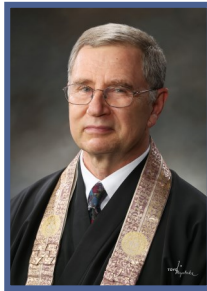


This Will be Enough

Rev. Jundo Gregory Gibbs



I am writing this article a bit ahead of time, in Pasadena. Since it is November where you are, I can only hope it has cooled off in San Diego. I hope we will make the societal changes that will slow down global warming. If we don't it will soon be true, as Jennifer Lawrence says in "Don't Look Up" that "We're all gonna die!"

I really do hope we can become more environmentally responsible. Even so you know, in the end, no one makes it out alive. If we stop industrial pollution, use public transit, and cease to expand human dwellings where we need it to be left natural; - the human race will not die out anytime soon. Still, each of us, individually, at some point, will pass on. When our time comes, will we be able to say, this was enough?

Last month I talked with you about a Calvin and Hobbes cartoon strip. This month, I am discussing a couple of movies. The article's title comes from the movie "The Seventh

Seal". The Protagonist, a knight returned from the Crusades, spends a morning with a charming young couple and their toddler son. They share a breakfast of wild strawberries and fresh milk. He takes some of this from a large bowl and declares, "This will be enough. I will hold this memory like I hold this bowl, and this will be enough."

Yes, we must make changes to avoid worsening climate change. We must take the political action necessary to decrease the development and dissemination of catastrophic weaponry. We must cure cancer. But we will, all of us, individually, face an end to our biological lives. Also, all life on earth will end one day. The sun begins the supernova process in 5 billion years and biological life on earth will end. It's a shame.

It's a shame that everything is impermanent, that all beautiful things must fade and die. But if we truly love our family, our friends, our temple community, ... the time we have spent with them will be enough. The love I have for my family, friends and Sangha members. The warm times I have already spent with them; - if the sun supernova is 5 billion years early, that will have been enough. Say the Nembutsu, love your family, recall all the precious memories, and when the time comes, you will be able to say, "This is enough."



Rev Elaine Donlin: Eitaikyo Guest Speaker

Rev Elaine Donlin received her Minister Assistant robes from the Buddhist Church of San Francisco in 2008, and received Tokudo from our mother temple, Nishi Hongwanji, in Kyoto Japan in

2012. She leads an innovative monthly Metta Gathering in Shin temples in San Francisco, Mill Valley and Sebastopol for the past 10 years. Rev Donlin is also a founding member of the BCSF LGBTQ+ group, the first such temple group within the Buddhist Churches of America. Additionally, she presently serves as president of the BCSF Buddhist Women's Association.

Rev Donlin is passionate about interfaith collaboration and served on the San Francisco Interfaith Council Board of Directors for the past 6 years and continues to coordinate BCSF's SFIC Winter Shelter Meal Program for the unhoused. In October of 2021, she was invited to present at the Interfaith Coalition Conference for Global Citizens in Seoul, South Korea. She spoke on the importance of interfaith collaboration in promoting the United Nation's Global Citizenship Education Initiative as essential to overcoming the complex global crises we presently find ourselves in. In Jan. 2023, Elaine Sensei was elected president of the Japanese Ameri-

can Religious Federation (JARF), which is a consortium of churches and temples in the San Francisco Japantown area, working together to promote peace and unity since 1948. For over 10 years now, Rev Donlin has provided Meditation and Buddhist teachings in the SF County Men's and Women's Jails.

The Eitaikyo (perpetual memorial) service will be on November 12 at 10 a.m.

Sangha Teens News

This year, there are 5 members in the Sangha Teens, which is for registered Dharma School Students in grades 6-8. Last month, the members held an election and had their installation. Here's our 2023-24 cabinet:

·President: **Juliana Kruse**; Vice President: **Kobe Kawahara**;
Secretary: **Matteo Mascola**; Treasurer: **Jack Shultz**

Our advisor is Avis Honda, and our assistant advisor is Kimberly Kruse. Rounding out our cabinet is our ministerial advisor, Rev. Smitty.

We are looking forward to an exciting year!

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The Shotsuki Hoyo monthly memorial (Nov. 5) and Eitai-kyo "perpetual memorial" (Nov. 12) will highlight the Sunday Dharma gatherings for November.

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).

The calendar's (activities and times subject to change):

- 1 – Taiko, 6:45 pm (Annex Hall), Bud. 1-2-3, 7 pm (Zoom)
- 2 – Tai Chi, 10 am (AH)
- 4 – Dharma School Feeding San Diego activity, 9 to 11 am
- 5 – Sutra Chanting, 9:15 am (Hondo), Dharma Family Service/Shotsuki Hoyo monthly memorial, 10 am (H/Livestream), BWA meeting, 11:30 am (Conference Room), Sangha Teens meeting, 11:30 am (Room 7), Taiko practice, 11:30 am (AH)
- 8 – Taiko practice, 6:45 pm (AH), Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm (Z)
- 9 – Tai Chi, 10 am (AH), BOD Meeting, 7 pm (Z)
- 10 – Southern District Council Meeting at Pasadena (hybrid)
- 11 – Nembutsu Seminar, 3 pm
- 12 – Sutra Chanting, 9:15 am (H), EITAIKYO "Perpetual Memorial" SERVICE, 10 am (H/L). Guest speaker: Rev. Elaine Donlin, Buddhist Church of San Francisco., Dharma School Staff meeting, 11:30 am (CR), Jr. YBA meeting, 11:30 am (Room 1), Taiko practice, 11:30 am (AH)
- 15 – Taiko 6:45 p.m. (AH), Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm (Z)
- 16 – Tai Chi, 10 am (AH), Activities Meeting, 7 pm (Z)
- 17 – Nembutsu Seminar, 7 pm (H/Z)
- 18 – Southern District Jr. YBL Jam Session, 1 pm
- 19 – Sutra Chanting, 9:15 am (H), Dharma Family Service, 10 am (H/L), Taiko practice, 11:30 am (AH), DS Parent /Staff Gathering, Noon, SH
- 21 – Book Club, 7 pm (Z)
- 22 – Garden Villa Thanksgiving Prep, 7 am - Noon (kitchen), Taiko practice, 6:45 pm (AH), Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm (Z)
- 23 – HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!! (Temple closed)
- 26 – Introduction to Buddhism, 9 am (Sangha Hall), Sutra Chanting, 9:15 am (H), Dharma Family Service, 10 am (H), Taiko practice, 11:30 am (AH)
- 29 – Bussei Script mailing, 9:30 am, Taiko practice, 6:45 pm (AH), Buddhism 1-2-3, 6 pm (Z)
- 30 – Tai Chi, 10 am (AH)



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. 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, 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.

This year's Mochitsuki will be held on Sunday December 10, 2023. The set up days will be Thursday and Friday prior to the 10th. Look for the article elsewhere in this issue, including the order form.

Looking forward to the upcoming 2024 year, the Temple activities ramp up with the annual events such as the Cultural Bazaar and other fund raising events. Let's all enjoy the beginning of the holiday season with Thanksgiving and the Jr YBA food drive.

In Gassho,
Activities Committee

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL CONTINUES

Over 75% and Counting!
Bill Teague, Membership Chair

As of the first two weeks of October, we've had many more renewals, so thank you members for your support.

Speaking of which, thanks also to **Ann Ong**, who is currently sending out renewal notices by email to many of you.

It's Not You, It's Us!

Some of our late renewals are because we tripped up in doing auto-renewal on your behalf. We have reached out to many of you already, but don't be surprised if we contact you on this topic.

RENEW for 2024 and LOCK IN 2023 RATES

There are no immediate plans to raise rates in 2024, but we won't know for certain until next month. But if you renew for 2024 now, you won't have to pay any increases later, should there be any. 2024 forms are available from the Website or the Temple office.

FREE MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR, Saturday Afternoon, Nov. 11

Rev. Gregory Gibbs, our Supervising Minister, and our own Rev. Laverne Imori, will be speaking on Nembutsu as the heart of Jodo Shinshu. The event will run from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (See flyer elsewhere in this issue).

Buddhist Education in November

Free Member Seminar

On **Saturday, November 11**, we will host a seminar for members (with donation requested for others) on the Nembutsu. It will run from **3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.** to avoid night-time driving. See the flyer in this issue for more information.

Month of *Shoshinge*

Buddhism 1-2-3 focuses this month on Shinran's *Shoshin Nembutsu Ge*, chanted in Shin Buddhism in gratitude for the Shin teachings. We meet Wednesdays at 7 p.m. via Zoom to study this text. Also, every Sunday, our chanting group meets at 9:15 a.m., often practicing the *Shoshinge*. Contact the Temple for more information.

Intro to Buddhism

Perfect for students and others interested in Buddhism, our Intro to Buddhism course will be on the last Sunday of the Month, Nov. 26, at 9 a.m. The hour-long class, by Kaytee Sumida, Minister's Assistant, also identifies Temple etiquette for attending that Sunday's service at 10 a.m.



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

By LuAnn Lee, Board President

September and October were very busy months for BTSD.

We had back-to-back-to-back weekends of activities in the months of September and October was also filled with more activities and with more to come.

Our thanks to all the volunteers that came out to help and to all that supported these successful events.

Gratitude to Bill Teague who worked with the movie director Yujiro Seki to show the film "Carving the Divine" to the Sangha. Mr. Seki graciously made the documentary available to us to view at no charge. Also, thanks go to Ricky Cheeks and his connection with the director Mr. Seki who joined the Buddhism 123 class for an informal discussion about the film.

Appreciation to Nancy Martinez for her leadership with the Pot Pie luncheon and Dharma school's bake sale. It had so many yummy goodies and they made \$2000 to donate to the Maui relief fund.

The following weekend, the Temple hosted the Tri-Temple Seminar. Our keynote speaker Reverend Iwohara, a Star Trek enthusiast came up with the theme Infinite Diversity in Infinite Combinations. I like Star Trek but really was unfamiliar with this phrase. He explained it is the basis of Vulcan philosophy, celebrating the vast array of variables in the universe. Although Vulcan is fictional, Reverend Iwohara was able to talk about how this phrase relates to us and our daily lives. The panelist Arturo Rubio, Roselyn Dong and Reverend Smitty shared their thoughts and personal experiences as Reverend Gibbs moderated. I hope all that signed up in person or live stream enjoyed the seminar. If you missed it, I believe you can go to Youtube Buddhist Temple San Diego and view it. We thank everyone all that planned, volunteered and made time to attend the event.

On Saturday October 14, eight of us traveled to Pasadena to attend the Southern District Buddhist Conference and many attended live stream. The theme was Gratitude and the keynote speakers were our very own Kenji Sensei and Karen. We enjoyed seeing and catching up with Kenji Sensei but sad that Karen was unable to make it due to Covid that she had a couple of weeks earlier and she was still not up to traveling. The conference committee did show a video of her and her Dharma talk was very touching and heartfelt as she talked about gratitude while going through dark times in her life. The loss of her Mom and Son and Kenji Sensei's surgeries. She talked about her time in San Diego and how our Sangha welcomed them and how grateful she is to our members and friends of the Temple. We look forward to having them come in January 2024 to be our guest speakers in conjunction with

our New Year party.

I can't believe it's October and November is right around the corner. Thanksgiving will be here before we know it. I just want to say how thankful I am for all of you for your support to me and my family.

I for one, hope to slow down, be mindful and notice all the things that make my life easier and enjoyable. Have a wonderful time enjoying the fall season.

In Gassho, LuAnn

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met on October 12th -

1. The Ministerial team, all affiliated organizations and standing committees provided updates on their activities.
2. The status of the improvements at the Bay Leaf property (Ministers residence) was provided. Thank you to Carol Baker for overseeing the interior work.
3. The showing of the film *Carving the Divine* with a lunch and bake sale fundraiser for Maui Wildfire Relief was well-received.

BWA NEWS

October was a busy month for our BWA. At our October meeting, Hanae Hara graciously volunteered to fill our newly formed position of Historian. Our Almond Brittle sale is still going strong with pick up at the temple scheduled for Nov. 12, following the Eitaikyo and All Life Forms Service. Place your orders using the order forms in the office/online or contact Margo at 619-227-6065. Our sushi sale is rescheduled for March 17. We are planning a field trip to the Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego offices to view the exhibit of "Topaz Collages" by Jeanie Kashima on display in November and December. Our Bonnenkai will be on Saturday, Dec. 16 at 11:30 at the Wood Ranch Restaurant in Mission Valley. The limit on the gift exchange was increased to \$15. With compassionate hearts, we donated \$500 to the Lahaina Temple. One of our dear temple members, Toyo Nishii passed away recently. Toyo was the brother of Alice Matsumoto, a BWA member, and the son of the late Rev. Nishii, who was a former BTSD minister.

On October 7, five of our members donned colorful fascinators to attend the elegant and fun English Tea presented by the San Diego Chinese Women's Association to get some ideas of how we might proceed with our English Tea scheduled for Saturday, April 20. We are delighted that the founder of their event offered to help us with our debut English Tea.

Thank you to LuAnn Lee and Ralph Honda for driving four of our members to the Pasadena Buddhist Temple to attend the Southern District Buddhist Conference on Oct. 14. The inspiring talks given by Bishop Harada, Rev. Kenji and Karen Akahoshi made the 2 1/2 hour trek well worth the effort. We also attended the SDBWA General Meeting

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where meeting our counterparts from other temples was a joyful experience. I shared the news of the passing of Fumi Ohara and was touched by the outpouring of sympathy from many ladies in the group who remembered and knew her as she had traveled there on many, many occasions to attend the quarterly and general meetings. The recipients of the \$2,500 SDBWA Grant Awards are Vista, Gardena, OCBC, and Nishi Hongwanji. In 2024, our BTSD BWA will be the lead chapter and executive board of the Southern District BWA which entails the responsibilities of running the quarterly and general meetings and helping to organize the Southern District Buddhist Conference to be held at our temple on Oct. 19, 2024. So please save the date and be ready to lend a helping hand!

DHARMA SCHOOL

Thank you, Sangha, for supporting our September Bake Sale, which raised ~\$700 for Maui Wildfire Relief, and October Stuffed Animal Drive, which benefited the Ronald McDonald House Charities of San Diego and UCSD Health....behind Ronald McDonald House Charities. They are a new recipient/partner of the interfaith effort. We sincerely appreciate our *dana (selfless generosity)*. October was a fun and busy month! Some highlights:

- Our evening Halloween Service and Party was a hit! Thanks so much, Jr. YBA, for the spooktastic decorations and games. The food, costumes, and Sangha fellowship were thoroughly enjoyed by all!
- The Vista Buddhist Temple Dharma School visited us, joining our service, classes, and potluck luncheon. Many thanks to Karen Okuhara and all who coordinated the delicious lunch.

· At the Southern District Dharma School Teachers League Conference, Bishop Harada introduced a contemporary direction for teaching the Nembutsu path, including the values of listening, gratitude, self-reflection, belonging to a Sangha, interconnectedness, respecting others, and the Jodo Shinshu path as a life-long journey.

On November 4th, Dharma School is volunteering at Feeding San Diego, to help provide food relief to our local community.

On November 12th, we will remember our beloved pets and other living beings who passed away, during the Eitaikyo and All Life Forms Memorial Service.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, it's a great month to reflect on gratitude as the opening gate and culmination of the Nembutsu path. Namu Amida Butsu.

JR YBA NEWS

Hello, Dharma friends and family!

Our San Diego Jr. YBA members have had quite the month! On September 1st, we attended the yearly Southern District Jr. YBA Conference, hosted by Gardena and Nishi Buddhist Temples. The event was a spectacular mix of dharma workshops, a suspenseful mystery murder and great chicken curry. We also established our own San Diego Jr. YBA cabinet and congratulated our very own Andrea Covarrubias on becoming Southern District 2nd Vice President! Most recently, it was officially established that our San Diego and Vista Jr. YBA will be partnering up to host the 2024 Southern District Conference. We are definitely looking forward to hosting and continuing to work with our friends from Vista. Thank you to all for your continued support.

In gassho,
Cassidy Muraoka, San Diego Jr. YBA Vice President.

CURRENT AND FUTURE TEMPLE MEMBERS

Renew membership or **BECOME MEMBER EARLY** for 2024, no price increase from 2023.
Contact the Temple.

2023 Winter Clothing Donation Drive

The Buddhist Temple of San Diego / Dana Group is supporting Streets of Hope, an organization with a vision to give hope to those who live on the streets of San Diego. We will need gently used warm clothing items such as **jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts, thick socks**, etc. Please drop off



Annual Jr. YBA Food Drive To Benefit the Union of Pan Asian Community

Please Bring Your Non-perishable Food and Monetary Donations To the Temple **October 22 to November 19**

Monetary Donations pay for turkey, pies and fresh ingredients, like Fruits & Vegetables!

In past years, we have received cards from families who have given us, in return, much Thankfulness from their hearts.

People love ramen, but they can usually afford it themselves, so think about what you would buy for yourself.

ALL LIVING BEINGS MEMORIAL

We will be holding the temple's "All Life Forms" Memorial Service during the Eitaikyo Service on Sunday, November 12, 2023. All Sangha members are invited to submit the name and short description/memory of any person, pet, or other deceased being (loved ones, friends, pets, animals, plants, insects, etc.) by November 11th. The list of submitted names will be read, similar to Shotsuki Hoyo, during the service on November 12th. Contact the temple at info@btsd.net, btsd.ministerial.team@gmail.com, or 619-239-0896 with your submission. (Forms are available in the office and foyer).





EITAIKYO (Perpetual Memorial)

Dear Sangha Members and Dharma Friends:

The Buddhist Temple of San Diego (BTSD) will hold its annual Eitaikyo (Perpetual Memorial) Service on Sunday, November 12. The service will take place in-person and be livestreamed on the temple's YouTube page. Contact the office for the livestream link if you will not be able to attend in-person.

Established over 60 years ago, Eitaikyo literally means the perpetual chanting of the sutras and honors all dedicated members and Dharma friends whether known or unknown, in perpetuity, who devoted themselves for the spiritual welfare of BTSD. The sutras are chanted during the Eitaikyo service in memory of loved ones with deep appreciation and gratitude. A list of all Eitaikyo honorees appear in this month's Bussei Script.

Families are encouraged to establish a fund, in perpetuity of loved ones who are not part of the Eitaikyo Fund program. New names will be added to the Eitaikyo book that is located in the onaijin (center of worship) next to the image of Amida Buddha. Establishing a fund in the name of a family member who is living will also be accepted.

A suggested minimum contribution of \$300 is required to record a new name earmarked for Eitaikyo remembrance. Future donations of any amount towards the fund will be accepted with the deepest amount of appreciation and gratitude.

The minimum contribution increased to \$300 at the beginning of 2023.

The Eitaikyo Fund is constrained to be used for the sole purpose of maintaining of religious articles in the Onaijin or in case of an extreme emergency.

Included with this mailing are two envelopes. Please use the blue envelope for your donation to the Eitaikyo Fund. The white envelope is for your Eitaikyo Service offering.

The temple wishes to thank all of the families for their heartfelt consideration and continued support towards Eitaikyo. The temple looks forward to your participation.

In Gassho,
Buddhist Temple of San Diego

EITAIKYO FUND

Name of Donor (First, M., Last): _____

New Account? YES or NO (Circle) - For BOTH YES and NO, please fill-in the information below

Donating for (Name): _____ Relationship: _____

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Donating for (Name): _____ Relationship: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / _____ Donation Amount: \$ _____ Check No.: _____

Mail form and payment to: Buddhist Temple of San Diego, 2929 Market Street, San Diego, CA 92102

EITAIKYO LISTING 2022

Below is a list of names that have been recorded in the Buddhist Temple of San Diego's Eitaikyo (Perpetual Memorial) book, as of October 2022. The temple apologizes for any errors or omissions. To help keep our records up-to-date, please contact the temple with any corrections. The annual Eitaikyo letter precedes the listings. The temple looks forward to your participation with the annual Eitaikyo observance. Note: Newest additions are at the end of this list.

LAST	FIRST	LAST	FIRST	LAST	FIRST	LAST	FIRST
AKIYAMA	Yasu	FURUYA	Shigeyuki	IKENOUE	(Family)	KANEKO	Kakuaki
AMANO	Mitsuru	FURUYA	Takaye Shiz	IMAI	Hiroshiga	KANEKO	Shuji
AMANO	Sam	FURUYA	(Family)	IMAI	Ichigoro	KANEKO	(Family)
AMANO	Takeko	GOLDBERG	Dr. Norman	IMAI	Mine	KANESHIRO	Eijiro
AMANO	Momoyo & Shigeo	GRAEBER	Kikue	IMAI	(Parents)	KANESHIRO	Gale
AMANO	Osamu	HAGIO	Leo	IMORI	Gladys Yoshiko	KANESHIRO	(Family)
AMANO	Shigeto & Yaeno	HAGIO	Yuruko	IMORI	Kosuke	KASAKISAKO	(Family)
AMANO	(Ancestors)	HAGIO	Shie	INOUE	Eijiro	KASHIMA	Jeanie
AMEMIYA	Mary	HAMABATA	Takashi	INOUE	Hiroyuki	KASHIMA	Tetsuyo
ARAUMI	Shin	HAMABATA	Yaeko	INOUE	Ume	KASHIMA	(Family)
ARAUMI	Zentaro	HAMADA	Leora	INOUE	(Family)	KASUBUCHI	James
ARAUMI	(Ancestors)	HAMADA	George	ISHINO	Kosaburo	KASUBUCHI	James (Family)
ASAKAWA	Shizuko	HAMAGUCHI	Teikichi	ISHINO	Matsue	KAWAKAMI	Mine
ASAKAWA	Masato (Bruce)	HANANO	(Family)	ISHISAKI	Eikichi	KAWAMOTO	Harry
ASAMEN	Eda & Zentaro	HASHIGUCHI	(Ancestors)	ISHISAKI	Ronnie	KAWAMOTO	Ito
ASAMEN	George	HASHIGUCHI	Fusi	ISHISAKI	Toriyo	KAWAMOTO	Imataro
ASAMEN	Kumiko	HASHIGUCHI	Kasuke	ISHISAKI	Tsugiye	KAWAMOTO	Michael
ASAMEN	(Family)	HATASHITA	(Ancestors)	ISHISAKI	Emiko	KAWAMOTO	Mitsuko
AZUMA	Sueichi	HATAUYE	Gitaro	ISHIZAKI	Joseph R.	KAWAMOTO	Yukio
AZUMA	Tora	HATAUYE	Kura	ISHIZAKI	Priscilla M	KAWAMOTO	Sakayo
AZUMA	(Ancestors)	HAYASHI	Haru	ISHIZU	Masaichi	KAWAMOTO	Shinshichi
AZUMA	(Parents)	HAYASHI	Taroueman	ISHIZU	Osamu	KAWAMOTO	Tsuruyo
BABA	Chosuke	HIDINGER	Ron	ISHIZU	(Family)	KAWAMOTO	Umeko
BARRETT	Max. E.	HIDINGER	Holly	ITAMI	Umeko	KAWASAKI	Kikuyo
BARRETT	Elaine Matsumoto	HILL	Gail Miyo	ITO	Bob	KAWASAKI	Seki
BENSON	John E.	HIMAKA	Chosuke	ITO	Elwood	KAWASAKI	(Family)
BENSON	Agnes	HIMAKA	Haru	ITO	Harry	KAWASAKI	Kiyoshi
BLOOM	Tony	HIMAKA	Kazuye	ITO	Hazel	KINOSHITA	Kijiro
CHEEKS	Sumie Otani	HIMAKA	Osao & Setsuko	ITO	Emiko	KITAGAWA	Michiko
COPPOCK	(Family)	HIMAKA	(Family)	ITO	Ikichi	KITAGAWA	(Ancestors)
DAMESHIKI	Francis	HIMAKA	Norman	ITO	Kitsu	KITANO	Kimiko
DATE	Akira	HIRAKAWA	Kenichi	ITO	Matsu	KITANO	Tadashi
DATE	Kimiye	HIRAKAWA	Shigeno	ITO	Tsuzuki	KIYONO	Ichinosuke
DATE	Ofuji	HIRAKAWA	Toshi	ITO	Tsuzuki (Parents)	KIYONO	Kazuo
DATE	Tamotsu	HIRAKAWA	Wataru	ITO	Tazuki	KIYONO	(Family)
DATE	(Family)	HIRATA	(Family)	ITO	Nobuko	KOBA	Haruki & Michiko
DOI	Hidekichi	HIROSHIGE	Hiroichi	ITO	Usaburo	KOBA	Masanori (Family)
DOI	Kurume	HIROSHIGE	Fusae	ITO	Onoe	KODAMA	Family
DOI	Shiruno	HONDA	Mikiye	ITO	Family (Ancestors)	KODAMA	Chieko
DOI	Terry	HONDA	Ben	IWASHITA	Zembei & Tamiko	KODAMA	Chiyoeno
DUTTON	Jeanette M.	HONDA	Hachiro & Fumino	IWASHITA	(Family)	KODAMA	George Yukio
EEJIMA	Richard Jr.	HONDA	Masami & Yaeko	IWATA	Hideo	KODAMA	Takeko
EEJIMA	Richard Sr.	HONDA	Nobuo	IWATAKI	Yoshiko	KODAMA	Kojiro
ESTES	Donald H.	HONDA	Ralph	IWATAKI	Masami	KODAMA	Kaijiro
FUJII	Koichi	HONDA	(Ancestors)	JONES	(Family)	KODAMA	Toichi
FUKAMIZU	Frank	HOSAKA	Minetaro	KADO	Susan	KODAMA	Yukino
FURUYA	George Sr.	HOSAKA	Roy S.	KAMIMURA	Ei	KODAMA	Jay M.
FURUYA	Iwa	IGUCHI	Haruko	KAMIMURA	Funauyemon	KOGA	Irene
		IGUCHI	Mariko	KAMIMURA	(Family)	KOGA	Kazuo

LAST	FIRST
KOGA	M.T. (Family)
KONDO	Otokichi
KONISHI	Jon I.
KOSHIKI	Kuwada
KUROYE	Masashige
KUROYE	(Family)
KUSAKA	(Ancestors)
KUWADA	Koichi
KUWADA	Mitsuko
KUWADA	Tomoyo
KUWADA	(Family)
MAMIYA	Tami
MAMIYA	Tatsuo
MAMIYA	Yoshigoro
MAMIYA	Yoshio
MATHEWS	Hisako
MATSUDA	Fujitaro
MATSUDA	Totaro
MATSUI	Akito
MATSUI	Hanano
MATSUI	Taro
MATSUI	(Family)
MATSUI	T. Jack
MATSUMOTO	Dorothy S.
MATSUMOTO	Harry Tokio
MATSUMOTO	(Family)
MASUMOTO	Koichi
MASUMOTO	Shigeru
MASUMOTO	Yuki
MASUMOTO	Family
MATSUSHITA	(Ancestors)
MAYUMI	Manae
MAYUMI	Hiroshi
MAYUMI	Kiyoji
MAYUMI	Takashi
MAYUMI	Tamio
MIYAMA	Isamu
MIYAMA	(Family)
MIYAMOTO	Koichi
MIYAMOTO	Shika
MIYAMOTO	Eihachi
MIYAMOTO	Yoshi
MIZUKI	Masato
MIZUKI	Florence
MIZUKI	Tamiko
MIZUSHIRO	Masato
MOMITA	Asao
MOMITA	Fumiko
MORIBE	Chieno
MORIBE	Hiromi
MORIBE	Susan
MORIBE	(Family)
MORIBE	Michael H.
MORIBE	Bounmy L.

LAST	FIRST
MORIBE	Riley H.
MORIBE	Bryson B.
MORIBE	Maven N.
MORIMOTO	Zeiichiro
MORINAKA	Asako
MORINAKA	Dennis
MORINAKA	Roy
MORINAKA	Ronald A.
MORIYAMA	Miki
MORIYAMA	Chieko Lillian
MORIYAMA	Shigeru
MORIYAMA	Misao
MURAOKA	Aiko
MURAOKA	Haruko
MURAOKA	Kiyoji
MURAOKA	Saburo
MURAOKA	Unjiro
MURAOKA	(Ancestors)
MURATA	Tamotsu
MURATA & UCHIDA	(Family)
NABETA	Ritsuko
NABETA	Fred Fukumi
NAKAGAWA	Kichizo
NAKAGAWA	Yasu
NAKAGAWA	Kou
NAKAGAWA	Seki
NAKAMURA	Utako
NAKAMURA	Yasaku
NAKAMURA	Hanako
NAKAMURA	Kinjiro
NAKAMURA	Koyoshi
NAKAMURA	Tamayo
NAKAMURA	Pauline
NAKAMURA*	Isamu
NAKAMURA	Fuji
NAKAMURA	Fukumatsu
NAKAMURA	Hamako
NAKAMURA	Yoshiko
NAKAMURA	Minoru
NAKANO	Tomio
NAKANO	Minako
NAKATA	Katae
NAKATA	Kazue
NAKATA	Yonesuke
NAKATA	Yozo
NEGORO	Glenn M.
NEGORO	Yukiko
NEGORO	Yaguro
NIMURA	Tamizo
NIMURA	(Ancestors)
NIMURA	(Family)
NISHII	Gen

LAST	FIRST
NISHII	Rev. Guzei
NISHII	Nobue
NISHII	Masaru
NISHIUYE	Midori
OCHI	Akiji
OCHI	Ichiye
OCHI	Hideo
OCHI	Kiyoko
OCHI	Otoshichi
ODATE	Abe- parents- inlaw
ODATE	Frank
OGASAWARA	Arikazu
OGATA	Kasuke
OGATA	Toshiko
OGAWA	Toshino
OGAWA	Zenichi
OGAWA	(Ancestors)
OGAWA	(Family)
OHARA	Buyemon
OHARA	Kisae
OHARA	Mitsu
OSUMI	Yukichi
OTA	Tomio
OTA	Mitsuyo
OTA	Kenneth K.
OTA	Laurine R. M.
OTA	Grant Tatsumi
OTO	Shigeru
OTO	Motono
OTO	Jeffery Akira
OTO	(Ancestors)
OTSUJI	Ayako
OTSUJI	Dennis
OTSUJI	Elaine
OTSUJI	Haruhiko
OUCHI	Kaizo
OUCHI	Masu
OUCHI	Tayo
OUCHI	Kingo
OUCHI	Michie
OUCHI	(Ancestors)
OWASHI	Vyvyanne Terada
OYA	Fujie
OZAKI	Hisashi
PRESTIGE	(Family)
RUSSELL	Ruwena
SAITO	Jinsaku
SAKAMOTO	Komeno
SAKAMOTO	Shunzo
SAMESHIMA	Tsuneichi
SAMESHIMA	Yukino
SANTOHIGASHI	Taiji
SANTOHIGASHI	Sachiko

LAST	FIRST
SANTOHIGASHI	Kiyoko
SANTOHIGASHI	Masao
SATAKE	Shigeo
SEGAWA	Lillian
SEYMOUR	Leslie M.
SEYMOUR	Sean J.
SEYMOUR	Sage Y.
SEYMOUR	Finn H.
SHIGEHARA	Wilbur
SHIMADA	Ichi
SHIMADA	Kikue
SHIMADA	Kikushige
SHIMIZU	Christine
SUGIYAMA	Hideo
SUGIYAMA	Kuzo
SUMIDA	Floyd & Kathleen
SUYENAGA	Hideo
SUYENAGA	Mary
TACHIKI	Naminosuke
TACHIKI	Tetsu
TACHIKI	Frank
TACHIKI	(Family)
TAKAGI	Toshiko
TAKAGI	Yoshiko
TAKASHIMA	(Ancestors)
TAKASHIMA	Katsue
TAKASHIMA	Sandra Sachiko
TAKASHIMA	Yoshiko
TAKASHIMA	Katsumi J.
TAKASHIMA	Richard Tatsuo
TAKASHIMA	Tsume
TAKASHIMA	Kikuko
TANAKA	Mitsuko
TANAKA	Shigeru
TANAKA	Tsukiye
TANAKA	Tsuruye
TANAKA	Brian R.
TANIZAKI	Hamano
TANIZAKI	Katsu
TANIZAKI	Masaaki
TEAGUE	Betty Harvey
TEAGUE	J. Richard
TERADA	Margaret
TERUSAKI	George Hideo
TERUSAKI	Lily Yuriko
TERUSAKI	William, "Bill" Kenji
TOKUNAGA	Ron
TOMIYAMA	Mary Sayoko
TOMIYAMA	Akie
TOMIYAMA	Steven
TOMIYAMA	Noboru
TOMOYO	Lin
TORIO	Charley
TORIO	Suna

LAST	FIRST	LAST	FIRST	LAST	FIRST	LAST	FIRST	LAST	FIRST
TORIO	Yoshichiro	WATANABE	Yoshiko	YAMANISHI	Jukichi	YANAGIHARA	Tosaburo	YOKOTOB	Kuimitsu
TOYOMARU	Chiyoki	WATANABE	Richard	YAMANISHI	Matsu	YANAGIHARA	(Family)	YOKOTOB	Tamiye
TSUBAKIHARA	Sumiko	YADA	Tome	YAMANISHI	Sawa	YANAGIHARA	Patsy	YOKOTOB	Kuniyoshi
TSUNEYOSHI	(Family)	YADA	Motoji	YAMASAKI	Jinkichi & Tetsu	YANAGIHARA	Rev. Jim	YOKOTOB	Matthew
TSUNEYOSHI	Motoo & Angie	YAGI	Susumu	YAMASAKI	Shinkichi	YONEKURA	Roy A.	STAIB	
TSURUDOME	Peggy	YAGI	Chiyeko	YAMASAKI	Shozo	YONEKURA	Susan	YOKOTOB	Mitsuko
TSURUDOME	Shigenori	YAMADA	Harry	YAMASHITA	Chiyo	YONEKURA	Gregg	YOKOTOB	Akiko
UCHIDA	Setsuko	YAMADA	Rosie	YAMASHITA	Chozaburo	YANO	Chiyo	YOKOTOB	Miyeko
URATA	Goki	YAMADA	Suzy	YAMASHITA	Florence	YANO	Sakuhichi	YONEKURA	(Ancestors)
URATA	Mitsuyo	YAMAGATA	Chiyo	YAMASHITA	Harue	YANO	Tokihira	YONEKURA	Hashio
UYEJI	Magotsugu "Kottie"	YAMAMOTO	Eiichi	YANAGIHARA	Ichiro	YANO	Tadashi	YONEKURA	Hashio
WATAMURA	Heitaro	YAMAMOTO	Hisano	YANAGIHARA	Ichiro	YANO	George Chiyoji	YONEKURA	Tatsujiro
WATAMURA	Hideo B.	YAMAMOTO	Irene	YANAGIHARA	Kotaro	YANO	Hajime	YONEKURA	Tom
WATAMURA	Rose	YAMAMOTO	George	YANAGIHARA	Rino	YANO	Yoshiharu	YONEKURA	Yoshie
WATAMURA	Tokuyo	YAMAMOTO	Noboru	YANAGIHARA	Senkichi	YANO	Hatsuyo	YONEKURA	Ryu
WINTER	Michelle J.	YAMAMOTO	Sachiye	YANAGIHARA	Shizuko	YANO	(Family)	YONEKURA	Glenn Toshiharu
		YAMAMOTO	Shizue	YANAGIHARA	Tom Sr.	YASAKI	Jinkichi	YOSHIHARU	Ronnie
		YAMAMOTO	Steven	YANAGIHARA	Masaru	YOKOTOB	Fusako	YOSHISAKA	Tamayo
		YAMAMOTO	Hisashi					YUKICHI	Mitose

DONATIONS

BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Omori, Shirley - Yujiro Seki
 Carving the Divine
 Baker, Carol - Ojuzu repair
 Kawasaki, Mildred - In
 Appreciation, Keiro Kai,
 In appreciation, Flowers,
 Well-Care committee
 Sasaki, Brian & Lorin - at
 our discretion
 Cross, Joe
 IMO Kazu Takahasi,
 Student of Washu
 Sasaki, Sharon & Robert
 Yamamoto - Most needed
 Negoro, Keiko
 Theo
 Kitano, Margie -
 Buddhist Ed
 Morinaka, Ron
 Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki
 Otsuji, Dennis & Elaine
 Masumoto, Chiyoko - Oct.
 Honda, Ralph & Avis - Oct.
 Nakagawa, Brian - funeral

MAUI WILDFIRE RELIEF

D'Orsi, Ruby
 Hwa, Sylvia
 Steven
 Hara, Ruby

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

Kitano, Margie

DHARMA SCHOOL

D'Orsi, Ruby
 Omori, Shirley
 Honda, Ralph -
 SDDSTL Conf.

Wilkinson, J. - Bake sale
 Brown, Plover

EITAIKYO FUND

Kitano, Margie
 Kitano, Margie

EITAIKYO SERVICE

Ryan, Mani
 Yamaguchi, Laura
 Ohara, Ann
 Ota, Laurine

ESHINNI/KAKUSHINNI SERV

Martinez, Nancy
 Tomiyama, Akie
 Moribe, Susan

FLORAL OFFERING

D'Orsi, Ruby
 Manzo, Jose

GENERAL MAINTENANCE

D'Orsi, Ruby

HATSUBON SERVICE

Family of Agnes Benson

MAP

D'Orsi, Ruby
 Kitano, Margie

MEMBERSHIP PLEDGES

Thank You for your recent renewals:
 Tsurudome, Tsuneko & Mitsuo
 D'Orsi, Ruby
 Kitano, Margie
 Muraoka, Ken & Sharyn
 Takeshita, Randy & Susan
 Negoro, Glenn
 Rubio-Torres, Arturo

Williams, Yukari
 Williams, Erika

OHIGAN

Morikawa, Kazuhiko
 Tsurudome, Tsuneko
 Honda, Mikiye

SCHOLARSHIP FUND


D'Orsi, Ruby
 Omori, Shirley
 Kitano, Margie
SHOTSUKI HOYO
 Honda, Mikiye
 IMO Sumiye Nakashima

Yonekura, Susan
 IMO Roy Yonekura
 IMO Toyoko Yonekura
 Ochi, K Kay & Carolyn Tsuida
 IMO Otoshichi Ochi
 IMO Fujiye Ochi
 IMO Chiseko Oya
 Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen -
 October
 Kawamoto, Mits
 IMO Takashi Mayumi
 Aoyama, K. Alice
 IMO Rev. T. Aoyama
 Suyenaga, Irene - Oct.

Kida, Katsumi

IMO Nobuzo Kida
 IMO Koichi Fujii
 Nakamura, Jake K. & Patty
 IMO Miyo Hill
 Himaka, Michio & Naomi
 IMO Kazuye Himaka
 Voorhies, Ruth
 IMO Kotono Takahashi
 Yano, Michael
 IMO Tad Yano
 IMO Toki Yano
 Hashiguchi, Tsuneko & John
 IMO Kasuke Hashiguchi
 Uyeji, Masako
 IMO Zentaro Asamen
 Takashima, Wilbur
 IMO Katsui Takashima
 IMO Tatsuo Richard
 Takashima
 Kuwada, Howard Kanji &
 Kaneko
 IMO Tomoyo
 Lee, LuAnn & Harold
 IMO Charley Torio
 Torio, Betty
 IMO Charley Torio
SPECIAL DONATIONS
 Kitano, Margie

Are you a member of our sangha family and interested in learning landscape bonsai? Norman Kiyono who trained with Hideo Ochi has been taking care of the Temple's trees. He is looking for someone to train and who will eventually take over for the temple. If you are interested, please call the temple Tuesday-Friday.





NOVEMBER SHOTSUKI LIST

In remembrance of family members and friends who passed away during the month of November, this month's service will be on November 5 at 10 a.m. The Sangha is encouraged to attend in-person, burn incense in memory of loved ones and listen to the Dharma in reflection. The service may also be accessed on the temple's YouTube channel. Please contact the temple if you wish to add a name to the list or if there are any corrections. *In Gassho.*

DECEASED

FAMILY MEMBER

Tsugi Imaizumi (11-16-1924).....Imaizumi Family
 Shintaro Morikawa (11-21-1933).....Sekishiro Family
 Shinyemon Honda (11-6-1934).....Yagade Family
 Chiyo Yano (11-15-1936).....Moriyama Family
 Suye Kato (11-23-1938).....Otsuji Family
 Setsuko Mizushima (11-10-1939).....Shintaro Matsumoto
 Shika Masumoto (11-24-1939).....Chiyoko Masumoto
 Kiemon Shinden (11-11-1942).....Ohara Family
 Eijiro Inouye (11-18-1943).....Inouye Family
 Mine Sugiyama (11-7-1944).....Sugiyama Family
 Kanejiro Kondo (11-24-1945).....Ruth Voorhies
 Yasuo Murata (11-4-1946).....Hamae Murata
 Masashi Ito (11-13-1952).....Hiroko Ito
 Imataro Kawamoto (11-24-1953).....Kawamoto Family
 Hamako Nakamura (11-21-1954).....Yukiko Sugiyama
 Okiku Sakamoto (11-21-1954).....Emily Marumoto
 Asano Iguchi (11-8-1955).....Iguchi Family
 Hatsuno Tsuji (11-12-1956).....Tsuji Family
 Motoji Yada (11-27-1956).....Yada Family
 Nao Taketa (11-20-1957).....Shiraishi Family
 Lillian Segawa (11-20-1957).....Segawa Family
 Steven Torio (11-13-1959).....Betty Torio
 Shinobu Takeshita (11-21-1966).....Randy Takeshita
 Taira Hosaka (11-22-1967).....Frank Hosaka
 Kiyoji Mayumi (11-13-1969).....Mayumi Family
 Sonojo Sameshima (11-26-1972).....Takashi Sameshima
 Iwa Furuya (11-4-1976).....George Furuya Jr.
 Isao Nishiguchi (11-16-1979).....Sylvia Nishiguchi
 Shigeru Masumoto (11-27-1979).....Chiyoko Masumoto
 Tora Azuma (11-7-1980).....Shizuka Azuma
 Umeno Itami (11-11-1980).....Chikaye Mary Itami
 Kiku Sueyoshi (11-1-1984).....Sueyoshi Family
 Chiyo Yamashita (11-19-1984).....Emiko Yamashita
 Zensuke Sueyoshi (11-3-1987).....Sueyoshi Family

DECEASED

FAMILY MEMBER

Fujiye Sakamoto (11-8-1987).....Sakamoto Family
 Kimi Ikenouye (11-20-1987).....Iwashita Family
 Richard Eejima (11-4-1988).....Margie Nishiguchi
 Giichi Omori (11-7-1989).....Shirley Omori
 Aiko Hamatake (11-2-1990).....Masako Prestige
 Katsuyo Hamaguchi (11-17-1990).....Matsuko Wong
 Sachiko Santohigashi (11-20-1992).....Shunichi Santohigashi
 Hatsuye Uyeno (11-20-1993).....Nabeta Family
 Margaret Fumiko Terada (11-22-1993).....Bruce Owashi
 Takeyoshi Ohara (11-20-1995).....Ann Ohara
 Max E. Barrett (11-16-1996).....Lisa Miller
 Hiroichi Hiroshige (11-18-1997).....Moribe Family
 Kunio Kawamoto (11-22-1997).....Lillian Kawamoto
 Asako Fujii (11-28-1997).....Ikuko Murphy
 Sadako Ishizu (11-28-1998).....Setsuko Toyama
 George Terusaki (11-28-1999).....Steven Terusaki
 Fusako Matsui (11-18-2000).....Matsui Family
 Dick Toshio Hachisu (11-13-2001).....Florence Hachisu
 Phillip Marin Martinez (11-25-2001).....Yuko Niwa
 Tamayo Yoshisaka (11-26-2001).....Masanobu Yoshisaka
 Albert Ichiro Saito (11-24-2003).....Evelyn Chieko Saito
 Sachiye Yamamoto (11-13-2007).....Koichi Yamamoto
 Akiji Ochi (11-27-2007).....Kay Ochi
 Yoshiko Nakamura (11-14-2009).....Jake Nakamura
 Dennis Morinaka (11-30-2009).....Barry Morinaka
 Ritsuko Nabeta (11-7-2010).....Joyce Teague
 Shigeru Oto (11-10-2011).....Junko Oto
 Kazuo Kosaka (11-1-2014).....Miyoko Kosaka
 Tokuko Huffman (11-24-2014).....Samuel Yang
 Norman Satoshi Yagade (11-7-15).....Steven Kiyoshi Yagade
 Kirk Akahoshi (11-6-2019).....Rev. Kenji & Karen Akahoshi
 David T. Shiraishi (11-30-2019).....Shiraishi Family
 Yukio Kawamoto (11-2-2020).....Mitsuko Kawamoto
 Mitsuo Ishihara (11-19-20).....Sally Ishihara

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 continuing influence in our lives. To schedule a memorial service for a loved one, please call the office.

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	2006	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」 二〇二三年十一月法話

くそ せお ひと

— 糞を背負う人 —

駐在開教使 向嶋裕史

仏教に次のような面白い話があります。インドでは昔から牛糞が貴重です。それを家の外壁に張りつけ乾燥させて燃料や肥料として使っています。ある男が山道を歩いていると、乾いた牛糞をたくさん見つけました。「いい物があるじゃないか。しかも乾かす手間もいらぬ」と言つて籠に詰め込みました。拾つても拾つても、まだまだある。「これはかなり売れるぞ。まさに黄金だ」と喜んで籠一杯に詰め込んだ後、よたよた歩きで山道を下つていきました。ところが途中で急に雨が降り始め、雨にうたれた牛糞が次第に溶けだしてきました。男はせっかく拾つた物だと思つて惜しくて捨てられませんが、雨はますます強くなり、糞はドロドロと流れだし、服の中を通過して体全体に染み渡つていきますが、それでもなお捨てることのできない。結局、家に着いたころには籠の中の牛糞は全て消えてなくなり、男はただ糞まみれの状態で立ち尽くすだけだった、という笑い話のような説法です。

やりたいという仏の切なる願いが、浄土真宗の他力念仏のみ教えです。ですから、「私だけは大丈夫」と信じ、「私の方がましだ」と他人と比べている「わたくし自身」が実は、糞まみれで「臭い臭い」と苦しみながらもそれを捨てられずに執着しているということに気づかねばなりません。では何故、私達はそのような苦しみを受けて迷つていくのでしょうか。またその苦しみから逃れる方法は何でしょうか。そのことをお釈迦さまは、お医者さんの治療になぞらえて四諦八正道をお示し下さいました。

迷いの結果(苦諦)、迷いの原因(集諦)、悟りの結果(滅諦)、悟りの原因(道諦)の四諦です。その中で、迷いの原因は、「無明」にあると説かれています。自分では「私ほど正しいものはない」と自惚れがちですが、仏さまの目でご覧になると、私達は無明(無知)であつて、智慧がなく、正しいものを正しくと見ることのできない存在だと教えておられます。結果、その為に苦しみ迷つていかなばならないのです。

この世は無常で、全てのものが移り変わり滅んでいくにもかかわらず、ずっと不変いつまでもあるかのように私達は錯覚しています。また、念仏以外に清浄なものなどないにもかかわらず、不浄なものを清浄なものとする難が、いつも執着しています。このように智慧に昏く、正しくものが見られない姿を無明といえます。これが私達の迷いの根源にあるわけです。

では、私達の煩惱の根源は何かといえますと、それは「愛」です。一般に「愛は良い意味で考えます。年頃であれば愛のある結婚が人生最大の幸福だと信じる人が多くいるかも知れません。しかし、年配の方は長い人生経験の中で夫婦生活の現実、厳しさが身にしみておられます。なぜなら、「恋は盲目」という言葉があるように、愛するが故に回りが見えなくなつて、自分の欲望だけで物事を判断してしまふ傾向があるからです。

これはなにも恋愛ばかりではありません。「愛は別名「渴愛」ともいいます。例えば、何日も海で漂流して喉が渇いて苦しんでいる人がいるとします。飲み水はないが、周りは水だらけ。あまりの渇きに耐えられずつい海水を飲んでしまします。初めは渇きを癒したような気がしますが、海水は塩水であるためすぐに強烈な渇きに襲われます。喉が渇くから塩水でも飲まずにはおられません。飲めば飲むほど喉が渇くのです。このように永遠に渇きが満たされない恐ろしい姿がまさに渴愛に支配された私達の日常生活なのだと言われています。

そして、その渴愛のエネルギー源は自己に対する執着心、つまり我執にあります。この執着心をエネルギーとして、さらに自分自身を満足させようと飽くなき執着を深めていくのです。まさに海水を飲んでますます水を欲する人のように、自身を満足させるために目の前の欲望を増幅させている姿そのものなのです。

苦の原因は、我執であり自分だけ満足したいという浅ましい心です。それは、貪りの心であり、もつともつと、という餓鬼の姿です。仏教には「少欲知足」という教えがあります。「欲を少なくして、足りることを知る」という意味です。私達は苦しみの原因を外に目を向けて見出そうとします。お寺が悪い、政治が悪い、教育が悪い、社会が悪い。しかし、苦の原因は外にあるのではなく、実は自分中心という内なる欲にあるのです。

世の中が便利になればなるほど欲しいものが増え、欲望は拡大し続けます。このように私達の欲望にはきりがないので、いつまでたつても「欲しい」、「足りない」と、不平不満の日々を送ることになってしまいます。

しかし、念仏者は、欲望の拡大には向かいません。なぜなら阿彌陀仏から「ありがたひ」、「もつたない」という感謝の心を恵まれ、慎む身へと変えられていくからです。それが他力の法義としての「足りることを知る」といつことなのです。

NEMBUTSU

The Heart of Jodo Shinshu

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OTHERS WELCOME, \$25

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

3:00 P.M to 4:30 P.M.

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- **Rev. Gregory Gibbs**, Our Supervising Minister
- **Rev. Laverne Imori**, Our Minister
- **Bill Teague**, Certified Minister's Assistant, Chair

Live or Online, Preregistration Required; Call or Email Temple

DEADLINE: Friday, November 10

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SHOSHINGE

Every Wednesday Night in November!

Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29

Free and open to all via Zoom, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Introduction to *Shoshinge*, the chant Shinran Shonin wrote just for us.

Join Us! We are using the login for Buddhism 1-2-3 if you have it already. If not, just contact the Temple. Presenters include **Rev. Laverne Imori** and Certified Minister's Assistants, including **Sharon Sasaki** and **Bill Teague**.

MOCHITSUKI: ANNUAL TRADITION OF MAKING MOCHI SET FOR DEC. 10

The temple's annual mochitsuki will take place on Sunday, December 10 and the entire Sangha and community friends are encouraged to participate in making the sweet rice cakes for the New Year.

If you would like to order mochi, please fill out the form found on this page. The price for a one-pound bag (approximately seven pieces) is \$7. The two-piece Kasane set for your home O Butsudan is \$10. The deadline for pre-orders is November 26.

Volunteers of all ages are welcome to volunteer their time to help cover the many areas of production as the temple plans to produce over 1,000 pounds of mochi. Here is a schedule for the weekend of Dec. 8-10:

Friday, Dec. 8 – Rice washing, 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, Dec. 9 – Cooking equipment and indoor production areas set up, 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, Dec. 10 – Rice steaming. Rice grinding and mochi pounding. Cutting and shaping mochi. Cooling and packing mochi. Cleanup (times for Sunday to be announced).

Please contact the temple if you wish to volunteer your time.

Monetary donations for the purchase of supplies including mochigome (sweet rice), mochiko (rice powder) and dry goods are being accepted. The suggested donation is \$100. Of course, a donation of any amount will be accepted with the deepest amount of appreciation. Donors may make their donations via credit card and PayPal. Checks will also be accepted.

Mochi warms the stomach when eaten with shoyu (soy sauce) and sugar or added to o zoni "New Year's" soup.

Please contact the temple if you have any questions.

Looking forward to everyone's participation for a day of work, rekindling friendships and making the New Year's treat!
In Gassho,

Ralph Honda and Glenn Negoro,
Mochitsuki Co-chairs

MOCHI ORDER FORM - DEADLINE NOVEMBER 26

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

KO-MOCHI PACKAGE: _____ x \$7.00 = COST \$ _____

(Ko-Mochi is sold by the package, not by weight. Each package is *approximately* 1 lb.)

KASANE MOCHI PACKAGE: _____ x \$10.00 = COST \$ _____

(Kasane is for your home Butsudan) **TOTAL COST = \$ _____**

Send order form with check to: **Buddhist Temple of San Diego, Attn: Mochi**
2929 Market Street, San Diego, CA 92102

Send an e-mail order to: info@btsd.net

Deadline to order is: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023

All orders are based on Pre-Orders. Walk-up orders will not be available.

Orders received AFTER the deadline will be placed on STAND-BY.

All orders must be picked up at the Temple on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, between 11 am & 3 pm

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