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THE MOST TERRIFYING THING IN THE WORLD

By Rev. Yushi Mukojima, Resident Minister

What is the most terrifying thing in the world?

I am certain each of us has something personal we could name. In Japan, there is an old saying that there are four major things to fear: "Earthquake, Thunder, Fire, Father."

San Diegans can readily agree with the terror of earthquakes and fire.

In Southern California where the ideal conditions of low humidity, high temperature, and strong winds can create terrible wildfires, every year there are people who lose their lives or their homes to devastating fire.

There have also been several comparatively large earthquakes in our region this year. Whenever they occur, we are seized with fear and anxiety whether our house might be destroyed and our lives endangered. The terrible sights of the Haiti earthquake are still fresh in our memory.

Although thunder and lightning are relatively rare in San Diego, even occasional lightning can cause power failure, spark a fire, or even strike and kill someone. I think that for golfers, hearing thunder and seeing lightning is a big cause of fear.

There is nothing much we can do before the wondrous power of nature. Earthquakes, fire and thunder make everyone fearful of these natural occurrence and the devastation they can wreak.

In introducing the Japanese symbols of fear, "Father" is mentioned as the last one.

What kind of person is your father? My father used to be very strict when I was little, and I remember being scolded harshly by him whenever I was bad and crying afterward in remorse. However, he is now so gentle with his grandkids that it is hard for me to imagine that in those days he was stern and unapproachable.

I was mischievous by nature in my youth and was scolded again and again by my father. His words made a strong impression on me. One of the things he always said whenever I told a lie was: "Your tongue will be pulled out by Yama!" This is a very common phrase that anyone raised in Japan recognizes. These

words strike unspeakable terror in a child's mind, making him realize that telling a lie is a very serious misdeed.

In Japan, Yama is well-known as a lord of death depicted in a famous folding screen painting which describes the world of hell. All who see it are filled with a wordless fear. The horrifying look of anger on an ogre's face as he punishes most cruelly the people who have fallen into this hell is indescribable. Though the painting is merely showing us the suffering of hell, it is so cruel that I still turn my eyes away from the image in spite of myself. I still remember that whenever I saw it as a child, I was not able to sleep.

Buddhism also teaches about hell's existence. People in ancient times tried to take the precaution of doing good deeds because of their fear of hell. But it seems today people have a problem with the concept, and have a tendency to deny that hell even exists. Then is the hell which Buddhism teaches us about only a temporary expediency for children to prevent them from doing bad deeds?

I would like to ask you to think about how we, as followers of the Pure Land teaching, should regard the concept of hell.

Our founder Shinran Shonin left a famous phrase in the Tan-nisho: "Hell is my only home." His sincere reflection, illumined by the light of Amida Buddha, led him to realize that hell existed in the ugly blind passions which lurked in his mind. If we think about hell outside the context of "myself," it is just a picture. Shinran Shonin always was aware that hell was in his mind.

Unfortunately, although we listen to Shinran's teachings, it seems that where we are concerned, we tend to deny the possibility of hell in ourselves and believe that we don't have any ogres in our mind. Don't you think so?

I would like to relate to you a Buddhist tale called, "A Fable of the Three-Shaku Chopsticks," which makes a comparison between hell and Pure Land. (*Shaku* is a measurement of about one yard.)

A long time ago, when Shakyamuni Buddha lived, a man questioned one of his disciples: "In Buddhism, you talk about the existence of hell and Pure Land. But do they really exist? If they do, I don't want to fall into hell, so I will listen to the Buddha's teachings. But if there isn't, then it is a waste of time to listen."

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 NO SERVICE	2 Temple Closed	3 1 p.m. – Shigin 詩吟 @Annex 1.2	4 12 Noon – 民謡 Minyo Group @SH	5	6	7 9 a.m. – ABA Mtg. @Island Style Café in Tierrasanta 10 a.m. – Koto Class 琴教室 @Annex 1.2 LABCC Camp through August 14 th @Morning Star
8 NO SERVICE	9 Temple Closed 6:30 p.m. – Dharma School Staff Mtg. @Sangha Hall 7 p.m. – W&M Committee Mtg. @Conf. Rm.	10 1 p.m. – Shigin 詩吟 @Annex 1.2 BCA Ministers Summer Fuken @Reno	11 12 Noon – 民謡 Minyo Group @SH BCA Ministers Summer Fuken @Reno	12 6:30 pm – Board of Directors Mtg. @Conf. Rm. BCA Ministers Summer Fuken @Reno	13	14 8 a.m.–2 p.m. – RUMMAGE SALE
15 NO SERVICE 8 a.m.–12 p.m. – RUMMAGE SALE	16 10 a.m. – 宗祖御命日 GOMEINICHI @Conf. Rm.	17 1 p.m. – Shigin 詩吟 @Annex 1.2	18 12 Noon – 民謡 Minyo Group @SH	19	20 9:30 a.m. – Buddhist Study Class B with Rev. Yanagihara @Conf. Rm.	21 10 a.m. – Koto Class 琴教室 @Annex 1.2
22 NO SERVICE	23 Temple Closed	24 1 p.m. – Shigin 詩吟 @Annex 1.2	25 12 Noon – 民謡 Minyo Group @SH	26	27	28 6-9 p.m. – BTSD/VFW BINGO @Annex Hall
29 NO SERVICE 8 a.m. – Golf Tournament @Eastlake CC, in Chula Vista 1 p.m. – 民謡 Minyo Group @Annex Hall	30 Temple Closed	31 1 p.m. – Shigin 詩吟 @Annex 1.2				

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"Yes, there are hell and Pure Land," the disciple replied instantly. The man looked triumphant and approached the disciple closely, insisting, "Then show them to me."

The disciple said, "All right. First, I will show you hell," and took him into a room with a window. It was far more luxurious than the man expected. Through the window he could see a large room. In the center of the large room, there was a fine table covered with large platters heaped with all kinds of delicious looking food with about ten chairs around the table.

"Oh, hell is not altogether bad after all," the man thought. He watched as several men and women came into the room and sat down. However, there was one rule: that they could only use the three *shaku* (yard-long) chopsticks to eat.

As soon as everyone was seated, their calm demeanor suddenly changed. They jumped up and began scrambling to get at the food. Their chopsticks became tangled so they couldn't eat as they desired. The chopsticks were so long, no one could bring anything to his mouth. As the man watched, the irritated faces of the hungry men and women looked just like angry ogres. Before long, they were fighting and grabbing at one another. Then one person left, two people left, and eventually all left, yelling and screaming. So no one was able to eat any of the delicious food. At the end, it was scattered all over the walls and the floor. The once luxurious room was left a piteous mess.

"This is hell," the disciple told the stunned man. "Next, let's go to Pure Land," and took him to another room. Judging from the looks of the room, it was exactly the same as that in hell. A bountiful feast was displayed. About ten people were seated at the table.

Although there was the same rule that one had to use the long chopsticks to eat, it was quite different there. Everyone was eating happily and harmoniously in a very relaxed atmosphere. Looking more carefully, the man could see that when one person picked up food with the long chopsticks, he offered it to another who was sitting across the table. They were asking each other, "Which one would you like to eat?" With the long chopsticks, they were allowing those across the table to eat what they liked. They were considerate of others at the table and helped one another, saying, "Thank you very much. It is so delicious. Won't you have this, too?" And when they were finished eating in this orderly manner, they expressed their thanks to one another and left the room, talking and laughing.

What this tale tells us is that the environment for the people who lived in hell and Pure Land are exactly the same. The rule about using the one yard-long chopsticks when having a meal is

the same. The difference is that only those in the Pure Land were actually able to be eat.

Those who live in hell will, without hesitation, act selfishly in order to satisfy their desires. Because they think only of themselves, they clash with others and nobody is able to get any nourishment.

In contrast, those who live in Pure Land treasure and understand the existence of others and have a mind of harmony. They can enjoy their delicious meal because they help and support one another. What this tale teaches us is that our world can be hell or Pure Land depending on our thinking.

When gazing in the Dharma mirror called Nembutsu, Shinran Shonin always lamented the possibility of hell in himself. The thing which becomes clear when looking in the Dharma mirror is that our ignorant mind is not much different from that of someone who lives in hell.

We foolish beings are selfish and we really don't know what we would do if faced with causes and conditions. In the world of darkness, in the depths of our minds, are deeply rooted the mind of insatiable greed, the mind of anger and jealousy, and the mind of ignorance which lacks better judgment because we only see the world with our own merits or demerits. The more we look deep into our dark minds, the more we are able to see ourselves as shameful and terrible. As Shinran Shonin said, "Hell is my only home." Hell is certainly where we should dwell.

We who follow the Pure Land teaching should accept the existence of hell. The teaching of Nembutsu is not one that preaches hell after one's death. It is the teaching of wisdom which tells us not to create hell in this world. We possess a powerful mind which can effortlessly create the world of hell. But when, with the light of Amida Buddha's wisdom, we recognize the evil that hides in our dark minds, what we feel is shame and self-reproach. And the world which will be created from this realization is the Pure Land of Utmost Bliss, filled with the mind of compassion.

In conclusion, I would like to ask once again, what is the most terrifying thing in the world? In Gassho,

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

On Thursday, July 9, 2010, the Board of Directors met and the following items were discussed or acted upon:

1. The BOD expresses sincere condolences to family of the late Ronald Iguchi.
2. Member Rose Watamura has moved to Costa Mesa. The BWA will host a farewell luncheon for her in September. The Board will send a card wishing her well and thanking her for her long-time past support of the temple.

3. The Board approved Rev. Mukojima's participation in the BCA Ministers Summer Retreat, August 10-12.
4. BOD needs to confirm the Technology Committee's backup system for the temple's computers.
5. The Treasurer continues to project a budget deficit for the fiscal year.
6. BTSD participated successfully in the Japanese American Community Day and had many visitors to its booth activities.
7. The BOD approved updating the signatories on the Sr. YBA checking and savings accounts.
8. Ways & Means will review our current policy and study insurance policy coverage.
9. Temple Affairs will review and consider issues of managing and updating the temple website.
10. The BTSD Facebook page was approved to publish.
11. In 2011, the Jr. YBA will host its 60th Anniversary. A committee is being formed to coordinate activities.
12. The BOD approved the MAP candidates' participation in the Sept. 30-Oct. 2 seminar at the Jodo Shinshu Center.
13. The Board approved the expenditure of up to \$4,500 of Scholarship Fund monies to cover potential scholarship awards for this year.

ABA NEWS

July was another quiet one for us. Some of us attended Mai's bridal shower on June 10th. Johnny Hashiguchi made a "very lovely" model for his team's T.P. bridal gown!

Obon Practice has started, and our Obon will be upon us soon. Hope to see all of you there.

Next month will be the Temple Rummage Sale.

Our next breakfast meeting will be on Aug. 7th at 9:00 am at the Island Style Cafe. Let Motoo know if you can attend. Thanks.

BWA REPORT

Fumiko Ohara thanked the members for attending the meeting and for the following: (1) Preparing chirashi for Gotane Services May 16; (2) Preparing and selling sus hi at the June 6 annual Bazaar; (3) Chairperson Junko Kajita and her committee and all the helpers for the successful bridal shower for Temple secretary Mai Kawaguchi sponsored by the Temple and BWA on July 10.

Corresponding secretary sent "thinking of you" cards to Haruko Nakatani, Ritsu Nabeta, Mary Yagura, Shizue Yamamoto, George Tsubakihara, Earl Ozaki and Mary Itami.

Welfare: John Benson (wife Agnes) passed away, private services were held. In lieu of koden, BWA will make a donation in his memory to the New Heights project. Visitations were

made to Shizue Yamamoto, Mary Yagura, Mary Itami, Rose Watamura and Kayoko Ochi. Sensei visited Earl Osaki.

The farewell party for Rose Watamura who has moved to Costa Mesa, will be rescheduled in September.

Business: Chairperson Katsumi Kida reported members prepared 200 packages of chirashi for otoki for all attending Gotan-e Service.

Chairperson Miyoko Yamanishi report 362 boxes of sushi and 49 packages of chirashi were prepared for the Bazaar. She and Fumiko Ohara attended the last 2010 bazaar meeting on July 7.

Fumiko Ohara gave a report on the general meeting of the Southern District Conference held at the Senshin Temple on June 12. The next BCA FBWA Conference will be hosted by the Southern District and the Orange County BWA chapter in 2014. All the Chapters are requested to cooperate and support the host chapter for the 2014 Conference. Dharma School teachers service awards for 25 year of service was approved.

BWA new member luncheon: New members Junko Kajita, Gale Kaneshiro, Kikue Graeber and Quimiko Hagio received ojuzu and montoshikisho. We welcome our new members and are happy to note that with these and our recent new members, we are developing a strong foundation for the future of the BWA organization.

Bon Odori food sale: BWA will help by cooking Onishime and egg rolls for the Bentos. If able, helpers please be at the Temple 9 a.m. on July 31. Mrs. Yamanishi is the chairperson.

Tobans (or work groups): Because Group A has only three or four active members, Fumiko Ohara requested that we combine Groups A and B into Group A, and change Group C to B and Group D to C for the next year. A new member list will be prepared.

BWA guidelines: Article IX.1 and Article XII.d.1 will be amended as requested.

The BCA FBWA delegates meeting will be held on Oct. 9, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Sacramento Betsuin. Registration and hotel expenses for San Diego delegates will be paid by the San Diego BWA. Please contact Fumiko Ohara if you are interested in attending.

Thank you Group A for the delicious refreshments. Next meeting will be on Sept. 12 at 12 noon. Group B is responsible for refreshments. There will be no meeting in August.

DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS

On Sunday, June 20, Dharma School hosted the annual All-Temple Picnic and honored fathers on their special occasion, Father's Day.

Approximately 90 students, temple members and friends gathered at Rohr Park in Chula Vista for a morning service, barbecue lunch, games and friendship. Thank you to the dads for cooking and all of the members for bringing dishes to share for the potluck.

Students receiving recognition for attendance included: Kyle Baker, Julianna Henschen, Jenna Masuda, Tyler Masuda, Claire Matsumoto, Emma Matsumoto, Trevor Muraoka, Trina Muraoka, Davis Ong, Evan Ong, Chad Sasaki, Hailey Sasaki, Jenna Sasaki, Dusty Schraeder, Sean Tokunaga, Ava Yamamoto, Zoe Yamamoto, Elie Yanagihara and Emma Yanagihara.

Congratulations to Will Coppock and Charles Baker, this year's high school graduates.

Congratulations to all of the students. Dharma School looks forward to hosting next year's picnic.

Teachers, students and families helped out at the Temple Clean-up Day on July 18. Many families attended the Obon Service on July 25. Kids enjoyed the Kids Odori practices during July. Everyone is getting ready for the Bon Odori on July 31.

Breven Honda, Trevor Muraoka, Davis Ong and Sean Tokunaga will attend the LABCC Summer August 7-14 at Camp Morningstar in the Angelus National Forest. This will be the third year the boys will attend the camp. Over 160 youths representing temples from throughout Southern California will participate.

Parents are planning to help with the Rummage Sale August 14 and 15. Some dads will participate in the BTSD Golf Tournament.

The Labor Day weekend Dharma School campout will be held September 3-5 at William Heise Park in Julian. Please contact Lorin Sasaki to sign up.

The first day of the Dharma School term will be Sunday, September 12. Service begins at 10 a.m.

Next staff meeting will be on Monday August 9th, 6:30 p.m.
In Gassho,

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE IS AUGUST 15-16

The Temple's annual Rummage Sale will be held August 14 and 15. The Rummage Sale is an important fundraiser made possible by your donations of gently-used discards and the efforts of our hardworking volunteers.

Clothing, books, furniture, household good, toys and most other items are welcomed. Electronics, appliances and computer equipment must be in working order—it costs the temple to discard or recycle non-functioning equipment.

We are accepting donations at this time. Please call the temple office to make sure someone is available to receive your

items. If you have large pieces that require pickup, call or e-mail the office and request pickup from one of our volunteers. Sorry, we cannot accept sofas. Receipts for your tax records are available.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Rummage Sale is a labor-intensive project but it is also enjoyable to work together in a common task! Volunteers are needed to assist with donation pick-ups, but mostly we need helpers to do pre-sale sorting and pricing. We also need helpers during the sale.

Sorting and pricing days:

- Aug. 7 (Sat.) - 9 a.m to 1 p.m.
- Aug. 8 (Sun.) - 9 a.m to 1 p.m.
- Aug. 12 (Thurs.) - 4 to 9 p.m.
- Aug. 13 (Fri.) - 4 to 9 p.m.

Sale days:

- Aug. 14 (Sat.):
6:30 a.m. (set-up crew needed)
8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (sales crew needed)
- Aug. 15 (Sun.):
7:30 a.m. (set-up crew needed)
8 a.m. to noon (sales crew needed)
11:30 a.m. till done (breakdown crew needed)

A light lunch will be provided for our August 7 and 8 volunteers. Dinner will be provided for our Thursday and Friday volunteers, and there will be a potluck for our Sale Day volunteers. Your contributions welcome for the potluck.

Sign-up lists are posted in the temple hallway, or contact the temple office if you can help out. Leave your name and contact info.

Thank you in advance for your hard work and support.

Gassho,

2010 Rummage Sale Committee

TEMPLE OFFICE SCHEDULE AND EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Generally during August, Rev. Mukojima takes his vacation. Due to the temple's special activities during the month, Sensei will not begin his vacation until late September. Therefore, he will maintain his regular office hours through the entire month of August.

Sensei's office hours are Wednesday through Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. His days off are Monday and Tuesday, but he is available in case of an emergency.

Week day business hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Weekend hours, when Sensei is in the office, are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The office is closed on Monday. In case of an emer-

gency, please call the temple office during business hours at (619) 239-0896. After hours, please call Rev. Mukojima at (619) 587-0905, or Ralph Honda (619) 885-3788. Mai Kawaguchi, the office secretary, will be on vacation starting August 4 and the office will be staffed by volunteers in her absence. She returns to the office August 24.

BTSD NOW HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE

Use of the social networking site Facebook to help us reach current and potential temple members was approved by the Board of Directors at the July BOD meeting. Having a presence on Facebook will help us keep interested netizens informed of the Temple's many religious, fundraising and social activities.

Current page administrators are Kaytee Surnida, Bill Teague and Joyce Teague. Anyone else who is Facebook savvy and wishes to help us maintain the web page should contact any of the above. We also need some members to check the page regularly for errors or omissions or we suggestions for improvement so we can maintain an appropriate presence in this popular media.

Even better news is that you do not have to be a Facebook member to benefit from the information on our Facebook page! Simply use the link below to visit the page and click "like" to stay connected with the page. You will receive announcements of news and updates. Visit often to find new information posted, make comments, ask questions, and so on.

Here's the link: www.facebook.com/buddhisttempleofsandiego.

CONGRATULATIONS, 2010 TEMPLE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

The Scholarship Committee met July 10 to review applications for this year's BTSD scholarships. To apply, one's parent or guardian must be a paid temple member.

Both high school graduates who applied this year were granted an award. They are:

Ben Honda Memorial High School Senior Scholarship:

Charles Baker, son of Carol & Michael Baker, graduate of University City HS who will attend UC Irvine in the fall; and **Will Coppock**, son of Gloria & Roger Coppock, graduate of Viewcrest Leppert HS who will attend UC Riverside.

This year's Continuing Education essay topic was, "How Buddhism has Changed in the 21st Century." Committee members were pleased with the quality and thoughtfulness of the essays and felt all who applied were deserving of an award. They are:

Tetsuyo Kashima Memorial Continuing Education Scholarship: **Trevor Kinoshita**, sophomore Industrial Design major at

San Jose State University, son of Yasuko & Michael Kinoshita; **Kevin Lee**, junior Business major at CSU Long Beach, son of LuAnn & Harold Lee; **Sara Matsumoto**, junior Business/Marketing major at San Francisco State University, daughter of Roselinda & Richard Matsumoto; **Lauren Nakamura**, junior English major at CSU Long Beach, daughter of Patty & Jake Nakamura; **Bryant Shimizu**, junior Finance major at SDSU, son of Arlene & Gordon Shimizu; **Jamie Shimizu**, senior Speech-Language Pathology major at SDSU, son of Arlene & Gordon Shimizu; and **Carol Taira**, sophomore Molecular, Cell and Developmental Biology major at UCLA, daughter of Yuri & Carlos Taira.

Each student was given a \$500 award, a certificate of recognition, a copy of Rev. Jim Yanagihara's book *Myokonin*, and a montoshikisho, a special gift to all 2010 recipients.

Congratulations to these deserving students and their families!

Temple scholarship grants are made possible by annual donations to the Scholarship Fund by those pledging membership; direct donations to the Fund; donations of Japanese goods to the Obon Again Shop; and by purchases made from the Obon Again Shop. We sincerely thank everyone for their support of the scholarship program.

TEMPLE CLEANUP

The Temple extends a sincere thank you to all of the volunteers who came out for Clean-up Day on Sunday, July 18.

A nice, cool breeze brought pleasant weather conditions for all of the workers as they prepared the Temple for Obon.

Members and friends cleaned all areas of the Main and Annex buildings and the Sangha Hall. The BWA ladies helped Sensei and Mrs. Mukojima clean the Onajin, while others cleaned pews and windows in the Hondo. Downstairs, volunteers cleaned the windows, kitchen, office and conference room. Dharma School teachers tidied up their classrooms, while others too care of the Annex and Sangha Halls.

The crew was smaller than in years past, but the work was still finished in 2½ hours. Since it is only twice a year, it would be wonderful if more members would participate in the sprucing up of temple facilities.

The year-end Clean-up Day is scheduled for Sunday, December 26

OCTOBER 13 BARONA FUN RAISER

The fall trip to Barona Casino will be on Wednesday, Oct. 13th. You don't need to be a temple member to participate, and all our friends are welcome. The bus will leave the temple by 9:00 a.m. and return by 3:00 pm.

We will be asking a donation of at least \$20 per person for the bus trip with all proceeds going to the temple, plus \$1 from each person for the bus driver's tip. We need a minimum of 40 people to secure the bus.

This time the casino has given us 5 free buffet tickets to raffle off instead of 2. Also be sure to use your slot card as the Temple gets credit for future trips. With your slot card, you get a 20 % discount at the Buffet and a 10% discount at the gift shop.

If you would like to go, please contact Tsune or John Hashiguchi at (858) 259-5412. Thank you.

TEMPLE HAS A NEW SIGN

Have you seen the new vinyl banner that hangs from the terrace level balcony on Sundays?

The banner, which stands out in deep purple lettering on a white background, reads "Buddhist Temple of San Diego." It is accompanied with the Buddhist Wheel and Wisteria Crest.

The new banner made its debut at the Japanese Cultural Day event held on June 26 at the Embarcadero Cruise Ship terminal. It will help identify the temple at its Sunday gatherings, other religious and social events.

The temple extends deepest appreciation to June Yamamoto for donating the banner.

BTSD SEPT. BENEFIT DINNER: MOM'S MEATLOAF

Mom's Meatloaf, Smashed Potatoes and Gravy are back by popular demand! They will be served, along with fresh-cooked veggies, roll, butter and dessert as the Sept. 25 Benefit Dinner, served 4:30-6 p.m., preceding Bingo Night in the Annex Hall. Proceeds will benefit the Temple.

The meal is also available (without dessert) as take-out. A limited number will be prepared and it's first come, first served.

Dinners are \$8. Tickets are now available from the Temple office and at the August 28 Bingo Night.

BCA 21ST CENTURY GRAND RAFFLE

Temple Board members are selling drawing tickets for the BCA 21st Century Grand Raffle, benefiting the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley.

Donation is \$20 per ticket. There are five cash prizes: First prize \$12,000. Second prize \$4,000. Third prize \$1,500. Fourth prize \$1,000. Fifth prize \$500.

The drawing will be held on Saturday, Feb. 26, 2011, during the BCA National Council Meeting to be held in Visalia, Calif. Please make a check payable to BCA Raffle.

Support the BCA and purchase your tickets today.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

BTSD is grateful to the following individuals and organizations for their recent donations of services or goods to the Temple:

ANONYMOUS

July, August Shotsuki Hoyo altar flowers

ANONYMOUS

Obon Service altar flowers

JUNE YAMAMOTO

INSTANT SIGNS of SANTEE

BTSD vinyl banner

MURAOKA ENTERPRISES

Resurfacing of parking lot

MICHAEL KINOSHITA

RICHARD MATSUMOTO

KEN MURAOKA

BOOTH WORKERS, BON DANCERS

JA Community Day

JOHNNY & TSUNE HASHIGUCHI

GALE KANESHIRO

JAPANESE COORDINATING COUNCIL

KEI DAN FLORAL DESIGN

BILL & JOYCE TEAGUE FAMILY TRUST

REV. JIM YANAGIHARA

SAN DIEGO AND VISTA YOUTHS TO HOST 60TH ANNUAL SD JR YBL CONFERENCE

FUN "Forever Understanding the Nembutsu" is the theme for the 60th annual Southern District Jr. YBL conference.

The San Diego and Vista Jr. YBA groups will co-host the conference September 4 and 5 at the Buddhist Temple of San Diego and Four Points Sheraton Hotel in Kearny Mesa.

Over 200 delegates, advisors, ministers and chaperones representing 14 chapter temples, are expected to participate.

The keynote speaker will be Rev. John Iwohara from the Venice Buddhist Temple. Our own Rev. Yushi Mukojima, and Rev. Marvin Harada from the Orange County Buddhist Church will share Dharma messages. There is a rumor that "Putra" and "Freddy the Frog" will make a guest appearance.

Activities on Saturday, Sept. 4, will begin at the temple and will include opening service, dharma talks, workshops, ice-breakers and lunch. The conference will then move to the hotel late in the afternoon for more workshops and the banquet/dance.

Sunday's session, at the hotel, will include delegate's meeting, workshops, brunch and closing service.

Non Jr. YBA members and families interested in participating with conference activities are asked to contact the Jr. YBA advisors for more information.

BTSD GOLF TOURNAMENT

The BTSD Golf Tournament is less than one month away.

Golfers will tee it up on Sunday, August 29 at Eastlake Country Club for the 15th annual event. Play begins with an 8 a.m. shotgun start for the four-person scramble. Player check-in begins at 6:45 a.m.

Registration fee is \$115.00. Fees include one round of golf, golf cart, range balls, coffee, donuts, Bar BQ lunch and raffle tickets. A registration form was sent out in last month's Bussei Script. Also, check the www.btsd.net web site and download the registration form. The registration deadline is Sunday, August 15. A portion of each fee will be donated to the temple.

The golf committee is seeking donations for the raffle drawing. If you do not plan to golf but would like to be a part of the tournament, you are welcome to make a donation either as a tournament sponsor or donation of merchandise. The donation deadline is Sunday, August 22.

This year's co-chairs are Ralph Honda, Ron Yagura, Sheila Yagura and Mike Ong. Please contact the committee chairs or the temple for more information.

Thank you for the Bridal Shower

Thank you so much for helping us celebrate at Mai's bridal shower. I was really surprised that Mai was getting a bridal party, her bridesmaids and families are all from out-of-town; she's had to do most of the wedding planning by herself (I try to help). But, I know it really meant a lot to her that she could have a bridal party. We just wanted to say that Mai and I had a fantastic time. I'm personally so glad to have met so many wonderful people in Mai's life; she's a very lucky girl to know and work with such a loving group of people. Some people even mentioned to me that they treat Mai like their own daughter!

We want to express our thank you to BWA and Sangha.

Mai Kawaguchi and Mark Wang

MEMBERSHIP PLEDGES

We are grateful to the following members and families who have made recent pledge payments for 2010:

Steve Tomiyama, Kimiye Tachiki, Quimico Haggio, K. Kay Ochi, Toshiko Kawasaki, Toshiko Ogata, Isamu Nakamura, Gale Kaneshiro, Mitsuo Tsurudome, Kiyoko Omori, Trace Kawasaki, Florence Yamashita and George Kusaka.

BUDDHIST TEMPLE OF SAN DIEGO

Membership Pledge for 2010

Renewal New Member Change of Address
 Mr. Mrs. NAME: _____ BIRTH DATE _____
 Mr. Mrs. SPOUSE NAME: _____ BIRTH DATE _____
 ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATES: _____ ZIP: _____
 PHONE : (____) _____ - _____ CELL PHONE : (____) _____ - _____
 E-MAIL: _____ OCCUPATION _____

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役員補佐等が再編成されます。

九、法務委員は仏教会のウェブサイト管理と更新の問題を早急に再検討致します。

十、サンディエゴ仏教会のフェイスブックページの開設を承認致しました。

十二、二〇一二年に仏教青少年会設立から六〇年目を迎えます。六〇周年記念式典を準備するの特別委員会が発足されます。

十二、九月三十日（土）より二日間、浄土真宗メソッド開かれる開教使徒メソッド講座が、仏教会から二人の候補者が出席の事を承認しました。

十三、今年の奨学金賞を補うための海運奨学金基金募金の目標四千五百ドルの支出を承認致しました。

婦人会レポート

七月十二日（日）午後十一時より、カンファレンスルームにて婦人会会議が開かれました。

大原会長より会議に出席された全員の皆様、並びに以下の方々に礼が述べられました。(一) 協議会委員の皆様、準備役の皆様、カネコ氏、方々。(二) リンカさんのお母さま、方々。(三) 七月十日（土）に行われた山口舞婦人のブライダルセミナーで企画委員を務めて下さった梅田慶子夫人、並びに委員の方々。婦人会の、お見舞い状が以下の方々へ送られました。中谷幸子夫人、細田律子夫人、矢倉メリー夫人、山本静江夫人、橋原ジョーンズ氏、岡本パール氏、伊豆メリー夫人。

リンカさんへ寄付のほど致しました。先月、婦人会の方々が、山本夫人、矢倉夫人、伊豆夫人、梅村夫人、大地夫人のお見舞い状として、向嶋先生が、向嶋氏のお見舞い状が行われました。

先月、梅村ロース夫人が、ロスマンへ引越されました。梅村夫人は婦人会の一員として長年に渡り、仏教会の護持、発展に尽力下さいました。九月に改めて梅村夫人をサンディエゴにお招きし、婦人会主催の下、送別会を開く予定です。

木田勝美夫人より、協議会のお前、二百人分のちりし着が提供された報告がございました。

山西美世子夫人より、バザーで三百六十二人分の着がございました。尚、山西夫人と大原会長は七月十日水のバザー準備会議に出席されました。

大原会長より、六月十二日（土）に開かれた南部地区婦人会連合会議と協議された内容の報告がありました。次回の米国仏教同婦人会連盛大会は二〇一四年に南部地区で開催致します。拍子所、リンカさん、リンカさん、仏教会の負担を軽減するには、各仏教会の婦人会協力と支援が重要視されています。

日蓮宗の指導者として、二十五年度のおよび方々への功労賞が承認されました。

六月十三日（日）に新会員歓迎夕食会が開かれ、梅田慶子夫人、金城サトル夫人、グレム、久夫人、萩尾久美子夫人、多珠と門徒式事が行われました。新会員の方々の心より歓迎致します。婦人会の発展の為に尽力頂けようとお願ひ致します。

七月三十一日（土）に総務大会が開催されます。婦人会は、お弁当の煮しめとデザートを提供致します。山西夫人が拍子所委員長を務めます。大会

当口の午前九時より準備を始め、おの、全員の皆様からの協力をお願いします。

現在、当番Aは三、四名のブリクティマンバーしかいなく、来年からは当番Aと当番Bを併用せよ、当番の当番Bは、当番Bに当番Cに当番Cを併用せよ。

婦人会委員が新しく作成されます。婦人会規約内の第九条と第十一條の、一を全委員の審議により修正しようとしています。

米田仏教同婦人会連盟代表者会議が十月九日（土）午前八時半から午後三時まで、サクラメソッド別院にて開催されます。当会からの代表者は、宿泊費等が当会から負担されます。全議入参加を希望される方は、大原会長にお知らせ下さい。

軽食を用意して下さい。フルーバの提供、有難うございます。八月の会議は、九月十二日（日）、正午よりカンファレンスルームで行われます。軽食の準備はフルーバです。

仏教会の役員、顧問が、お見舞い状を、仏教会事務職員（山口舞）(6-6) 200-0000へご連絡下さい。

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この世で一番恐ろしいもの

住職 向嶋 謙史

皆さん、この世で一番恐ろしいものと言ったら「何でしようか」人によってそれぞれ異なると思いますが、日本では古くから「地震、雷、火事、親父」の四大恐怖が、日本人の恐怖の象徴として挙げられています。サンディエゴにお住まいの皆さんは、地震と火事の恐ろしさをよく存知だと思います。乾燥、高温、強風の悪条件を持つ加州南部では毎年、大規模な山火事が発生し、その火災で数多くの人命が奪われ、多くの家が焼失します。また、今年と比較的大きな地震が何度も発生したことから、その度に「自分が崩れるのではないかと不安」と恐怖に襲われ、また記憶に新しいハイチ地震のような悲惨な光景を想像された方も多くかと思えます。

はなす術がないだけに、誰もが天災に対して異常な恐怖感を抱いているのではないかと思います。ところで、日本人の四大恐怖の最後に、親父の存在が挙げられています。皆さんのお父さんは如何でしょうか？ 私が幼少の頃、私の父は非常に厳格な人でした。私がかつて悪さをすると度々、酷く叱られたのを今でもはっきり覚えています。今の孫に対する温厚ぶりからいっても想像できないほど、当時の父親は何とも恐ろしく、近寄りかたい存在でした。根っからの悪戯好きが高じて、そんな父親から幾度となく叱られてきましたが、その中でも子供心に強烈な印象を与える父親の一言がありました。それは「私が嫌な顔をした時に父親が決まって言う「閻魔さまに舌を抜かれるぞ」という言葉です。日本で育った人なら必ず聞いたことがある有名な言葉ですが、この言葉は子供心に何とも言えない恐怖心を与え、また、嫌が如何に罪深いことを悟らせる大変重たい言葉でした。日本で閻魔大王というと、地獄の裁判官として大変有名ですが、その地獄の世界を描いた地獄絵図というのは、見るもの全ての人を恐怖のどん底に陥れます。恐ろしい鬼達が地獄に落ちた者を残虐な方法で裁いている容の形相は言葉に表せません。思わず目を逸らしてしまつては残虐で、そこから見た地獄の苦しみが伝わってきます。子供の頃、あまりの恐怖で眠れなかつた夜を思い出します。

をさけない方の方便だったのでしようか。そこで、浄土教の信者として、私達は「この地獄をどのように受け止めていくべきかを考えていきたい」と思っています。私達の宗祖である親鸞聖人は数冊抄の中で「地獄は一定すみかぞかし」という有名な言葉を残されています。聖人の、阿彌陀仏の光明に照らされての内省が、自分の中に潜む醜い相模の行きつ戻りつとして、そこに地獄の姿を見られています。「私」という存在を離れて地獄を考へるならば、それは単なる絵巻紙にか過ぎないのです。親鸞聖人は常に自己の中に地獄を見つけておられました。

しかし、残念ながら、聖人の姿を見ているながらも、私達は自分の中の地獄の存在を否定し、私の中に鬼は居ないと信じているのが現状です。

ここに、地獄と極楽を食事風景で譬えた「三尺箸の譬え」という仏教説話があるので紹介したいと思います。お釈迦さまは在世の頃、ある男が、仏弟子に向かって「仏教では地獄と極楽の存在を説いているが、本当であるのか。あるのなら、地獄へ落ちたくないから仏法を聞くが、もし無のなら、仏法を聞かなくて時間の無駄」と言いました。即座に「あります」と仏弟子が答えると、男はしめたという様子で「それでは見せてくれ」と強う言い寄りました。すると仏弟子は「よしよし。それでは最初に地獄をお見せしてしまおう」と言いつつ、その男をある場所へと案内しました。

しかし、そこは思ひのほか豪華な部屋で、隣の大きな部屋が窓から見渡せる場所でした。隣の部屋の真ん中には立派なテーブルが置いてあり、見るとおおいそうなお酒が大きなお皿に盛られていて、その周囲には椅子が十脚程並べられていました。

「好む、地獄もそんなにひどいとは思って眺めている



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