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What Emerges from our Garden

Rev. Jundo Gregory Gibbs



Although we still have 3 months left in this year, I can already tell you what my favorite word in 2023 has been; - it is “emergence.” I chose it because I find myself using it so often. You can’t solve all questions with one word.

Nonetheless, “emergence” clarifies some important questions. What is consciousness? A property emergent from biological organisms. What is goodness? A property emergent from wholesome living. What is Enlightenment? The emergence of non-discriminatory recognition of one another, of all in all.

Do we have to wait for the emergence of Enlightenment for the end of racial discrimination, homophobia and similar bigotry? Hopefully not. So far as we know, Enlightenment surfaced in human history in the sixth century before the common era. There was already goodness amongst humans. There was already a capacity to suspend discriminatory thought and action before the Buddha appeared.

We are part of a tradition that has realized, shared and developed wisdom, kindness and compassion. We must

allow that tradition to transform us for the better. Our tradition will bring clarity. Our shared, Buddhist, heritage will help more goodness to surface in our lives than might otherwise be the case. Participating with our community in being nourished by the Dharma can help lighten our path. We don’t become better or produce more wholesome delights in this world just by changing our beliefs in some act of will. It is by making more wholesome choices and remaining mindful of the Dharma that we can be refreshed.

Good people had decent mothers and fathers [usually]. They went to good schools [usually], they hung out with nice friends [always]. So next to parents, teachers are the most important people in the world. Parents who are accepting of others produce children who are accepting of others. One good parent can be responsible for a wholesome child, a decent grandchild, a valuable person as a great-grandchild, and on and on.

An open-hearted and accepting teacher can produce dozens of students with a caring and inclusive vision, each year. I can’t praise every station in life, in this space, but good parenting and good teaching can turn-up in those gardens which are our lives. Listen to the Dharma, reflect, then live naturally; ... and see what emerges from your garden.

BUS OUTING, EXCITING AND MEMORABLE

On August 5, fifty-four (54) Sangha members and friends from the Buddhist Temple of San Diego (BTSD) and Vista Buddhist Temple (VBT) traveled to Los Angeles for an honorable and memorable outing.

The day began early in the morning with 34 passengers boarding the bus at BTSD. The bus traveled north and picked up 20 passengers at VBT.

First stop of the day was at the Japanese American National Museum (JANM) in Little Tokyo for the Ireicho Book stamping project. The event was touching as most of the participants stamped names of their family members in the sacred book that contains over 125,000 names of Japanese and Americans of Japanese ancestry who were incarcerated in concentration camps during World War II.

Everyone stamped one name in honor of the “Next Unmarked Name” in the sacred book.

Following shopping, exploring and having lunch in Little Tokyo, the group enjoyed a musical performance of Peace On Your Wings at the Aratani Theatre in the Japanese American Cultural Community Center. The high-energy musical, featuring a youth cast from Ohana Arts Productions of Honolulu, told the story of Sadako Sasaki, who at age 2, was a victim of the Hiroshima atomic bomb tragedy in 1945. She inspired young people to live life with the Buddhist concept of “*Ichigo Ichi-e*.” The term means: “Today is the first and last day of your life.”

Sasaki passed away at age 12 from leukemia in 1955.

The day ended with everyone enjoying one hour of dancing at the Gardena O Bon festival.

The day’s excursion was an exciting and rewarding experience for members from both temples.



BTSD and VBT visitors took a group photo prior to the Ireicho stamping activity at JANM. (Photo courtesy of Arturo Rubio).

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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Welcome back!

After a one month hiatus, full activities will return after the Labor Day weekend. Sunday services resume on September 10 with the Shotsuki Hoyo monthly memorial. Higan, the observance of the fall equinox, will be held on September 17.

Sunday services will be livestreamed on the temple's YouTube page for those who are unable to attend in-person. Meetings and activities will be conducted either in person or virtually on Zoom (Z).

Here is this month's calendar (activities and times subject to change):

- 2-3** – Southern District Jr. YBL Conference at Gardena
- 3** – Okinawa Kenjinkai meeting, noon (Sangha Hall)
- 5** – Ways & Means committee, 7 pm (Z)
- 6** – Taiko 6:45 pm (Annex Hall), Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm (Z)
- 7** – Tai Chi, 10 a.m. (AH), BOD meeting, 7 pm (Z)
- 8** – Southern District Council meeting, 7 pm (Z)
- 10** – Sutra Chanting, 9:15 am (Hondo), Family Dharma service/ Shotsuki Hoyo monthly memorial, 10 am (Hondo/livestream), Taiko practice, 11:30 am (AH), BWA meeting, 11:45 am (SH)
- 13** – Taiko practice, 6:45 pm (AH), Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm (Z)
- 14** – Tai Chi, 10 am (AH)
- 17** – Sutra Chanting, 9:15 am (H), **O HIGAN**, 10 am (H/L), Sangha/Keiro Kai luncheon, noon (AH), Taiko practice, 2:30 pm (AH), Jr. YBA meeting, 11:30 am (Room 1)
- 20** – Taiko practice, 6:45 pm (AH), Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm (Z)
- 21** – Tai Chi, 10 am (AH)
- 24** – Introduction to Buddhism, 9 am (SH), Sutra Chanting, 9:15 am (H), Dharma School/Family service, 10 am (H/L), Chicken Pot Pie luncheon fundraiser, noon (AH), Film: "Carving the Divine" 12 noon (AH), Taiko practice 2:30 pm (AH)
- 27** – Bussei Script mailing, Taiko practice, 6:45 pm (AH), Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm (Z)
- 28** – Tai Chi, 10 am (AH), Activities Meeting, 7 pm (Z)
- 30** – Tri-Temple Seminar at BTSD, 9 am to 1 pm Topic: "Infinite Diversity in Infinite Combinations." Guest speaker: Rev. John Iwohara, Gardena Buddhist Church.



The Spanish-language Dharma message will be posted on the temple's YouTube page.

Office hours: 9 am to 4 pm Tuesday-Friday. There is limited staff coverage on weekends and we are 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. Or email the temple at info@btsd.net or check the BTSD website <http://www.buddhisttemplesandiego.org> for updates.



ACTIVITIES

I'm sure everyone has enjoyed their summer break and as the kids are back in school, we are planning our first fall event. In an effort to help our Ohana in Maui, we will be having a Chicken Pot Pie fundraiser, Sunday, September 24, 2023 with proceeds going to Maui Relief. We will be selling lunch plates and possibly frozen whole pies for you to take home and bake. Please fill out and return the order form on page 4. Our Dharma School will have a Bake Sale that day as well.

In conjunction with the Pot Pie luncheon and Bake Sale, the showing of the documentary film Carving the Devine will take place. The documentary is a film that tells of a 1400 year old Buddhist wood carving tradition in Japan, created by Yujiro Seki. See more information in this issue of the newsletter.

In Gassho,
Activities Committee

Buddhist Education Resumes in September

Intro to Buddhism. One hour overview with Kaytee Sumida, with brief world, U.S. and San Diego Buddhist history, plus Temple etiquette. Next session Sunday, Sept. 24, in-person, Sangha Hall.

Buddhism 1-2-3. Zoom session Wednesdays at 7 p.m. 90 minutes includes chanting, meditation, Dharma, with **Bill Teague** et al. Contact Temple for login. Resumes Sept. 6. Each Wednesday night in September, our Zoom discussion will focus on Buddhist statuary and a related Buddhist concept. We hope to end this September series with a live link to discuss the film "Carving the Divine" with the Director, Mr. Seki.

Thanks to All for Zoom-in Buddhism. While Buddhism 1-2-3 (B123) was on break in July and August, we conducted a Tuesday night discussion only class on basic Buddhism. We made new Temple friends along the way. Thank you everyone! Now in September, Zoom-in Buddhism gives way to Wednesday Night B123.

MAUI WILDFIRE RELIEF FUND

Last month's wildfires that affected the island of Maui, Hawaii, and in particular, razing the town of Lahaina, was devastating.

The BCA and Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii (HHMH) have launched disaster relief efforts dedicated towards the Lahaina Hongwanji Mission that was destroyed.

The Buddhist Temple of San Diego asks the Sangha and friends to consider a monetary gift sent directly to one of the following:

1. **BCA** — Online: <https://bca.kindful.com/> or by check payable to BCA Endowment Foundation (please note on memo line Maui Relief). Mail checks to BCA Endowment Foundation, 2140 Durant, Ave., Berkeley, CA 94704.
2. **HHMH** — Online at www.hongwanjihawaii.com by clicking on the Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief button; a GoFundMe account at the following link: <https://gofund.me/ff77a520>. Check donations can be made payable to HHMH. In the memo line note "Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief." Mail checks to Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, 1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI 96813.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By LuAnn Lee, Board President

A Hurricane in San Diego?!

I hope all of you were safe and were not affected too much by the rain and wind.

When I first heard about it, I wondered what we should do to prepare as this is not a normal thing for this area. A couple of people at work went to buy bottled water and some were getting sand bags. Just in case, we ended up going to the store in the morning to get some groceries for a couple of days. I expected it to be really crowded but it was quiet like the rain that fell throughout the day. Besides the wind that came later in the evening, we are thankful the weather was manageable.

On July 29th, we held our annual Hatsubon Service and Obon Odori. Reverend and Mrs. Gibbs and their son were able to come down from Pasadena to join us this year. I want to thank the Ministerial team for providing a meaningful service, to Junko Kajita and her crew for hosting the lantern making for the Hatsubon families. We give our sincere sympathies to the families that lost loved ones this year and in the past.

Special thanks to Ken Muraoka for leading the way, the Odori dance teachers for taking time out to have practice twice a week for beginners and longtime dancers. I hope you were able to try the delicious Taiyaki made by Floyd and Eric Sumida and Glenn Torio. We give appreciation to Roy and Karen Okuhara and their crew for running the drink booth and what a treat to have multiple Taiko groups playing together with so much energy and enjoyed by all.

It was nice to see so many people there trying all the different foods and visiting with old friends, shopping at the Obon again shop (funds will benefit the scholarship committee) and the Junior YBA Opportunity drawing was back this year and congratulations if you won a prize. Thank you all for your support to the Obon festival and to the Temple, it was a night to remember. See you next year.

As September is right around the corner, we hope you will join us for our family services that will start Sunday, the 10th. We invite all to listen to the Dharma and after the service to join us for hospitality where you can meet other Sangha members.

Please feel free to bring any school aged friends or families to visit our Dharma school classes and see how much fun they have. We look forward to seeing you soon.

In Gassho, LuAnn Lee

Rev Mukojima is planning to return with his message next month. Thank you for your understanding.

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met on August 10, 2023 -

1. Thank you to the Obon planning volunteers and participants for a memorable Hatsubon and Obon Odori, July 29th.
2. Thank you to Ralph Honda for coordinating the August 5th bus trip to JANM (Ireicho stamping), *Peace on Your Wings* theatre showing and Gardena Buddhist Church Obon odori.
3. A donation was approved to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii for Maui Wildfire Relief.
4. The Board approved the Kiku Gardens proposal to help with Bento distribution to the community. The details of the temple participation will be dependent on the number of volunteers available. Michael Kinoshita, one of the temple representatives on the Kiku Board of Directors, made the presentation.
5. Additional funds were approved for improvements to the Minister residence. Extensive damage was found to the wood siding requiring replacement before other work could continue.
6. The Ministerial team, all affiliated organizations and standing committees updated the Board on their activities.

BWA NEWS

It's hard to believe, but we are already in the first month of Autumn. We ended the summer with a joyous gathering of members at our New Member Luncheon honoring 6 new members: Mits, Ghean, Rose, Hanae, LuAnn, and Carol. We got to learn about them and shared ourselves too. Everyone enjoyed the delicious bentos and reconnecting with some we hadn't seen for some time. Please don't feel that you need a personal invitation to join the BWA. We would be pleased if you would be interested in joining us too. Just give either Junko 858-722-9655 or Sue 858-699-8876 a call.

Earlier in the month many of us took the bus to experience the Ireicho stamping project at the Japanese National Museum in LA, and lunch in Little Tokyo, before seeing the musical Peace on Your Wings at the Aratani Theater. The Ireicho was a very moving experience, and we were quite amazed with the singing of the actors. The fun didn't end there though since we got to attend the Bon Odori at the Gardena Buddhist Church. A big "Thank You" to Ralph for organizing and Breven for keeping us refreshed on the bus!

Now that we are finally finished with What Makes You Not a Buddhist, I think we may be selecting something a little less cerebral for a change. Please call Sue 858-699-8876 if you would be interested in joining us for the Book Club.

Please check out the order form on the insert in this month's Kaiho for our annual almond brittle fund raiser. This year we've added a larger bag of Sweet Hots, since the small bag we offered last year was quite popular. Please check it out. Our Chair, CDR Margo, can answer any questions.

Gassho

DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS



The Dharma School teachers and staff extend a warm welcome to all new and returning students and their families! On August 18th, we kicked off the year with a bonfire get-together at Vacation Isle Park (see photo above). We all enjoyed catching up on our summers, eating delicious food, making S'mores, and watching the Sea World fireworks. Thank you, Lisa Umekubo, Leslie Seymour, and Kimberly Kruse for organizing!

Our theme for this year is "Compassion," upon which we reflect after wildfires devastated the people of Maui. Our first day of Dharma School will be on **Sunday, September 10th** at 10:00 am. On **Sunday, September 17th**, after the 10:00 am Fall Ohigan (equinox) service, we're planning an all-Dharma School craft activity. Our schedule is continually updated and announced via e-mail – let us know if you'd like to be added to the list.

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 BTSD Dharma School is to provide students with a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist foundation by teaching concepts such as Gratitude, Interdependence, and Mindfulness to help guide them through their daily lives. If you're interested or have questions, feel free to contact Superintendent Nancy Martinez at bttd.dharmaschool@gmail.com. We're looking forward to seeing everyone very soon!

Gassho, Sharon

JR. YBA NEWS

On behalf of the Jr. YBA, thank you for your generous support with our Opportunity Drawing during Bon Odori.

We are looking forward to attending the Jr. YBL Conference at the Gardena Buddhist Church on Labor Day weekend.

Congratulations to Jr. YBA high school graduate, Ava Yamamoto. Thank you being an amazing Jr. YBA member and leader.



September 24: *Carving the Divine*

Fun and Food for the Entire Family. On Sunday, September 24, following the service, the Dharma School and our Buddhist Education Committee are sponsoring the San Diego Premier of *Carving the Divine*.

About the Movie. *Carving the Divine* documents how the 1400-year-old Buddhist woodcarving tradition survives today, as practitioners struggle to preserve its legacy in a rapidly changing world. The film runs about 100 minutes. Bishop Marvin Harada complimented the family friendly film's depiction of the tradition of master and disciple as "stern, ... yet ultimately kind... training the apprentice to be a true artist in both skill and spirit."

Thanks to Yujiro Seki, Director/Producer! Mr. Seki lived in San Diego for a time and met with Sangha members to plan this premier. He has graciously made the documentary available to us for this event at no charge. In thanks, we will be taking donations to Mr. Seki for this opportunity, as he still has new expenses in bringing the film to festivals and to market. (The Temple is adding these donations to

The first Screening In San Diego of
Carving the Divine
SEPTEMBER 24TH at 12:00 Noon

Chicken Pot Pie Lunch & Dharma School Bake Sale Fundraiser
DS Funds go to Hawaii Relief

Reserve Your Lunch

Name _____

Phone/Email _____

Pot Pie Lunch @ \$10 ea.

No. of Lunches = _____

Enclose check or pay at the event
BTSD, 2929 Market Street, SD, CA 92102

A limited number of whole frozen pies will be on sale To-Go.

Reservation Due by Sunday, Sept. 17



SEPTEMBER SHOTSUKI LIST

The Shotsuki Hoyo (monthly memorial) will be on September 10 at 10 a.m. Families and friends of anyone who passed away during the month are urged to attend the service or burn incense at your home O Butsudan and gassho in memory of your deceased loved one. If you are unable to attend in-person, the service will be live streamed on the temple's YouTube page and accessed on the BTSD website. If you find an error in the listing or wish to add a name to the list, please contact the temple at (619) 239-0896 or email info@btsd.net *Gassho*

DECEASED	FAMILY MEMBER
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

DECEASED	FAMILY MEMBER
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
Reiko Tsunematsu (9-28-2013)	Yukari Williams
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.

2023 is the memorial year for those who passed away in:

1st Year Memorial	2022	13th Year Memorial	2011	27th Year Memorial	1997
3rd Year Memorial	2021	17th Year Memorial	2007	33rd Year Memorial	1991
7th Year Memorial	2017	25th Year Memorial	1999	50th Year Memorial	1974

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

Sasaki, Brian & Lorin
 Cross, Joe - Sumi-e items
 Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen - July
 Hutchison, Thomas - 3 Year Mem. Diane Hutchison
 Tomiyama, Bruce & Family
 IMO Rev. LaVerne Sasaki
 Yonekura, Susan - Where needed
 Sasaki, Sharon & Robert
 Yamamoto - Where needed
 Sasaki, Helen T - visitation
 Morinaka, Ron
 Otsuji, Dennis & Elaine
 Masumoto, Chiyoko - Aug
 Lee, LuAnn & Harold
 IMO Fumi Ohara
 Honda, Ralph & Avis - Aug. 5th Bus Trip
 Gladsjo, Julie
 Omori, Shirley
 IMO Fumi Ohara
 IMO Jeanette Dutton
 Malmgren, Judith
 IMO my brother
 Jeffrey Malmgren
 Kuwada, Howard Kanji - My birthday
 Sasaki, Brian & Lorin
 Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki
BWA WORLD CONF.
 Moribe, Sue
 Tomiyama, Aki
 Yamamoto, Ann
 Yonekura, Susan

IMO FUMIKO OHARA

Yamamoto, Ann
 Aoyama, Alice
 Kida, Katsumi
 Yonekura, Susan
 Moribe, Sue
 Teague, Joyce
 Torio, Betty
 Ogasawara, Michiko
 Ochi, Kay
 Yamanishi, Miyoko
 Yamamoto, Jane
 Himaka, Michio & Naomi
 Kashima, Jeanie
 Takashima, Wilbur & Janice
 Graeber, Kiku
 Tomiyama, Aki
 Okuhara, Karen & Roy
 Lee, LuAnn & Harold

DHARMA SCHOOL

Sasaki, Sharon and Robert
 Yamamoto
 Hasegawa, Arlene & Eugene

FLORAL OFFERING

Ochi-Watson, Shirley
 Hasegawa, Arlene & Eugene
 Sasaki, Brian & Lorin

GENERAL MAINTENANCE

Sasaki, Brian & Lorin

HATSUBON SERVICE

Horiuchi, Edna
 Miyoshi Ikeda, Father
 Negoro, Glenn
 IMO Yoshie Okuma
 Shigehara, Wilbur & Janice
 IMO Reiji Matsui

Gray Family
 IMO Madori Gray
 Negoro, Keiko
 IMO Yoshie Okuma - Mom/Grandma
 Sasaki, Brian & Lorin
 IMO Rev LaVerne Sasaki
 IMO Fumiko Ohara
 Honda, Mikiye

MAP

Hasegawa, Arlene & Eugene
 Sumida, Floyd & Kaytee - Tostada Fundraiser
 Sasaki, Brian & Lorin

MEMBERSHIP PLEDGES

We thank you for renewals:
 Ochi-Watson, Shirley
 Hagio, Quimico
 Hasegawa, Arlene & Eugene
 Sasaki, Brian & Lorin

OBON

Lee, LuAnn & Harold
 Negoro, Glenn
 Ong, Ann & Mike
 Yonekura, Susan
 Kashima, Jeanie
 Shigehara, Wilbur & Janice
 Yamanishi, Miyoko
 Aoyama, K. Alice
 Kida, Katsumi
 Kawamoto, Mitsuko
 Kawasaki, Mildred & Trace
 Morikawa, Kazuhiko
 Kajita, Timothy & Junko
 Masumoto, Chiyoko
 Sakagawa, Gary & Ellen
 Fuchigami, Lynn S. & Stephen

Gibbs, Rev. Gregory & Family
 Himaka, Michio & Naomi
 IMO Motoo Tsuneyoshi
 IMO Fumiko Ohara
 Nakamura, Jake K. & Patty
 Anonymous
 Jensen, Richard
 Koga, Florence
 Omori, Terri & Ford
 D'Orsi, Ruby
 Hagio, Quimico
 Yanagihara, Sumiko
 Omori, Shirley
 Nakamura, Shari

O HIGAN

Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki
 Yamamoto, Jane
 Morinaka, Ron
 Ryan, Mani
 Yamaguchi, Laura
 Ota, Laurine

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Ochi-Watson, Shirley
 Hasegawa, Arlene & Eugene
 Sasaki, Brian & Lorin

SHOTSUKI HOYO

Kawamoto, Mitsuko
 IMO Sakayo Kawamoto
 Kawasaki, Mildred & Trace
 IMO Toshitaro Yamashita
 IMO Florence Yamashita
 IMO Sanroku Kawasaki
 Yamamoto, Jane
 IMO Hisashi Yamamoto
 Martinez, Nancy - August
 Uyeji, Masako
 IMO Micky Kitagawa

Scholarship Committee

TEMPLE AWARDS 2023-2024 ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIP GRANT AT OBON SERVICE

We would like to congratulate the six scholars receiving Temple scholarships for the coming academic year! The Temple Scholarship Committee awarded academic scholarships to six amazing, hard-working, and very well deserving Temple youths. We had recipients in both scholarship groups this year.

Ben Honda Memorial High School Graduate Scholarship. This scholarship, in memory of the late and beloved Temple leader Ben Honda, was awarded to Dylan Jones, Ava Yamamoto, and Ellie Yanagihara.

Dylan Jones, graduated from San Dieguito Academy, and will major in Biology at the UC Santa Cruz.

Ava Yamamoto graduated from Westview High School, and will attend UC Irvine, in the fall.

Ellie Yanagihara graduated from Patrick Henry High School and will attend San Diego Mesa College in the fall.

Kashima Memorial Continued Higher Education Scholarship. This scholarship, in memory of the late Temple leader Tetsuyo Kashima, was awarded to Chad Sasaki, Jenna Sasaki, and Zoe Yamamoto.

Chad Sasaki is a Junior at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo majoring in Communications.

Jenna Sasaki is an incoming Junior at the UC Riverside, and is majoring in Business.

Zoe Yamamoto is starting her third year at the UC Irvine, majoring in Computer Science.

BTSD Scholarship Committee Grant. This year, the Scholarship Committee awarded a grant to one of our Jr. YBA members, Arturo Rubio, Jr. Arturo attended the week-long BCA Summer Youth Retreat hosted at the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley, CA. Arturo learned a lot, made new friends, and enjoyed his time at the retreat.

The committee would also like to take this time to express our deepest gratitude to Sangha members and friends for your continued support of the Scholarship fund. An extended thank you also goes to the Obon Again Shop - volunteers, donors and shoppers alike - as all proceeds from the shop go towards the scholarship fund. Thank you all!



BTSD Presents
A Tri-Temple Seminar

September 30, 2023
Saturday, 9 AM – 1 PM

at the Buddhist Temple of San Diego
2929 Market Street, San Diego, CA 92102
(A hybrid event – in person and live streamed)

***“Infinite Diversity in
 Infinite Combinations”***

Exploring diversity and inclusivity within our temples and churches in the Buddhist Churches of America

Featuring

Rev John Iwohara
Gardena Buddhist Church
as the Keynote Speaker & Panelist



With

Rosalyn Dong, Certified MA
Vista Buddhist Temple

Arturo Rubio, Certified MA
Buddhist Temple of San Diego

Rev Hokai “Smitty” Smith
Buddhist Temple of San Diego

as the Supporting Panelists

And

Rev Jundo Gregory Gibbs
Pasadena BT, BTSD, Arizona BT
as the Panel Moderator

Registration is available at
buddhisttemplesandiego.org/
or by calling BTSD at
619-239-0896

In-person attendees may
order a lunch bento for a
\$25 fee. Those desiring a
bento must register by
September 18th to ensure
bento delivery on 9/30. All
registration closes 09/27

Online attendees will be
sent a link to view the live
streamed seminar by 09/29



BON ODORI AT BTSD
Photos by Richard Matsumoto



Keiro Kai Luncheon September 17, 2023

After the O Higan Service 11:30

A Hawaiian Bento Box will be served **free of charge to our Keiro Kai 80+ Members** and \$20 for Guests

NAME _____

PHONE _____

	Keiro Kai	Guest	Amount	Total
HAWAIIAN BENTO _____	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____*	
VEGGIE BENTO _____	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____*	
			Total \$ _____*	

***Remember, the dollar total is just for Guests**
Please mail checks for Guests, or bring them into the Temple
We Must Have Your Order by the Due Date of September 6,
so please call the office before then at 619-239-0896.

Taiko Workshops for Beginners

Buddhist Temple of San Diego Taiko is offering a 3-week workshop series for children and adults. Classes are free to temple members and \$10 per session for non-members. Participants will be split into three groups: ages 4 to 7, 8 to 13, high school students and adults.

Workshop dates

Oct. 1, 15 and 22, 9 to 9:45 a.m.

Ages 4 to 7, 8 to 13; noon to 1 p.m.

High school students and adults

If you would like to register or have any questions, please contact Chelsey at chelseyn@gmail.com by Sept. 22.

Make sure, you, your kids and pets are hydrated and not over-heated. If it's too hot, please visit your closest library. They are registered "COOL ZONES."



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___	Almond Brittle -	\$18.50/1lb.	___
___	5 oz. " "	- \$8.00	___
___	1lb. Sweet Hots -	18.50	___
___	5 oz. Sweet Hots	\$8.00	___
___	Brittle Corn -	\$11.00/bag	___

Total Purchase/Payment

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