sasaki** is the daughter of Brian and Lorin Sasaki. Jenna is continuing her path as a Business major at the University of California, Riverside. **Sean Tokunaga** is a Junior at California State University, Fullerton, majoring in Cinema and Television Arts. His parents are Ron and Kris Tokunaga. **Mark Torio** is the son of Glenn and Janet Torio. He is a Senior at San Diego State University and is majoring in Interdisciplinary Studies. **Zoe Yamamoto**, daughter of Sharon Sasaki and Robert Yamamoto, is a Sophomore at the University of California, Irvine, who is continuing to pursue a degree in Computer Science.

The committee would also like to express its deepest gratitude to Sangha members and friends for your continued support of the Scholarship fund. An extended (and big) THANK YOU also goes to the Obon Again Shop – volunteers, donors, and shopper alike – as all proceed from the shop go towards the scholarship fund. Thank you all!

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」 二〇二二年九月法話

「唯除」はお慈悲の裏返し(一)

駐在開教使 向嶋裕史

先(せん)の六月(ろく)中旬(ちゆう)から約(やく)四週(しゆう)間(かん)ほどお休(やす)みをいただいて三年(さん)ぶりに日本(にっぽん)へ帰(かえ)りました。昨年(さくねん)五月(ご)に母(はは)を亡(な)くし、コロナ(コロナ)の影響(えいこう)で自坊(じぼう)である蓮興寺(れんきんじ)での葬儀(そうぎ)に参列(さんれつ)できなかつたこと(こと)から、父(ちち)が私達(わたくし)家族(かぞ)の帰国(きこく)に合(あ)わせて母(はは)の一周忌法要(しゅうしきほふ)を六月(ろく)に延期(えんき)してくれました。そのお陰(かげ)で、久(ひさ)しぶりに再会(さいかい)を果た(果た)した親戚(しんせき)と共に法要(ほふ)を執(と)り行(おこな)うことができ(でき)ました。この一年(いちねん)母(はは)の死(し)を実感(じつかん)できず(できず)にいた(いた)のですが、自坊(じぼう)の本堂(ほんどう)で母(はは)の遺影(いせい)を前(まへ)に、そこでようやく母(はは)を失(な)ったという現実(げんじつ)を受け入(うけい)れることができ(でき)ました。母(はは)からの「お帰(かえ)り」という言葉(ことば)を聞(き)けなくな(な)ったこと(こと)は何(なん)とも寂(さび)しいもの(もの)です。しかし、この度(たび)の帰国(きこく)を通して、親戚(しんせき)達(たち)と母(はは)の思(おも)い出(で)話(わ)に花(はな)を咲(さ)かせ(さ)楽しい一時(ひととき)を過(すご)せたこと(こと)で、母(はは)と一緒に過(すご)した数多(あまた)くの懐(なつか)しい思(おも)い出(で)が心(こゝろ)にぼ(ぼ)かり空(くわ)いた大(おほ)きな穴(あな)を埋(う)めてくれ(くれ)ました。一(いち)か月(げつ)以上(いじょう)の日本(にっぽん)滞(ざい)在(ざい)を快(た)く受(う)け入(い)れて下(くだ)さった当(とう)仏(ぶつ)教(きやう)会(かい)のご門徒(もんて)にこの場(ば)をお借(か)りして今(いま)一度(いちど)厚(あつ)く御(ご)礼(れい)申(まを)し上(あが)げま(ま)す。

さて、皆(みな)さん(さん)もご存(ぞん)存(ぞん)のように、法蔵菩薩(ほふざうぼさつ)〔阿弥陀仏(あみたぶつ)〕が建(た)てられた四十八願(しじゅうはちがん)の中の第十八願(だいいちじゅうはちがん)には次(つぎ)のように誓(ちか)われておられ(ら)れます。「わたし(わたくし)が仏(ぶつ)になる(なる)とき(とき)、すべて(すべて)の人(ひと)々(々)が心(こゝろ)から信(しん)じて、わたし(わたくし)の国(くに)に生(な)れたい(たい)と願(ねが)い、わ(わ)ずか(か)十(じゅう)回(かい)でも念(ねん)仏(ぶつ)して、もし生(な)れる(れる)ことができ(でき)ない(ない)よう(よう)なら、わたし(わたくし)は決(けつ)してさ(さ)とりを開(ひら)きませ(ませ)ん」。

この第十八願(だいいちじゅうはちがん)を「選択本願(せんたくほんがん)と呼(よ)んで、阿弥陀仏(あみたぶつ)の本(ほん)心(しん)を誓(ちか)われた願(ねが)いである(である)」と親鸞聖人(しんらんせいじん)は教(きやう)えて下(くだ)さ(さ)って

います。

ですから、阿弥陀仏(あみたぶつ)の本(ほん)心(しん)とは「本願(ほんがん)を信(しん)じ、念(ねん)仏(ぶつ)す(す)一切(いっけつ)の衆生(しゆじやう)をま(ま)れなく往生(おうじやう)させ(させ)よう」という大慈(だいじ)の表(あらわ)れな(な)のです。

この本願(ほんがん)からは誰(だれ)であろう(であろう)とも決(けつ)して漏(も)れるもの(もの)は(は)い(い)ませ(ませ)ん。阿弥陀仏(あみたぶつ)の広(ひろ)大な誓願(ちかがん)は、老若男女(らうじやくなんにょ)、また(また)は善人(ぜんじん)であ(あ)ろう(ろう)と悪人(あくじん)であ(あ)ろう(ろう)と、決(けつ)して見捨(みす)てること(こと)なく全(すべ)ての物(もの)を救(すく)われま(ま)す。「あなた(あなた)だけ(だけ)は例(れい)外(がい)です」とい(い)うよう(よう)な(な)こと(こと)はあ(あ)りませ(ませ)ん。

しかし、仏教(ぶつぎやう)を熱心(ねつしん)に学(まな)ばれて(られて)いる方(なた)の中(なか)には、私(わたくし)の言葉(ことば)に疑(うたが)いを持(も)つ人(ひと)が(が)お(お)られ(ら)れる(れる)か(か)も(も)し(し)れ(れ)ませ(ませ)ん。も(も)し(し)皆(みな)さん(さん)の中(なか)で、「いや、阿弥陀仏(あみたぶつ)さま(さま)の(の)本願(ほんがん)には(は)但(ただ)し書(か)き(か)が(が)あ(あ)り(り)ませ(ませ)すよ。阿弥陀仏(あみたぶつ)さま(さま)は、五逆(ごぎやく)の罪(つみ)を犯(か)したり、仏さま(ぶつさま)の教(きやう)えを誘(そ)るもの(もの)だけ(だけ)は除(のぞ)きます」とご本願(ほんがん)の最後(さいご)に忠告(ちゆうこ)なさ(さ)つて(て)いる(いる)は(は)ず(ず)です」と反論(はんろん)する方(なた)が(が)お(お)られ(ら)れた(ら)ら、その方(なた)は日々(にっけつ)お聴聞(おきやうもん)され(さ)れて(て)いる(いる)証(しやう)拠(き)です。

確かに、「大無量壽經(だいむりやうじゆきやう)」に説(と)かれて(て)いる(いる)四十八願(しじゅうはちがん)を見(み)ますと、第十八願(だいいちじゅうはちがん)の最後(さいご)に「唯除五逆誹法正法(ただごぎやくひほうしやうほう)とし(とし)かりと誓(ちか)われて(て)います。本願(ほんがん)を信(しん)じ、念(ねん)仏(ぶつ)を申(まを)せば誰(だれ)であ(あ)ろう(ろう)とも仏(ぶつ)にな(な)れる(れる)と誓(ちか)う(う)て下(くだ)さ(さ)つて(て)いる(いる)に(に)も(も)か(か)わ(わ)ら(ら)ず、五逆罪(ごぎやくつみ)を犯(か)したり、仏法(ぶつぽう)を誘(そ)るもの(もの)だけ(だけ)は除(のぞ)かれる(れる)とい(い)う(う)のは(は)一(いち)体(たい)ど(ど)う(う)い(い)う(う)こと(こと)で(で)し(し)ょう(しょう)か。や(や)はり、条件(じょうけん)によ(よ)つて(て)は(は)この本願(ほんがん)から漏(も)れる人(ひと)が(が)い(い)る(る)ので(ので)し(し)ょう(しょう)か」。

五(ご)つ(つ)の逆罪(ぎやくつみ)とは、(一)父親(ちちやう)を殺(ころ)す、(二)母親(ははやう)を殺(ころ)す、(三)求道者(ぐだうしや)を殺(ころ)す、(四)仏さま(ぶつさま)に傷(きず)を付(つ)ける、(五)和合衆(わがくしゆ)即(すなは)ち、仏法(ぶつぽう)の教(きやう)えを信(しん)じ喜(よろこ)ぶ集(あ)団(だん)、これ(これ)を破(やぶ)壊(かい)する。この五(ご)つ(つ)を五逆罪(ごぎやくつみ)とい(い)います。仏法(ぶつぽう)の中(なか)では、この五(ご)つ(つ)の逆罪(ぎやくつみ)が極重(ごくじゆう)の罪(つみ)である(である)と言(い)わ(わ)れて(て)い(い)ます。そして、これ(これ)らの罪(つみ)は(は)ど(ど)う(う)い(い)う(う)心(こゝろ)から起(お)きる(きる)のか(のか)とい(い)う(う)と、それ(それ)は(は)仏法(ぶつぽう)を軽(かろ)ん(ん)じる(じる)心(こゝろ)から起(お)きる(きる)とい(い)いますから、仏法(ぶつぽう)をそ(そ)する(する)者(もの)も逆罪(ぎやくつみ)であり(あ)ります。ですから、ど(ど)れ(れ)ほ(ほ)ど阿弥陀仏(あみたぶつ)の慈(じ)悲(ひ)が(が)広(ひろ)大(だい)とい(い)え(え)ど(ど)も、仏法(ぶつぽう)で最(も)も

重(おも)い罪(つみ)である(である)五逆罪(ごぎやくつみ)を犯(か)した者(もの)と仏法(ぶつぽう)を誘(そ)る者(もの)は(は)本願(ほんがん)の救(すく)いから除(のぞ)かれる(れる)とい(い)う(う)こと(こと)な(な)ので(ので)す。

第十八願(だいいちじゅうはちがん)は、仏教(ぶつぎやう)の長(なが)い歴史(れきし)の中(なか)で、このよう(よう)に解(かい)釈(しゃく)されて(て)き(き)ました(た)です(す)から、私(わたくし)の「阿弥陀仏(あみたぶつ)は(は)分(わ)け隔(へ)てなく等(たう)しく救(すく)う」とい(い)う言葉(ことば)に反論(はんろん)して、阿弥陀仏(あみたぶつ)の本願(ほんがん)には(は)除(のぞ)かれる(れる)者(もの)は(は)い(い)る(る)のだ(のだ)とい(い)う(う)人(ひと)が(が)い(い)ても全(すべ)くお(お)か(か)しくあ(あ)り(り)ませ(ませ)ん。

しかし、こ(こ)こ(こ)で注(ちゆう)意(い)して(して)いた(いた)だ(だ)きたい(たい)こと(こと)は、親鸞聖人(しんらんせいじん)は(は)、「正信偈(しやうしんげ)の中(なか)で、「凡(ぼん)夫(ふ)も聖(せい)者(しや)も五逆(ごぎやく)の悪(あく)人(にん)も仏(ぶつ)の教(きやう)えを誘(そ)つて止(と)ま(ま)ない者(もの)も、は(は)から(ら)い(い)の心(こゝろ)を離(はな)れて、他(た)力(りき)信心(しんじん)の道(みち)に入(い)れば、広(ひろ)大(だい)無(む)辺(へん)なる阿弥陀仏(あみたぶつ)の本願海(ほんがんうみ)によ(よ)つて、生(な)きとし生(な)ける(ける)す(す)べ(べ)て(て)の者(もの)は(は)分(わ)け隔(へ)てなく受(う)け入(い)れ(れ)られ(ら)れ、現(げん)生(じやう)には(は)正定聚(しやうていしゆ)の位(ゐ)、つまり、必(かな)らず(ず)仏(ぶつ)にな(な)る(る)べき身(み)と定(ぢやう)まる(まる)位(ゐ)に(に)入(い)り、い(い)のち終(しゆう)わ(わ)れば(ば)必(かな)らず(ず)浄土(じやうど)に往生(おうじやう)でき(でき)る(る)ので(ので)あ(あ)る(る)」と示(し)されて(て)い(い)る(る)こと(こと)です(す)。

皆(みな)さん(さん)、お(お)か(か)しい(しい)と思(おも)いませ(ませ)んか。第十八願(だいいちじゅうはちがん)で、五逆(ごぎやく)と正法(しやうほう)を誹謗(ひぼう)する者(もの)は(は)救(すく)いから除(のぞ)くと説(と)かれて(て)いる(いる)に(に)も(も)か(か)わ(わ)ら(ら)ず、親鸞聖人(しんらんせいじん)のお言葉(ことば)では、除(のぞ)か(か)ず(ず)に全(すべ)て(て)の者(もの)を受(う)け入(い)れる(れる)こと(こと)にな(な)つて(て)い(い)ます。完全(かんぜん)に矛盾(むじゆん)して(して)い(い)ます。

実(じつ)は、浄土真宗(じやうどしんしゆ)では「唯除五逆誹謗正法(ただごぎやくひぼうしやうほう)の部分(ぶぶん)」「抑止文(おさしぶん)と呼(よ)んで(て)い(い)ます。「抑止文(おさしぶん)」は、阿弥陀仏(あみたぶつ)の一切(いっけつ)の衆生(しゆじやう)を分(わ)け隔(へ)てなく、必(かな)らず救(すく)うとい(い)う大慈(だいじ)悲(ひ)の裏返し(うらがえし)だと味(あじ)わう(う)こと(こと)が(が)大(おほ)切(き)です。五逆(ごぎやく)の罪(つみ)を犯(か)す人(ひと)のよう(よう)に、縁(えん)によ(よ)つて(て)は(は)人(ひと)を傷(きず)つ(つ)け、場合(ばあひ)によ(よ)つて(て)は(は)心(こゝろ)の中(なか)で(で)人(ひと)を殺(ころ)める(める)こと(こと)もあ(あ)る(る)私(わたくし)、そして、仏法(ぶつぽう)を誘(そ)る(る)か(か)の(の)よう(よう)に、仏法(ぶつぽう)が(が)生(な)きる(きる)拠(き)り所(ところ)とな(な)つて(て)い(い)ない(ない)私(わたくし)である(である)こと(こと)を自覚(じかく)させ(させ)て(て)いた(いた)だ(だ)く(く)た(た)め(め)の御(ご)文(ぶん)と味(あじ)わ(わ)え(え)ま(ま)す。

よくよく考(かん)えて見(み)ますと、「除(のぞ)く」とい(い)うお言葉(ことば)は、「お前(まへ)そんなこと(こと)をし(し)たら、もう知(し)ら(ら)ないぞー」と、親(おや)が子(こ)を思(おも)って叱(し)つて(て)い(い)ること(こと)とよく似(に)て(て)い(い)ます。この続(つづ)きは来(らい)月(げつ)の寺報(じやうほう)でお話(おはな)し(し)させ(させ)て(て)いた(いた)だ(だ)き(き)ま(ま)す。

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