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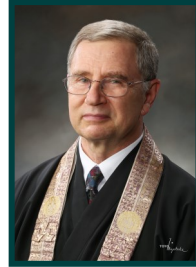
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This is It!

Rev. Jundo Gregory Gibbs



I hope that this still fresh, newish year of 2023 is already bringing you all much happiness. In last month's Bussei Script I wrote on the theme: "Now is the Time". My point was that none of us need worry about what happens to us when we die. On the Mahayana Buddhist Pure land path, the long-term outcome will be good, marvelous, ... wonderful.

We do have the short-term and medium-term to concern ourselves with, nonetheless. It will help us get through the week, this month, the year 2023 to realize that This is It. I mean "it" in the sense that other religions would identify as "It", as the ultimate goal, 'divinity', 'holiness' 'the sacred'. This, life we are living now, is sacred. Our saying "Namo Amida Butsu" is an encounter

with the divine. Planet earth, our sun, and her other planets are holy.

The perspective Jodo Shinshu Buddhism stands on is that, this too is the Lotus land. I am reminding you (and myself) to treat all living things as precious, to see Life itself as incomparably worthy. Some might call this pantheism, but that is misleading. Pantheists see god in all things, Mahayana Buddhist see all things as valuable beyond measure. We aren't projecting our dreams, one of them called "god," back onto planet earth. Planet earth is the source of all of our dreams. We are seeing this reality as the source of all of our aspirations, hopes and positive values. This is it!

The ground beneath our feet is the land of all the Buddhas. The air we breathe is the grace of the Bodhisattvas. The water we drink is the love of mother earth. The light that guides us on our way is the caring of Amida Buddha. This is it. Don't wait for the right moment to realize this. This is the right moment. This is It!

STRATEGIC PLANNING

By Michael Kinoshita

In 2022, the Executive Board started discussing strategic planning for the Temple. Our vision of strategic planning was to determine what steps the Temple would need to make for sustainability for the next 100 years.

The Executive Board along with a few Temple members discussed what the Temple would be in 5 years, 20 years and beyond. We met with Ricky Schlesinger (President of Vista Buddhist Temple) who had developed a program for Vista which addressed many of the questions we had for further insight on how to proceed. From that point, we began moving forward to implement the steps required to achieve our goals.

Our next step is reaching out to Temple members to create Focus Groups to gather opinions, com-

ments and suggestions regarding our Temple. From the information gathered, we hope to evaluate our strengths, weaknesses and opportunities to come up with a vision for our future.

We feel this planning is important that involves all of us. This past year, the Wheel of Dharma had articles regarding Strategic Planning, Membership and Viability that indicate the importance of these topics. We are approaching our 100 year anniversary in 2026. As we reach this monumental feat, it is important that we focus on the future and learn from our past.

In closing, the Executive Board greatly appreciates the generosity, dedication and commitment to our Sangha.

In gassho

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FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Sangha will be privileged to have two guest ministers visit BTSD to deliver the Dharma this month. Rev. **John Hughes** of the Longmont Buddhist Temple in Colorado will share the Dharma for the Nirvana Day service on Feb. 12. Rev. **Marvin Harada**, Bishop of the BCA, will join us on Feb. 19 to perform the certification ceremony of BTSD's newest certified Minister's Assistants.

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

- 1 – Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.m. (Zoom), Taiko practice, 7 pm (AH)
- 2 – Tai Chi, 10 am (Annex Hall)
- 4 – Japan Tour Meeting, 9 am (Dining Room), BWA New Year's Party, noon (AH)
- 5 – Ondo dance practice, 9 am (AH), Sutra chanting, 9:15 am (Hondo), Shotsuki Hoyo/Dharma Service, 10 a.m. (Hondo/Livestream), Taiko practice, 11:30 am (AH)
- 7 – Ways & Means meeting, 7 pm (Z)
- 8 – Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm (Z), Taiko practice, 7 pm (AH)
- 9 – Tai Chi, 10 am (AH), Board of Directors mtg., 7 pm (Z)
- 10 – Southern District Council meeting, 7 pm (Z)
- 11 – So. Dist. Jr. YBL Seminar 1, 1 pm at BTSD. Hosts BTSD and Vista Jr. YBAs
- 12 – Ondo dance practice, 9 am (AH), Sutra chanting, 9:15 am (H), **NEHAN-E** (Nirvana Day) service, 10 a.m. (H/L). Guest: Rev. John Hughes, Longmont Buddhist Temple, DS staff meeting, 11:30 am (Conference Room), Taiko practice, 11:30 am (AH), Sangha Super Bowl Watch Party, 3 pm (AH)
- 15 – Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm (Z), Taiko practice, 7 pm, (AH)
- 16 – Tai Chi, 10 am (AH)
- 18 – BCA National Council Meeting workshops (Z), Sukiyaki Dinner fundraiser, 5:30 pm (AH)
- 19 – Ondo dance practice, 9 am (AH), Sutra chanting, 9:15 am (H), Dharma Service, BWA/Lady Takeko Kujo memorial and Minister's Assistants certification. Guest: Rev. Marvin Harada, Bishop, BCA 10 am (H/L), Taiko practice, 11:30 am (AH)
- 22 – Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.m. (Z), Taiko practice, 7 pm (AH)
- 23 – Tai Chi, 10 am (AH), Activities meeting, 7 pm (Z)
- 24-25 – BCA Ministers and National Council meetings. Host: Coast District (Z)
- 26 – Dharma Service and Scout Day, 10 am (H)
BCA National Eitaikyo Service, 10 a.m. (Z)



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

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.

The Temple New Year's Party on January 15, 2023 was a great way to start off the New Year! The Annex Hall was a thumpin' and jumpin' during the entertainment portion of the party! Our Taiko group got everyone up with another great performance featuring several of their new members, next was the Dharma School leading a sing a long and ending with the BWA leading crowded Tanko Bushi odori line around the annex!! We also enjoyed a heartfelt Kampai by century club member Ruth Voorhies to get the party started. It was so good to see so many Sangha members in attendance. A special thank you goes out to our great team of volunteers who always pull together and host great events!

You may receive this issue before the January 29, 2023 Temple General Meeting. If so, you are invited to attend the annual meeting for Temple members to get a review of 2022, Temple Budget and Approval of the Temple Board of Directors Slate of current and in coming members. We need a quorum of 25 Sangha members to approve of items on the docket. The Temple Board of Directors is providing the main dish for our potluck lunch, please bring your favorite side dish to share.

Keep your eyes open for upcoming fundraisers hosted by the Ministers Assistants and of course our annual Temple fundraisers.

In Gassho, Activities Committee



The Annual Japanese Friendship Garden's
Cherry Blossom Festival
March 11-12 10am - 6pm

SANGHA SUPER BOWL PARTY PLANNED FOR FEBRUARY 12

Are you ready for some football?

Wear your favorite football team jersey, t-shirt and gear when the temple hosts its first Sangha Super Bowl Watch Party on Sunday, February 12.

Regardless of the two teams involved competing in Super Bowl LVII (57), the thought of getting together with the Sangha for a social in the Annex Hall and watching the game on the temple's 85-inch big screen should be exciting!

Bring your favorite delectable food dishes, snacks or desserts to share. There will be some football-related games for adults and kids as well as some prizes.

If you plan to attend, please contact Ralph Honda at (619) 885-3788 (cell/text), rkhonda205@gmail.com (email); or the office at (619) 239-0896, info@btsd.net with the number in your party and what type of food you will be providing.

The game kicks off at 3:30 p.m. Hope you can join in the fun! *Gassho*.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By LuAnn Lee, Board President

Happy 2023!

First month of the year is almost over and depending on when you read this, the Temple general meeting is right around the corner on Sunday, the 29th of January and we hope you can attend. If you were unable to attend and would like an electronic or hard copy of the meeting packet, please contact the office or any Board member.

As soon as we get more meeting information, details will follow. Preliminary numbers for 2022 look good for the Temple and we have the Sangha to thank for that. Appreciation to all that have donated to the Temple especially to our appeals. Any amount helps!

On Sunday, January 15th, some of us gathered for the annual New Year party. The year of the Rabbit. Thanks to Sharon Sasaki for organizing the entertainment, I had a great time listening to our very own BTSD Taiko drummers, singing "Sukiyaki" and "If your Happy and You Know It" songs with the Dharma school and dancing Tanko-bushi led by Junko Kajita and the BWA, great job by all. Thank you to Ann Ong for setting up the bento order form, Laura Yoshida for ordering the Ichiban bento's and to the Taiko group for helping with distribution. Thank you to Glenn Torio for stepping up to be the MC and overseeing the event. Appreciation to Linda for making the program, Gregg for taking care of the cakes, Junior YBA for the Keiro Kai goody bags and serving tea. Thanks to everyone that helped to set up/decorate, made and served tea, passed out cake, picked up KFC, purchased boxes of Kleenex for our parting gift and cleaning up.

With Reverend Gibbs' guidance, it has been a team effort on the part of the Minister's Assistants to make sure the weekly temple services and dharma talks, preparing and taking down the Onajjin and all the other details are taken care of. The group has worked so hard meeting monthly to make sure all is covered. Some of you have already heard that three more Minister Assistants' will be BCA Certified by Bishop Harada during the service on February 19. We hope you can join us as we look forward to the presentation to Arturo Rubio, Sharon Sasaki and Yukari Williams. Congratulations!

Reverend Smitty, Bill Teague and myself will be attending the annual BCA National Council Meeting via zoom on February 24 and 25. They will be offering workshops on Saturday, February 18. More details will be forthcoming as it becomes available and sent out via e-mail and on the website.

In closing, please support the Minister's Assistants fundraising efforts for the once in a lifetime trip to Japan in May 2023 for the Shinran Shonin 850th/800th Proclamation Service. Scheduled are a Sukiyaki dinner on Saturday, February 18th, Panda Express on Friday, March 10 and possibly one more to be announced.

Thank you for your support to the Temple and hope to see you at the Temple soon.

In Gassho,

LuAnn

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met on January 12, 2023 -

1. President LuAnn Lee welcomed the Board members to the new year. She congratulated and thanked Arturo Rubio, Sharon Sasaki and Yukari Williams who will be certified as BCA-recognized ministers assistants by Bishop Harada.
2. Oseibo was approved for 2022. LuAnn presented oseibo at the temple new year party.
3. Appreciation gifts will be presented to the 2022 high donors. The Board is appreciative of all of the donations that support the temple.
4. Funds were approved to spot-treat termite damage in the main building, trellis and the Sangha Hall.
5. The temple will co-sponsor the Japanese Coordinating Council (JCC) Keiro Kai.
6. There was no objection to the use of the taiyaki machine by the JCC at the Japanese Friendship Garden Cherry Blossom Festival.
7. The ministerial staff, all standing committees, and affiliated organizations updated the Board on their activities,

BWA NEWS

Greetings and Happy Valentine's Day! Hope you survived the past month of rain and are doing ok.

Many BWA members enjoyed the fine food and entertainment at the Temple New Year party. Thanks to Junko for leading us and most of the sangha in dancing the traditional Tanko Bushi bon odori. Everyone seemed to have energy and fun.

Our book club will be taking a little break and hope to reconvene in March with a new book.

A big "Thank you!" to Laurine and her committee, who have been so busy organizing the BWA shinnenkai, New Year party for Saturday, February 4 at noon. This has traditionally included only BWA members, but with the changing times, we wanted to include past and possible future members as well. If you are interested, all attendees except for invited guests are asked to pay \$10 each, with BWA picking up the rest of the tab for tax and tip. The meal will be one of 3 box lunch choices—A. mixed seafood, B. teriyaki chicken, and C. vegetarian. We will also have a gift exchange for a fun surprise. If you would like to participate in that, please bring any \$10 gift to the party. Tables will be set up in the Annex as well as a few outside on the walkway. Please choose if you would prefer to sit inside or out.

Hope to hear your reply to our invitation by January 29th.

Our annual Lady Takeko Kujo and BWA Memorial service will be held on Sunday, February 19th. Please join us!

Stay healthy and happy!



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DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

Dharma School kicked off 2023 by invigorating our minds, bodies, and spirits - first, during the Shusho-E Service, that some of us attended, then with a January 2nd morning hike at Torrey Pines State Reserve. Overcast and rain-free, it was perfect weather for a hike, followed by warming up over coffee and treats at Bird Rock Coffee Roasters. After the Shotsuki Hoyo Service on January 8th, we practiced singing for our New Year Party performance. At the Ho-Onko Service on January 15th, we appreciated learning from Rev. Smitty about Shinran Shonin's life, and during the party, we enjoyed leading the sing-along, "Sukiyaki" and "If You're Happy and You Know It". We celebrated January Birthdays during the Dharma Service on January 22nd, and on the 29th, staff members and teachers participated in the Temple's General Meeting. The accompanying photos are of our 12/31 volunteer event at Feeding San Diego and our group hike.

Heads up! In the month of March, we invite Dharma friends to donate items for "Little Kids Can Do Big Things". Dharma School is again supporting children at Ronald McDonald House, which is a "home-away-from-home" for families with children being treated for serious, often life-threatening conditions at local hospitals. Donations accepted: Crossword puzzle books, Word Search Books, Card Games, Board Games, Coloring Books, Colored Pencils, Pens for the word search and crossword puzzle books. Thank you in advance for your generous Dana!
Gassho, Sharon

BCA MINISTERS & NATIONAL COUNCIL MTGS.

The annual BCA Ministers and National Council meetings will take place February 24 and 25 and will be held virtually on Zoom. The Coast District will serve as host.

Rev. Maribeth Hokai "Smitty" Smith, President Lu Ann Lee and Third Vice President Bill Teague will represent the temple.

Workshops with a variety of topics will be conducted on Saturday, February 18 throughout the day on Zoom. Activities will be announced.

On Sunday, Feb. 26, BCA will hold its national Eitaikyo Service on Zoom beginning at 10 a.m.

All temple members and friends are encouraged to participate and view the workshops and Eitaikyo service on their computers and electronic devices. Zoom links for both activities will be posted on the temple's website.

ART COLLAGE EXHIBIT TELLS THE STORY OF WORLD WAR II INTERNMENT

Topaz Collages illustrates a blend of photographic and artistic imagery created by temple member, Jeanie Kashima.

Creations of Kashima's work, whose family was interned at the Topaz (Utah) Relocation Center during World War II, is on display from now through May 27 at the Vision Museum of Textile Art in Liberty Station.

Visions Museum of Textile Art is located at 2825 Dewey Road, Suite 100. Visit the museum's website <https://vmota.org/> for more information.



FEBRUARY SHOTSUKI LIST

The monthly memorial service will take place on February 5 at 10 a.m. in the hondo. Shotsuki Hoyo honors the memory of loved ones who passed away during the month. If you are unable to attend in-person, the service can be livestreamed on the temple's YouTube page. Access the livestream on the temple's website under the "Video" tab. Please share the service with family members and friends who do not have access to the internet. If you find an error in the Shotsuki listing or wish to add a name, please contact the temple at (619) 239-0896 or email info@btsd.net *Gassho*.

DECEASED

FAMILY MEMBER

Kisouyemon Sato (2-21-1906)..... Wilbur Takashima
 Bunshiro Takashima (2-6-1927) Wilbur Takashima
 Naminosuke Tachiki (2-13-1932) Tachiki Family
 Rino Yanagihara (2-21-1948).....Yanagihara Family
 Same Odawara (2-27-1949)..... Higuchi Family
 Michi Hanano (2-3-1956) Gerald Hanano
 Eikichi Ishisaki (2-12-1956) Florence Koga
 Toyo Furusho (2-24-1958)..... Saito Family
 Naminosuke Date (2-8-1959) Date Family
 Yukino Kodama (2-14-1959).....Vivianne Jones
 Ichigoro Imai (2-9-1960)..... Fumiko Ohara
 Kotaro Shimizu (2-4-1960)..... Dorothy Kimura
 Mine Iwataki (2-6-1961) Iwataki Family
 Hatsue Kimura (2-16-1961)..... Ochi Family
 Sada Takasugi (2-22-1966)..... Wayne Takasugi
 Sada Tsuneyoshi (2-1-1967) Tsuneyoshi Family
 Don Sadao Takeshita (2-6-1968)..... Takeshita Family
 Yujiro Nakano (2-21-1970).....Nakano Family
 Yaeno Amano (2-2-1971) Amano Family
 Natsue Shinohara (2-13-1972)..... Shinohara Family
 Tome Morimoto (2-14-1974).....Morimoto Family
 Tome Yamashita (2-17-1976) Mildred Kawasaki
 Suma Shimada (2-3-1978).....Sharon Shimada
 Masanori Koba (2-21-1979).....Duane Koba
 Fred Yamaguchi (2-2-1981) Yamaguchi Family
 Fumiko Yoshihara (2-1-1982) Kubota Family
 Megumi Torimaru (2-2-1983)Torimaru Family
 Masano Hirata (2-8-1984)..... Hirata Family
 Yuki Masumoto (2-26-1986) Chiyoko Masumoto
 Shima Fudo (2-13-1988) Miyoko Yamanishi
 Miki Moriyama (2-17-1988).....Kat Moriyama-Liss
 Sada Sameshima (2-1-1989)Ricardo Y. Sameshima
 Eda Asamen (2-24-1989) Masako Uyeji
 Misao Sugiyama (2-5-1992) Sugiyama Family
 George Hoshizaki (2-9-1993)Carolyn Jackson

DECEASED

FAMILY MEMBER

James Nicklas Link (2-27-1993)..Kathryn Moriyama Liss
 Mary Sugimoto (2-15-1994)..... Florence Koga
 Yajuro Nemoto (2-25-1994).....Nemoto Family
 Koyoshi Nakamura (2-19-1995)..... Nakamura Family
 Otomatsu Yoshihara (2-23-1995)..... Hiroko Kubota
 Iwao Yagura (2-2-1998)..... Yagura Family
 Fumiko Momita (2-18-2001)..... Gary Asao Momita
 Mary Hoshizaki (2-27-2001) Carolyn Jackson
 Satoshi Jack Takagi (2-2-2002) Takagi Family
 Shie Hagio (2-13-2002)..... Hagio Family
 Carol Inouye (2-3-2004) Craig Inouye
 Masami Honda (2-8-2005)..... Amy Honda
 Fred Hashiguchi (2-17-2006)..... Miyoko Hashiguchi
 Joseph S. Shiraishi (2-22-2006)Shiraishi Family
 Bette Torio (2-16-2007)..... Wesley Torio
 Patsy Harue Yanagihara (2-1-2008) ... Yanagihara Family
 Shigeru Moriyama (2-4-2008).....Kat Moriyama-Liss
 Suzy Shizuko Yamada (2-25-2008) Bert Masumoto
 Doris Miyashiro (2-7-2009) Amy Sato
 Tsuneo Niwa (2-9-2014).....Niwa Family
 Toshiharu Glenn Yonekura (2-21-11)...Takashima Family
 Ronald Nishinaga (2-27-2012) Mani Ryan
 Yoshinobu Wakabayashi (2-6-2013) Yoshiko White
 Rose Watamura (2-1-2014)Elizabeth Takasaki
 Fumie Yamashita (2-13-2014).....Friends
 Mary Matsumoto (2-24-2014).....Kay DeFord
 Mariko Tanizaki (2-25-2014)..... Gary Tanizaki
 Hideko Okada Smith (2-17-2016).....James E. Smith
 George Yamamoto (2-11-2019).....Ann Yamamoto
 Michael Mitsuo Doi (2-8-2020).....Doi Family
 Hatsumi Oto 2-2-2021.....Amy Oto
 Ruby Yoshida (2-3-2021).....Laura Yoshida
 Miyeko Kinoshita (2-17-2021).....Michael Kinoshita
 Nobuko Amano (2-20-2021).....Mike Amano
 Minako Nakano (2-20-2021).....Alan Nakano

MEMORIAL SERVICES

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

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

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」 二〇二三年二月法話

にんげん ていぎ

一人間の定義

駐在開教使 向嶋裕史

宇宙の歴史が始まって、現在は百三十八億年ほど経っているそうです。そしてその宇宙に地球が誕生してから四十六億年。そしてこの地球上に生命らしきものができて二〇億年。更にやっと人間らしいものができてくるのが二〇〇万年前であると言われています。

この長い歴史の中で、様々な変化を遂げて今人としてこの地球に生を受けている私達ですが、人間の祖先はアウストラロピテクス(猿人)だと言われています。そして約三〇〇万年前に誕生したのが現代人の属するホモサピエンスです。その後、人類は知能と言葉を駆使して高度な文明を築き上げ地球を支配する存在となりましたが、では私達人間の定義とは一体何でしょうか。念仏者である私達にとって、この問いは単なる進化論の話であってはいけません。なぜなら、人間になるという事は、「真実なる宗教に出遇ったとき、もつと言えば、『阿弥陀仏の前で手を合わせて、『南無阿弥陀仏』と念仏を称えることができたとき、真の人間になれるのだ』という味わいが大切だからです。阿弥陀仏の前で手を合わせて念仏を称えるということは、真実なるものに触れて「生きることの意味」、そして「自分は一体何者なのか」という大きな問題に人生を通して真剣に向き合つたということなのです。

「毎朝毎朝洗面台の鏡に向かって、私は自分の何を見ているのだろうか」これは、東本願寺の僧侶である浅田正作師が書かれた詩ですが、この詩のように私

達は毎日欠かさず鏡の前に立っています。しかし、私達は一体鏡の中の何をみているのでしょうか。

私達は鏡の前で髪を整えたり、化粧をしたり、洋服を選んだりしています。ですから、鏡は自分の姿を見るものだと思っていますが、自分の外見を確認することと他人に恥ずかしくない自分を取り繕うためであるとすると、鏡は自分自身ではなく、他人の目を見ていることになるのではないのでしょうか。

阿弥陀仏の前で手を合わせるといことは、阿弥陀仏の智慧の光に照らされてその鏡には映らない本当の自分の姿に気づかせていただくということなのです。そして本当の自分の姿とは、煩惱にまみれた凡夫の姿に他なりません。

煩惱とは、人の心を感じさせたり、悩ませたりする醜い心のはたらきで、人間の苦しみを作り出す大本です。様々な煩惱がありますが、特に大きな煩惱を「三毒」と呼んで、貪欲と瞋恚と愚痴が挙げられます。この三毒が人々の心を乱し、安定を失わせ、苦しめているのです。私達人間は欲の塊です。勿論、動物にも欲はありますが、それは本能欲といって、腹が減れば、他のいのちを喰らいますが、腹さえ膨れればそれで満足します。それに比べて人間は、必要以上に他のいのちを奪って、スーパ―に並べて腐らすこともありますし、おいしくなければ捨てることさえあります。この醜い姿は餓鬼そのものだと云えます。

また、気に入らないことがあると無性に腹が立ちます。車を運転していても、後ろから速い車が煽ってきたり、前の車がひどく遅かったり、横の車がいきなり前に割り込んできたりして、自分の運転ペースを乱されるというカッとなってしまうのです。つねに怒りや不満を感じて生きている私達の姿は修羅そのものです。

愚痴とは、正しい智慧をもつて明らかに物事を見たり判断することができないことを意味します。つねに自

分中心に物事を見ているので、自分にとって都合の良い時の雨は恵みの雨で、都合の悪い時に降った雨は憎い雨と見なします。例えば、昨年久しぶりに洗車をして綺麗になった車でドライブしていた時にわか雨に遭ってしまいました。昨今の水不足問題を考えれば恵みの雨と喜ぶべきところを自分にとって都合が悪いからといって憎い雨と腹を立てて不平不満をもらしてしまいました。このように道理をわきまえない無知な姿は、恥知らずの畜生そのものだといえます。

このように、どっちに転んでも文句を言って、怒り、苦しみ、悩んでいるのは、これら三毒の煩惱によって、毎日飽きることなく六道の世界(地獄・餓鬼・畜生・修羅・人間・天人)をさま迷っているからに他なりません。

しかし、阿弥陀仏に出遇わせたいただくことによつて、そうした煩惱にまみれた本当の自分の姿が浮き彫りとなり、自己中心でしか物事を見れない傲慢さに気づかされ、その愚かな生き方を反省させられます。そして智慧の光に導かれて、貪り、怒り、愚痴の心が、足る心、慶びの心、物事を正しく見る心に変わり、全ての縁を感謝一杯の心でいただけできるようになります。阿弥陀仏の慈悲の温もりに導かれて、一切感謝の心が煩惱のはたらきを和らげ、大きな安らぎとなって人生の苦悩を力強く乗り越えさせていただくのです。この一切感謝の心こそが「南無阿弥陀仏」のお念仏です。そしてこのお念仏が自ずと口からこぼれた時、真の人間になれるその時なのです。

お念仏の教えは、これまで当たり前かと思っていたものが当たり前でなかったことに気づき、煩惱具足のお粗末な私が、そのまま阿弥陀仏に抱かれているという慶びの中で、こんな私でもせめてできることを精一杯させていたということ、社会の為人の為に尽くす生き方へと導いて下さいます。真の人間として、感謝の念仏生活を皆さんと共に歩んでまいりたいと願っています。

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Honda, Mikiye
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Spears, Margo
Yamamoto, Jane
Masumoto, Chiyoko
Honda, Mikiye
Sumida, Floyd & Kaytee
Yagura, Ronald & Sheila
Hashiguchi, Tsuneko & John
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Torio, Betty
Shigehara, Wilbur & Janice
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Two Special Guest Speakers

We are grateful to welcome two awesome guest speakers in February.

Rev. John Hughes, Longmont Buddhist Temple, for **February 5, Nehan E** (Nirvana Day):

Bishop Marvin Harada, Buddhist Churches of America, for February 19, BWA Memorial

Our Nehan-E (Nirvana Day) Service

With Rev. Laverne Imori officiating, this service commemorates the passing of Shakyamuni Buddha some 2500 years ago.

BWA Memorial and Certification of Minister's Assistants

BWA. With Rev. Hōkai "Smitty" Smith officiating, this annual service honors **Lady Takeko Kujo**, the founder of what is now the international Buddhist Women's Association. It also honors the San Diego BWA members who have passed away.

MAs. Bishop Harada will also certify our Minister's Assistants **Arturo Rubio, Sharon Sasaki, and Yukari Williams**. We are grateful to all three for their service to BTS. They are now officially permitted to provide Dharma talks at any BCA temple.

About Rev. Hughes

Rev. Hughes is a Tokudo Minister's Assistant in Longmont, Colorado, where he is known informally as Sensei John. His initial steps on the Buddhist path as a young adult found special focus when later in life he began attending the Longmont Buddhist Temple (LBT) in 2011. He received ordination in Kyoto in 2016 and serves LBT as its primary Dharma teacher under supervision of the resident minister at the Denver Tri-State Buddhist Temple. Please see our website for his full biography.



About Bishop Harada



Bishop Harada continues a remarkable career in service of the Dharma, well known for his friendly and accessible Dharma talks. Many of us fondly recall his Dharma talks to our youth with his sometimes companion, Freddie the Frog. He is so well known he needs no introduction, but some highlights of his achievements appear on the website.

Reminder of Buddhist Education Opportunities in

February

Each **Wednesday** we have our discussion class, **Buddhism 1-2-3** with **Bill Teague** via .Zoom at 7:00 p.m.

On **request**, and at a time convenient to you, we host an open Zoom forum for your questions, called **Buddhism Zero** with various hosts.

On **Sunday, February 26**, at 9 a.m. at the Temple, we provide a one-hour **Intro to Buddhism** with **Kaytee Sumida** to provide a history of the tradition up to the present day and our own Temple. We meet at our Sangha Hall.

Kaytee and Bill are both Minister's Assistants. Please contact the Temple for more information.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

L to R: Ruth Voorhies wishing us all kampa while MC Glenn Torio looks on, The 50 Year + Anniversaries with the Kajita's, Teague's and Himaka's, then the Dharma School leading the sangha in the songs "Sukiyaki" and "If You're Happy and You Know It."



February is Membership Month

Bill Teague, Membership Chair

Good News! Although we are waiting for one more shoe to drop, we think we have slightly increased our membership count from 2022's 207. Final reporting will be provided at the January 29 General Meeting and in the March Kaiho. And here is more information on how we are celebrating our loyal members this month and forward.

What You Can Do. If you have friends or family who would enjoy being part of our Sangha and supporting the Temple, please invite them. Or if you are one of our many Dharma Friends who are so close to becoming members -- already donating to our efforts and attending our events -- please come aboard too. We make it easy with a new onboarding rate (see following).

Save the Dates: New Date! Sat., Mar. 5, at 9:00 a.m., **New Member Breakfast**

Sat., Mar. 18, at 4 p.m., **New Members Key Concepts** (Hybrid/Zoom), afternoon option

Sun., Mar. 19, 9 a.m., **New Members Key Concepts** (Hybrid/Zoom), morning option

Wed., April 5, 12, 19, and 26, **Buddhism 1-2-3 for New Members**

To Come, Dates TBA: April: Members Only Obutsudan Sale; **August:** Free to Members, Fee-based Seminar on the Three Treasures; **November:** Free to Members, Fee-based Seminar on the Nembutsu; **Learn More:** The Website has a submenu item called **Membership Month**.

First New Members of 2023 In the first two weeks of January we already welcome new members as follows:

Denise Amemiya and Ronnie Morinaka

Both Denise and Ronnie are the grown children of valued Temple members who passed away in recent years.

Financial Incentives for New Members Start Now: See the Member website for more detail around our onboarding program, to remove financial barriers for members to join us.

New Youth Membership Incentive from BCA

Because of decisions at the BCA level, we now discount memberships for adults under 30.