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## Inclusivity Includes Exclusion

Rev. Jundo Gregory Gibbs

The Buddha's Compassion covers every part of the Universe, excluding not even the smallest nanoparticle. But the Buddha and his students still say "No" to all forms of violence. We exclude from our communities those who advocate violence. I had an opportunity to speak with a news reporter about our tradition about a year ago. I told her that, so far as Jodo Shinshu Buddhism is concerned, "We respect persons of all races, of all ethnicities, of all sexual orientations; ... all persons of good will."

We cannot welcome those of ill will, into our communities. We do not include people who promote violence in our communities. This is not because we are exclusive. It is because we apply wisdom as well as compassion in our decision making. Everyone is welcome to join our sangha, to become part of our community, if they can be non-violent and accepting of others.

In the long run, we hope to include everyone in the Buddhist community. For the immediate time being, we must exclude: Racists, Sexists, those who deny our responsibility to protect our environment, ... persons of ill will. This is only paradoxical at a verbal level. You do not actually exclude anyone by saying, "You are very welcome here as long as you are not violent, and as long as you are respectful of everyone else."

We must, and will, do what we can to make others want to be included in our Buddhist communities. Nonetheless, we cannot accommodate racism or sexism and we will not accept a suggested violent solution to any of our current difficulties. Those who embrace violence and prejudice cannot fit into our communities, comfortably. Without change, we would not be comfortable with them; and I doubt they would be that comfortable socializing with us. We still have to deal with them in the larger communities that we participate in. Our Buddhist community, our Sangha, is, nonetheless, limited to the peaceful and respectful.



One day, perhaps, our limited (for now) inclusivity and non-violence may spread. One day we will be able to share this world with billions of humans who are inclusive Buddhists, accepting Christians, open-minded Atheist-humanists, broad-minded Muslims, tolerant Hindus, welcoming Baha'i, peaceful practitioners of Santeria, etc. We and our fellow community members must interact with persons of all types, and we must do so as wisely and kindly as possible. For now, however, we must content ourselves to include in our community, only, but all, persons of goodwill. Despite the harshness of these times, I think that will add up to a lot of people.

## Rev Ungyo Lynn Sugiyama Of the Arizona Buddhist Temple

Will be our Guest for Gotan-e  
Service on May 19th



Rev Ungyo Lynn Sugiyama was born in Pomona, CA to Rev Unryu and Kaye Sugiyama. He grew up in Denver, CO and attended Dharma School at the Denver Buddhist Temple. Rev Lynn attended the University of Denver, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree. Prior to college, he received Tokudo Certification in August 1981 in Kyoto, Japan, while he was still a student in high school. He received Kyoshi Certification in November 2013 in Kyoto.

Rev Lynn has been a Minister's Assistant since 2006 for the Arizona Buddhist Temple. He earned a Masters in Buddhist Studies from IBS in July 2020. Rev Sugiyama has also worked for the Arizona Department of Transportation for 26 years.

In his spare time, Rev Lynn enjoys basketball and volleyball. He is a Phoenix Suns fan and Phoenix Cardinals fan, and a former Denver Broncos fan.

## STRATEGIC PLANNING MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Buddhist Temple of San Diego is to share the teachings of the Buddha. We strive to sustain and grow the Temple's presence by cultivating the values of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in our community through religious practice, cultural activities, and educational programs.

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## HAPPY Mother's Day



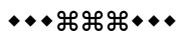
If you will be in town on Mother's Day, Our JrYBA will be serving breakfast on Sunday May 12 at 8:30am for Mother's Day! Breakfast is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 7 and under. And of course, breakfast is free for Moms! Please see any JrYBA member for tickets.

Gotan-E, commemorating the birth of Shinran Shonin, the founder of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, will be the special service on May 19. Rev. Lynn Sugiyama of the Arizona Buddhist Temple will visit and share his Dharma messages. The monthly Shotsuki Hoyo memorial, remembering loved ones who passed away in May will be held on May 5.

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

Here is the May calendar (activities and times subject to change):

- 1 – Taiko, 6:45pm (Annex Hall), Bud. 1-2-3, 7 pm (Zoom)
- 2 – Tai Chi, 10 am, AH
- 4 – BWA English Tea, 11 am, AH
- 5 – Sutra Chanting, 9 am (Hondo), Shotsuki Hoyo/Dharma Family Service, 10 am (H/Livestream), BWA meeting, 11:30 am, CR, Taiko practice, 11:30 am, AH; Sangha Teens Mtg, 11:30 a.m. (Sangha Hall)
- 7 – Ways and Means meeting, 7 pm, Z
- 8 – Taiko practice, 6:45 pm, AH, Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm, Z
- 9 – Tai Chi, 10 am, AH, Board of Directors meeting, 7 pm, Z
- 12 – Mother's Day breakfast hosted by Jr. YBA, 8:30 am, AH, Sutra chanting, 9 am, H, Dharma Family service, 10 am, H/LS, DS staff meeting, 10 am, CR, Taiko practice, 11:30 am, AH,
- 15 – Taiko practice, 6:45 pm, AH, Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm, Z
- 16 – Tai Chi, 10 am, AH
- 17 – Southern District Council Meeting, 7 pm, Z
- 18 – Folk Dance practice, 2:30 pm, AH
- 19 – Sutra Chanting, 9 am, H, **GOTAN-E** service (Guest minister: Rev. Lynn Sugiyama, Arizona Buddhist Temple), 10 am, H/LS, Jr. YBA meeting, 11:30 am, Rm 1
- 20 – Kaiho newsletter articles deadline
- 22 – Taiko practice, 6:45 pm, AH, Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm, Z
- 23 – Tai Chi, 10 am, AH
- 25 – Imperial Valley Cemetery services: Calexico, El Centro, Brawley; Pioneers Museum, Japanese Gallery.
- 26 – Introduction to Buddhism, 9 am, SH, Sutra Chanting, 9am, H, Dharma Fam. Serv., 10 am, H/LS, Taiko, 11:30 am, AH
- 27 – Community Memorial Day Services (**see page 8**).
- 29 – Bussei Script mailing, 9:30 am, Taiko practice, 6:45 pm, AH, Buddhism 1-2-3, 7 pm, Z
- 30 – Tai Chi, 10 am, AH
- 31 – Bazaar preparations, all day



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

Office hours: 9 am to 4 pm Tuesday-Friday. 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](mailto:info@btsd.net) or check the BTSD website <http://www.buddhisttemplesandiego.org> for updates.

## ACTIVITIES NEWS

Congratulations to all the bingo prize winners at the Tostada/ bingo day following the Hanamatsuri Service! For those non prize winners, you experienced a prize-winning tostada lunch with all the fixins! Also, thanks to the Dharma School Bake Sale for providing the sweet treats. The proceeds are being donated to our Ohana in Lahaina who continue to rebuild.

On May 4th, join the BWA for the long-awaited English Tea with the special guests Kenji Sensei and Miss Karen. At the time of writing this article the event is sold out, but there is a waiting list! Contact the BWA for more information.

Just around the corner is the annual Temple Bazaar on June 2, 2024. The committee welcomes volunteers to help on the big day as well as the prep days leading up to the Bazaar Day, one of the Temple's largest fundraisers. To volunteer, contact the Temple office or any Temple Board member for more information.

Also on the horizon is Temple Pickle ball! Along with the Strategic Planning Group, we are working on the details of what it will look like. Let us know if you are interested in volunteering for this new venture. The plan is to begin with 1 court in the annex and go from there. Stay tuned for more information in the coming months!

In Gassho, Activities Committee

### TEMPLE GOLF TOURNAMENT IS JUNE 23

Registration continues to be accepted for the 28<sup>th</sup> annual BTSD Golf Tournament. The event will take place on Sunday, June 23 at Riverwalk Golf Club in Mission Valley.

Up to 72 golfers from the temple, local community and out-of-town are anticipated to play in the four-person scramble. Play begins at 8 a.m.

Players of all ages and skill levels are encouraged to participate. The registration fee is \$125 for men and women and \$90 for juniors 15-and-under. The fees include 18-holes of golf, cart, donuts, coffee, beverages on the course, luncheon and awards. The registration deadline is June 5.

Prospective donors are welcome to be a part of the tournament by becoming a monetary sponsor. Sponsorships range in the following categories: \$1,000 (hole-in-one), \$750 (eagle), \$600 (birdie), \$500 (beverage cart), \$325 (closest to the pin), \$250 (long drive), \$125 (hole) and under-\$125 (gallery).

Non-monetary sponsors are invited to donate merchandise including gift cards, bags of rice, grocery and non-grocery gifts.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Curt Yasuhara, Board President

Dear Sangha,  
We recently celebrated a beautiful Hanamatsuri, where vibrant flowers adorned our Hanamido and Hondo. The spirit of community and reverence was

seen in the number of attendees, and I personally could relate to the dharma messages shared by Cassidy and Andrea. Their creativity and thought-provoking insights resonated within me.

Reverend Laverne Imori also had an exceptional message which helped us see ourselves as the flowers. If you missed this enlightening experience, you can catch it all on our YouTube channel. Simply visit our temple website at Buddhist Temple of San Diego or search for "BuddhistTempleOfSanDiego" (no spaces) on YouTube and click "Subscribe."

Looking ahead to May, we have an exciting lineup:

**English Tea:** We hope you will be joining us as we gather over tea.

**Field Trip to Imperial Valley:** Explore history and culture together.

**June Cultural Bazaar:** Save the date for a day of food, entertainment, and fun.

Remember to check our calendar and sign up early for these events. Your presence makes our temple vibrant and meaningful.

In gassho,  
Curt

## Theme for 100 Year Anniversary

Thank you to everyone that submitted a theme or two for the Temples 100 Year Anniversary in 2026.

We received over 70 entries making it challenging to pick just one. We would like to announce the winner of the theme contest was Kimberly Kruse. Congratulations to her for her submission of

**"Gratitude to Our Past, Present and Future".**

Keep your eyes and ears open for more information. We hope you will join us to volunteer with the many tasks as we celebrate this grand milestone.

Gassho, 100 Year Anniversary Committee

## Save the Date for BTSD's Bazaar 2024 on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>

We invite you, your family and friends to enjoy the delicious food like Teriyaki Chicken, Chow Mein, Sushi, Baked goods, Taco's and more. The Silent Auction is back along with White Elephant and buy a Opportunity Drawing ticket for a chance to win \$1000.

We are always looking for Volunteer's, sign-up sheets will be available soon in the office and online.

Hope to see you there!  
Bazaar Committee

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board met on April 11th -

1. President Curt Yasuhara provided an introduction to and offered to help navigate the Google shared drive, Google calendar and Google groups.
2. David Matsumoto, past President of the Institute of Buddhist Studies and past resident minister of the Berkeley Buddhist Temple, is retiring.
3. The use of the annex on Sept. 7th, for a community outreach performance by Asian Persuasion, sponsored by Kiku, was approved.
4. The Board approved the JAHSSD's use of the parking lot on June 15th.
5. The April 28th JCC Keiro Kai will be co-sponsored by the temple.
6. The Board approved the recreational activity - pickleball - at the temple.
7. The Board approved the request of the Yosakoi dance group to use the facilities for practices and approved co-sponsoring their activity.
8. Curt introduced for consideration a change in the Board structure and concept of governance over officers.
9. The temple will send representatives for the celebration of the 70 years of the San Diego-Yokohoma Sister City program.

## BWA NEWS

BWA has been diligently working to organize and make final plans for our inaugural English Tea on May 4, 2024 from 11:30—2:00. Currently, all seats have been reserved, but we are accepting names for a waiting list in case of cancellations. The cost is \$35 to enjoy a pleasant afternoon of homemade savories, scones, desserts, a hat contest, a raffle with amazing prizes, and more, with all proceeds to benefit the Lahaina Hongwanji Mission and BWA. We will begin set up and preparations beginning each day from April 29 – May 3 from 9:30 AM and May 4 from 7:00 AM. We are asking all BWA members and friends to please help out on as many days as possible by calling Junko: 858-722-9655 or Aki: 858-722-5449 to schedule a time and be assigned a task.

On May 5 at 11:45, we will have a brief monthly meeting and finish cleaning and organizing from our English Tea the day before. A light lunch will be provided by Toban A.

To celebrate Shinran Shonin's birthday on May 19, we will be making chirashi to serve as otoki to the Sangha following the Gotan-e service. We need the help of all members and friends on May 18 to help with prep and May 19 to assemble the chirashi.

On June 1 and 2, BWA will be making makizushi and inarizushi to benefit the Temple's Bazaar on June 2. The help of all members and friends will be appreciated on those two days. Many of our members enjoyed the Hanamatsuri service, delicious tostada lunch, and bingo to celebrate Buddha's birthday.

We express our gratitude to the Arturo Rubio Family and crew for their hard work to prepare the lunch, Ralph Honda for organizing the bingo, and Rev. Laverne for doing a fantastic job as the "Bingo Wrangler"!

We encourage our members to sign up for the bus trip to do omairi at the Imperial Valley cemeteries

# DONATIONS

We are grateful for the recent donations to the Temple and its affiliated organizations. "IMO" means "In memory of." For a correction, please inform our secretary at (619) 239-0896 or [info@btsd.net](mailto:info@btsd.net). For donations for upcoming services, they will be listed in the month of that service. The donation list is through April 15.

## **BUDDHIST TEMPLE**

Okuhara, Roy & Karen  
Ryan, Mani  
Teague, Bill  
Sefton, Devin  
Teague, Bill - NCM expenses  
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen -  
In appreciation  
Kaneko, Richard & Ruth -  
Thank you to BWA & BTSD  
Morinaka, Ron  
Kawasaki, Mildred & Trace -  
Hanamatsuri Flowers  
Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki  
Matsumoto, Richard  
Baker, Carol & Michael

## **BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS**

Sasaki, Brian & Lorin  
Sasaki, Sharon & Robert  
Yamamoto

## **DHARMA SCHOOL**

Ryan, Mani  
Yamaguchi, Laura  
Bull, Gregory & Julie Watson  
Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki  
Torio, Glenn & Janet  
Teague, Bill & Joyce  
Yamanishi, Miyoko  
Ohara, Ann  
Shigehara, Wilbur & Janice  
Kiyono, Norman  
Yanagihara, Tom Masaru &  
Colleen

## **DS for Hanamatsuri**

Morinaka, Ron  
Ryan, Mani  
Yamaguchi, Laura  
Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki

## **Floral & Monetary**

Kiyoshi Kawasaki  
Yoshinori Moritani  
Ann Ong  
Kaytee Sumida  
Norman Kiyono  
Ronnie Morinaka  
Carol Baker  
Sumi Yanagihara  
Quinton Kawahara  
Nancy Martinez  
Kimberly Kruse  
Ralph, Avis, & Breven Honda  
Miki Honda  
Mildred Kawasaki  
Roy Okuhara  
Anonymous

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Ralph Honda  
Naomi Himaka  
Roger Coppock  
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Nancy Martinez  
Mariel Schmidt  
Penelope Schmidt  
Benjamin Schmidt  
Laverne Omori Sensei  
Quinton Kawahara  
Silvia Kawahara  
Kobe Kawahara  
Caden Kawahara  
Junko Kajita  
Tim Kajita  
Elise Kajita  
Tyler Kajita  
Karen Okuhara  
Roy Okuhara  
**Dharma School Bake Sale**  
Avis Honda  
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Nancy Martinez  
Laura Yoshida  
Karen Okuhara  
Mariel Schmidt  
Junko Kajita  
Lisa Umekubo  
Chelsey Koga  
Anonymous Caramel Brownies

## **EITAIKYO FUND**

Hill, Edwin  
IMO Gail Miyo Hill

## **EITAIKYO SERVICE**

Ryan, Mani  
Yamaguchi, Laura  
Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki  
Ohara, Ann

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Yamaguchi, Laura  
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Teague, Bill & Joyce  
Yamanishi, Miyoko  
Ohara, Ann  
Shigehara, Wilbur & Janice  
Kiyono, Norman  
Yanagihara, Tom Masaru &  
Colleen

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Torio, Glenn & Janet  
Teague, Bill & Joyce  
Ohara, Ann  
Kiyono, Norman  
Yanagihara, Tom Masaru &  
Colleen

## **GOTAN E**

Moribe, Sue

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Ryan, Mani

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Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki  
Lee, LuAnn & Harold  
Morikawa, Kazuhiko  
Honda, Ralph & Avis  
Honda, Mikiye  
Morinaka, Ron  
Tanaka, Kelvin  
Otsuji, Dennis & Elaine  
Amemiya, Denise  
Nogata, Sumihiro & Yuriko  
Masamoto, Chiyoko  
Suyenaga, Irene  
Omori, Shirley  
Monji, Yoshiko  
Sumida, Floyd & Kaytee  
Ohara, Ann

Kawasaki, Mildred & Trace  
Tomoi, Irene  
Yonekura, Susan  
Nakamura, Jake K. & Patty  
Hashiguchi, Tsuneko & John  
Kashima, Jeanie  
Kawamoto, Mitsuko  
Kaneshiro, Gale  
Himaka, Michio & Naomi  
Kida, Katsumi  
Ogasawara, Michiko  
Aoyama, K. Alice  
Yamanishi, Miyoko  
Kajita, Junko & Tim  
Voorhies, Ruth  
Yonekura, Gregg

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Tomiyama, Aki  
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Moncrief, Mayko  
Martinez, Nancy  
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen  
Shigehara, Wilbur & Janice  
Tsukamoto, Wayne  
Okuhara, Roy & Karen  
Yamada, Pat & Diane  
Yamamoto, Joyce  
Oyama, Garrick  
Kuwada, Howard Kanji &  
Kaneko  
Fuchigami, Lynn S. & Stephen  
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D'Orsi, Ruby  
Baker, Carol & Michael

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Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki  
Ohara, Ann

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Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki  
Torio, Glenn & Janet  
Teague, Bill & Joyce  
Ohara, Ann

Shigehara, Wilbur & Janice  
Kaneshiro, Gale  
Kiyono, Norman  
Yanagihara, Tom Masaru

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Bull, Gregory & Julie Watson  
Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki  
Ochi, K Kay  
Torio, Glenn & Janet  
Teague, Bill & Joyce  
Yamanishi, Miyoko  
Ohara, Ann  
Shigehara, Wilbur & Janice  
Seymour, Leslie & Sean x2  
Kiyono, Norman  
Yanagihara, Tom Masaru &  
Colleen

## **NIRVANA DAY**

Ryan, Mani  
Yamaguchi, Laura  
Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki  
Ohara, Ann  
Yamamoto, Joyce

## **OHIGAN**

Ryan, Mani  
Yamaguchi, Laura  
Gladsjo, Julie  
Yonekura, Susan  
Jensen, Richard  
Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki  
Masumoto, Chiyoko  
Yamanishi, Miyoko  
Koga, Florence  
Ohara, Ann  
D'Orsi, Ruby

## **SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Ryan, Mani  
Yamaguchi, Laura  
Ota, Laurine  
Hill, Edwin  
IMO Gail Miyo Hill  
Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki  
Torio, Glenn & Janet  
Teague, Bill & Joyce  
Ohara, Ann  
Yanagihara, Tom Masaru &  
Colleen

## **SHOTSUKI HOYO**

Takashima, Wilbur  
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IMO Setsugo Taniguchi  
IMO Kikuko Takashima  
IMO Benso Tsuji  
Ryan, Mani  
IMO Masa Nishinaga  
IMO Kahn Nishinaga  
IMO Rev. Gikan Nishinaga  
IMO Ronald Nishinaga  
Yamamoto, Ann Miyuki  
IMO Sayoko Tomiyama  
IMO George Yamamoto

**BWA** (Cont. from page 3)

on May 25, 2024. The El Centro Buddhist Temple donated their onaijin to the Buddhist Temple of San Diego when their temple closed and our temple suffered fire damage during World War II. This annual pilgrimage expresses our gratitude and a time to remember those members of the El Centro Buddhist Temple who showed Dana to our Temple in our time of need. The cost is \$25 for the bus, \$5-\$6 for entrance to the Pioneer Museum, and money for lunch. Hope you can join us! Contact Ralph Honda: 619-885-3288

Book Club continues with Lessons in Chemistry and meets on the third Tuesday of the month by Zoom at 7:00 PM. Contact Sue Moribe: 858-699-8876

**JR YBA NEWS**

Hello, Dharma Friends!

This past month, our Jr. YBA continued to meet up with Vista Buddhist Temple for conference planning. One of our members also attended Jr. YBA Basketball at OCBC, where she was able to pick up our 2024 Obon T-Shirts.

Aside from Jr. YBA district activities, Andrea and Cassidy shared a Hanamatsuri Dharma Talk and earned their respective scouting awards. Congratulations!

Gassho,  
Cassidy Muraoka, BTSD Jr. YBA Vice President

**Buddhist Education in May**

Main highlights include

**Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi** back in San Diego. Sensei will be our special Guest for **Buddhism 1-2-3** on Wednesday, May 1, at 7 p.m. when we can interact via Zoom. He and Karen will attend the BWA English Tea on Saturday, May 4, and he will be part of our service on Sunday, May 5.

**Rev. Ungyo Lynn Sugiyama** will provide an informal Dharma Discussion on Shinran on Saturday, May 18, in our Sangha Hall, at 7 p.m. Sugiyama Sensei is our Guest Speaker for Sunday Gotan-E Service, in which we celebrate Shinran Shonin's birth and accomplishments.

Programs in May continue, including Buddhism 1-2-3 (Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. via Zoom), and our Intro to Buddhism program with **Kaytee Sumida**, Sunday, May 26, at 9a.m.

**DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS**

April was enjoyable for Dharma School students and staff. We decorated the temple's Hanamido (floral altar) for the Hanamatsuri Service to celebrate Sakyamuni Buddha's birthday. Huge thanks to Kobe, Caden, Silvia, and Quiton Kawahara, Mariel, Penelope, and Benjamin Schmidt, Junko, Elise, and Tyler Kajita, Ralph, Breven, and Avis Honda, Karen Tom, Roy Okuhara, Yukari Williams, and Nancy Martinez for adorning the Hanamido with flowers and making additional floral arrangements. Thank you, Gregg Yonekura for making the sweet tea, and Nancy and Avis for coordinating this project. The Hondo looked especially beautiful! Congratulations to students Andrea Covarrubias and Cassidy Muraoka who shared Dharma messages and received Scouts' Religious Awards: the Sangha Award (Cassidy) and Padma Award (Andrea). Thank you so much, Lisa Schafer and Junko Kajita for leading the all-Dharma School clay relief craft activity after

the service. Dharma School also coordinated the Bake Sale during the Bingo-Tostada fundraiser.

The Dharma School camping trip originally scheduled in April was postponed due to unforeseen campground maintenance that was required. We will keep you posted as a trip is planned for next year.

On April 27-28, four teachers and Rev. Laverne Imori attended the 2024 FDSTL Conference at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple.

**2024-2025 Academic Scholarship Applications Coming Soon**

It's already that time of year! The Temple is offering two types of scholarships to applicants who are children or grandchildren of Temple members, or dues-paying members themselves.

Two memorial scholarships will be available. They are named after members who helped the Temple grow and thrive in the Post-War period, both of whom passed away far too soon in the mid-1990s.

**For students entering college:** The Ben Honda Memorial Graduating High School Graduate Scholarship is a one-page online form.

**For students beyond freshman year:** The Tetsuyo Kashima Memorial Continuing Education Scholarship application includes a one-page online form and an informal essay requirement.

Once forms are available, they can be emailed by a committee member upon request and will also be posted on the Temple's website. The Scholarship Committee will also be contacting likely candidates among the Sangha.

**More information to come!** Please be on the lookout in next month's newsletter for additional information.

**Panda Express Nationwide Fundraiser is June 14**

On Friday, June 14, the temple will have a Panda Express Virtual Community Fundraiser benefiting the golf tournament. To participate, orders must be made online. The code specific to the BTSD event is **922862**. Please share to support the fundraiser at Panda Express locations nationwide. BTSD will receive 28% of the proceeds.

Contact Ralph Honda ([rkhonda205@gmail.com](mailto:rkhonda205@gmail.com)), Ron Yagura ([yags442@sbcglobal.net](mailto:yags442@sbcglobal.net)), Rich Kaneko ([richtkaneko@gmail.com](mailto:richtkaneko@gmail.com)) or the temple for more information.

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Yamamoto, Joyce	Kida, Katsumi
IMO Haruhiko Otsuji	Himaka, Michio & Naomi
IMO Ayako Otsuji	IMO Setsuko Himaka
Ohara, Ann	Martinez, Nancy
IMO Takenori Ohara - Jan	IMO Jeanne Inouye
IMO Buyemon Ohara - Mar	IMO Arthur Reddick
IMO Fumi Ohara - May	Fuchigami, Lynn S. & Stephen
IMO Mitsu Ohara - Aug	IMO Setsuko Himaka
IMO Kisae Ohara - Oct	Baker, Carol & Michael
IMO Takeyoshi Ohara - Nov	IMO Shizuko Yanagihara
Ochi, K Kay	Yanagihara, Sumiko
IMO Kosaburo Ochi	Hagio, Quimico
Kawasaki, Kiyoshi & Aileen - April	Honda, Mikiye - April
	Yamanishi, Miyoko
	Koga, Florence
	IMO Emiko Ishisaki



# MAY SHOTSUKI LIST

The monthly memorial service will take place on Sunday, May 5 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 channel. 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*.

<u>DECEASED</u>	<u>FAMILY MEMBER</u>
Mary Koba (5-17-1939).....	Duane Koba
Nasuemon Ishizuka (5-26-1942).....	Tachiki Family
Tsuneko Masumoto (5-13-1948).....	Bert Masumoto
Kumataro Kimura (5-30-1949).....	Ochi Family
Jirosuke Nishiuye (5-27-1953).....	Nishiuye Family
Yasukichi Fujimoto (5-16-1956).....	Fujimoto Family
Gohei Tomiyama (5-15-1958).....	Tomiyama Family
Fujiye Oya (5-18-1958).....	Oya Family
Kisaemon Kato (5-18-1964).....	Dennis Otsuji
Yoshimatsu Yagura (5-24-1966).....	Yagura Family
Richard Eejima Jr. (5-31-1969).....	Eejima Family
Osamu Amano (5-19-1970).....	Mikiye Honda
Moritaka Tsuneyoshi (5-29-1971).....	Miki Tsuneyoshi
Yoshi Morimoto (5-31-1971).....	Morimoto Family
Asao Tanaka (5-18-1972).....	Tanaka Family
Hiroshi Mayumi (5-6-1973).....	Mayumi Family
Tamiko Mamiya (5-10-1973).....	Kawamoto Family
Seiko Fujimoto (5-20-1973).....	Fujimoto Family
Shoichi Hamatake (5-17-1974).....	Masako Prestidge
Magotaro Adachi (5-6-1975).....	Yoshioka Family
Tsume Takashima (5-14-1976).....	Wilbur Takashima
Rev. Gikan Nishinaga (5-2-1978).....	Mani Ryan
Mitsuko Iguchi (5-7-1978).....	Iguchi Family
Hatsuko Miyamoto (5-15-1979).....	Fumiko Miyamoto
Shizue Saito (5-2-1981).....	Saito Family
Kakuye Yamada (5-11-1981).....	Yamada Family
Hisayo Fujimoto (5-29-1982).....	Fujimoto Family
Kuni Higuchi (5-8-1989).....	Yasuko Higuchi
Carl M. Ooka (5-19-1991).....	Valerie & Gerald Pang
Carol James (5- -).....	Etsuko Smith
Hiroko Kitada (5-17-1992).....	Yoshitsugu Kitada
Hisashi Ozaki (5-14-1993).....	Ozaki Family
Shizue Koba (5-15-1994).....	Duane Koba
Morizo Fujimoto (5-30-1994).....	Fujimoto Family
Kazu L. Scott (5-15-1996).....	Lee Scott
Momoyo Amano (5-6-1998).....	Mikiye Honda
Mary Beth Ewint (5-7-1998).....	Plover Brown
Yoshio Koike (5-25-1999).....	Kikuko Koike
James Yamaguchi (5-25-1999).....	Fusako Yamaguchi

<u>DECEASED</u>	<u>FAMILY MEMBER</u>
Ichiye Ochi (5-28-1999).....	Ochi Family
Agnes Masae Kishi (5-9-2000).....	Masao Kishi
Harumi Hokanson (5-9-2001).....	Raymond Hokanson
Mikazu Kaminaka (5-10-2001).....	Kaminaka Family
Paul Yoshimasa Naitoh (5-1-2002).....	Masako Naitoh
Yukie Yagade (5-8-2002).....	Steven Yagade
Roy Morinaka (5-11-2002).....	Barry Morinaka
Tamiko Iwashita (5-13-2002).....	Iwashita Family
George Higuchi (5-25-2002).....	Yasuko Higuchi
Noboru Yamamoto (5-31-2002).....	Yamamoto Family
Sanae Gutzman (5-8-2003).....	Gutzman Family
Matsue Ishino (5-9-2003).....	Hiroko Ishino
Jane Akemi Obayashi (5-19-2003).....	Glenn Obayashi
Katsumi Takashima (5-3-2005).....	Wilbur Takashima
Donald Hamilton Estes (5-7-2005).....	Carol Estes
Misao Nakagawa Moriyama (5-2-2006).....	Moriyama Family
Masako Falk (5-27-2006).....	James F. Falk
Horace Shigeto Koga (5-10-2007).....	Katsuko Koga
Tiffany Wadzinski (5-19-2008).....	Mellissa Wadzinski
Phoebe Wadzinski (5-19-2008).....	Mellissa Wadzinski
John Ernest Benson (5-20-2010).....	Sachiko Kohatsu
Chonja Lee Haruko Bolick (5-8-2011).....	Jack Tetsuo Bolick
George Masato Uda (5-11-2001).....	Georgiana Uda
Arlene Shizue Hirata (5-4-2012).....	Jason Hirata
Toshiko Takagi (5-6-2013).....	Alice Aoyama
William Perkinson Jr. (5-6-2014).....	Michiko Perkinson
George Yada (5-18-2014).....	Shinzo Yada
Setsuko Yada (5-18-2014).....	Miyoko Hashiguchi
Jane Kozuye Yagade (5-23-2014).....	Steven Yagade
Peggy Fumiko Tsurudome (5-26-2014).....	Carly Tsurudome
Kuniko Denton (5-27-2014).....	Charles Denton
Toshko Takagi (5-7-2015).....	Kimiko Alice Aoyama
Leora Chiyeko Hamada (5-2-2016).....	Gary Hamada
Frederick Ichiro Tsuji (5-7-2016).....	Masako Tsuji
Steve Tomiyama (5-7-2021).....	Aki Tomiyama
Motoo Tsuneyoshi (5-8-2022).....	Angie Tsuneyoshi
Jeanette Dutton (5-7-2023).....	Friends
Fumi Ohara (5-20-2023).....	Friends

## 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 and acknowledge their continued influence in our lives. Check on memorial services for a loved one by calling during weekly office hours.

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

1st Year Memorial	2023	13th Year Memorial	2012	27th Year Memorial	1998
3rd Year Memorial	2022	17th Year Memorial	2008	33rd Year Memorial	1992
7th Year Memorial	2018	25th Year Memorial	2000	50th Year Memorial	1973

# マウンテンビューン仏教会「回向」 二〇二四年五月法話

## — お稚児の由来 —

駐在開教使 向嶋裕史

今年九月一日、北米仏教団は北米開教百二十五周年を迎えます。その日はサンフランシスコ仏教会に全開教使が一堂を会して慶讃法要を行う予定になっています。それに先立ち、沿岸教区開教使主催のもと、五月十九日にサンゼ別院に於いて宗祖降誕会並びに北米開教百二十五周年慶讃法要をお勤めいたします。この式典には導師を務められる原田マービン総長筆頭に沿岸教区の開教使、得度僧侶、開教使アシスタントが一斉に集い法要を執り行います。さらに、今夏に引退される新聞ニース先生にご講師としてご参加いただき、稚児行列も計画していますので、沿岸教区から一人でも多くのご門徒にお越しいただいてこの歴史的な式典を盛大にお祝いしたいと願っております。

この法要の初めに行われる稚児行列ですが、当仏教会では昨年のお花まつりの際、十四名の子供達が稚児となつて参加し、パンデミック明けの本堂を華やかに彩つてくれました。幼いお稚児達にお父さんお母さんが満面の笑みで声援を送り写真を撮っている姿を見て心が和んだ方もたくさんおられたと思います。パンデミック後初、対面での花まつりということもあり少し緊張したところもあったのですが、稚児達が歩いている姿を後ろから眺めていると思わず笑みがこぼれ心穏やかに法要を始めることができました。稚児達には皆を幸せにする特別な力があるのでしょうか。

この稚児ですが、その由来は仏教の故事によりまして、二千五百年前にもさかのぼるそうです。仏教の開祖であるお釈迦さまが、在世の頃インド各地を布教して回っている時のことでした。当時お釈迦さまやお弟子さん達は糞掃衣といって赤子のおむつに使われた布切れや不要になった汚い布を縫い合わせて仕上げた衣を着ていました。そして托鉢しながらの旅ですから喜んでお迎えする人は少なく、逆にお釈迦さまのみすばらしい姿を嫌う人が大変多かったそうです。

ある日、お釈迦さま一行がいつものように布教に回られている時、ある村では臭い物質いとして一行を避けるように家を閉ざしてしまいました。しかし、疑い深い大人に対して、その村の子供達の純粋な目は全く違っていました。子供達には、たとえ格好が汚く見えていても、お釈迦さまは大変優しく、尊いお方であるという直感が働き、その瞬間子供達は一斉に「このお方は仏さまだ！世尊だ！」と言ってお釈迦さまに何のためらいもなく近寄っていききました。

大人達が嫌うのをよそに、子供達はお釈迦さまを囲んで、水や花、または木の実等といった子供達ができる最高の御もてなしをしました。すると子供達の周りに穢やかで安らかな空間が生まれました。

そんな子供達の姿を見て、大人達もようやく警戒心を解き、家から続々と姿を現しました。そしてお釈迦さまやお弟子さん達と一緒に話すようになり、幸いにして仏さまの説法を聞くことができました。このように子供達を通して、村の大人達は仏の道へと導かれ、すくわれていかれたのです。以上が稚児の由来です。

確かに、姿や形を見て人を判断してしまう固定観念や思い込みは縛られた大人の見方と、純粋な心を持つ子供の見方ではかなり違いが見られます。子供達が「仏の子」といわれるのは姿や形にこだわらない見方ができる「仏」そのものだからではないのでしょうか。

純粋な心を持つ子供達が仏教会にもたらしてくれるものは、この真実を見る目だと思えます。先入観を持たずに物事を見るのが真の仏道だと子供達から改めて教えてもらっているような気がします。

しかし、私達大人達は相も変わらず各々のつまらないこだわりの中で物事を判断しています。その為、心の中で自己中心的な偏見が生じ、他人を簡単に価値付けています。子供達の澄み切った心に対して、私達大人の心の底には無明の闇が覆いかぶさっているのです。

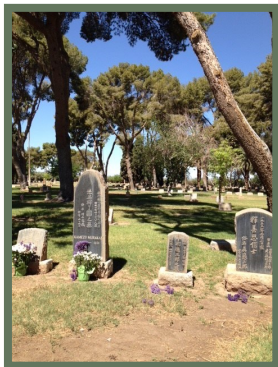
しかし、蠟燭一本の光が、闇を追い払うように、私達の心の底にある偏見や疑心の闇は阿彌陀仏の智慧の光に照らされてはじめて取り払われます。ただし、阿彌陀仏の智慧の光と普通の光の間には大きな違いがあります。七高僧の一人である曇鸞大師は「この光明は智慧の相であり、全世界を照らすときに妨げるものはない。すべての生きとし生けるものの無明の暗闇を除き去るのである。光が部屋の中の闇を破るのは訳が違うのである」とおっしゃってられます。

阿彌陀仏の光明は「縁起の法」になつた智慧であるがゆえに執着されるべき「我」はありません。また正しい智慧に裏付けられた光明であるからこそ、全ての人々を平等に照らすことができるのです。この智慧の光に出遇わせたかった私達は、つねに姿や形だけ判断してしまつた自分の愚かさを省みつつ、智慧の光になつたお念仏の日暮を感謝のうちに送らせていたかなくてはなりません。

お念仏をいただくということは、自分のこだわりや疑心の闇への出遇いでもあり、同時にその闇の深さを見通し、私達の歩みだすべき真実の道をも示して下さいた阿彌陀仏との出遇いでもあるのです。

こだわりの捨てたうえで、いよいよ正しい理解のもとに物事を慎重に見極めていきたいものです。そうすれば、仏さまの目線に少し近づけるかもしれません。

## MEMORIAL WEEKEND OBSERVANCES



Over the Memorial Day weekend, the temple will conduct and participate in various services.

The Sangha, including Dharma School families and children, are encouraged to take part in the activities for pause and reflection honoring deceased loved ones, and more importantly, military personnel who served our country.

### Imperial Valley Cemetery services:

The annual visit is May 25 (read the article below).

**Dharma Family Service:** Sunday, May 26 at 10 a.m.

**Community Interfaith Service:** Ministers from the San Diego Japanese Christian Church, BTSD and Pioneer Ocean View UCC will lead the annual gathering on Monday, May 27 at Mt. Hope Cemetery at the Japanese-American Veterans Memorial and flagpole. The service begins at 9:30 a.m.

**Cypress View Mausoleum and Mortuary:** Following the Mt. Hope ceremony, Rev. Imori will conduct a service at 11:30 a.m.

Contact the temple for more details on the Memorial Day weekend activities.

## SIGNUPS CONTINUE FOR IMPERIAL VALLEY BUS OUTING

The connection between the Buddhist Temple of San Diego and the Imperial Valley, east of San Diego County, plays an important role in Jodo Shinshu history.

In 1948, when the El Centro Buddhist Church closed its doors, the church donated its center altar of Amida Buddha to BTSD. Around 1960, a monument (irehai) was erected at the Brawley cemetery in memory of the church members formerly of the Brawley Buddhist Church. For over 60 years, BTSD ministers have provided spiritual support for the Buddhist families in the agricultural region by conducting cemetery services in Calexico, El Centro and Brawley.

BTSD hopes that many from the Sangha will take the opportunity to participate in this day-long experience and join the ministerial team at the cemetery services and visit the former home of the El Centro Buddhist Church. After lunch, the group will visit the Japanese Gallery at the Pioneers Museum in Imperial.

BTSD plans to charter a bus for the visit. The cost will be \$25 per person for the bus and \$5-\$6 admission for the museum. The bus fee for registered students will be subsidized by the Dharma School program. If a minimum of 35 passengers for the bus is not reached, carpools will be arranged.

Reservations for the outing will continue to be accepted until May 15.

Departure from the temple will be at 7 a.m. The expected time of return is 5 p.m. Activities are planned for the bus ride and snacks will be provided.

Please contact Ralph Honda (rkhonda205@gmail.com), Rev. Laverne Imori ([limori@comcast.net](mailto:limori@comcast.net)) or the temple for more information.

## TOSTADA-BINGO FUNDRAISER THANK YOU

Many thanks to the Sangha for participating in the second annual Tostada-Bingo fundraiser on April 7 following the Hanamatsuri service. The atmosphere was festive with delicious food, six family-fun games and winners yelling BINGO!

With over 100 lunches served, everyone fulfilled their appetites with yummy tostadas. Bingo players from the youngest Dharma School student to the young-at-heart all had a great time, especially the 24 lucky winners.

Thank you to the following volunteers and donors for making the activity a huge success: Tim Chu, Hector and

Lorena Covarrubias, Ralph, Avis and Breven Honda, Rev. Laverne Imori, Kiyo and Itsuko Kawasaki, LuAnn Lee, Jake and Patty Nakamura, Fred and Nancy Nakatani, Roy Okuhara, Shirley Omori and Efton Woodford, Glenn Torio, Valentin Rivas, Arturo and Lourdes Rubio, Arturo Rubio Jr., Bob Schultz, Ron Tokunaga and two anonymous donors.

Net proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit the Lahaina Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Wildfire Disaster Relief Fund.

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