

## Treasure is Where you Find It

Rev. Jundo Gregory Gibbs



Nobody told me there'd be days like these. [Lots of allusions in this month's article]. Typhoons threatening San Diego, dodging us for the most part, but threatening; wildfires destroying Lahaina, COVID still taking lives, and the next new pandemic readying its attack for all we know. ... Strange days indeed. Yet there is still beauty and goodness emerging in many places and persons. We see great generosity in addressing Maui relief, for example. This is the goodness of life emergent.

Last month I spoke about how qualities emerge from systems. Consciousness from our bodily processes. Discrimination emerges from systemic societal ignorance. From Buddhist tradition can emerge non-discriminatory, affectionate recognition of one another. This is the greatest of values for genuine persons: "Hi, I'm here." "Hey, you're here too, great!"

One of the teachers I studied Zen Buddhism with a bit, Robert Aitken Roshi, told a story about meeting with his revered teacher, Yasutani Roshi. Yasutani made a rhetorical

comment, "I wonder what is most important in human life." Aitken was expecting an answer like "Buddha-nature", "emptiness" or "dependent co-arising." Yasutani answered his own question saying, "I suppose that friendship is the most important thing in human life." Family and friends are those who make my life warm, enjoyable and satisfying. They are my greatest treasure.

Most of you have probably seen the Calvin and Hobbes cartoon that gives this essay its title. Copyright considerations force me to retell the strip without cartoon images: Frame #1 Calvin digging a hole in the backyard. Frame #2 Hobbes asks, "What are you doing?" Frame #3 Calvin replies, "Digging for buried treasure." Frame #4 Hobbes asks, "What have you found so far?" Frame #5 Calvin replies, "A few dirty rocks, a weird root and some disgusting grubs." Frame #6 Hobbes responds ironically "On your first try." Final Frame: Calvin guilelessly explains, "There's treasure everywhere!"

If we miss seeing it in the sunset or feeling it in the next gentle breeze; surely, we can find treasure in our family and friends. Recognizing the goodness that makes us care for them, we learn to see the integrity of all things. Calvin is right. There's treasure everywhere.

**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.



These are the Very Creative Cards made by the Dharma School for Maui

## ESHIN-NI, KAKUSHIN-NI TRIBUTE

On Sunday, October 22 at 10 a.m., the temple pays homage to the women who shared an important role in the life of Shinran Shonin, founder of the Jodo Shinshu School of Buddhism. Lady Eshin-ni was Shinran's wife and Lady Kakushin-ni, their daughter. The service will be held in conjunction with the Family/Dharma School service.

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## OCTOBER CALENDAR

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 are subject to change):

- 1** – Sutra Chanting, 9:15 am (Hondo), Kids Taiko Workshop, 9:15 am (Sangha Hall), Dharma Family Service/ Shotsuki Hoyo monthly memorial, 10 am (H/Livestream), BWA mtg, 11:30 am (Conference Room), Adult Taiko Workshop, 12 noon (Annex Hall), Taiko, 1 pm (AH)
- 4** – Taiko practice, 6:45 pm (AH), Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm (Z)
- 7** – SDDSTL Conf., 10 am, Orange County Buddhist Church
- 8** – Sutra Chanting, 9:15 am (H), Kids Taiko Workshop, 9:15 am (SH), Dharma Family Service, 10 am (H/LS), Dharma School Staff meeting, 11:30 am (CR), Adult Taiko Workshop, 12 noon (AH); Taiko practice, 1 p.m. (AH)
- 10** – Ways & Means meeting, 7 pm (Z)
- 11** – Taiko practice, 6:45pm (AH), Buddhism 1-2-3, 7pm (Z)
- 12** – Board of Directors meeting, 7 pm (Z)
- 13** – Kiku Bento lunch program – BTSD toban
- 14** – JAHSSD Annual Meeting and Kansha Award, 11 am (AH), So. Dist. Buddhist Conference at Pasadena
- 15** – Sutra Chanting, 9:15 am (H), Dharma Family Service and host Vista Buddhist Dharma School, 10 am (H/LS Jr. YBA meeting, 11 am (Rm 1), Taiko practice, 1 pm (AH)
- 17** – Book Club, 7 pm (Z)
- 18** – Taiko practice, 6:45pm (AH), Buddhism 1-2-3, 7pm (Z)
- 19** – Tai Chi, 10 am (AH)
- 21** – FBWA Representative meeting (Z)
- 22** – Sutra Chanting, 9:15 am (H), Kids Taiko Workshop, 9:15 am (SH), **Lady Eshinni/Lady Kakushinni** memorial observance, 10 a.m. (H), Adult taiko workshop, 12 noon (AH), Taiko practice, 1 pm (AH), JAACL "Oseichi" Cooking Demonstration, 1:30 pm (Kitchen)
- 25** – Bussei Script mailing, 9:30 am, Taiko practice, 6:45 pm (AH), Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm (Z)
- 26** – Tai Chi, 10 am (AH), Activities meeting, 7 pm (Z)
- 28** – DS service & Halloween party, 5 pm (H/AH)
- 29** – Sutra chanting, 9:15 am, Dharma Family service, 10 am (H), Okinawa Kenjinkai party, 12 noon (AH)



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 coverage on weekends. The temple is closed on Mondays. For more information: Call the temple at 619-239-0896. Please leave a message & staff will respond as soon as possible. Email the temple at [info@btsd.net](mailto:info@btsd.net) or check the BTSD website <http://www.buddhisttemplesandiego.org> for updates.

## ACTIVITIES NEWS

I hope those who participated in the Chicken Pot Pie and Dharma School Bake Sale enjoyed all of the deliciousness!! With your help we were able to collect funds to forward to our Ohana in Lahaina. We will continue to consider additional fundraisers to help as well; their recovery will take many years if not a lifetime.

In conjunction with the Pot Pie luncheon and Bake Sale was the showing of the very interesting documentary Carving the Divine. The documentary is a film that tells of a 1400 year old Buddhist wood carving tradition in Japan, created by Yujiro Seki. Let's hope the art of "carving" will continue in the generations to come and the tradition will not fade away. Our committee will be working on future events like our Mochitsuki in December. As always, thank you for your continued support.

In Gassho, Activities Committee

## Buddhist Education in October

Much appreciation to all of you who attended and otherwise supported educational events last month, including the Chicken Pot Pie Fundraiser/Carving the Divine Film on Sunday, Sept. 24, and our Tri-temple Seminar on Saturday, Sept. 30.

## Existing Opportunities

**Buddhism 1-2-3** (Zoom on Wednesday Nights at 7 p.m.), **Buddhism Zero** (Zoom on request), and **Intro to Buddhism** (October 29 at 9 a.m., with Kaytee Sumida MA, in the Sangha Hall). More information on the website or contact the Temple.

## Save the Date

**Saturday, November 11, 2023**, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., we will hold our Nembutsu Seminar in the Annex Hall. Free to all Temple members, others \$20 fee (repaying Temple for MA support). Details to follow.

**October 15th, Join Us as We Host the Vista Buddhist Temple Dharma School and Sangha**

BTSD Dharma School families and Sangha are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share for lunch in the Annex Hall.

**October 28, Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Giving Back to the Community**

A special Center for Buddhist Education presentation  
Panelists include Arturo Rubio, Julie Watson and Greg Bull  
<https://tinyurl.com/BCALTD>

Build longer tables,  
Not higher Walls... *Jose Andres*



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By LuAnn Lee, Board President

A couple of weeks ago, the Temple started up with regular services and Dharma school classes. Board Members take turns watching the Temple office and it was my turn on the first day back. I was so happy to hear the voices of so many kids and the scamper of feet as they passed by the office going to their class rooms.

Thank you to Superintendent Nancy Martinez and the Dharma school staff for planning a year full of programs that will concentrate on their theme "Compassion." They provide a positive place to listen and learn about the teachings of the Buddha. They signed up 19 students so far and hope they will increase that number soon. We welcome any interested families and or friends to join us and be part of our wonderful Sangha.

On September 17, we observed fall Ohigan and I want to thank our in house guest speakers, Certified Minister's Assistants Bill Teague and Sharon Sasaki. They both did a great job. With the shortage of a Resident Minister, we feel very lucky to have such a special group of MA's right here in San Diego along with our Supervising Minister, Reverend Gibbs.

Following the service, we had a party honoring our 80 year and older members. The Keiro Kai luncheon is a time to thank this special group for their dedication and support to the Temple. They have carried on the traditions and kept the Temple going for the next generation and beyond so we are able to enjoy the fruits of their labor. It's hard to believe but we are all volunteers, giving precious time to make this "the" place to socialize. We learn compassion, gratitude and other Jodo Shinshu teachings from the Minister's group, teachers and through each other.

As people gathered Sunday, eating their Hawaiian bento from Island Style Café and enjoying cake donated by Gregg Yonekura, the audience found out from the Emcee Ken Muraoka that they were the entertainment. Thank you to Junko Kajita for leading the honorees and guests as they sang Karaoke songs in both Japanese and English. Some of the attendees wrote the name of a favorite song and submitted it to hear it played throughout the lunch. They even received a special gift of goodies donated by the Junior YBA. We are grateful to all that helped set up, serve tea and cake then cleaned up after the party.

I hope you were able to attend our movie day featuring the film "Carving the Divine" and that you enjoyed a pot pie lunch and purchased something at the bake sale on September 24. The proceeds from the food will go towards the Maui Relief Fund.

If you receive this newsletter before Saturday, September 30, we invite you to join us in person for the Tri-Temple Seminar here at our Temple from 9 am to 1 pm. There is no cost for the in person or online seminar. Our tech team will be livestreaming it so it should be available for viewing if you miss it. The keynote speaker will be Rev John Iwohara, panel moderator will be Reverend Gregory Gibbs and the panel will feature Reverend Smitty, Arturo Rubio and Roselyn Dong (both Certified Minister Assistants).

In closing, I hope to see you at the services and events that are happening at the Temple and if you have any ideas or concerns, please feel free to drop me a note or approach me or any board member. With thanks to all of you that donate and volunteer, no matter how much or how long. We are grateful.

In Gassho, LuAnn Lee

## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors met on September 14th -

1. The ministerial team, affiliated organizations and standing committees updated the Board on their recent and upcoming activities.
2. An honorarium was approved for film maker Yujiro Seki for the showing of *Carving the Divine* and for his future participation in a Buddhism 1.2.3 session.
3. A revised Dharma School Liability Waiver and Parental Consent for Medical Treatment was approved for distribution.
4. The Board ratified the approval to co-sponsor the use of temple facilities by the JAACL and agreed to co-sponsor facilities use by the JAHSSD and the VFW APP.
5. Status of the Bay Leaf property upgrades was given.

## BWA NEWS

Happy Autumn, Everyone! Time to break out our cozy sweaters, and flannel shirts!

Our September meeting started off with 3 minutes of rajio taiso, a Japanese daily morning exercise routine to get us energized and smiling. Our sushi sale that we usually have following the Eitaikyo Service in November has been postponed until May. However, your brittle orders may be picked up on that day. All the orders will be packaged with a bow, just right for holiday gifts.

Realizing the importance of preserving the history of our BWA, we are seeking a member to fill our newly added office of Historian and investigating effective ways to collect and store photographs of our group's activities.

We are considering the best use of our beautiful rose-colored happi coats that were made by our members many, many years ago. We are in search of these lost or misplaced happi and would appreciate any help in locating them to help us with our inventory.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jeanie Kashima, one of our long-time active members, who published a book, telling the story of the internment of her family in the Topaz Relocation Camp through her creation of collages, using her precious photos and a mixed media of fabrics, twigs, and paper. Jeanie also created beautiful quilts to tell her story. Her unique and inspiring work will be on display at the offices of the Japanese

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American Historical Society of San Diego from November to December, following her recent debut exhibit at the Visions Museum of Textile Art at Liberty Station. I highly encourage everyone to view Jeanie's collages and quilts.

Finally, please save the following dates: Sunday, Oct. 22 for the special Memorial Service for Eshinni-ko and Kakushinni-ko and Saturday, Dec. 16 for our annual Bonnenkai. Thank you, Everyone, for your help and support this month!  
Gassho

## DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

On October 15th, we will be hosting the Vista Buddhist Temple Sangha and Dharma School.

After service and classes, please join us in the annex for food and fellowship. Dharma School will provide main course but side dishes or desserts would be appreciated.

We're excited to be back in person and have kicked off the 2023-24 Dharma School term! We again have three classes with teams of teachers. Junko Kajita, Gregg Yonekura, and Breven Honda are teaching the Pre-K through 3rd grade class. Kimberly Kruse, Avis Honda, and Sharon Sasaki are teaching the 4th through 8th grade class. Norman Kiyono, Julie Watson, Greg Bull, and Lisa Umekubo are teaching the 9th through 12th grade class. To comply with California As-

sembly Bill 506, all teachers are completing Youth Protection training and fingerprinting.

In September, Dharma School's Fall Ohigan activity was led by Kimberly Kruse. In keeping with our theme, "Compassion", students created cards of caring and support for members of Lahaina Hongwanji, whose temple tragically burned down in the Maui wildfire. Proceeds from our September bake sale benefited Hawaii Honpa Hongwanji's Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief Fund.

In October, the Dharma School will again collect new Stuffed Animals for the Ronald McDonald House Charities. Thank you in advance for your support!

All of our temple Sangha are invited to our annual Halloween Party at the temple on Saturday evening, October 28, starting with a service at 5:00 pm. Pizza will be provided, feel free to bring a side dish for the potluck, and the Jr. YBA is planning games and activities. Come in costume and join the fun!

This month, some teachers and staff members will attend the 2023 SDDSTL conference on October 7 at the Orange County Buddhist Church. Bishop Marvin Harada will speak on "Jodo Shin Shu – This Is The Way".

If you know any students who may be interested in Dharma School, or have any questions, please contact Superintendent Nancy Martinez at [bttd.dharmaschool@gmail.com](mailto:bttd.dharmaschool@gmail.com).  
Gassho, Sharon

## THANKS TO ALL OUR RENEWED MEMBERS

Over 70% and Counting! As of OHIGAN, September 16. Welcome **Aaron** and **Trisha**, our most recent members.

Denise Amemiya, **Aaron Armstrong & Trisha Carinio**, Erin (Hamada) & Matthew Bigelow, Qamar Bradford, Gregory Bull & Julie Watson, Karen Copeland, Megan Dixon & Phillip Kao, Ann Dunbar, Julia Gladsjo, Kiku Graeber, Quimico Hagio, Arlene & Gene Hasegawa, Jeanette Haseyama, John & Tsuneko Hashiguchi, Holly & Ronald Hiding, Avis & Ralph Honda, Mikiye Honda, Eugene & Jo Ann Akiko Hotta, Sally Ishihara, Sheryl T. Ishizaki, Ann (Sumida) & Ted-Johnson, Junko & Timothy Kajita, Doreen Kamada-Fujii, Richard & Ruth Kaneko, Gale Kaneshiro, Jeanie Kashima, Naoye Kasubuchi, Mitsuko Kawamoto, Itsuko Aileen & Kiyoshi Kawasaki, Mildred & Trace Kawasaki, Katsumi Kida, Michael & Yasuko Kinoshita, Margie Kitano, Norman Kiyono, Chelsey & Robert Koga, Amy & Peter Masuda, Florence Koga, Howard Kanji & Kaneko Kuwada, John MacAlpine, Nancy Martinez, Karly Maruyama, Chiyoko Masumoto, Marianne McDonald, Ronnie Morinaka, Kat Moriyama-Liss, Ken Muraoka, Sharyn Kang Muraoka, Jake K. & Patricia Nakamura, Fred & Nancy Nakatani, Glenn Negoro, Keiko Negoro, Yuko Niwa, Sumihiro & Yuriko Nogata, Janet Ochi-Fontanott, Shirley Ochi-Watson, Michiko Ogasawara, Ann Chizuye Ohara, Karen & Roy Okuhara, Kimberly Olson, Shirley Omori, Ann & Mike Ong, Ken & Laurine R.M. Ota, Dennis & Elaine Otsuji, Candice Oyama, Garrick Oyama, Claudia Poquoc, Mari Pullen, Linda Ring, Arturo Rubio, Mani Ryan, Toshiko Sakow, Akemi & Bill Sannwald, Sharon Sasaki & Robert Yamamoto, Jayson & Mariel Schmidt, Leslie Seymour, Janice Shigehara, Wilbur Shigehara, Margo Spears, Yukiko Sugiyama, Floyd & Kathleen (Kaytee) Sumida, Yuriko Taira, Kelvin & Lara Tanaka, Naomi & Terry Tanaka, Gary Tanizaki, Bill & Joyce Teague, Kristine & Ron T. Tokunaga, Aki Tomiyama, Betty Torio, Wayne Tsukamoto, Angelina Tsuneyoshi, Chris & Tissa Uchiyama, Lisa Umekubo, Ruth Voorhies, Ronald & Sheila Yagura, Jean Yamada, Laurence Yamada, Pat Yamada, Laura Yamaguchi, Jane Yamamoto, Joyce & Koichi Yamamoto, June Yamamoto, Mae Yamamoto, Sachio Yamamoto, Alan & Karen Yamanishi, Miyoko Yamanishi, Coleen & Tom M. Yanagihara, Sumiko Yanagihara, Fusako Yokotobi, Gregg Yonekura, and Susan Yonekura.

## DONATIONS

The Buddhist Temple of San Diego is grateful to the following individuals for their recent donations to the Temple. "IMO" means "In memory of." For a correction, please inform our Admin. Assistant at 619-239-0896 or [info@btsd.net](mailto:info@btsd.net).

### BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Ojiri, Doug - Bazaar  
Teague, Bill - Gratitude for  
Rev Tanaka's Chat video  
Iwanaga, Courtney  
IMO Kirk Akahoshi  
Morinaka, Ron  
Hutchison, Thomas  
Diane Hutchison 8/14/23  
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen -  
Yuji Seki, Film Maker  
Okuhara, Roy & Karen  
Driscoll, Christine  
IMO Fumi Ohara  
Koga, Florence  
Sasaki, Yamamoto Family -  
Where needed most  
Kawasaki, Mildred - Bazaar  
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen -  
In appreciation  
Kaneko, Richard & Ruth -  
Keiro Kai  
Gladsjo, Julie  
Sumida, Erik  
Shigehara, Wilbur & Janice

### DHARMA SCHOOL

Carinio, Trisha & Aaron  
Armstrong

### ESHINNI/KAKUSHINNI

Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki

### FLORAL OFFERING

Omori, Shirley

### GEN. MAINTENANCE

Omori, Shirley

### IMPROVEMENTS

Cross, Joe - Min. residence  
Martinez, Nancy -  
Min. residence

### MAP

Omori, Shirley

### MEMBERSHIP PLEDGES

*Thank you for your renewals*

Carinio, Trisha & Aaron  
Armstrong

Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki

Masuda, Peter & Amy

Masuda, Peter & Amy

Yamamoto, Koichi & Joyce

Negoro, Glenn

### OBON

Yamamoto, Koichi & Joyce

### OHIGAN

Kawamoto, Mitsuko

Sumida, Floyd & Kaytee

Otsuji, Dennis & Elaine

Tanaka, Kelvin & Lara

Nogata, Yuriko

Hendrix, Hiroko  
Suyenaga, Irene  
Yamanishi, Miyoko  
Masumoto, Chiyoko  
Monji, Yoshiko  
Hashiguchi, Tsuneko & John  
Kuwada, Howard Kanji &  
Kaneko  
Driscoll, Christine  
Imori, Laverne  
Honda, Ralph & Avis  
Graeber, Kiku  
Tsukamoto, Wayne  
Yamanishi, Alan & Karen  
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen  
Martinez, Nancy  
Teague, Bill & Joyce  
Tomiyama, Akie  
Spears, Margo  
Shigehara, Wilbur & Janice  
Yonekura, Susan

Negoro, Glenn  
Ogasawara, Michiko  
Nakatani, Fred & Nancy  
Himaka, Michio & Naomi  
Ong, Ann & Mike  
IMO Sumiye Nakashima  
Kida, Katsumi  
Aoyama, K Alice  
Okuhara, Roy & Karen  
Kawasaki, Mildred & Trace  
Gladsjo, Julie

### SHOTSUKI HOYO

Tomiyama, Akie  
IMO Noboru Tomiyama  
Kawamoto, Mitsuko  
IMO Tamio Mayumi  
Himaka, Michio & Naomi  
IMO Rev Jim Yanagihara  
IMO So Yamada  
Honda, Ralph & Avis

Yoshida, Laura  
IMO Sho Yoshida  
Yonekura, Susan  
IMO Noburo Tomiyama  
IMO Kiichiro Osaki  
Yanagihara, Sumiko  
IMO Tom Y. Yanagihara  
IMO Rev Jim Yanagihara  
Baker, Carol & Mike  
IMO Tom Y. Yanagihara  
IMO Jim Yanagihara  
Yamashita, Emiko - Husband's  
Shotsuki Meinichi 9/13  
Oto, June  
IMO Ikuji Oto  
Estes, Carol  
IMO Rev Jim Yanagihara  
Takashima, Wilbur  
IMO Haru Takashima  
IMO Yoshie Yonekura  
IMO Rev Jim Yanagihara



**2023 SOUTHERN DISTRICT BUDDHIST CONFERENCE**

**GRATITUDE**

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**The Opening Gate to the Nembutsu Path**

The Oxnard and Pasadena Buddhist Temples are hosting the 2023 Southern District Buddhist Conference in a hybrid in-person/online format, a wonderful opportunity for Jodo Shinshu Buddhists to gather and share the Buddha Dharma.

**The day will include speakers:**

- Rev. Kenji Akahoshi along with his wife Karen Akahoshi
- Rev. Nobuo Miyaji
- Dharmathon: (Japanese) Rev. Dr Mutsumi Wondra (OCBC), Rev. Koho Takata (WLA), Rev. Hibiki Murakami (LAHHBT)

**Saturday, October 14th, 2023, 9:00 to 12:00**

Registration Cost: \$25 for Online and \$30 for In-Person  
Optional Bento \$14

Contact: [PasadenaSangha@icloud.com](mailto:PasadenaSangha@icloud.com) with questions

In-Person: Pasadena Buddhist Temple,  
1993 Glen Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91103

Online Instructions to follow

**Deadline is 9/30  
Signup in the  
office or call**



## OCTOBER SHOTSUKI LIST

The October Shotsuki Hoyo (monthly memorial service) will take place on Sunday, October 1 at 10 a.m. All families and friends are encouraged to participate in the in-person service remembering deceased loved ones and friends who passed away in October. The service will also be available on the temple's livestream video. If you find an error, or wish to add a name to the list, please contact the temple at (619) 239-0896 or email info@btsd.net

*The Temple and Sangha offers sincere condolences to the family and friends of  
Toyo Nishi ~ July 31, 2023*

### DECEASED FAMILY MEMBER

Ikichi Ito (10-25-1930).....Ito Family  
 Itsuemon Tanaka (10-9-1939).....Dr. Brian Tanaka  
 Yasaku Nakamura (10-29-1945) ..... Yukiko Sugiyama  
 Tatsujiro Yonekura (10-18-1947) .....Yonekura Family  
 Masaichi Yamada (10-21-1950) ..... Yamada Family  
 Sueichi Azuma (10-25-1950) ..... Shizuka Azuma  
 Ito Fukamizu (10-11-1959).....Ninomiya Family  
 Jinkichi Yamasaki (10-11-1959).....Yamasaki Family  
 Rev. Guzei Nishii (10-25-1959)..... Nishii Family  
 Nobuzo Kida (10-22-1961) ..... Kida Family  
 Katsue Takashima (10-17-1962) ..... Wilbur Takashima  
 Tsuneichi Hirata (10-20-1963) ..... Katsi Hirata  
 Otoshichi Ochi (10-19-1965) ..... Janet Ochi-Fontanott  
 Kazuye Himaka (10-5-1966) ..... Himaka Family  
 Tsuneichi Sameshima (10-11-1966).... Takashi Sameshima  
 Kanzo Okuni (10-11-1967) .....Akira Okuni  
 Koichi Fujii (10-19-1967) .....Katsumi Kida  
 Zentaro Asamen (10-7-1971) .....Masako Uyeji  
 Toshino Hamano (10-8-1972) ..... Emiko Hamano  
 Takeshi Monji (10-5-1974) .....Monji Family  
 Tomoyo Kuwada (10-31-1976) .....Kanji Kuwada  
 Fukuyo Matsumoto (10-9-1977) ..... Shintaro Matsumoto  
 Mitsuye Sugioka (10-23-1977) .....Sugioka Family  
 Ume Tsurudome (10-1-1979).....Tsurudome Family  
 Kotonno Takahashi (10-11-1980).....Ruth Voorhies  
 Kasuke Hashiguchi (10-28-1980)..... Hashiguchi Family  
 Sam Sugita (10-7-1981)..... Gene Sugita  
 Gen Iwasaki (10-18-1981) ..... Kubota Family  
 Mine Imai (10-25-1981) ..... Ohara Family  
 Katsu Yamaguchi (10-4-1983) ..... Yamaguchi Family  
 Matsu Kusaka (10-3-1984) .....Kusaka Family  
 Hatsu Shibata (10-22-1987) ..... Ishikawa Family  
 Shimako Hanaoka (10-22-1987)..... Kaeko Hanaoka  
 Roy Hosaka (10-10-1988)..... Hosaka Family  
 Fujiye Ochi (10-1-1989)..... Janet Ochi-Fontanott  
 Haruye Tsuneyoshi (10-15-1989)..... Miki Tsuneyoshi  
 Ritsuko Abe (10-8-1990) ..... Walter Gilday

### DECEASED Family Member

Muto Kawahara ..... Takeshi & Yoshito Kawahara  
 Helen Haruyo Kawahara..... Takeshi & Yoshito Kawahara  
 Charley Torio (10-21-1996) ..... Betty Torio  
 Jimmie Shinohara (10-6-1997) ..... Janice Shinohara  
 Tomi Yada (10-28-1997) .....Yada Family  
 Betty Harvey Teague (10-19-1998).....Teague Family  
 Aiko Tachiki (10-28-1998)..... Tachiki Family  
 Tadashi Yano (10-6-1999)..... Tamako Yano  
 Chiseko Oya (10-25-1999) .....Ayako Linda Seu  
 Haruno Mayekawa (10-19-2000) .....Ahren Mayekawa  
 Minoru Takasugi (10-16-2001) .....Takasugi Family  
 Nancy Tsukiko Imai (10-22-2001)..... Ohara Family  
 Toyoko Yonekura (10-1-2003).....Yonekura Family  
 Tsuruko Louise Osaki (10-27-2003) ..... Gail Furuya  
 Emi Himaka Shimizu (10-13-2004) ..... Gordon Shimizu  
 Yoshinori Tsunematsu (10-24-2003).....Yukari Williams  
 Ayako Kaminaka (10-21-2004) ..... Wayne Kaminaka  
 Frank Doi (10-7-2006)..... Doris Doi  
 John Inouye (10-16-2006) ..... Craig Inouye  
 Aiko Muraoka (10-08-2007) .....Roy Muraoka  
 Tadashi Kitano (10-9-2007).....Margie Kitano  
 Takashi Mayumi (10-11-2008).....Mitsuko Kawamoto  
 Tom Tamotsu Sugioka (10-6-2010) .....Dennis Sugioka  
 Yusaku Kuroiwa (10-31-2010) ..... Sonoko Kuroiwa  
 Tatsuo Richard Takashima (10-21-11)... Ronald Takashima  
 Robert Susumu Sasaki (10-19-2013) ..... Gail Slemmon  
 Raymond J. Sakow (10-5-2014) ..... Toshiko Sakow  
 Kimiye Date (10-29-2014) .....Shirley Umekubo  
 Teruko Hobbs (10-20-15).....James N. Hobbs  
 Mary Suyenaga (10-28-2018).....Suyenaga Family  
 Rev. Tesshi Aoyama (10-4-2019).....Alice Aoyama  
 Kisae Ohara (10-25-2019).....Ann Ohara  
 Hiroshi Kubota (10-19-2020).....Edward Kubota  
 Chieko Moriyama (10-28-2020).....Moriyama Family  
 Roy Yonekura (10-29-2020).....Susan Yonekura  
 Tomiyo Ota (10-5-2021).....Ota Family  
 Miyo Hill (10-22-2021).....Hill Family

## 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」 二〇二三年十月法話

## 火宅無常の世界

駐在開教使 向嶋裕史

八月八日、ハワイ州ワイキキ島で大規模な山火事が発生しました。ハワイ州史上最悪とされるこの未曾有の火災により、かつてハワイ王国の首都があった美しいライナの街は一夜にして焼失し、少なくとも百十五名のいのちが奪われ、また歴史的、文化的遺跡を含む数千棟にも及ぶ家屋や建物が破壊されました。

その中には浄土真宗寺院としてワイキキ島最古であり、一〇〇年以上もの歴史あるライナ本願寺も被災し、駐在開教使である廣中愛先生のご家族が暮らしていた庫裡も全焼しました。強風に煽られた激しい炎が迫りくる中、先生とご家族は何とか避難され幸いにも無事ではありましたが、一夜にして変わり果てたライナの壊滅的な光景を見て「人々は傷つき、泣いている。それでも、私達は未来を見たい」と廣中先生は語っておられます。現在、ライナ復興支援のため北米、ハワイ開教区の救済基金を通じて義援金を募っています。一人でも多くの方々のご協力をお願いいたします。

ところで、今年上半期だけ振り返ってみても世界各国で大規模な災害が見られます。スーダンやルワンダでの大洪水を始め、トルコシリアで発生した大地震、アフリカ南東部を襲ったサイクロン・フレディ、ミャンマーのサイクロン・モカ、カナダの大規模森林火災など、世界中で数多くの町が破壊され、多数の死傷者を出しました。最近では、モロッコでも大地震によって二八〇〇人以上

の死者、更には負傷者も二〇〇〇人以上に上るほどの甚大な被害が起っていると言われています。人知をはるかに超えた自然の猛威に恐怖を感じずにはおられません。

しかし、地球で起っている災害そのものについて深く考えて見ますと、日本のある作家の言葉を思い出します。「自然災害が発生するのは地球が生きている証拠。地球が生きているから人間も生きてゆける。だが、地球そのものは『自然の法則』のまま、人間の意志を越えて生き続けている」と。この言葉を初めて聞かされた時

その作家の冷静な洞察力に大きな衝撃を受けました。また、現代都市という私達の生活環境は、人間の自我と我執の象徴として華やかに構築された「幻の館」にすぎないということに気づかされます。古代より築き上げてきた人間の文明社会は、一見優雅で永遠に栄える理想郷に見えますが、自然の猛威の前ではいとも簡単に崩れ去ってしまう砂上の楼閣なのです。

ここで注目すべき点は、仏教徒である私達の精神的支柱は何にあるべきかということです。近代以来、科学を進歩させ、巨大な知識と技術を構築してきたほどの人間であつても世界で起る自然災害を予知する事や無くすることはできません。それだけに世の中には人知に及ばぬものが数多くあるということに気づかされ、無常の法則の確かさに目覚めさせられます。ですから、家族、財産、地位、名誉等といった一時的なものに依存しすぎることは、幻の柱にもたれかかるように大変危険なことなのです。家族を頼りとするのは当然のことではありますが、私達の人生に何が起ろうとも決して離れることのない確固たる家族との絆は教える中になかないと親鸞聖人は教えて下さっています。

今改めて、私達の心に響かせていただく覚悟の言葉は「歎異抄」に示された「煩惱具足の凡夫、火宅無常

の世界は、よるすのこと、みなもて、それごとたわごと、まことあることなきに、ただ念仏のみぞまことにておわします」という親鸞聖人が阿弥陀仏の本願から授けられた真実の言葉であります。

世界各地で発生している自然災害は、諸行無常の理、正に人生の儚さを見せつけているようです。これは決して人事ではありません。今一度、我が身の上に引き換えて、改めて今いただいている「いのち」の儚さ、尊さを見つめ直していくことが何よりも大切なことではないでしょうか。

今、私達は世界中で被災された方々に世界的規模で何ができるか真剣に考えなくてはなりません。初めは一人ひとりの小さな力ではありますが、その小さな願いが、やがては大きな一つの絆となって、世界中で苦しむ多くの人々に勇気と安らぎを与え、お互いの苦しみや悲しみを共感していきける世界を実現し、更には、互いに助け合う精神を通してこの世に人として生まれてきた価値を見出すことができるはずなのです。これこそ、犠牲になられた方々への敬意の形であり、念仏者としての生き方です。大自然の猛威に、畏れをいだく時、私達人間は一つに絆を深めてゆけると信じています。

残念ながら、未だウクライナ危機を始め、世界のあらゆるところで紛争が見られます。犠牲になられた方々のいのちを通して、人と人が互いに愚かしく殺し合うことの無意味さに全ての人が逸早く気づくべきです。

最後に、世界各国の被災地で懸命に救済活動を行っている方々を始め、世界中で被災地の復興を願って義援金を募って下さっている方々に深甚なる敬意を表すと共に、一刻も早く被災された方々へ平穏な生活が戻るよう切に願っています。改めて、全ての犠牲者に哀悼の誠を捧げます。

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Qty.	Item	Price	Total
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**Quantities are limited; The Deadline is Oct. 15**

**Orders will be available for pickup after the Eitaikyo Service on November 12. Afterwards, contact the temple at 619-239-0896.**



## Tri-Temple Seminar

Rev. John Iwohara  
Keynote Speaker & Panelist  
Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023,  
9am-1pm

### *"Infinite Diversity in Infinite Combinations"*

Exploring diversity and inclusivity within our temples and churches in the Buddhist Churches of America With Supporting Panelists: Rosalyn Dong, CMA, Vista Buddhist Temple, Arturo Rubio, CMA, BTSD and Rev. Hokai "Smitty" Smith, BTSD, And Panel Moderator Rev. Jundo Gregory Gibbs, Pasadena BT.

Registration for live stream closes on 9/27. For the link, [buddhisttemplesandiego.org](http://buddhisttemplesandiego.org) or by calling BTSD at 619-239-0896. You will receive the link by 9/29

**Buddhist Temple of San Diego  
Orange County Buddhist Church  
Vista Buddhist Temple**

### November 12 will be the Eitaikyo and

### All Life Forms Memorial Services

Please think about any losses you have had over the last year.

We usually ask for photos and for you to put into words your memories and what that loss has meant to you.

### DS STUFFED ANIMAL DRIVE

October 1st through the 21st, the Dharma School will be collecting new stuffed animals for the Ronald McDonald House Charities. This is the 3rd year that Dharma School is participating in this interfaith effort.



The last day for collection is Oct. 21. Stuffed animals need to be new (can be hand-crafted or purchased - please keep tags on if purchased). Monetary donation accepted and receipts will be available.