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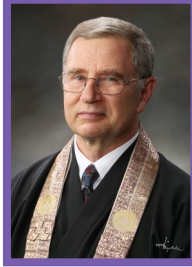
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**Everything is Fresh and New**

Rev. Jundo Gregory Gibbs



I am writing to you for the January issue of Bussei Script. May I wish you a very Happy New Year. Every day, if we open our hearts and minds, we might see everything as fresh and new. It is easier to do this on New Years' Day though.

Which day we choose to recognize as the beginning of the New Year is somewhat arbitrary. New Years is real however. The work week is artificial {and unnecessarily long}. However, months and years are real cycles. People have been celebrating the New Year pretty much as long as there have been people.

Every few hundred days our circuit around the sun completes and resumes. This is a real event and New Years is a time of renewal. We still have to cope with racism, environmental degradation and many oth-

er problems. Even so, on January first, and for some time thereafter, everything is fresh and new. We cannot spend every moment worrying about the future and trying to combat wrong. Sometimes we really have to relax and recharge. I hope that early January is a time for you to do that, as it is for me.

This is an election year. Some of you may want to start canvassing for your favorite candidates; ... later this year. Some of you may want to lose weight. There will be time for that, have some eggnog for now. Some of us may be planning to increase the exercise we regularly take; ... later this month. Let New Year's Day and some days following be a time to rest and reinvigorate.

If we give ourselves periods of calm, amusement, fellowship and diversion, we can be fresh when we need to be. We need to have periods of time when we feel, as Lou Reed once put it, "There are problems in this world; ... but none of them are mine." Have those moments. Have those days. Then come back strong and make this year a truly good one. Happy New Year.



**Kenji Sensei Returns for Seminar, Ho-Onko Service**

Buddhist Education programs resume in January but the Temple is also pleased to present a new seminar from Rev. Kenji Akahoshi, free and open to all, on Saturday, January 13, at 1 to 2:30 p.m. on "An Easy Path to Awakening: How and Why to Start on the Path, and the Benefits of Awakening." With new content but especially geared to people new to Buddhism, our Sangha will enjoy hearing his Dharma yet again and inviting friends and family. Light refreshments will follow. Rev. Kenji is also our guest speaker for Ho-Onko on Sunday, January 14.

**Membership: Pledge Now for 2024**

Bill Teague, Membership Chair

Thank You All. Thanks to everyone for your 2023 renewals. As we go to press, we have close to 100%.

2024: Please Fill out Pledge Form Now. I am asking people to fill out their membership form now, even if the pledge may be paid at a later date. Please just include a note on when you will be able to pay for the membership renewal. We Hold the Line on Inflation. Thanks to our Ways and Means committee, and your generosity, we find ways to avoid raising rates yet again. Thank you all.



*New Year's Eve & New Year's Day*

The Temple will hold events  
 At the Temple and Shelter Island

December 31 *Joya-E* at 11 a.m. in the Hondo and  
*Joya No Kane* at 11:30 p.m. on Shelter Island  
 Jan. 1 *Shusho-E* at 10 a.m. in the Hondo

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## JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Ho Onko, commemorating the passing of Shinran Shonin, will highlight the first major service of 2024 on Jan. 14. Former resident minister Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi will deliver the Dharma messages. The annual New Year's party will take place follow the service.

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

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

- 1 – Shusho E (New Year) service, 10 a.m. (Hondo)
- 3 – Taiko, 6:45 p.m. (Annex Hall), Bud. 1-2-3, 7 pm (Zoom)
- 4 – Tai Chi, 10 a.m. (AH)
- 7 – Sutra Chanting, 9 a.m. (H), Shotsuki Hoyo/Dharma Family Service, 10 a.m. (Hondo/Livestream), BWA meeting, 11:30 a.m. (CR), Dharma School staff meeting, 11:30 a.m. (SH), Taiko practice, 11:30 a.m. (AH)
- 9 – Ways & Means meeting, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 10 – Taiko practice, 6:45 pm (AH), Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm (Z)
- 11 – Tai Chi, 10 a.m. (AH), BOD meeting, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 13-14—SD Jr. YBL Seminar 1 at Arizona Buddhist Temple
- 13 – BEC lecture with Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi, 1 p.m. (H)
- 14 – Sutra Chanting, 9 a.m. (H), **HO ONKO**, 10 a.m. (H/LS). Guest speaker: Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi, New Year's Party, noon (AH)
- 16—Book Club, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 17 – Taiko., 6:45 p.m. (AH), Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 18 – Tai Chi, 10 a.m. (AH)
- 21 – Sutra Chanting, 9 a.m. (H), Dharma Family service, 10 a.m. (H/LS), Jr. YBA meeting, 11:30 a.m. (Room 1), Taiko practice, 11:30 a.m. (AH), SD Conference planning meeting, 11:30 a.m. (CR)
- 24 – Taiko, 6:45 p.m. (AH), Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 25 – Tai Chi, 10 a.m. (AH), Activities meeting, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 28 – Sutra Chanting, 9 a.m. (H), Introduction to Buddhism, 9 a.m. (SH), Dharma Family service, 10 a.m. (H/LS), General membership meeting, 12 noon (AH), Taiko practice, 2 p.m. (AH)
- 29 – Ministerial Team meeting, 7 p.m. (Z)
- 31 – Bussei Script mailing, 9:30 a.m. (Dining Room), Taiko practice, 6:45 p.m. (AH), Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 p.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 weekends and the temple is closed Mondays.

For 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](mailto:info@btsd.net) or check the BTSD website <http://www.buddhisttemplesandiego.org> for updates.

Akemashite Omedeto Gozaimasu, Welcome to 2024!! Here's wishing one and all a prosperous and healthy new year. I would first like to thank all of the great volunteers who came out bright and early for the Temple mochitsuki, the last big event of 2023. As always, our Sangha came out in full force on a wonderful sunny day to take part in one or more of the many tasks afforded that day. You will see other articles in this issue giving more details.

The first event of the New Year is the Temple New Year Party held on Sunday, January 14, 2024. Next will be the All-Temple Membership General Meeting on January 28. This meeting is for Temple Members to receive a review of the year past and the new budget for 2024, lunch will be served.

The Activities committee will continue discussing the Temple annual events such as the Cultural Bazaar and other fund-raising events. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

In Gassho, Activities Committee

## JR YBA NEWS

Happy New Year! Our Jr. YBA members had a great time participating in Jam Session held at the temple in November, preparing and serving delicious Mexican-style hotdogs, elote, and agua frescas for Bodhi Day, and helping with Mochitsuki and Temple Clean Up in December. We continue to keep active in our study and practice of Buddhism as we attend Seminar 1: "Survivor" the weekend of January 13th at the Arizona Buddhist Temple. It is always a great time meeting up with chapters from Southern District. Thank you for your generous donations throughout the year. Your support allows us to participate in the many SD Jr. YBL events.

### Annual General Membership Meeting Jan. 28

All dues paying and interested Sangha members are invited to attend this once-a-year business luncheon meeting (in-person only) at 12 noon, following the Dharma Family service.

The gathering will give the Sangha the opportunity to join President LuAnn Lee, the Board of Directors, committees and affiliated organizations as they recap 2023 and provide what is planned for 2024. Members will be asked to approve the fiscal year budget and Board of Directors slate. A quorum of 25 dues paying members is required to qualify as an official meeting.

Board members will provide the main dish, while the Sangha is invited to compliment the luncheon with their favorite side dish to share.

President Lee and the Board of Directors look forward to seeing many temple members at the annual meeting. If you should need assistance, please call the temple at 619-239-0896.

In Gassho

## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I sit down to write this, there is less than a week before Christmas day and a couple of weeks before 2023 is behind us.

I always say how time flies but this year was exceptionally fast. Although it was a year with still lots of zoom meetings, I saw an increase of many more in-person meetings, services, seminars and even a weekend visit from the Tri-State Denver Junior YBA. We were lucky enough to make the trip to Japan in May for the Commemorative Service at our Mother Temple in Kyoto and traveled throughout the state to visit Harold's family in Yuba City, our in-laws family in Salinas and stopped by to see Kenji Sensei and Karen in San Jose. So many fun local trips to Disneyland, Sea World, Zoo and Safari Park with family and friends. Plus, working overtime at the law office has all contributed to me saying "Where has the time gone" but it was time well spent. I am grateful for the opportunity to experience so many new things and to have those memories to remember.

I hope you were able to hear our Bodhi day guest speaker Reverend Kaitlyn Mascher-Mace from the Denver area. It was nice to meet her and spend time Saturday night with a few of our Minister Assistant's and Board members. We gathered to share some Hawaiian food and Sake. Reverend Mascher-Mace shared her expertise of sake with us and along the way, we found out about her journey to becoming interested in Buddhism to receiving her Kyoshi certification in 2022, She is currently a Chaplin in Colorado. We thank her for making time to come in person to San Diego and sharing the Dharma with us.

Mochitsuki has come and gone but we now get to enjoy the mochi. For me, I like it fresh out of the bag, lightly fried and dipped in shoyu/sugar and my Mom powders her mochi with kinako flour. Whatever way you like it is the best. Thank you to Ralph Honda and Glenn Negoro for chairing the event and thank you to over 150 of you for helping out so we can have fresh mochi.

I want to take the time to acknowledge and thank the twenty five Board of Directors plus our Advisors Reverend Gibbs, Reverend Smitty and Reverend Imori. I appreciate the time and effort that each of you give back to BTSD. In addition to all the board members, I want to also thank everyone that volunteers to do the many things needed at the temple. Some of you fix things, some help with cleaning this or that, some give financially, some bring food to share but the most important is thinking of others. That is truly what makes BTSD a wonderful place to be with a caring Sangha that I am truly grateful for. Thank you.

In closing, I want to wish you all a Happy 2024, the year of the Dragon!

With Gratitude and  
In Gassho, LuAnn

The December 14th Board of Directors meeting preceded the annual Bonenkai (end-of-year party) -

1. The ministerial team, affiliated organizations and standing committees provided reports on their activities and upcoming events.
2. A salary increase was approved for the temple's Administrative Assistant Linda Redenbaugh.
3. Funds were approved for additional cameras to enhance security for the main building and exterior spaces.
4. January 2024 events were announced. The temple general membership meeting will be held on January 28th. Members and others are encouraged to attend to be updated on the temple's business. A minimum of 25 members are needed to provide their voice on any matters requiring the membership's vote.

### BWA NEWS

Hope you all had a warm, wonderful holiday season and New Year! It's been another busy month for the BWA. We have been having brisk sales for our major fundraiser, and are sold out of Brittle Popcorn, but still have some Brittle and Sweet Hot Almonds left if you need more gifts for friends, family, or yourself. Please call Margo Spears or leave a message for us with the temple to check for availability. Thank you for your continuing support of BWA.

Our energetic members worked hard, had fun and felt happy to help at mochitsuki. The work went very smoothly and ended earlier than usual.

The annual BWA Bonenkai was held on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at Wood Ranch BBQ and Grill in Mission Valley. Chairman Hanae Hara and her committee did a great job in planning and executing the luncheon. All of the entrees and side choices were delicious and so plentiful that most of us needed to take home leftovers! We all enjoyed the lively gift exchange too.

Fellow Bookies discussed the first half of our newest read, The Diamond Eye by Kate Quinn. We will be discussing the rest of the book at our January meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Please plan to join us by calling Sue at 858-699-8876 for the Zoom info.

Be sure to save the date, Saturday, April 20, 2024 for the English Tea. Net proceeds from the event will go to the BWA at the Lahaina Temple in Hawaii. More details will be coming.

We are still collecting suggestions for possible dana projects. If you have one, please contact Sue (858-699-8876) or Junko (858-722-9655). Thank you!  
Stay safe and warm!  
Gassho

## DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

Happy New Year of the Dragon! We hope you all enjoyed a safe and peaceful holiday season. In December, Dharma School students thoroughly enjoyed the interactive Bodhi Day message by Rev. Kaitlin Mascher-Mace, and Norman Kiyono led a craft activity where we decorated a beautiful Bodhisattva Tree.

Dharma School students volunteer! Helping to pound, shape, and package delectable rice cakes at our annual Mochitsuki is a joyous tradition, and we participated in spiffing up our temple and classrooms during Temple Cleanup Day. Students also enjoyed ringing our Kansho bell and eating delicious *toshikoshi soba* (year-crossing noodles) after our Joyae (New Year's Eve) Service and kicked off the new year in the company of Dharma friends at our Shusho-e (New Year's Day) service. Dharma School services and classes will resume on January 7th. Soon, we will reconnect with nature and the crisp San Diego winter air with a group outdoor activity or hike. Anyone is welcome to join us, e-mail Sharon [sharonhsasaki@yahoo.com](mailto:sharonhsasaki@yahoo.com) if interested. Wishing everyone a healthy and happy 2024!

## SANGHA TEEN NEWS

Sangha Teens volunteered at Mochitsuki last month, helping with pounding, molding, and cooling of the mochi. We all had a great time helping out! We also held our holiday party in conjunction with our last meeting of the year on Dec. 17th. We did a Secret Santa gift exchange and had a holiday potluck lunch with our families. The food was delicious! Thank you very much for all of your support for the Sangha Teens in 2023 and we look forward to a great year in 2024! Juliana Kruse, President

## MOCHITSUKI: SANGHA AND FRIENDS GATHER FOR TRADITIONAL DECEMBER EVENT

Summer-like weather brought sunshine and warm conditions on Sunday, December 10, making for an outstanding day of producing mochi, the delectable sweet rice cakes.

From the youngest Dharma School student to the young-at-heart, a sincere thank you to everyone who participated in the temple's annual tradition of preparing mochi for the New Year and congratulations for a job well done! To the volunteers who took on the role of having the workstations operate smoothly, thank you for your efforts.

In addition to the Sangha, community volunteers included students from Canyon Crest Academy and San Dieguito Academy Japanese National Honor Society high school clubs, and UCSD. Thank you for joining us.

Prior to the day of the event, volunteers washed 800 pounds of mochigome (raw sweet rice), set up the equipment outside and transformed the Annex Hall into a mochi production area.

On the day of mochitsuki, the aroma of cooked steamed rice filled the air and the grinding and pounding of mochi could be heard in the parking lot throughout the day.

In the Annex Hall, the BWA and Sangha ladies, along with

older DS students and Jr. YBA members, cut and shaped the ko-mochi and kasane while the visiting students were cooling the finished product with the uchiwa (fans). The hall was busy with activity and enthusiastic chatter.

The packaging crew was busy bagging well over 1,100 bags of mochi and kasane, and taking the finished product to the distribution area where the mochi was picked up to the delight of customers.

Overall, approximately 1,200 pounds of mochi was produced.

Clean up went smoothly as everyone pitched in, getting the work areas back to pre-mochitsuki conditions.

Many thanks to the lunch crew for preparing a terrific meal for all the workers and to the volunteers who provided side dishes, salads and desserts to complement the meal.

The O Bon Again "mini" shop and White Elephant were busy selling their holiday gift items in the Sangha Hall. The BWA sold the remaining inventory of their brittle fundraiser.

A heartfelt thank you goes to all the donors for their generous monetary donations towards the purchase of the mochigome rice and other supplies. Thank you!

Operating mochitsuki, like any temple activity requires hard work and the body endures some aches and pains, especially for the long-time dedicated veterans. In the end, the experience is meaningful and rewarding, bringing the Sangha together as one. It was very gratifying to see many young Sangha families and friends from the community embrace a temple tradition that has spanned 42 years. The future for BTSD's mochitsuki tradition looks bright.

Hopefully, all of you have had a chance to eat the mochi. It tastes so good!

The temple is very grateful for everyone's dedicated contributions and hard work!

Looking ahead, circle the date of December 8, 2024, as Mochitsuki Sunday. With deepest appreciation and gratitude. In Gassho, Ralph Honda and Glenn Negoro Mochitsuki co-chairs



Clockwise from left: Ladies shape the mochi; Cassidy Muraoka and her father Ken grind mochi, Joe Cross works on a tub & Glenn Torio turns the mochi; Photo credits: Richard Matsumoto, Mike Ong and Arturo Rubio)

**BUDDHIST TEMPLE**

Matsumoto, Akiko & Ken  
 Sasaki, Brian & Lorin  
 Cross, Joe  
 IMO Sadako Oehler  
 Wood, Carolyn  
 Inouye, Craig and family  
 IMO Mr. & Mrs. Fred Nabeta  
 IMO Jeanne Inouye  
 Hidinger, Holly & Ron - 8-5-24  
 Niko & Milo's 5th birthday  
 Kuwada, Howard Kanji &  
 Kaneko - Sangha  
 Okuhara, Roy & Karen  
 Cross, Joe  
 IMO Wendy's Auntie  
 Maureen  
 Sasaki, Sharon & Robert  
 Yamamoto - where needed  
 Martinez, Nancy -  
 Nembutsu Seminar  
 Hyman, Eric - Thank You  
 For Hosting Dharma Bums  
 Nakamura,, Shari  
 IMO Isamu S Nakamura  
 IMO Pauline M Nakamura  
 Morinaka, Ron - December  
 Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki  
 Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki  
 IMO Toyo Nishi  
 Uyeji, Masako

**SPECIAL DONATION**

Moribe, Susan, Min. Res.

**BODHI DAY SERVICE**

Driscoll, Christine  
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 Ong, Ann & Mike  
 Honda, Mikiye  
 Kashima, Jeanie  
 Voorhies, Ruth  
 Sumida, Floyd  
 Graeber, Kiku  
 Teague, Bill & Joyce  
 Martinez, Nancy  
 Yamanishi, Alan & Karen  
 Tsukamoto, Wayne  
 Spears, Margo  
 Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen  
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Hidinger, Holly

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 IMO Hatsuyo Yano  
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 IMO Dorothy s. Matsumoto  
 Hidinger, Holly  
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 Kawamoto, Mitsuko  
 Hidinger, Holly  
 Kashima, Jeanie  
 Koga, Florence  
 Estes, Carol  
 Moribe, Susan - 2024

**END OF YEAR (JOYA-E)**

Hidinger, Holly  
 Graeber, Kiku  
 Teague, Bill & Joyce  
 Martinez, Nancy  
 Yamanishi, Alan & Karen  
 Tsukamoto, Wayne  
 Spears, Margo  
 Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen  
 Moribe, Susan  
 Shigehara, Wilbur  
 Hashiguchi, Tsuneko & John  
 Honda, Ralph & Avis  
 Masumoto, Chiyoko  
 Moribe, Susan - 2024

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 Yoshida, Laura  
 Sakow, Toshiko

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Hidinger, Holly

**GOLF**

Hidinger, Holly

**MAP**

Hidinger, Holly

**MAP (MINISTER'S ASSIST)**

Hidinger, Holly

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*We thank the following  
 for their recent renewals:*

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 Graeber, Kiku  
 Asamen, Laura  
 Negoro, Glenn  
 Hidinger, Holly  
 Honda, Mikiye  
 Tanaka, Laurence K. and Sheryl  
 Honda, Ralph & Avis  
 Teague, Bill & Joyce  
 Miyamoto, Donald & Joyce  
 Morinaka, Ron  
 Teague, Joyce  
 Teague, Bill  
 Schmidt, Mariel & Jayson  
 Yokotobi, Fusako  
 Masumoto, Chiyoko  
 Omori, Shirley & Efton  
 Woodford  
 Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki  
 Negoro, Glenn  
 Yamamoto, Koichi & Joyce  
 Gladsjo, Julie

**NEW YEAR'S DAY**

Hidinger, Holly

**OSEIBO**

Hidinger, Holly  
 Honda, Mikiye  
 Himaka, Michio & Naomi  
 Ochi, K Kay  
 Hashiguchi, Tsuneko & John  
 Masumoto, Chiyoko  
 Amano, Takeko  
 Monji, Yoshiko  
 Honda, Ralph & Avis  
 Graeber, Kiku  
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 Morinaka, Ron  
 Omori, Shirley & Efton  
 Woodford  
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 IMO Dorothy S. Matsumoto -  
 January  
 Hidinger, Holly  
 IMO Hideo Ochi - July  
 IMO Kiyoko Ochi - Aug.  
 IMO Hatsue Kimura-Feb 1949  
 IMO Otoshichi Oji - October  
 Ong, Ann & Mike - December  
 Honda, Mikiye  
 IMO Ben Honda  
 IMO Shigeo Amano  
 Negoro, Glenn  
 IMO Yukiko Negoro  
 Ogasawara, Michiko -  
 December  
 Yonekura, Susan  
 IMO Frank Yonekura  
 Himaka, Michio & Naomi  
 IMO Sakiko Kada  
 Kawamoto, Mitsuko  
 IMO Manae Mayumi  
 Oya, Maria  
 IMO Eiji Oya  
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 IMO Yoshiko Kashima  
 Ochi, K Kay  
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 Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen  
 December  
 Yano, Michael  
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 IMO Tai Yano  
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# マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」 二〇二四年一月法話

## —おめでとー！—

駐在開教使 向嶋裕史

新年明けましておめでとーございます。本年もどうぞ宜しくお願いいたします。

この原稿を書いているのは十二月中旬なのですが、今ちょうど松本デボン氏が京都の西山別院で得度習礼を受けている真つ最中です。デボンはこの度の得度を受けるにあたり、得度講習会やIBSの必須科目を受講し、数年前から準備をちやくちやくと進めてきたました。そして昨年、得度審査(得度資格を得るための筆記試験、読経、面接)に合格し、はれて京都で得度習礼に参加することとなりました。得度習礼とは、門主から得度を授かる前の大切な研修で、十一日間にわたって西山別院において僧侶としての心得、知識、そして作法を学びます。研修中は世間と隔離され新聞やテレビ、携帯電話などは一切禁止されます。そして最終日に西本願寺において得度式が開かれ、門主より直々に御剃刀を受け、度牒を賜ります。今まさに、その瞬間を夢見て厳しい習礼に励んでいることと思います。

デボンがアメリカを立つ前に彼と話をする機会があったので、日本に行く準備ができていないか尋ねてみると、彼から「正直、得度が怖い」という意外な言葉が返ってきました。何故かと問うてみますと、「得度を受けられることは嬉しいがいよいよ僧侶の世界に飛び込むとなると複雑な心境です」と答えました。彼のその真摯な言葉を聞いた時、僧侶になる心構えとしてとても大切

なものを持つているなど感じました。

本来、僧になることは出家することであり、それはこれまでの生活や仕事、家族、友人などといった世俗的な執着を一切捨てて仏道修行に励むことをいいます。僧になることを決意されたお釈迦さまも王位継承者の地位を捨て、家族も捨てて出家されました。そして、煩惱や執着の象徴である髪の毛を剃ることでお釈迦さまは解脱を求める強い意志を表し、「いま鬚髪を落とす、ねがわくば一切ともに、煩惱および習障を断除せん」と発願されたといわれています。仏門に入る

ときに剃髪をする起源はここにあります。親鸞聖人も九歳の時に青蓮院で得度を受け出家されました。幼くして家族と別れ、仏門に入られた聖人の不安と覚悟は如何ばかりだったことでしょう。私達の想像を絶するものがあつたと思います。

仏教の二六〇〇年の歴史の中で出家の形式は時代や地域と共に変化してきましたが、僧侶になるという覚悟はお釈迦さまを始め先人の方の志と同じであつて、仏教古来の伝統の世界に身を置くということがデボンにとつて恐れ多く感じると同時に、僧侶になるという重責に不安を抱いたのだと思います。しかし、この不安は彼の謙虚な心からくるものですから僧侶になるにふさわしいと思います。

僧侶になると「仏法を教える」という立場から優越感を抱く傾向があります。しかし、お剃刀を受けて浄土真宗の僧侶になるということは、自我を離れ、驕りたかぶる心をなくし、ひたすら阿弥陀仏の本願を依り所として生きる決意表明であるとともに、念仏と共につねに謙虚に生きるという誓いでもあります。私がブラジルの開教使になつて間もない頃、別院の副輪番が私に次のように尋ねました。「阿弥陀仏を医者とする、お寺参りされる門徒は通院患者と言える。では、毎日寺で寝泊まりしている君は一体何者だ?」と。

私は迷わず「医師(阿弥陀仏)に仕える身ですから、私は看護師ではないでしょうか」と答えると、副輪番は笑いながら「何を言っている。君は入院患者だよ。続けて「君は、別院の生活に慣れ、最近では門徒方に『先生、先生』ともてはやされて偉くなったつもりであるかもしれないが、私達僧侶は君の言うような看護師でもなければ、カウンセラーでもない。私達僧侶は、お寺(病院)に住み込んで、阿弥陀仏(医師)のそばにおいていただいている入院患者(重症)だということを決して忘れてはならない。門徒(通院患者)より重い病氣(煩惱熾盛)を自分自身が患っているということに目覚めることが僧侶として最も大切なことなのだ。だからこそ、四六時中休むことなく、こんな私を見捨てずつねにはたらくかけて下さる阿弥陀仏の本願に誰よりも感謝し、この喜びをみんなに伝えていかなければならない。これを自信教人信といひ、その誠を尽くすことが僧侶の本分なのだ」と言われました。

副輪番のこの何とも有難いお言葉は、当時、新米僧侶だった私の心に大きな衝撃を与え、同時に、その後の私が僧侶として生きるべき道しるべをはっきりと示して下さいました。得度を受けてアメリカに帰ってくるデボンには、くれぐれも初心を忘れず、決して驕り高ぶることなく、常に自らの愚かさ省みて、謙虚な心と感謝の気持ちを持って、浄土真宗の僧侶としての本分を全うして欲しい切に願っています。

マウンテンビュー仏教会は設立以来、田中ケン先生を始め多くの開教使を輩出してきました。お念仏のみ教えを一人でも多くの人と分かち合いたいという先輩開教使の方の志を受け継いで得度を受けたデボンを誇りに思います。門徒の皆さまには、僧侶として新しい人生を歩み始めたデボンを温かく迎え入れていただきたいと思ひます。デボン、おめでとー！



# JANUARY SHOTSUKI LIST

The monthly memorial service will take place on January 7 at 10 a.m. 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. 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](mailto:info@btsd.net) *Gassho*.

*The Sangha extends deepest condolences to the family and friends of:  
Sanoko Kuroiwa Nov. 26, 2023*

<b>DECEASED</b>	<b>FAMILY MEMBER</b>	<b>DECEASED</b>	<b>FAMILY MEMBER</b>
Kotake Kondo (1-14-1923)	Ruth Voorhies	Shigeru Tabata (1-20-1989)	Takako Tabata
Mitsuko Kuwada (1-28-1938)	Kanji Kuwada	Setsuko Uchida (1-24-1992)	Kashima Family
Sutematsu Iwata (1-4-1941)	Frances A. Burton	Noboru Nakada (1-18-1993)	Ted Nakada
Tsunekichi Higuchi (1-7-1942)	Higuchi Family	Elaine Matsumoto Barrett (1-26-1993)	Matsumoto Family
Jiro Niizawa (1-13-1942)	Norman Kiyono	Masako Nadahara (1-12-1994)	Mami Nakagawa
Chosaburo Yamashita (1-27-1954)	Emiko Yamashita	Frank T. Torio (1-6-1995)	Juliana M. Torio
Bill Koga (1-22-1956)	Florence Koga	Chieno Okuma Moribe (1-20-1995)	Lee Moribe
Matsuno Fujimoto (1-5-1957)	Amano Family	Tetsuyo Kashima (1-4-1996)	Jeanie Kashima
Chiyono Tomiyama (1-15-1957)	Tomiyama Family	Frank Akira Kajita (1-6-1996)	Tim Kajita
Hisaichi Taniguchi (1-31-1959)	Wilbur Takashima	Kesao Muraoka (1-29-1997)	Yoshiko Muraoka
Mitsuyoshi Shindo (1-14-1959)	Ochi Family	Kiyoko Santohigashi (1-3-1998)	Kiku Graeber
Teiichiro Miyoshi (1-4-1960)	Miyoshi Family	Haruko Iguchi (1-15-1998)	Iguchi Family
Usaburo Ito (1-26-1961)	Masako Nagata	George Furuya (1-16-1998)	George Furuya Jr.
Shokichi Kodama (1-21-1961)	Masako Uyeji	Yukiko Wutzke (1-14-1999)	Wutzke Family
Nobuo Hagio (1-6-1961)	Hagio Family	Miwako Kosaka (1-19-1999)	Emi Killeri
Harue Okumura (1-19-1962)	Yamashita Family	Kazumi Yamada (1-20-1999)	Carol Yamada
Shigeko Takeguchi (1-24-1962)	Takeguchi Family	Robbie Jon Nishiguchi (1-5-2001)	Nishiguchi Family
Satoru Hata (1-25-1963)	Hamada Family	Seiji Saito (1-7-2001)	Ayako Saito
Masakichi Saito (1-30-1964)	Takashi Saito	Takenori Ohara (1-28-2001)	Ohara Family
Hashio Yonekura (1-4-1969)	Yonekura Family	Sumiko Kendall (1-1-2003)	Bennie P. Kendall
Toshiko Funaki (1-18-1971)	Funaki Family	Mitsuko Kodama (1-11-2004)	Jay Kodama
Sojiro Torimaru (1-18-1973)	Otsuka Family	Yoshiko N. Kusumoto (1-31-2004)	Chiyo Nakagawa
Kiyotaka Kusumoto (1-9-1973)	Yoshiko Kusumoto	Sumiko Tsubakihara (1-31-2005)	Kent Tsubakihara
Shinhichi Kawamoto (1-16-1974)	Kawamoto Family	Harry Yamada (1-8-2006)	Yamada Family
Hisayo Ogawa (1-22-1975)	Steven Yagade	Kimie Fukamizu (1-18-2006)	Rochelle Carroll
Hachiro Honda (1-5-1976)	Honda Family	Pro Takanori Nimura (1-28-2006)	Nimura Family
Motoo Kobayashi (1-16-1976)	Wayne Takuya	Isen Iguchi (1-05-2007)	Iguchi Family
Mitsutaro Shimizu (1-25-1976)	Miyoko Hashiguchi	Yoshinobu Sueyoshi (1-02-2008)	Annie Yumiko Gristina
Mitsuyo Urata (1-2-1977)	Urata Family	Osao Himaka (1-31-2008)	Lynn Fuchigami
Kuni Kawamoto (1-12-1978)	Kiku Koga	Mitsuru Amano (1-5-2012)	Mike Amano
Saye Tsurudome (1-28-1978)	Mitsuo Tsurudome	Dorothy Matsumoto (1-10-2012)	Matsumoto Family
Seki Kawasaki (1-30-1943)	Ohara family	Gary Yukio Kodama (1-4-2013)	Vivianne Jones
Kiyo Muraoka (1-10-1979)	Yoko Shinohara	Leonard Joseph Allison (1-21-2013)	Elizabeth Dawn Homah
Ryu Yonekura (1-9-1980)	Yonekura Family	Mitsuyo "Mitsi" Ota (1-23-2013)	Kenneth Ota
Harry Pokio Matsumoto (1-9-1982)	Matsumoto Family	Michiko Causey (1-12-2014)	Robert Causey
Claude Holt (1-30-1981)	John Holt	Toru Shiraishi (1-17-2015)	Shiraishi Family
Jon Konishi (1-19-1983)	Steven Konishi	Masami Iwataki (1-5-2016)	Patricia Iwataki
Nobuo Honda (1-31-1984)	Amy Honda	Maria Del Rufugio Gonzalez (1-13-16)	Covarrubias Family
Ikuyo Takeshita (1-5-1985)	Takeshita Family	Priscilla Ishizaki (1-30-2017)	Sheryl Ishizaki
Oshie Shimizu (1-1-1988)	Miyoko Hashiguchi	Teruko Iwata (1-5-2018)	Frances A. Burton
Shizuko Shimizu (1-11-1989)	Shimizu Family	Jeffery Akira Oto (1-25-2018)	Junko Oto
		Mrs. Yoshie Okuma (1-31_2023)	Keiko Negoro

## 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.

**2024 is the memorial year for those who passed away in:**

1st Year Memorial	2023	3rd Year Memorial	2022	7th Year Memorial	2018
13th Year Memorial	2012	17th Year Memorial	2008	25th Year Memorial	2000
27th Year Memorial	1998	33rd Year Memorial	1992	50th Year Memorial	1975

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

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 I authorize continued, recurring donations in the next year.  Initial

### SPECIAL SERVICES 2024

- \$ **New Year's Day (Shusho-e) -- January 1**  
A day of dedication. With renewed resolution, we dedicate ourselves to the way of the Nembutsu.
- \$ **Ho-Onko (Shinran Shonin Memorial Day) -- January 14**  
Commemorating the memory of Shinran Shonin (May 21, 1173 - January 16, 1262), the Founder of Jodo Shinshu (True Pure Land sect). Shinran Shonin was the first to teach absolute faith in Amida Buddha.
- \$ **Lady Takeko Kujo and BWA Memorial -- February 11**  
Honors Lady Takeko Kujo, BWA founder, and San Diego BWA members who have passed away.
- \$ **Nirvana Day (Nehan-e) -- February 18**  
On this day we solemnly observe the passing of Sakyamuni Buddha into Pari-nirvana.
- \$ **Spring Higan (Higan-e) -- March 17**  
Higan ("other Shore") is observed on or around the Spring Equinox. During this time, harmony rules throughout the universe. We recall the practice of the six paramitas..
- \$ **Hanamatsuri (Buddha Day) -- April 7**  
Celebrating the birth of Gautama (the historical Buddha) in Lumbini Garden. A flower shrine (Hanamido) is set up in front of the main altar representing Lumbini Garden. The sangha offers flowers and pours sweet tea over the statue of the infant Buddha.
- \$ **Gotan-e / Fujimatsuri (Shinran Shonin Day) -- May 19**  
Observing the birth of Shinran Shonin, founder of the Jodo Shinshu sect, who was born on May 21, 1173 near Kyoto, Japan.
- \$ **O Bon (Bon) -- August 3**  
Bon is a Buddhist Memorial Day. It is an occasion for rejoicing in the enlightenment offered by the Buddha. It is often referred to as the "Gathering of Joy."
- \$ **Fall Higan (Higan-e) -- September 15**  
The Sangha gathers for the Fall Equinox to recall the practice of the Six Paramitas.
- \$ **Lady Eshinni/Kakushinni Memorial -- October 20**  
Commemorating the memory of Eshinni, wife of Shinran Shonin, and Kakushinni, their daughter. These two women played a central role in Jodo Shinshu history.
- \$ **Eitaiyo (Perpetual Memorial) -- November 24**  
On this day, all dedicated members and Dharma friends who devoted themselves to the spiritual welfare of the temple, whether known or unknown, are honored so that we may continue to practice the Buddha's teachings.
- \$ **Bodhi Day (Jodo-e) -- December 1**  
Gautama meditated under the Bodhi Tree (Tree of Enlightenment) and became a Buddha; perfect in Wisdom and Compassion.
- \$ **Joya-e (Year-end Service) -- December 31**  
On New Year's Eve we meditate on the countless blessings we have received throughout the year

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**BUDDHIST TEMPLE of SAN DIEGO 2024 MEMBERSHIP FORM** (V. 1.1)

**G. Member Information.**

**Member 1** Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Member 2** Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

**H. Newsletter Preferences:**  Print  Email  Both

**I. CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION if desired**

- **Members or sponsors paying by credit or debit card** are authorizing its use for automatic renewal with specific account information as follows.  
 I/we opt out of automatic renewal
- Members can change preferences at any time.

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Member 1. \_\_\_\_\_

Member 2. \_\_\_\_\_

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Question? Call Member Chair Bill Teague at 619-248-3749 or Temple at 619-239-0896.  
Form significantly abbreviated. Full form still available; we can mail or download from website.

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**A. Member Names(s)**

1:  Mr  Ms  Mrs \_\_\_\_\_

2:  Mr  Ms  Mrs \_\_\_\_\_

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**B. Annual Dues**

Ind. = Individual      FC = Family (parent or parents with young children) or couple membership

Level	Senior Discount*		Dana		Wisteria		Bodhi**	
	Ind.	FC	Ind.	FC	Ind.	FC	Ind.	FC
Amount	180	360	336	576	600	1200		

\* Available for members 75 or older. \*\*Write in amount for **Bodhi**, open-ended for generous donors.

**C. Program Donations**

Programs	Floral	Gardening	Minister's Assistants	Dharma School	Scholarships	TOTAL
<i>Recommended</i>	40	40	40	20	20	160
<i>Or Other</i>						

Please total program donations in far-right column.

**D. Please Total B and C**

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